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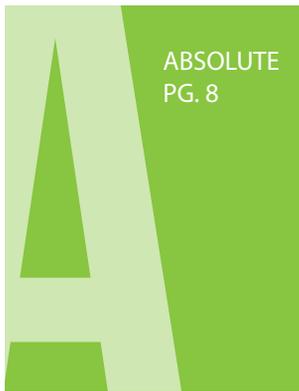


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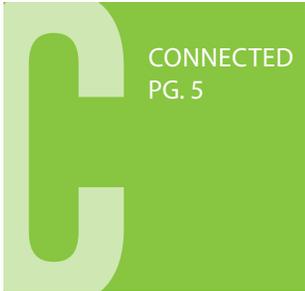


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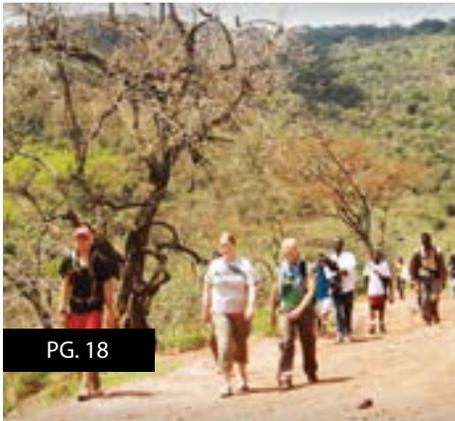
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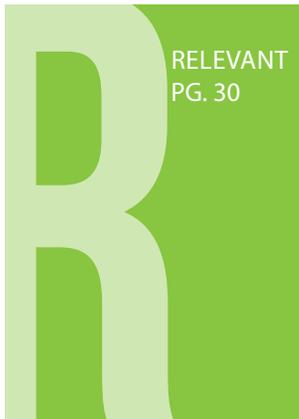


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## IN THIS ISSUE

This issue of the Pentecostal Messenger is dedicated to global missions. The powerful instructions of Christ in Matthew 28:19, to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,” still carry a heavy responsibility today as they did over 2,000 years ago. The call of God to “Go” is one that can never be overemphasized and must remain a core value of each and every believer.

The articles and columns in this issue will inspire and hopefully reignite a new passion inside of you towards our responsibility in fulfilling the Great Commission. As you read the stories of our modern day Pentecostal missionaries who have answered the call to go, we pray that you are encouraged and motivated to action. We all play a significant role in the global mission of the Church, and whether we give, pray, or physically go, the goal is still the same: fulfilling the Great Commission.

Stapled in the middle of this issue you will find our 2014 Pentecostal Messenger Memorial Edition, which features the obituaries of the PCG credentialed ministers who have passed away in 2013. We are truly grateful for these humble servants of Christ who have given so much for the Kingdom of God, and who have served the Pentecostal Church of God. We honor their life and legacy, and we remain committed to continuing on in the work of the Lord, knowing that their individual race has now been won.

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Impact Brazil

August  
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**AUG. 23–SEPT 3, 2014:**  
All Africa Conference

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**DECEMBER 4–7, 2014:**  
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**JUNE 27–30, 2015:**  
General Convention,  
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# PRAISE PRO MEDIA

\*The following story is a news piece and not an endorsement or product review by the Pentecostal Messenger.

Six years ago PCG worship leader, Joshua Ward, received a phone call from his local church worship team. The worship team was still using paper song books and the piano player kept her own book as well. The piano player asked Joshua to create a small program that would keep her song index in alphabetical order and also allow her to print it out. After a few conversations, it was decided that the software should just keep her entire book in a database for her. After years of adding new features, meeting the needs of the church worship team as they arose, today, Praise Pro Media is the result.

Praise Pro Media was developed by musicians for musicians. Originally created to meet a specific need for a local church worship team, now Praise Pro Media is expanding to meet the needs of many churches and bands of any genre. Praise Pro Media is an easy to use song management system for Worship Teams and Bands using chord sheets. Praise Pro Media provides an environment wherein each musician creates a unique collection of music, tailored to their individual needs and designs. The system also allows for instant transposition at anytime a song is selected or during a performance. Musicians, singers and songwriters can include their recorded background music and replay it as an accompaniment during performances. Band leaders can create the song lists for up-coming events, then

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For more information on Praise Pro Media as well as to download a free demo, please visit [praisepromedia.net](http://praisepromedia.net) 

**Joshua Ward** created Praise Pro Media, together with his mother Sharon Ward. They both attend His Valley Church in Phoenix, OR, where they are actively involved in the Church Music Department.

# THE ASSIGNMENT

## SYNOPSIS:

It's hard to believe that in a world so wired and interconnected that there are still places where people have never heard the gospel. This show allows the viewer to glimpse into a pioneer mission field and experience adventure, danger, and the miraculous hand of God. Ten strangers with a desire to reach the lost are dropped into a foreign and exotic land, with minimal supplies and knowledge. We travel with the team and share in the victories and frustrations. We watch the team learn to rely on each other and on God. Will they reach their 'Assignment'?

