



THE CALL

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

'Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

THE UNEXPECTED VISITATION FROM AN ANGEL

On September 1st, I received a newsletter from a close friend, Ismail Serinken, who serves as the IPHC's national ministry leader of our churches in Turkey. Ismail shared a story in his newsletter this month about an experience that his daughter, Siyona, recently had. Her experience and story have captivated me, and I want to share it with you because I believe it tells us exactly what our mission as a Church must be in this late hour.

One morning, we were worshipping as a family. While we were worshipping, our daughter Siyona, who had just turned 11 years old, heard someone singing along with us very beautifully. When our worship song finished, our daughter asked us if we heard the voice singing with us. We said no but told her that maybe angels were singing along with us, and we continued worshipping. Our daughter asked us again if we heard someone else singing with us, and during our worship, we noticed that our daughter looked back a few times.

There was nothing visible behind her, so we asked her what was happening. Siyona said that she saw the angel that was singing with us. She described the angel to be shining brightly and looked like a blue-eyed child about her age. As we continued to worship, the angel touched our daughter's shoulder and whispered a word gently into her ear. When our daughter started saying the word, she told us that she felt great power and authority. After she said the word a few times, to our surprise, she started speaking in tongues for the first time.

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We were very excited and joyful. Suddenly, she said: "I know the meanings of the words I'm saying!" She told us that one of the words meant that Jesus Christ is coming soon. Then, when she looked up at the ceiling, she saw Heaven with Jesus sitting on a golden throne, smiling down upon us. We were so encouraged and excited by this experience of our daughter during this current pandemic.

Two months after this visitation had passed, one evening, she saw a vision; she shared her vision with tears in her eyes in the morning: She said she saw the return of Jesus last night. He suddenly appeared in the clouds, and she said I have a feeling that He is coming back much sooner than we expect."

I do not know about you, but I believe that Jesus' return is imminent. Jesus is coming back soon. And, just like little Siyona, I have a feeling that He is coming back much sooner than we expect.

The harvest is greater now than it has ever been. There are an estimated 7.8 billion people on earth. Out of these, 3.23 billion have never been given the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Remember, God's objective is to have representatives from every tribe or ethnic group on earth in Heaven.

Luke 19:10 reminds us that, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
[NIV]

We must reestablish soul-winning as our number one priority! We must target the lost!

We stand on a precipice once again. We have the next thirteen years to change and shape our destiny.

May our legacy as World Missions Ministries show that we became known as a Church that has a passion for winning lost people.

Jesus' return is imminent! Jesus is coming back soon. The signs are all around us. And just like little Siyona, I have a feeling that He is coming back much sooner than we expect.

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WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES 2019 STATISTICAL REPORT

World Missions 2019 Statistical Report shows that we have a ministry presence in 99 countries globally – this does not include the United States or Canada. We also report having 11,241 churches and a membership of 1,618,639 members outside of the US. This includes planting 960 new churches and a membership gain of 116,469 new members in 2019.

The global IPHC church is now eight times larger than our mother church in the US.

Never underestimate the effect that your partnership is having. The gospel of Jesus Christ, wherever it is preached, still has the power to save and set people free!

THE 2019 GLOBAL SUMMARY CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 7

FOR A COMPLETE REGIONAL SUMMARY, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://iphc.org/missions/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/2019-STATS-Official-Updated-1.pdf>

COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND UPDATE

In these unsettling times, the Lord has positioned World Missions Ministries to be a conduit of hope to many who are hungry, homeless, hopeless, and in desperate need.

We received the following appeal for help from Guyana [9/2/2020]:

COVID 19 is so serious. The number is rising - more deaths - it is very sad. Food getting more expensive. Some people lost jobs. Our churches - people really need food. Our country got shut down again. It is sad-sad-sad. I help with some persons who I think is so in need, but at present, I could only help five families and those persons from my congregation where I see they do not have nothing.

WMM's COVID-19 International Relief Fund has distributed **\$582,873.08 to 61 countries for relief assistance to-date.** This is only possible because of your **GENEROSITY.**

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To contribute or to learn more about our relief efforts, visit <https://iphc.org/missions/covid-19-international-relief-fund-report/>. Of your contribution, 100% goes to the field. Good is coming from this pandemic. God wants to do something THROUGH it. He has good purposes in ALL things. “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” [Romans 8:28]

WE PRAYERFULLY VALUE GENEROSITY

I want to share this story with you in closing. It was sent to us by Bishop Michael John, General Superintendent of the IPHC in North India:

All glory to God for He is doing great things. He is moving in an unprecedented way in this unprecedented time in North India IPHC.

