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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW



This past year, **2015**, was another amazing year of challenges, some trials, and some sweet victories. Your help and prayers made it possible. We have much for which to **PTL!**

Project Gideon Update

In February I wrote a detailed explanation of how we handle our personal and ministry finances. I encouraged you to join our Project Gideon group in an effort to raise needed project support. Our Project Gideon supporters commit to a monthly contribution of **\$15** or **\$30**, with **100% of funds raised going towards field projects**. I asked God for 300 partners, praying that most of that number would come from the 630+ that receive our newsletter but have yet to partner with us on a monthly basis. With 300 of us giving just \$15 a month, we could generate \$4,500 a month in project support, making a tremendous difference in our ability to train pastors and leaders. As of December 3rd, there have been 27 individuals who have given a total of just over **\$10,000** to this effort. That amount was bolstered by one gift of **\$5000**. I thank the Lord for each one of you who responded, most of which were folks already standing with us each month. I encourage more of you to become project Gideon partners. We really need your help!

Ecuador Church Remodeling Project



church that Vicky's parents pastor in Portoviejo. The facility had no place for youth ministry, the roof leaked, walls needed repairing and plastering, and there was no air-conditioning and only one small bathroom. Shortly after we made the commit-

In March we challenged you to join with us in remodeling the sanctuary and adding a second story to the **Light of Life**



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ment, the government banned cutting lumber. As a result, the price of the remodeling more than doubled. Because Vicky and I see the potential God has for this ministry we wanted to do our best to help make this renovation possible. We are now in the home stretch of seeing the project completed. So far, we've put \$23,000 to good use, leaving only about **\$4,000** to finish the project. If you would like to help, please mark your gift "**Ecuador Church,**" and send it **to the P.O. Box** on the last page of this letter. We want to express our appreciation to all of you who have given! Thanks, too, in advance for those who would like to give to complete the project!

Panama City, Panama

In April we reported on the new CTC program that Sondra Livermore helped start with Pastor Saul & Vielka Mosquera at the International Ministry House of God Church. We were able to raise funds to help purchase



tables and chairs for the training center. Although the school is moving forward, it is progressing at a much slower pace than we had hoped. Pastor Saul's church, located in a very needy location, has several other outreach ministries. We have decided to let them move at their own pace, providing what encouragement we can along the way.

Sondra made another contact while working with the new CTC program that resulted in the opening of a second CTC located in David, a city about 8

hours from Panama City. This second location has about 27 students, many of which are youth with much zeal for the Lord. We are doubly blessed with these two new pro-



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grams! Please pray for the work in Panama!

India & England

In April we wrote that 274 of our **378 CTC graduates** in India had reported they led **6,943** people to make first-time decisions for Christ in 2014, with reports still coming in! There are **currently 55 students** split among **3 CTC locations** in southern India.

We also reported on the graduation in England of Mrs. Rose Nathalie. I must applaud Rose as well as her teachers! Despite having only two students in the CTC program, the teachers remained faithful in their responsibilities and now have their first graduate!



Rwanda, Africa

Our next report came from Rwanda, where I met up with Pastor George Kurenji and taught in our CTC location outside of Kigali. George is presently operating CTC programs in **five** African countries with over **240 students**. He introduced me to



Pastor Moses, who leads the congregation (pictured above) where I preached the morning after my arrival. The CTC program has about 25 students, with several in their



George—RevC —Pastor Moses & wife



twenties who want to be equipped to serve. Please remember to pray for them

as they ask God to use them to bring healing to a country that has seen so much death and violence.

Malawi, Africa

Malawi was the highlight of the trip to Africa, with the best part coming on the last day of ministry. Malawi is a beautiful country but one of the top ten poorest in the

world. We have three CTC locations that Stephen Tambuli oversees from our center in Jali. These centers include Muslims who requested to attend the Bible school. Several of the Muslims have already accepted Christ; others who have yet to do so still faithfully attend. I'm confident it is only a matter of time before they all come to faith in Christ!

