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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

2014 YEAR IN REVIEW



I am constantly amazed at the opportunities God has opened to us and all that He accomplishes when we are simply willing to be available for Him to use. This past year was filled with challenges and victories. **We have so much for which to be thankful!**

HAITI

Our first challenge was my negative attitude toward Haiti, one of my least favorite places due to previous trips where I was so sick that I honestly did not care if I lived or died. I had avoided Haiti for many years, not only because of being sick there, but also because millions of dollars have been poured into Haiti for evangelism, yet the country remains steeped in witchcraft, voodoo, and a host of false beliefs mixed with Christianity. Haiti is a dark place where many of those who confess to believe do so in the hope of securing some financial gain.



The country went through a devastating earthquake in 2010, killing thousands of people and displacing thousands more; it is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. In the midst of that,

God spoke to two of our CTC graduates from Guayaquil, Ecuador to go and help for two years. They obeyed and ended up pioneering a small Christian fellowship of new believers and installing a young educated man, Sem Noel, as their pastor. He soon realized that he and his congregation needed Bible training. The directors of our CTC program in Ecuador, Jessica and Alberto Balbuca, have since made two trips to establish a CTC program there in Port au Prince. Each time they have had 40-45 students in attendance. Wonderful as this is, it will take the students years to complete the 29 subjects that comprise the CTC program.



Raul & Silvia Mejia

God began to deal with me about this and opened a door with a great church here in Tarpon Springs, The Chapel. This church has a heart for Haiti and for pastoral training. They partnered with me to go to Haiti to look into some

ministry opportunities for them and to give me the opportunity to see if I could help Pastor Noel set up a CTC program.

On that trip it seemed that everything was going as I had hoped. We had a church willing to host the school and Pastor Noel in a position to administer the program. However, I felt we needed to take a different approach in Haiti to encourage the believers to look to God and not to Westerners for their provision. I tried to establish the program in a way that would advance them the set-up cost as well as allow them to charge a very small tuition that would cover their expenses and return any profit to CTC until the set-up cost was recovered. They could then use future profits as they felt led. Once the pastor of the church realized he was not going to profit as quickly as he had hoped, the church was no longer available.

I have not given up on this and am still communicating with Pastor Noel and others about new possibilities. Another group in the northern area is also looking into the possibility of a CTC program. In spite of all this, a pastor from the southern part of Haiti, Pastor Joseph Sylvain, asked for access to the CTC program, which I gladly provided. **He has since established his own CTC program without any financial help from us and has 14 students! PTL!!!**

NICARAGUA & PANAMA MAYBE?

Next up was a trip to Nicaragua with Sondra Livermore who helps oversee our Central and South American work. Sondra had been in communication with pastors she knew from her years of ministry there. We met with Pastor Jorge Ibarra, President of the Evangelico Completo denomination and Pastor Vladimir Monje who had already started a CTC program at Cathedral Cristiana Assembly of God. We spent some time teaching with each group which both had about 40 students in attendance. I felt these numbers would not likely hold up and eventually a core group would emerge in each location. As I am writing this newsletter, Sondra is in Nicaragua helping each pastor with some of the challenges they are facing. As expected, their numbers have decreased but each school has a group that is determined to study.



While in Nicaragua, I met a friend of Sondra's, Marta Mora, who was doing a marvelous work among the Indians living in the mountains of Panama. She gave Sondra her contacts and together they

met in Panama City in November. They visited with pastors in two locations, Panama City and a city called David, located a few hours from the capital. The pastor in the capital wants to start a CTC program and Sondra invited the pastor from David to attend when we go there in January to teach. Prayerfully, we'll see two new CTC locations. Please pray with us!



Sondra, Pastor & Mrs. Monje

CTC ACCREDITATION

In May I reported that the CTC program had received accreditation by the Association of Independent Christian Colleges & Seminaries (AICCS). This is especially important to us in countries where governments are now requiring pastors to be trained in accredited institutions. We are very grateful for this recognition.

UGANDA, AFRICA

Our long time partner Bishop Jotham Opicho, who has helped us with programs in Kenya and Tanzania, has now opened two groups in Uganda. He sent photos of our graduates in Mwanza, Tanzania and of some of the new students in Uganda. We are now in at least 11 countries within the continent of Africa.



SWAZILAND GRADUATION

Early in 2012, Rev. Bob Stegemann and I journeyed to Swaziland to begin our first group of students. Pas-

tor Bob was able to return in Dec. of 2013 to participate in their graduation ceremony. The local director of MVI wrote to us, **"You heard the cry of the people of Swaziland for an affordable Bible School; you gave your time, your resources, and your expertise in establishing a CTC in Swaziland; for this we thank you!"** Our CTC program is continuing with another area school joining us.



CHINA

I never know for sure how many students we have in CTC in China, as our graduates frequently do not tell me they are running a center until they need diplomas. I was part of graduating two groups that I trained and I began a new

group this year as well. As far as I know, we currently have 8 groups in training spread across China.

OUT OF SPACE, NOT THINGS, 2 THANK GOD FOR

We had grads in Vietnam who were former gangsters and drug addicts who started a drug rehab center. Muslims are coming to Christ in a new CTC location 150 meters from a major mosque in Malawi. We gave study Bibles to pastors in Uganda and motorcycles to pastors in China. I had back surgery in April (still struggling with), and Vicky & I said "we do" again in Ecuador for her family and friends. We partnered with Rev. George Kurenji to start CTC locations in Burundi, the Congo, Kenya, and Rwanda. We ended Dec. with our report on the strong likelihood of a new CTC among the gypsies in Macedonia and my plea for you to consider partnering with us in our effort to raise project support.

When I began this ministry in 1998 I was believing God for 3 or 4 CTC locations that I could someday retire to and teach. Now when I should be thinking retirement, I can only think of what more we could accomplish with your partnership. As of this writing, we have graduated 2204 students and have 1266 others enrolled among 43 locations around the world. Please, your partnership whether large or small makes a difference!

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 above anything you are already doing in your giving to our ministry. 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, and mailing 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 below for giving info.** As always I pray that God will bless you to be a blessing! Thank you for your partnership.

Together We're Making A Difference!

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