The young boy in the picture is with his mother as they came with 35,000 Rupees (around \$500 USD) and donated it towards the Building Together Project. As you all know, under this project, we built 11 new church buildings last year and, right now, we are in the process of building three more. This family has a small shop where they do stitch cloth. I was amazed at their generosity. I asked them what made them give such a huge amount when they themselves don't have their own place to stay. The lady said God told them to give to build His house, and God promised to build theirs. Only God can do what we are seeing.

IT IS BEGINNING TO HAPPEN! Jesus said that “He would build His Church and that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

You must know that WMM is passionate about seeing the Great Commission come to fruition.

Please know that I am honored to serve you and serve with you ‘for such a time as this’!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director,
World Missions Ministries

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2019 GLOBAL SUMMARY			
REGIONS	NATIONS	CHURCHES	MEMBERS
Continental Asia	11	3,449	207,763
Pacific	7	697	60,494
Northwest Europe	7	31	1,517
Eurasia & Middle East	13	449	33,242
Mediterranean	8	24	1,595
Eastern / Sub-Saharan Africa	8	1,515	756,766
Southern Africa	14	1,741	184,241
Western Africa	8	2,395	271,523
Caribbean & West Indies	6	214	18,251
Central America	5	181	18,599
Gulf of Mexico	3	301	28,388
South America	9	244	36,260
TOTALS	99	11,241	1,618,639



MEET THE DELPORTS

The Delports have served as missionaries in Southern Africa for the past 31 years and currently live in South Africa.

Joe not only serves as the regional director of Southern Africa, where he networks with national leaders and coordinates projects, but he also serves as the director for Advance School of Ministry (ASOM), which empowers leaders in different countries to be more effective in ministry.

Maggie does all of the administrative work for ASOM, as well as serves as administrator at the Africa Development Center in Krugersdorp.

Their vision is to enlarge the kingdom of God by training, equipping, and releasing leaders to grow the church not only numerically but also spiritually.

Please join World Missions Ministries in praying that the Delports continue experiencing safety, health, and effective ministry.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Danny & Judith Williams

Darrel & Bonnie Clowers

Ernest & Cheryl Turner

Greg & Latoya McClerkin

Janene Wooten

Jason & Catrina Bicket

Jeff & Kimberly Oeder

Mauricio & Lulu Salazar

Mitch & Jewel Nichols

Russell & Sonya Schweighardt

Raeha Butler

TO LEARN ABOUT HAVING
THESE MISSIONARIES COME
TO YOUR HOME CHURCH,
PLEASE CALL: (888)474-2966

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***The story of
world missions
in Scripture and
in history is an
account of those
who WENT and
those who SENT.***

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Dr. Terry Tramel

UPDATES

MINISTRY IN PERU

For the first two-plus months of “lockdown” here in Peru, it was forbidden to drive anywhere, so we had to walk everywhere. With the nearest supermarket about a mile away, I got into a habit of taking different routes through the dense neighborhoods, leaving gospel tracts on as many doors as possible, usually hundreds per outing.

It's a good problem to have, but after dozens of similar outings, my stash of thousands of tracts has now dwindled to just a few hundred. Pray that these thousands of seeds would bear much fruit!

By Ben West



WATER WELL DEDICATION BARKEGAON VILLAGE

We are delighted to report that we recently completed the water well at Barkegaon Village. We discouraged people to gather for pictures due to the lockdown restrictions.

More than 30 families will benefit from the provision. What a testimony of God's love to these people in the Varanasi region. This was made possible by the generosity of Pastor Doug and the Cross Mills church.

The compassion and giving of our supporters has made a difference in men, women, and children, applying to both the saved and those still needing to find Jesus.

By Van & Jane Bloss



UPDATES

NEW BELIEVERS IN THE ASIAN CIRCLE

We praise the Lord for His mighty works during the pandemic! We are seeing many souls come to Christ in the Asian Circle! Many unreached peoples are receiving Christ, getting water baptized, and being discipled!

Please pray for our pastors working in the Asian Circle as they go forward, making disciples of Jesus Christ in these lands so dominated by the religions of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Thank you very much for all your prayers and support! We pray God's richest blessings on you, your families, and church communities!

By Tim Salley



RESUMING CLASSES IN JAPAN

Since the schools have resumed, we decided to start our English conversation classes in person again. We, and all of the children, wear masks and sanitize our hands often. The kids and their families were excited to meet in person again.

The first book we read when we resumed class was *The Miracles of Jesus*. The children listened intently to the stories and were amazed at what Jesus was able to do for the sick, blind, lame, and mute. They found comfort and encouragement from the stories. Please pray with us that we can bring God's hope and peace to the people in our neighborhood during this time.

By The Bamba Family



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

GLOBAL OUTREACH

BY DR. TERRY TRAMEL



This year, 2020, began with such promise. How long ago that now seems. At the dawn of spring, a global pandemic unleashed suffering and death upon multitudes of people. This, in turn, produced an economic collapse bringing poverty and hunger for millions more. Add in the social unrest sweeping the nations like wildfire; it becomes apparent these are perilous times.

