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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GIDEON & ANKUASH GRADS & UGANDA



I must confess this newsletter is different from any I have ever written. I want to speak to you about finances and the work of this ministry. My goal is to encourage you in your giving, openly share about our personal finances and giving, and give you good reason to consider partnership with us in the call God has on our lives and service in His Kingdom. Your faithful giving allows us to continually do more to make a difference in the lives of people and His Kingdom worldwide. Reading this letter may be a "Kairos" moment, a time when you will make a decision that may well "echo in eternity." I'm praying you will



CTC in Nicaragua



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take some time to prayerfully read it and sense our heart and God's Spirit.

Currently we are sending out **621** newsletters each month from which there are about **35 to 45 responses**,

most of which are for our personal support. This letter is directed to the other nearly 600 who requested to be on this mail list. I would like to think they did so at the urging of the Holy Spirit because of some value seen in this ministry.

OUR PERSONAL FINANCES

Those faithful monthly partners, along with the churches that support us personally, help maintain our ability to focus on the ministry and not our personal needs. As long as these partners remain faithful, our personal needs are being met. This allows me to challenge other churches to help with projects. Monies that are received for our personal support are separated

from money received for project support. Before I disburse the personal support into my budget, I calculate the percentage of our tithe and offerings on the gross amount received, including 5% that is taken by Missionary Ventures for their administrative budget. I follow the same procedure with funds received for our personal support in our PO Box or our home address.

We designate a portion of our personal offering money to project support (we know this is good soil). Other offering money helps cover ITM's administrative account that pays for much of the operational cost of running a ministry. The balance of our personal giving is then completed through ITM's "ministry to others" account. From there we help churches and other needs God puts on our hearts. We know it is important to sow into the fields of other ministries and individuals, and we joyfully do so. It is what I teach and practice.

Because I have always lived by a budget, I have departmentalized the ITM bank account. On the personal support side, there are several sub-accounts such as medical, savings, auto, retirement (which will probably never happen), insurance, housing, and salary. By following this method, I have never had a bill that I could not pay in full the day it was due. With two exceptions (when I was away and forgot to take care of it), I have always paid my credit cards in full each month. Those two times were the only times I have ever paid any interest on a credit card. I have learned over the years to do without until I could pay in full. If there was not enough money in the account to pay for something, we waited until there was. Those who know me well would probably say I'm "tight," but I prefer to think that I'm a good steward. I am learning to be even more liberal in giving, being aided considerably by Vicky who is very generous.

Depending on what we receive each month, I have **3 established budget levels**. From the remaining income each month, I pay each of the sub-accounts its set amount depending on which budget we are able to utilize. Any extra goes into a sub-account labeled

“General” from which we draw a small salary. Most of our needs are covered by the sub-accounts so our salary need is small. This system of budgeting has never let me down and I still recommend and teach it to anyone who will listen. In addition I faithfully pray for God’s blessing and protection on partners who stand with us personally and with our projects.

WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE?

Regardless of your income or situation, **to not give is to rob yourself of what God has stored for you.** The more I study what the Bible says about giving, the more I’m convinced



Asian country CTC grads



TANZANIA GRADS

His blessings! It is the only promise in the Bible that I’m aware of where God actually challenges us to “test Him” or “prove Me.” You may not realize it, but if we withhold the tithe we are **to add 20% to it: Leviticus 27:31.**

Please allow me to share my own testimony as to how I became a tither. I was a schoolteacher in the early 1970’s with a young family and many bills. I thought giving \$5 on Sunday was a nice thing to do and I could do it without much regret. I pray that does not sound familiar to you now! It was pointed out to me that, as a follower of Christ, I should be tithing. For those who may feel that “the tithe” was under the law which Jesus fulfilled, please be reminded that the principal of tithing pre-dated the law when Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, “The Priest” and King of Salem (Peace), prior to the priesthood of Aaron or the law of Moses: **Genesis 14:14-24.**

I did the math and there seemed to be no way I could tithe and still pay the bills. But I knew God said I could “test Him” so for one month I agreed to tithe 10% of my gross income. The first couple of weeks were not bad as there were few bills to pay. By the third week, however, it was getting uncomfortable and I was not

seeing how we were going to survive the fourth week.

