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TCM reaches full circle in ministry

by Pastor Phillip du Plessis Production editor

Each one reach one, each pastor trains a pastor each church plants a church has always been my philosophy of ministry. This is also a biblical teaching and principle taught by Paul in 2 Timothy 2 verse 2. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

TCM has been successful in this area of ministry. Grace Church here in Indianapolis bears witness of this. We have three Filipino couples here at our church who are a direct result of TCM's ministry.

I have visited several churches here in the U.S. and found immigrants from other countries now fellowshipping in Grace churches because they were reached by



The result of TCM's ministry in the Philippines witnessed here at Grace Church. Tim and Flor Torence, Pastor Phillip and Antoinette du Plessis, Carlo and Elma Paña, Loriano and Biatris Nasayao with Joe and Pauline Watkins TCM Director.

TCM's ministry in their home country.

Furthermore, not only do they have members joining from other countries, but TCM is now sending leaders and missionaries from country to country. Gone are the days where first world countries are sending missionaries to third world countries. It is now from all nations to all nations. TCM has missionaries from the Philippines serving as pastors, Bible school teachers, church planters in Africa Indonesia and Brazil. Even my own ministry as a South African here in the U.S. is a result of TCM's co-laboring and involvement in South Africa. I guess this full circle all comes together in the mission statement of TCM: "Reaching the world through evangelism using the methods of the Apostle Paul."

Sensation or Stagnation

by Luz Gaddi

Anniversaries, like weddings, or church anniversaries, are always celebrated joyously. This was true of the 24^{th} anniversary of the Grace movement in Indonesia. Last June 29 members from six churches in Jakarta and suburbs gathered in Tanjung Priok for a special thanksgiving service. Pastor Marthen Kambey, one of the first converts, delivered an inspiring and challenging message for the new millennium... "What God Hath Wrought:" I am sure the Vernon Anderson family, who began the ministry in Manado, in 1979, did not realize that it would grow and spread to many parts of this 4th most populous nation. Most of their converts then were youth, and were they on fire for the Lord! They shared the gospel to whomever they Often they took public transportation met. for no other reason but to pass gospel tracts and evangelize passengers. What a sensation that must be! Several years later they paid a price for their aggressiveness, some church

groups and leaders got upset and caused trouble. With sorrowful hearts, wondering what would happen to the newly planted seed, the Andersons were forced to leave Indonesia.

Nevertheless, the fire did not die, the same youth carried on the ministry. Wherever their studies, professions and occupations took them they shared the Good News. Some even gave up lucrative positions (like the present director, Ruddy Akay, a former manager of a Japanese company), in order to serve the Lord full time. The Lord has blessed and multiplied this ministry over and beyond what the Andersons expected. Today there are 55 churches nationwide, one Bible School and 47 trained pastors and Bible woman. As we look forward, we must not rest on our laurels. There is still a great deal to be done, and the enemy lurks covertly and stealthily. To date, there's an urgent need for the teaching ministry, so that in turn those taught will reach others. Too often evangel-

ism has become the absorbing and overwhelming concern of workers. But if we look at Christ's ministry, we notice that the same hillside crowded with seekers who heard the Good News, became the classroom where the Twelve were trained intensively in Christian Leadership in a most unique "walking seminary." Dr. Roberta Bower said: "History will show that the educational arm of the church has been a powerful instrument for building and strengthening the household of faith." Whenever there has been faith in the ministry of education, the church has grown; whenever faith in education has lagged, the church has remained stagnant or declined. It is the church's concern to teach and train members, lay leaders and SS teachers so that they will be more effective. Unless rooted and grounded in the Word, the ones that we now have will be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. May God help us realize this important need.



The following story is an edited version of a sermon that Pastor Phillip Du Plessis recently preached at Grace Church in Indianapolis.

In 1 Cor 9 Paul gives six reasons why he had the right to be supported by the churches to whom he ministered:

(1) He was an apostle; (2) it is customary to pay workers; (3) it is according to God's law; (4) other leaders exercise the right; (5) it is the universal pattern: (6) and Jesus ordained it.

Paul continues to say, "who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of the fruit? or Who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock."

Although Paul recognized that it is the Lord's will for spiritual workers to be paid for the fruit of their labor he says in our text that he did not use that right. And he tells us the reason why he did not use that right.

He did not want it to be a hindrance to the gospel. Paul did not want new converts or potential converts to have any reason to think he was preaching the gospel for selfish motives.