While I was there, Stephen arranged for me to venture into the "bush" to speak to a group of believers, all of which had been Muslim. One was formerly a Shak, like our pastor. Their small church, made of poles and



thatch, housed a group of about 30 adults. The church sits on a piece of land where they planted

peanuts in hopes of earning money to help build a permanent building. The cost is estimated to be about **\$4,000**. If you would like to sponsor this church, you need only send your check to the P.O. Box address on the last page and mark the check **"Malawi Church."**

While in Malawi, I spoke in two of our CTC locations, the second being in Jali. I was excited to speak to these students, knowing that several were former Muslims. A couple of students still were Muslim but open to learning about Christ, and they continue to attend CTC. Please remember to pray for them! The best way to defeat Islam is to win Muslims to Christ!



The highlight of my Malawi trip occurred on Friday, before I flew out on Saturday. Stephen and Pastor Waluma, a missionary to this Muslim area, had arranged for me to speak to a group of

Muslims in a place called Bakala. As this was in the bush, we had no idea if anyone would attend. To our

joy, nearly 300 people were waiting for us inside & outside of the building. I stood near the doorway so everyone could hear Howard, our translator. I had never spoken to a group quite like this and was relying on the Holy Spirit to direct me as I began to share. The meeting was on a Friday, a Muslim holy day, during the time that Muslims were called to their local mosque to pray. No one left, however. After more than an hour of speaking, I gave an altar call. **Eighty-three** stood to their feet to pray a prayer of faith in Christ. It was a very special moment; one I won't soon forget! Thank you for helping make it possible. Your support makes a difference! Be a sender!!



China & The Philippines

I made a trip to China and to the Philippines as well, for it had been 5 years since my last visit to the latter. The first stop was the remote farming village in China where our students were waiting to finish book one of the program. In China, we do things differently in the training program. There, I work with mostly house church leaders who have had some Bible training. Our



goal is to take them through the curriculum, touching on the most important points, answering questions, then encour-

aging them to take the material and use it to teach others. I never know how many actually do this; either way, they benefit from reading and studying the material. It takes five trips to China to take them through this modified program. Those who complete this version of CTC receive a diploma that indicates they went through an abbreviated version. Several have started other CTC programs, taking their students through the whole 900+ hours of training. Because there is a desperate need for excellent leadership training in China, students come from some distance to participate. CTC is well respected among the house church leaders within this particular denomination.

The 25 hours it takes to get from Tampa to Beijing is no picnic, but knowing we are making a real difference in these churches makes it worth the effort! Again, your support is making a difference!

The Philippines

We have a good staff of teachers, some of whom are previous CTC grads, and good directors in Pastor Philip and Jemima Gonzalez. Cabadbaran, on the island of Mindanao, is the only place where we have raised money to actually build a building for the



CTC program. Completed many years ago, the building continues to be a place where young people are trained to go out and pio-

neer new churches or strengthen those in which they are already a part. The alumni shared that over 60 of our graduates have pioneered new churches.

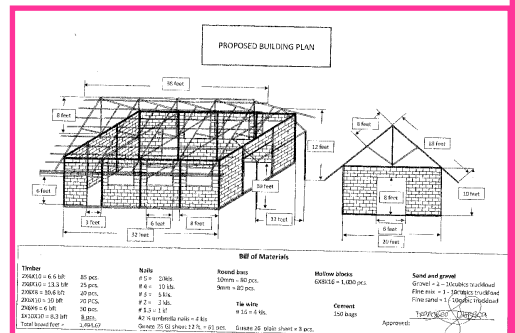


One dynamic 15 year-old girl, **Merasol Balan, who is only 4'11" tall, came** from the other side of Mindanao after she graduated early from high school. She then attended our CTC program and graduated at age 17. Merasol is currently serving as the full time senior pastor of Cortez Gospel Commission, located in Cortez, Surigao del Sur. Her congregation is doing very well. She is pictured here receiving a motorcycle for

her ministry.