Then I received a phone call from a friend asking me if I had any spare time, and would I be interested in helping to manage 4 small apartment buildings? I would only need to make sure apartments were left in good condition, make minor repairs, or call a repair person if need be. My friend said we could live in one of the apartments with rent and utilities covered. Needless to say, I have been a tither ever since and now enjoy giving monthly offerings as well. You really can’t out give our Lord. He is looking for people who will be faithful stewards and conduits through which He can meet the needs of His people.

WHY THIS PARTICULAR MINISTRY?

As I travel, I have witnessed two types of people looking for help. There are those who have their hand out and, even if you fill it, will be back tomorrow with their hand out again and again. Then there are those who are looking for a hand up. When you help them they will rise above their situation and help others. Many of the second type will also multiply by helping others do the same. **That is where I like to invest—where there is multiplication.** When we train a pastor or Christian



CTC grads (some ex-addicts), now run drug rehab center & share Christ

leader, they will help others to help others. It is an investment that multiplies again and again, producing fruit that remains! I invest my own money here and encourage you to do the same as there will be re-

wards in heaven: **Matthew 6:19-21.** Look at the parables Jesus taught on multiplication of the talents. He took away the talent from the one who did not multiply and gave it to one who did: **Matthew 25:14-30.**

We started CTC in Asia in **1998, training 12** young people. Today they are running 3 underground CTC programs in about the 6th or 7th generation of graduates. From that beginning, we are now in **21 countries, 43 locations,** and have seen **over 2200**



graduate, hundreds of churches planted, and many people come to a saving relationship with

Christ. We continue to see multiplication in some places without our intervention. **Today, nearly 1200 students are enrolled worldwide.** Increasing **from 12 to 1200** is a pretty good multiplication rate. In the coming months, by God's grace and with your help, we plan to launch our **ONLINE version of CTC** to enable even more pastors and leaders to be trained. Piling up partnership rewards in heaven!

“PROJECT GIDEON” AN OPPORTUNITY
ITM's **“PROJECT GIDEON 30/15”** (Judges chapter 7) Perhaps you know the story of Gideon's 300 who God used to defeat the Midianites. Gideon started with 32,000 people, but God did not want the people of Israel to think they had won the victory in their own strength. Thus He reduced the number to only 300. It seems that is very often God's way, as much of the work of supporting and spreading the gospel is done by **the select few**. Gideon and the 300 partnered with God, entered the battle greatly outnumbered, and were ultimately victorious because God was with them. I'm asking you to consider **becoming one of ITM's “Project Gideon 30/15,”** willing to partner with God and us to help meet the need we have with **“project support.”** I'm asking God to give us **300 partners** who will stand with us by giving either **\$30 or \$15 each month**. If you are already giving to this ministry and wish to participate in Project Gideon, we ask you to do so **above anything you are already doing in your giving to our ministry;** otherwise, it will create additional support problems. **100% of PROJECT GIDEON funds** will go towards training pastors and Christian leaders worldwide. If you give as a “Project Gideon 30/15” partner in addition to your other giving to our ministry, it would help if you would do so in a **separate check**, marking your check **“Project Gideon,”** or indicating clearly how to divide your contribution. We ask everyone who participates in **“Project Gideon”** to mail your check to our PO Box. **Please do not send project support or “Project Gideon” support to Missionary Ventures.** Giving sent to MVI in the enclosed postage paid return envelope is mainly for our personal support. Please see the box at the bottom of the report for giving instructions. I pray that God will bless you so you can be a blessing!