He wanted no one thinking he was in the ministry for the sake of money or in it for easy living. That policy was no doubt specially significant for Paul's work, because he, more than any other apostle of which we know, worked in virgin territory among the Gentiles.

The other apostles and New Testament prophets worked largely among Jews, who were accustomed to the Lord's ministers being supported by His people.

It is in the light of these facts that I believe in new ministries such as planting churches and establishing Bible schools, it is wise for those working in them to be able to support themselves, or to be supported by fellow Christians, until the work is well established and self supporting. Christian workers should be careful not to give grounds for any charge against them.

Calling people to come to Christ while at the same time begging the same people to give their money is offensive and, oh my, is that happening today.

Paul gives two further reasons why he refused to accept such support.

First, he did not want to lose his reward for preaching the gospel without charge (vv 16-18). and again more importantly, he wanted absolutely nothing to hinder his reaching the lost with that gospel (vv 19-27). "That I may gain some" is his motive. Now, lest the Corinthians think he had changed his mind about support and assuming that they will think that the reason he had given those six reasons was to convince them to begin supporting him, he adds, I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case.

So what he is saying is that his thinking had not changed about supporting. He says it is right to support but He was not using some type of psychology, hoping that, despite his protest, they would begin to pay him.

He had never taken pay from those he served and he never intended to. Nor was he now asking for that in a disguised way

Yes, Paul received support from the Thessalonians after he left them, but not while he worked among them. Without doubt that church was among the Macedonian churches that helped support the apostle while he was in Corinth.

He was not a prophet for hire, as was Balaam



(Num. 22), or in the ministry "for sordid gain" (1 Pet. 5:2).

Oh what a far cry from the "profesional fulltime ministers and missionaries." Paul gloried *in* the gospel but not for it.

Futhermore, Paul writes to the Colossians, "I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me" (Col. 1:25).

At some time or another, every minister or missionary whom the Lord has called will realize that he is under God's compulsion. God's calling cannot be ignored, neglected, or sleighted. The man who resists God's call or tries to give it up will, like Jeremiah, experience a "burning fire shut up in his bones" until he obeys.

Many who are called and stand in ministry today will agree and testify with me that there are times when we just want to give up. But it is this burning fire that comes within and with the calling of God on one's life that keeps us going on.

You see the ministry is not just a job, not just a career, it is a calling, it is a stewardship entrusted to us. My brother and sister, if you ever consider going into serious ministry without the calling of God on your life, forget it, you will not make it, because added to that sense of constraint and burning desire is a serious and compelling responsibility, which Paul articulates in the words, "woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."

He says it was not his choice to serve Christ, but that he rather received a stewardship. He was under obligation to preach, and for that reason he felt that he neither deserved nor expected a reward for it.

Stewardship indicates that someone gives us something or some responsibility that is valued to them, which we are to care for properly.

That is the case in every call to minister. God

gives the minister what He highly values for safe care, and promises stern discipline to the one who falls short.

Paul uses the word woe to indicate the impending pain. He was determined not to make full use of [his] right in the gospel. He would work after hours, day and night, to earn his own living rather than be a burden to those he served or cause them to think he was in the ministry for the money.

With great happiness and satisfaction Paul forsook a liberty, he refused to take advantage of a right, in order to make a contribution of his very own to the work of Christ and receive a reward from Christ himself at the rapture.

But the more important, reason for forsaking his right to financial support was to be able to win the lost to Christ without hindrance.

"That I may gain some," he says.

Now although Paul did not use the support available to him and states the reasons why, he does recognize that it is the Lord's will for spiritual workers to be paid for the fruit of their labor. He also commands us to be wise in our giving as part of our stewardship.

Obviously we should give our money only to ministries that are biblically sound and responsible. Every appeal made in the Lord's name does not deserve the support of the Lord's people.

But when we give to a servant who is worthy, we should give happily, generously, and trustingly.

God's children are to reflect their heavenly Father's generosity "He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully" (2 Cor 9:6).

As individuals and as churches, Christians who give generously to the Lord's work and to the support of His servants will be blessed.

Grace Church here in Indianapolis has been, and is, a giving church. We have a regular missions budget and also individuals who give to missions outside of that budget. Then there are those who are always giving towards the needs among us here in the local church.

It is for that reason that I believe that this church, and others, and individuals who give will not lack blessing from the Lord. As long as the hearts of the people are one of cheerful giving, the Lord will bless. This is not just a biblical, spiritual and dispensational principle but a physical one as well. If you give you will receive.