We must remember that we are not the first generation of Christ-followers called to live in such difficult days. During the first century, the churches in Paul's missionary travels were called

on to give generously to the Christians in Israel who were suffering through a famine.

In the early days of the pandemic, I began to hear many people say, "We're all in the same boat" – describing the reality that people in all nations have been affected by the coronavirus and subsequent shutdowns. Then it dawned on me; we're not all in the same boat; we are all in the same storm. Everyone has been affected in some way, but not all have been equally harmed.

Compared to multiplied thousands of daily wage earners forced to quarantine in their homes without any income, most of us in America have experienced only a mild inconvenience.

For all of us whose "boats" have not been damaged, the Lord is depending on us to help those around the globe whose boats have been heavily battered.

Our IPHC family continues to respond financially in this "Year of Generosity." In addition to the Lord's tithe, faithful supporters have kept their missionary support strong, contributed to the international disaster relief fund, and now are turning their attention to the annual Global Outreach Offering.

If your "boat" has received financial hardship, if you have lost your job, been furloughed, or taken a salary cut, you obviously will not be able to give what you normally do or what you would like to do. However, for all of us who have not been directly affected, the Lord is calling on us to do what we have always done, and if possible, perhaps a little more.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

For months now, local churches around the world have been told what they can't do because of restrictions due to the coronavirus. However, I am reminded that the Apostle Paul was quarantined (under house arrest) in Rome for two whole years (Acts 28:30-31). During his "lockdown," he wrote four New Testament epistles, including Philippians. In that letter, he wrote, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

My prayer is that these challenging times will be a **CAN**demic for each of us. What **CAN** we do for the GO Offering this year?

- We **CAN** live by faith instead of being filled with fear.
- We **CAN** pray for the resources instead of panic about them.
- We **CAN** give instead of grumble.
- We **CAN** worship instead of worry.
- We **CAN** follow the Scripture instead of following society.
- We **CAN** trust God with our offering instead of taking it for ourselves.

Those who faithfully give to missions turn the pandemic into a **CAN**demic.

- You **CAN** show love instead of hate.
- You **CAN** demonstrate joy instead of depression.
- You **CAN** possess peace instead of turmoil.

It is now time to go – it is time for GO – the Global Outreach Offering.



“The Holy Spirit called a young man, originally from Norway to come and bring the good news of the gospel to my mother who was crying out to the walls of her bedroom. The wonderful God of Isaiah 41:17 had moved across the world.”

Elvio Canavesio

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

DOORWAYS TO FREEDOM

BY MATTHEW HELLAND



Lorena¹ has worked for over two and half decades in the sex industry. More than two years ago, Matthew talked to her about what she needed in order to stop working in prostitution. “I need a house” was her response.

Getting an affordable rental house in Amsterdam is something that is nearly impossible. Yet, Femke took her under her wings and helped her through the process to possibly get a house. “Getting my own home will be my first step to quitting this work. It will be my first step to freedom.”

Last month, she called us and invited us to her new home that she was able to get, thanks to Femke’s help. As we sat in her home, she began to share with us about how doctors had found tumors in her body and that she needed healing. As we sat there, we began to share how the most important home was not her house, but her heart where Jesus wanted to come in and rule and reign. There, in her kitchen, we were able to pray and thank God for a house, pray for healing, and thank God that doors were now opening for her to permanently get out of sex work. Yet, just as important, her heart and life were open for Jesus to come in and care for her.

Lorena’s story is not unique. Every week we speak to many individuals who desperately want to get out of prostitution, but do not know how. The corona crisis has created an amazing opportunity for us to get practical and spiritual help for so many individuals in the sex industry. Instead of the pandemic being a time where our ministry stopped, our church has been growing, and we have been baptizing new believers. The amount of influence God has given to us in Amsterdam and all across Holland and the world has amazingly grown. For this, we are thankful.

¹*Not her real name*

UNFINISHED PROJECTS



PAKISTAN

Pakistan Church Plants

The vision for 10-4 is to plant 10 churches in four years (2018-2021) in 10 major cities. Each church plant will include start-up costs, help with property purchases, and/or the renovation of the existing location. The total need per plant is \$50,000.

To donate to this project, please earmark your check **17002P**, or visit give.iphc.org.



ISRAEL

Israel Church Plants

The number of church plants in Israel now stands at 31, with a goal of 100. There is still a ways to go. Each church plant costs \$8,000 USD to obtain a rented facility that can be self sufficient

To donate to this project, please earmark your check **26005P**, or visit give.iphc.org.

MAY THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH AND THE
MEDITATION OF MY HEART
BE PLEASING TO YOU,
O LORD, MY ROCK AND
REDEEMER.

PSALM 19:14