MORE REASONS TO PARTNER WITH US

I'm blessed to report that we have graduated 12 of our Swai, Indian students who live in the Amazon jungle

village of Ankuash. Several others completed the first half and will continue their studies at our main location in Mangayacu. I have trekked into the jungle a couple of times to meet the leaders and teach the students. Missionary Don Wolfram sent the following report. I have reworded parts so you would understand what's taken place. PTL for Don & Grads!!!

Don Wolfram's Report—Ankuash Graduation

October marked our 16th session at the Ankuash Bible seminary. The final session in our commitment to the tiny community and students of almost 3 years was concluded. Praising God

that 12 students graduated. A bittersweet session as so much good has come from this remote school, yet the necessary tribal leadership was still lacking for it to continue. The students still missing credits will continue in Mangayacu to finish out. We expect to continue our annual Jungle Bible Conference that reaches multiple villages in the area.

MANGAYACU: At the seminary base in Mangayacu we have a really strong group of students, most of which are more than half way through their seminary experience. Most are pastors and all are active in several communities. Each one of them has expressed gratefulness and has reaffirmed the importance of this training in their ministry. The students pictured were in session Nov. 2-8, which was a great time of study together, culminating in a Saturday graduation honoring the graduating students from Ankuash.

GRADUATION of 12, & HALF CERTIFICATES to 12 more: The graduation program and festivities come about once a year. Because we have a student completing the study program almost every ses-





sion, we wait until we have a group and honor them in batches. This last batch had **12 graduates** who completed the full program and **another 12** who completed the first half of their training. Families

and friends came to witness and everyone ate well!

PASTOR KURENJI: RWANDA & UGANDA



I just received this update from Pastor George Kurenji, our CTC director in 5 African countries. George



has both evening and daytime students. I am planning to be with Pastor Kurenji in Rwanda this month, and then travel to Malawi. Please keep me in your prayers.

HIS UGANDA REPORT with minor wording changes: Praise the Lord, I'm very happy to report what God is doing when brethren stand together in prayer, and move in faith as He leads us, and we remain faithful to His word and committed to His commission. God has been faithful for my ministry and mission and I owe him all the glory and honor. Recently I travelled to do the work of God in Uganda East Africa, where the church needed encouragement and theology training. I found that the situation in the Ugandan church is even worse than expected. I introduced the CTC training to pastors who were very excited to begin lessons. I told them everything that is required in the training, so we planned to begin but suddenly the rain came from nowhere.

Unfortunately, the church that was hosting us had no metal roof covering and the wall sides had papyrus



covering which is like open to the field or open to the heavens. The students were distracted by rain and even when there was no rain, the sunshine also became a problem. The pastors and

leaders confessed to me that they are losing many church members who are going to well-built mosques for Muslims or to the Catholic cathedrals.

GEORGE



But praise be to our God, I managed to start with 12 students who are really persevering with me.

Please pray for these people of God, so that many may stand in their calling and salvation that God has given to them, and also let our good God touch brethren to help them.

I pray that this report will help you to see that we are investing in good soil, trying to be faithful stewards, and that your partnership decision may literally "echo throughout eternity" by changing lives that will touch the lives of many others. Soon each of us will give account of our lives before Christ. My desire is to hear Him say, "Well done..." We're asking you to faithfully partner with us each month by deciding to become a "Project Gideon" partner. Your gifts will go toward project needs, and enable us to help those looking for a "hand up" so they too can serve God and fulfill His call on their lives. As always you're in our prayers! Thank you & Blessings!

See the box below for giving instructions.

Please your decision does make a difference!

Together We Can Make A Difference!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! There are several ways to give: To support RevC or a particular project you can either donate online at www.revc.org by clicking the "RevC Support" button or the "Project Support" button, or send your gift to **Indigenous Training Ministries, Inc. (ITM, Inc.)** and mail to **P.O. Box 958, Oldsmar, FL 34677** and put "Preference Project Support" or "Preference RevC" or "Project Gideon" on the check memo line. The IRS does not allow donors to designate a gift, but you can indicate your "preference" for its use. Questions?? contact RevC at: RevC@revc.org **Thank You for your prayers and support !!!!**

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