It is our Lord's will that we be generous to workers, our missionaries, and to those leaders of any kind who come and minister to us—just as He has been so immeasurably generous to us.

Thank you to all the supporters of Things to Come Mission and ministry. Whether we minister with support or without may our motive always be "That I May Gain Some."

The Meier's Trip to Kenya

Our family ministry trip to Kenya was such a blessing for all of us, and we thank God for the many opportunities that we had to serve Him there. Our departure from Chicago O'Hare Airport was on June 16th. We arrived in Nairobi, Kenya only to find one trunk missing. It had all of Tim's clothing and some equipment in it (they were recovered one week later). Our fearless leader, Ben Anderson (of Things to Come Mission), was there to pick us up and take us to his home.

The following morning we were up and packing the Land Rover for our first safari. Ben and Joyce Anderson and their three daughters (Frances, Jaclyn, and Tegwin) went with us. In typical African style the truck was packed to the sky and filled to capacity, ten of us in all. After a four-hour plus trip we arrived in the "boondocks" town of Mitunguu. The following morning we started work on tearing down and widening a building for the new church. On Friday after work we went to a sister church close by to do a program for the people there. Saturday there was a children's program in the morning and later in the afternoon we did an evangelistic outreach, which was done at a local open-air market. Sunday was a full program with Sunday school, music, mime, puppets, preaching, and a delicious African meal before we headed to our next destination.

In Thika, our host missionaries were the Paña family and Stephanie Thornton. We had a great time of fellowship with them all. The next morning we went to the Grace Church and did a program there. In the afternoon we went to the city park in Thika to do a mime performance with Pastor Joseph giving an invitation for any who wanted to trust in the Lord Jesus. As he asked the people to pray with him we could hear many asking the Lord to save them. We pray for fruit from these evangelistic outreaches. Please continue to pray that God will establish these new Christians. Finally, we had an all-day seminar with the pastors where they were encouraged from God's Word on how they can make their marriages stronger, and to use that as a way to witness for the Lord Jesus.

Ben came to pick us up and back to Nairobi we went. We had such a fun time working, singing, talking, and laughing together! During that time we were able to drive to Rift Valley Academy where we visited with some MK's (missionary kids). We saw Rachel and Christina Vinton, Caleb Kemper, and Luke and Chelsea Doggett. It was great reminiscing with these kids about our times with them on our different mission fields.

Our trip to Eldoret was different in that



Ben Anderson leading the way with the Meier family helping.

our ministry was done in English. Genesis and Verna Maraat, the missionaries there, have planted a new church. It was our goal to do whatever we could to encourage these new believers. So in addition to our regular ministries we visited a few key people. Pastor Paul is the man that Genesis is hoping to establish in this work. Tim went to pray with him about God's call for him and his wife Susan. He is a very dear brother, please pray that God will establish his steps. There was a youth meeting that Elizabeth and Melissa took part in, as well as a ladies meeting that Debbe spoke at. Everyone was busy. Sunday services were held at a secondary school nearby. Tim did adult Sunday school while the girls had their own ministries with the children. We had such a blessed time with all of our

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The Youngest of Project 2010

Genesis Maraat Eldoret Grace Bible Church is the youngest church of Project 2010. This is a new addition of the project which is just an eight (8) months old church. All the missionaries here in Kenya are working together for the accomplishment of the said project. Project 2010 is reaching the entire country of Kenya with the gospel of Grace by planting 10 churches in the ten (10) strategic cities of the country by year 2010. Eldoret is located in the western part of Kenya and is the fifth (5th) largest town in the country with the population of around 250 thousand.

At the center of this population a new Grace Church is being planted with the average attendance of 20-25 adults and 15-20 children. The figure doesn't look impressive at all, but with the presence of this young Grace Church this town will have the chance of hearing God's grace and God's ministry of reconciliation by faith alone in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross (2 Cor. 5:17-21).

A great portion of the town's population observe the ten (10) command-

ments for Salvation. Another is Pentecostalism, with its good health and prosperity gospel, a popular concept among those who claim to be believers. This town needs a Grace Church. The most urgent need among the people here is solid, sound dispensational Bible Study. But first we have to build relationships among our contacts and this takes time yet very necessary or else we will be an intruder in a Kenyan home.