GO MERASOL!

I am working on a project to help build five church buildings for our graduates who have clear title to the land on the island of Mindanao. Each church, costing about **\$8,500 each**, would be made of cement block, with wood trusses and sheet metal roofs. The buildings



would be 32'x20,' with blocks 10' high supporting the roof system. Each church would contribute an additional \$1,000-\$2,000, according to their ability. These are poor congregations that would otherwise probably never have a nice worship facility. If you feel led to help sponsor a building for one of our CTC graduates, you can send your gift to the P.O. Box at the bottom of the last page, and mark it **"Philippine Church."**

Macedonia

In Macedonia, **less than 1%** of the population is evangelical Christian, 24% is Muslim, and the remaining 75% consider themselves Orthodox. Those who are Orthodox see themselves as having some association with the established church, with perhaps a parent or a relative attending the church. They do not, however, have a relationship with a living Savior. Thus, there is a tremendous need for trained Christian leaders to do the work of evangelism and church planting.

We have a CTC program in Skopje, the capital, and have been working to establish two new locations outside of Skopje. One is in Veles, where I met with Pastor Jimmy



and a group of his leaders who are interested in doing the CTC program. I was hoping my visit would encourage them to get started. The person they

feel is best equipped to lead the CTC program is an educated man who speaks English and is a baker. At the moment, his business needs his attention; he hopes he will be in a better position to do the CTC program in 2016. Please pray for his bakery business situation.

The second location is among the gypsy settlement in Shutka, not far from Skopje. I am patiently waiting to hear the outcome of my visit. I have been in touch with Pastor Vuletic and Tony, one of our graduates who will likely lead the program once they get organized.

Each country we work in has its own cultural differences and obstacles that we must embrace and wait on God to work things out, after the counsel of His Own will. His ways, I have to keep reminding myself, are not our ways. I would have had the programs going in

both places by now, and a third place that I have had my eye on. I would probably have run into all kinds of problems, however! So I have learned over the years to encourage, equip, and then pray while I wait for God's timing. I'll keep you posted, and I encourage you to pray with me. I don't see prayer changing *things*, but rather prayer changing people. *Then* people can change things. So if you want to see things change, pray for the people who God has positioned to effect change.

Concerning the CTC program in Macedonia, please pray for Pastor Vuletic, our CTC director in Macedonia, Pastor Jimmy and the baker in Veles, Tony our graduate in Shutka, and Pastor Zoran Spasovski for a third new location near Strumica. Your prayers make a difference!

China & Vietnam

Next month I will share about the trip Vicky and I made to China and Vietnam. Be sure to read next month's report to hear how once again I was forced to make a quick get-a-way to avoid arrest. Having already been arrested in both China and Vietnam for our efforts to share the gospel, I knew that getting caught again would probably ban me from ever returning.

Current Stats

Let me add that as of Thanksgiving 2015, we are now located in **22** countries, with **50** locations that we know about, **1,367** students enrolled, and have graduated **2,387**. In addition, it seems very likely we will have our online version operational in English by mid 2016, with other languages soon to follow. **Your prayers and support help make this all possible.**

In this report, you have been given several opportunities to give where you can make a difference, and we encourage you to do so! Yet, there is still another area where we need you to stand with us, and that is in our personal support. We live by faith each month, and in 2015, our support has declined significantly in recent months. When I am not traveling, I am busy trying to raise project support, or working on the online program. You can make a difference by praying for us, standing with us each month, and sharing what we do with others. You can make a difference by introducing our ministry to your pastor or mission director, asking them to contact us, or by giving us their contact information. I am praying for you, and Mary who prepares the envelopes for mailing, prays for each family as she does. If you have yet to partner with us, there are many ways you can do so and make a difference. Please HELP!!!

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