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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



February of 2018 will mark 20 years of serving as a full-time missionary! Yet, there are times when it seems like we only started yesterday; other times, like when I'm in the middle of a 25-hour trip to China, it seems like it is taking forever to accomplish our goal. It is in times like that when I reflect on all that God has done and stand amazed, in awe of His marvelous works. Truly, we can do nothing without Him while all things are possible through Him. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for another year of challenges through which You remind us that it is all about You! Thank you for all the wonderful victories through which You show Yourself strong on behalf of those who love You!

As we look back over 2017, I pray that you are reminded of just how important you are to this ministry. We are partners together; whether here in the USA or in some foreign field of service, we need each other! We are the body of Christ, not housed in any particular physical structure but united by the presence of the Holy Spirit Who is at work in and through each true follower of Christ.

In **FEBRUARY**, we reported on my trip to Peru, where I worked with Susan Holowecky to help train 33 Shawi Indians. These students faithfully made their way by dugout canoe or by hitch-hiking a ride in the back of a passing pickup truck through pothole infested dirt roads for hours to get to another week of CTC classes. Some even brought their wives and children who were excited to come to the small church and cement floor!



They knew they would have an opportunity to learn from the Word of God something they could take back to their village and share with others.



In **MARCH**, we reported on the disappointment surrounding the effort we were making to establish an ongoing program in Port Au Prince, Haiti. I felt the need to back out of the work there as I had no peace that I could trust the leadership to use the finances for their intended purpose. My consolation was the small program run by Pastor Sylvain in the southern tip of Haiti. At that point, he had never asked for any financial help even after I had visited them. It was only later in the year, after a



hurricane did some damage, that Pastor Sylvain reached out to me for help. I have received no response from him, however, after replying to his plea for aid. Pray for him to be able to get in contact with us so we can help!



I shared about the wonderful growth we are seeing in the church in Portoviejo and the children's ministry/church plant in Crucita, Ecuador. Light of Life church in Portoviejo has had many new converts to Jesus, baptizing many in water, and has led many of the new believers through a discipleship program to get them grounded in God's Word. At the same time, the children's minis-



try in Crucita continues to move forward with more parents getting involved. Thank you to Eastgate Community Church in Marion, Indiana, for sponsoring this effort!



I also explained the need that Pastor Uyammi had for a



home next to their reconstructed church after the earthquakes in Portoviejo had destroyed both her home and church. We reported in the October letter that with the help of a few of you, we were able to build a place for her to live that

was attached to the church building. In closing the March re-



was blessed to preach the first service in their new house of worship. During that service, we saw **more than 20, mostly Muslims**, stand to publicly receive Jesus as their Savior. It was a great day in God's house, with many Muslim leaders coming forward for prayer in Jesus' name at the end of the service.

MAY was "Malawi—Part 2," where we reported on our trip to a Muslim area called Mpalasa. We were deep into the bush, literally driving where there was **no road!** Then all of a sudden in a small clear-



port, I explained how we had three graduation services in Africa, with **143** graduates from the Dem-

ocratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi.

In **APRIL**, we began a four-part report on what is taking place in Malawi, Africa. This country will also be a focus of our activity in 2018, as we expect to help build three churches this year. I honestly can't remember stepping into a country where the evidence of the moving of God's Spirit has been so strong and continues today. We began our report with the "Peanut Church." I affectionately refer to it as such because



ing stood a beautiful little church with a couple hundred colorfully dressed people waiting for the visiting missionaries to arrive. A group of ladies were singing a

welcome song as we made our way to the front of the overflowing sanctuary. Inside, the room was divided into two groups with the men on one side and the women and children on the other. It was exciting to see Christians and a church facility so far into the bush, yet the number of Muslims who came, probably out of curiosity to hear the mis-



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when I first came upon this small group of believers, they were meeting in a small hut in a peanut

field. By God's grace, and many of you helping, we were able to provide them with a new church facility that is led by one of our CTC graduates and his wife. I

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sionary, far outnumbered the believers who were present. We were blessed to see **over 70 people stand to publicly receive Jesus as their Savior.**

JUNE brought our report "Malawi—Part 3," and our return trip to see Pastor Paul Waluma in Chanthunya Village. It was a workday, so the crowd was a bit smaller than two years earlier. The meeting place still overflowed with people sitting on the floor and the local imam sitting in the doorway throughout the service. This time, because of our visit in 2015, there was a church choir made up of young, former Muslims who had received Jesus two years ago. I asked the Christians to raise their hands; there were several in addition to the choir but still more Muslims than believers inside and



outside the room. The Muslim imam, Moses Ntalika, listened intently throughout the service.

When I gave the altar call, **more than 38** stood to receive Jesus. I was praying for the



imam to be among them, but it was not to be for this time. The next day,

as Stephen and I were driving, his cell phone rang, and it was Moses Ntalika, the imam. He told Stephen that the words I had spoken had kept him

awake all night. He said, **“...that man’s words kept me awake as if he just continued preaching. I think Jesus is doing something in my life.”** Please pray for this man as he is **overseer for 17 mosques.**

After the meeting, I spoke to Paul and his wife about building a church on land they own. In February or March of 2018, I will make a return trip to Malawi and then on to Mozambique to help start the building of four churches. There is no limit to what our God can do! We limit Him by not praying and releasing Him to do His will.