Home Bible Studies and Care groups focusing on God's grace through dispensational approach are being conducted weekly in four different homes. The older kids in our Sunday school are also learning the different programs of God. Verna is in charge of the Sunday school as well as the women's ministry with the help of Miss Ann Nyaga a graduate of our Bible School six (6) years ago. Pastor Paul Liyai and Pastor Elly Lugwili are voluntarily working in helping this church to grow. As this church grows we will work out their support from the church as well.

On June 8 Eldoret Grace Bible Church was visited by the Gunther family who came for this year's Safari. They came from Derby Bible Church in Colorado. A family sent with them a keyboard for the church. Since then, our youth attendance has remarkably increased. We have at least an addition of 6 youth giving us a total of ten that are now meeting regularly and taking part in the church worship. Good music, good Sunday School and for most good teaching will make this church grow.

Our church needs the following:

1. We need a Kenyan who can work as a full-time pastor.

2. To have at least six more new open doors for home Bible study.

3. We need someone to make a commitment to help with the music ministry in the church.

4. We are working on our sound system project and chairs for church that will cost about \$600. The church fund is only \$150. Kid's chairs are \$4 each and \$7 for adult's chair. We made an initial purchase of 8 chairs for kids.

We have a big ministry that has just begun in this city. May God cause this church to grow for His glory.

The Strongest Link

Forty-six students have enrolled this first term at IGBI-Davao, Philippines. Eighteen are kids of pastors and missionaries. Pastors are rewarded in their efforts to pass on the baton to their children. This is the strongest link and must remain strong. Many have just graduated from high school but some have been to college and hold degrees. Some may have come for curiosity and a change of environment but for many it is an answer to the call of God to service.

The strength and growth of the mission lies in the hands of this young generation. The Bible Schools play an important role as the educational arms in molding TCM's future leaders. The staff and our family are very privileged to be a part of this ministry. This is a great and solemn responsibility, but very rewarding.

Two years ago we had only sixteen students, last year we had thirty-four and now forty-six. This year we had seven graduates and all of them applied and asked to be assigned by the mission. At present we have five interns. One is helping the work in Indonesia and the rest are working as student pastors in our churches here in the Philippines. We see the zeal, enthusiasm and commitment of these young people.

The third year and second year students are now serving in the churches during weekends preaching and teaching. Also the public elementary school has opened its doors for our students to teach religious instruction once a week. Last week they were given seven classrooms with the average of forty children in every room. Continue to pray as we try to get into the high school.

Before we started the regular classes this year we had the Evangelism Explosion Clinic for one week. We hosted it for the first time. Many of those who attended were our pastors and students. They had two OJT (On the Job Training) visiting different locations in our city of Tagum where the Bible School is located. Out of 45 contacts 42 professed to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Churches in the area are now trying to do the follow-up.

This legacy that Pastors are passing on to their children is the strongest link. Let us join in this endeavor by extending our help in prayer and financial gifts. We are promot-

The fare? Less than 10 cents, children free!

How many trips must a pastor drive every day just to buy his basic rice and fish? And at this point is the hang-up. A *Sideline* can quickly become a *Mainline* if the pastor must drive more than he preaches, studies, or visits the members. He needs prayer and help to avoid the pitfalls of *Mainline*: fatigue, dulled objectives, till finally he quits the Lord's work.

A Sideline can be a great blessing if it remains a sideline.

On e brother in Davao, Pastor Maglasang, was delivering bread with his motor bike as a sideline. Local communist NPA's took him, made him dig his own grave, murdered him after torture. Both family and church lost their pastor.

A *Sideline* can be a great blessing if it remains a sideline. In Bicol Region recently we witnessed Levi and Jo Seva working hard for the Lord, using every possible means to fortify the Lord's work with their ideas. Pastor Levi has a piggery that yields funds, Jo a curtain/drapery shop that sews beautiful window concoctions for new homes.

ing "Adopt a Student Program" designed to help young men and women who wish to study in the Bible School and get into the ministry. It only costs \$25 a month, which includes their board and lodging and a little pocket money. We praise the Lord that there are Filipino families who are taking part in this program.

We have made some improvements in our facility this year. We have screened both the men and women's dorms. Also we have added water tanks to catch rain water for washing and showers and painted one of the buildings. Our next project is to build a kitchen and dining hall. We praise the Lord for the help received for these projects.

We would like to improve our Library too. Many of the books are very old and worn out. We have a set of encyclopedia - 1969 edition. The school is now adding some electives...for the women, how to teach Kindergarten and for the men, how to weld and mechanic trouble-shooting. The classes for these courses are all on Saturdays so that it will not affect our regular schedules. Many of our pastors who are starting churches in the cities or bigger towns have to work on the side to support themselves.

We are grateful to God and to all of you who are praying and supporting the work here in the Philippines.

And this couple wants all the sidelines to go to promote the work of the expanding churches in their area. Another sharp idea: a new church site was needed. Six families decided to buy one large piece of land. *Alone* no one could buy that lot–*together* 6 families had 6 plots with one area saved for the church, and right along the national highway!

The Number 1 economy booster of the Philippines is for Filipinos to contract to work overseas, many as domestics in Hong Kong, Taiwan, etc. Families send a daughter or son to make high wages to send home. However, if a father or mother leaves for overseas, definite problems arise. In 3 years kids forget their parents, even a wife turned away from her pastor-husband. Having *THINGS* looks so attractive, but the separations are heartbreakers.

We as a Mission see the pros and cons of *Sidelines*. What is our part in all this? These churches and pastors and families are part of us. Help us pray for wisdom, guidelines, sensitivity to needs, and just plain financial help when it is needed...because a gift *at the right time* can encourage a pastor to keep steady in his real goal: winning the lost and growing the church.

Darlene Anderson *es?* Maybe you th

Sidelines? Maybe you think that Filipino pastors with sidelines means that no work gets done, only sitting and observing. No way! Sideline here in the Philippines is what a pastor works at just so he can continue to do his work in the church. How we wish all our pastors could just forget sidelines, but it is not possible because most congregations are unable to furnish the basic needs for their leader...thus he looks for a sideline.

What are some of these sidelines? Watch repair, piggery, selling insurance, farming, print shop, factory, head of a co-op, curtains & drapes...the list goes on and on. A few pastors have the blessing of their wives being teachers with a regular salary. Many pastors sideline in order to continue their studies.

How about driving a tricycle? A tricycle! Yes. In the Philippines tricycles are a terrific boon for the local population! A tricycle is a motor bike with a side car. Multi-colored tricycles zoom everywhere, on crowded streets, bumpy roads. Here comes one now: the driver straddles the bike, 2 people perch behind him, 4 passengers are stuffed inside the side car, 2 extra persons hang on the outside, boxes, bags, baskets are piled high on the roof of the side car.

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RECIFE 4 CHRIST

Urian & Jule Rios

When, months ago we devised project **RECIFE** 4 CHRIST, and I was assigned to area #3, I wondered where to start, how to establish contacts in the area. Well, as always, God took care of the problem. A young lawyer from Boa Viagem church met a young lady who had recently become a Christian. To make a long story short, this girl lives in the area we plan to reach and her family opened their apartment for us to meet. We held a special meeting there last December, with 23 people attending. Her father and her brother accepted the Lord during one of these meetings.

Pray also that the Lord will provide the finances to accomplish this project. We will need approximately \$350 a month to rent a place and \$150 for miscellaneous expenses.

Right now, our biggest project in this area is a dispensationally oriented theojournal logical entitled "SOLA SCRIPTURA,"published quarterly and chiefly addressed to pastors and leaders. So far we have also published and distributed the following works: "Tongues and Sign Gifts," "Three Bible Churches," "Water Baptism," "What is а Dispensation "Understanding the Bible" (dispensationally oriented discipleship lessons).

We have just finished Dr. Baker's "Bible Truth" and have been working on Dr. Baker's "Understanding The Gospels." This is a major project that will demand a lot of time from Jule and me. Our goal is to have it ready for printing by the end of the year.

God uses many ways to gather people. Here in Mpumalanga I am called Mr. Chan. The people think I am a Chinese and Jackie Chan is very famous here. Through this I have established good relationships with these people and use it to tell them about my work, my church and my name. It's a blessing to be a foreigner, to be white, to be a missionary and the moment I go out in the open, people, students and friends come to meet me and to listen to me. I pray that the people will continue to listen, respond and come to the church, not because of me but because of the message of Grace.

I have started Bible School Classes here at the church and I teach every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. There are 33 students currently attending my classes of which 25 are very active. The other 8 attend irregularly due to time, permission from the parents and homework. The month of September our subjects were THE CHURCH (Tuesdays), THE BELIEVER'S WALK(Thursdays), MINISTRY GIFTS(Saturdays). Just in two months we were able to learn 70 new songs and finished 6 subjects in our Bible program.

GRACE BEREAN CHURCH UPDATE

I arrived here in this Church with 20 active members. Fifty percent of these members are children. There are some members who are inactive and there are some members who were transfered to other places because of work commitments and some got married and moved away. But amazingly, through God's grace, within two months with the help of the members, we experienced one hundred percent growth.