JULY was about “Malawi—Part 4” and India. In Part 4, we were in Dedza, where Pastor Moses Chituka



serves as director and teacher in our newest Malawi CTC location. Pastor Moses had invited area pastors and our CTC students to a special session at a friend’s Nazarene church in the city to

hear me teach and share about the CTC program. There were about 40 in attendance each day. After our session on Saturday, Pastor Moses took us to see where his church was located. It was outside the city in a poor area where they have



land and a temporary structure. This congregation of about 100 people will be one of the nine churches that we help to build in 2018. God is good!

July also included a brief update on our CTC program in southern India. We have three CTC locations with 60 students. Rev. J.T. Norman, our director, and his wife, Elizabeth, are pictured here with graduates who were receiving bicycles and motorcycles to help them in their ministries. J.T. shared that out of the **481** CTC graduates, **388** reported that



they had people who received Jesus as their savior during the past 12 months, making a grand total of **26,142** new souls in God’s Kingdom! That is an average of **67** new converts for each CTC graduate. That is multiplication of investment!

AUGUST was all about Nicaragua and the possibilities of the CTC program expanding across the country. Sondra Livermore oversees much of our South American program. She had been a missionary in Nicaragua for several years. I had previously taken teams there, so we



knew Pastor Jorge Ibarra and Rev. Alfredo Martinez in Managua, the capital. Alfredo is working along side Pastor Ibarra who desires to see CTC serve as one of the main pastoral training programs in Nicaragua. We spent several days meeting

with local pastors who either needed training or desired to establish training centers. In a recent communication from Sondra, she said there are now seven Christian Training Centers in Nicaragua representing five different denominations.

SEPTEMBER brought us to China where we met with a new group of about 25 CTC students outside a major city in the west. This was mostly a younger group of students in their teens and early twenties. The school is in the mountains on what was a small farm. These young people are learning farming and leadership skills with the focus being their personal spiritual growth. Though this was the September newsletter, I was reporting on my trip in May. I returned to China with Pastor Dan in September of 2017, sharing the teaching responsibility and completing book 1 of their training.



This trip gave Pastor Dan an opportunity to see how we go about doing the CTC program in China. Pastor Dan

returned to China for me in November to complete book 2. He is planning to join with us in our effort to train pastors and Christian leaders worldwide.

Please remember these young students and Pastor Dan in your prayers.

In September, we also shared with you about the new children's ministry that Vicky's mother had begun in Junin, Ecuador, which happens to be Vicky's birthplace. At that time, they were meeting in the first story earthquake remains of Vicky's grandmother's home. Though the second story was gone, Vicky's father had managed to put a sheet metal roof over one section of the first story. There were about 50 kids and a few adults gathered to recite their memory verse, hear a Bible lesson, pray, and enjoy a simple treat. Since that meeting, the ministry has grown and moved to the local town civic center.



are **still seeking** God's ongoing provision for this.



We also reported on **Portoviejo's first "Women's Conference,"** a vision God put in Vicky's heart. **Over 100 women attended** the conference and God used

that to encourage other churches in the area to have their own events. **PTL!**

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER brought you up-to-date on the Shawi Indians in Yurimaguas, Peru, where Vicky and I traveled in June. The Shawi students continue to move forward in their training. Knowing the difficulty of their living conditions and challenges they face just getting to Yurimaguas, we try to help as often as possible with the teaching.

We also shared with you the burden God put on my heart to help build nine churches in 2018, four in Africa and five in the Philippines. In December, I wrote that the congregation of New Hope Church in Palm Harbor, Florida, has already raised more than enough to build two of the three churches in Malawi. I just spoke with Pastor Panico who invited me to attend their New Year's Eve service, so they can present me with a check for **\$30,000** to build **three** churches in Africa. **PTL!** A gift from my brother, Bill, and his wife, Norma, will allow us to finish the third church in Malawi completing the four churches in Africa. We are now working on the five churches in the Philippines. Won't you please pray about being a part of this great effort? **Mark your gift "church."**



OCTOBER'S newsletter featured their graduation service for all the kids who had faithfully attended and completed the lessons. Each child,

regardless of age, was photographed in a graduation cap and gown with their certificate of completion in hand. For kids not accustomed to receiving anything positive, much less personal recognition for having done something worthwhile, this was a great experience. I shared in that newsletter that we need about **\$125** a month to support that ministry. We



Well I'm out of space but not out of things to report. I have spent some time at home this fall to help with my 92 years old mother. I have also needed to work on projects at home that I have neglected until now. In addition, we are facing some major challenges with CTC that I will share with you as soon as they are resolved. Please be in prayer for the release of God's will in the situation. We are thankful for all that God allowed us to experience in 2017 and are looking forward to all that God has for us in 2018. Know you are in our prayers, as always! We so appreciate your prayers and faithful support. Prayerfully I **release** God's **Blessings to you!** **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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