Last Sunday we had 40 plus people and some regulars were absent. Not all students of the Basic Doctrine program are members of the Church. I preach with the aid of an interpreter but she is now working in Pretoria and cannot attend the Church. I am training Abel Ngomane, the



Dean with part of the congregation who meets in this 4 x 6 meter garage in Mpumalanga

brother of Pastor Boy. Abel is the one running the Church now and I am just guiding him. He can understand English but not as good as the lady who interpreted for me before. We solved this problem by writing my lessons and sermons on paper and then giving copies to Abel.

FREE CHURCH LOT

The council of this town where our church is situated, is giving free lots to the people. In August I asked the church secretary to request specific land. The council responded and it seems very positive that we are going to get this land soon. Our current situation is quite bad.

Imagine 40 people gathering within a 4 by 6 meters garage. It's really hard for them to suffer the heat of the sun standing for about one and a half hours during the service. We do not have enough chairs and therefore give priority seats to our visitors.

With \$2500 and the free lot we can build a good size church with chairs.

Furthermore, I believe that if the church can move out of this house, growth will just come amazingly.

Last week one of the neighbors invited me to preach at a funeral service of a child. Many people attend funeral services here and it was a great opportunity. Preaching the Grace message in front of the crowd was so challenging. God was working wonderfully at that time. After the service many people came to me, asking for my preaching notes. Because of this preaching opportunity at the funeral, the teachers of the elementary school asked me to visit them in the school. They are going to give me time to teach in their homes as well. This family that invited me also sent their son to attend our Bible Class on Thursday with the message that their whole family will be coming to the church to attend the service. They said our church is a real church that cares for people because we help and care even though they are not our members.

NEW CONGREGATION WILL BE OPENED

The first Sunday of October we started a new congregation in Kwaggafontein. The place of worship is ready and we have some members from our current church that have transferred there now. I witnessed to some of my classmates in the driving school. They will attend the service also. I am just waiting for my driver's license so that we can use the car that is available through the ABGMSA.

My goal is to open two congregations before December and this should not be very hard, right?

The Lord will not kick us off the job if we cannot attain our goal, as long as we are doing our best! Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for me as I plant these churches and train up new leaders to do the work of the ministry.

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Project ABBA Kids: **Christmas Project**

It has been so encouraging to receive mail from many of you asking if we will again be having a Christmas Project for Brazilian kids this year! It reminds us of Romans 15:26, "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem." You being pleased to share your love with children you

might never meet in this life encourages us to continue ministering here in the "front line."

We are currently ministering to approximately 350 children in our three churches, over 400 if we include non-regulars. But our goal will again be to make Christmas special for 500 children. During the holiday season a lot more children come to church, so we want to

reach out to these as well, helping them understand that Christmas can become a celebration of THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR's birth. Because the dollar exchange rate went down since last year, and inflation here went up quite a bit, we are aiming at \$4.00 per child this year, to purchase a toy and one or two pieces of clothing. This small love gift will exemplify the ultimate gift of eternal life that God

offers through His Son.

If your family or church would like to select a number of Brazilian children and make Christmas special for them, please do so by sending gifts to Things to Come Mission (2200 English Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201), attn: Project ABBA Christmas Project. In Christian Love, Joe and Michelle Campos, and Doug and Vicki LeFeber

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brothers and sisters in Christ that it was hard to leave and return to Nairobi.

There are many things that we don't have space to mention, except to say that there were special opportunities to talk to individuals about our

dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many of you prayed, gave, sent crafts, and encouragement. We want to thank you who participated in our ministry.

Thank you so much! We felt God really blessed our time there in Kenya.



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Jessie Easterly Update

"August 18 I had some letters and Bible lessons to mail so headed to the post office about 3PM. In crossing the last street I was struck by a man on a bicycle and knocked down hard. I then felt the agony of a break.

Some of the gathering crowd called one of our students, who persuaded someone to take me (moaning) to a nursing home/hospital. He also called Ben who soon came and had me taken by ambulance to Nairobi hospital. Surgery was done on the hip break on the 19th. My condition deteriorated for a time, then I got stronger.

I spent 3 weeks in the hospital, barely able to us a walker. Ruth, my daughter, came out to help me go home." Jessie is now in the US, living with her daughter, Ruth, and getting physical therapy. Continue to pray for her complete recovery. She will be greatly missed in the ministry in Kenya.

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