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## PROGRAM GENRE:

Series, Unscripted Reality TV, Adventure show, Docu-Series, Travel

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

18-55  
Male/Female  
Christian viewer

## SHOW LENGTH:

28:30, 12 Episodes

## PRODUCTION SCHEDULE:

Season One – Shot Apr 2011 Now Airing on TBN's JCTV  
Season Two – Nov 2011 (post-production)  
Season Three – Mar 2012 (post production)  
Season Four – Oct 2012 (post-production)  
Season Five – Mar 2013 (production)

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If you miss it you can catch it again Friday at 5:00 am (I'd DVR it)!

For more information or to watch the show online, visit <http://theassignmentshow.tv/>. 

# THE COMMAND IS GO



The following is an interview with Bishop Rob Culver of the Central California District.

## **If you could address the PCG on the subject of missions, what would you say?**

“The command has been to “Go,” but we have stayed—in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth—but 99% of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland.”

Supporting World Missions in the PCG is the most important thing any of us can do. It’s the commandment of Jesus. Unfortunately, many of us in the ministry have stayed! We have stayed in body, our giving has stayed, we don’t pray for our missionaries as we should, and we have failed to influence others to become a part of the bigger picture. We have grown accustomed to the homeland. I asked a pastor a few years back why his church did not support missions? He said, “The town where God placed me is my mission field.” His focus was small and obedience-limited; how sad. I had no response for him. I just felt sorrow because he was disobeying the commandment of our LORD to go into the entire world and preach the gospel. John Stott put it this way, “We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.”

## **Share the experience of the church that sold Christmas trees and sent their proceeds to missions, and how you and your team found participating in that fundraiser rewarding?**

Pastor Chad Buttrey pastors Chowchilla Family Worship Center. This young man is doing great things for God. He is also serving as our fine district Kingsmen director and doing an unbelievable job. Every year Pastor Chad sells Christmas trees for his building fund, but this year was different. Chad called and told me God had been dealing with him to give all the proceeds from his trees to World Missions. I was speechless. I wanted to help; I mounted my motorcycle with some buddies and we sold trees all day for missions. You can’t even begin to imagine the joy my team felt that day in serving Pastor Chad.

We sat down for lunch after the trees were all sold. You should know that I bought lunch that day when he handed me a check for \$10,000.00 to go to the mission field. Chad’s church has moved up in the kingdom of God, following the words of Jesus to “Go!” His church moved into the top ten in our district some years back, and now his church is 2nd in our district and 4th in the nation for 2013. I can tell you this—God is going to bless his homeland!

**Charles Scott** is the General Bishop of the Pentecostal Church of God and author of the book *Storms Don’t Bother Me*. Follow him on Twitter @generalbishop.

## **Tell me about fixing bicycles for kids at a local church event.**

As bishop, I travel across our district to get involved with outreach ministry. Even with my extremely busy schedule, I do about five outreaches a year. I went down to Hanford, CA where Bobby Guerra is pastor to help his church with a huge outreach endeavor. Many local churches were teaming up for this big event. I told Pastor Bobby, “When I get there you had better have a job for me.” When I arrived, I located our very distinguished pastor and asked him what my job was? He said, “Bishop, I just want you to walk through the crowd and greet the folks.” I reminded Bobby that I had requested a job, not a title. Reluctantly, he asked, “Can you fix bikes?” Can I? Point me in the right direction. For three hours, the team I brought with me repaired bikes for little children. Seeing the smiles on all of their faces reminded us of the joy of serving! We can all see that eye to eye. 🙏

*To continue reading this interview with Bishop Rob Culver visit [pcgeye2eye.net](http://pcgeye2eye.net).*

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
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# A LOOK INTO THE PAST

"He took the mantle of Elijah"

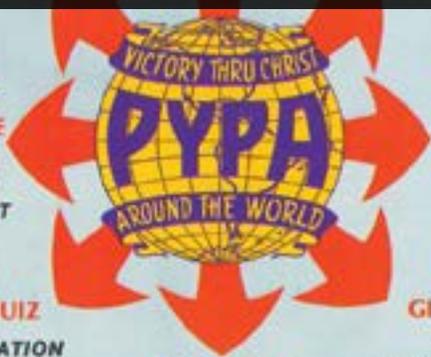


**"TODAY'S ELIJAHS PREPARING TOMORROW'S ELISHAS"**

Dear PYPA:  
I wish to extend to all of you a personal invitation to attend the 1978 National Leadership Conference at Bethel in the Hills, Southern California District campground, Frazier Park, California. The registration will begin at 12:00 noon, June 19. Registration fees for this conference are \$45 single, \$90 couple, \$1 per day plus \$1.25 per meal for children 12 and under. This fee includes the morning and evening meals, class materials and lodging (youth camp style; bring your own bedding). We are looking for a mighty Holy Ghost move among our youth and want to see YOU there.

- Reverend Wayne Stanton
- Reverend Charles Kyle, Keynote Speaker, Chief for Southern and Local Youth Leaders
- Reverend Gary Johnson, NLC Coordinator
- Carolyn B. Dowd, NLC Secretary

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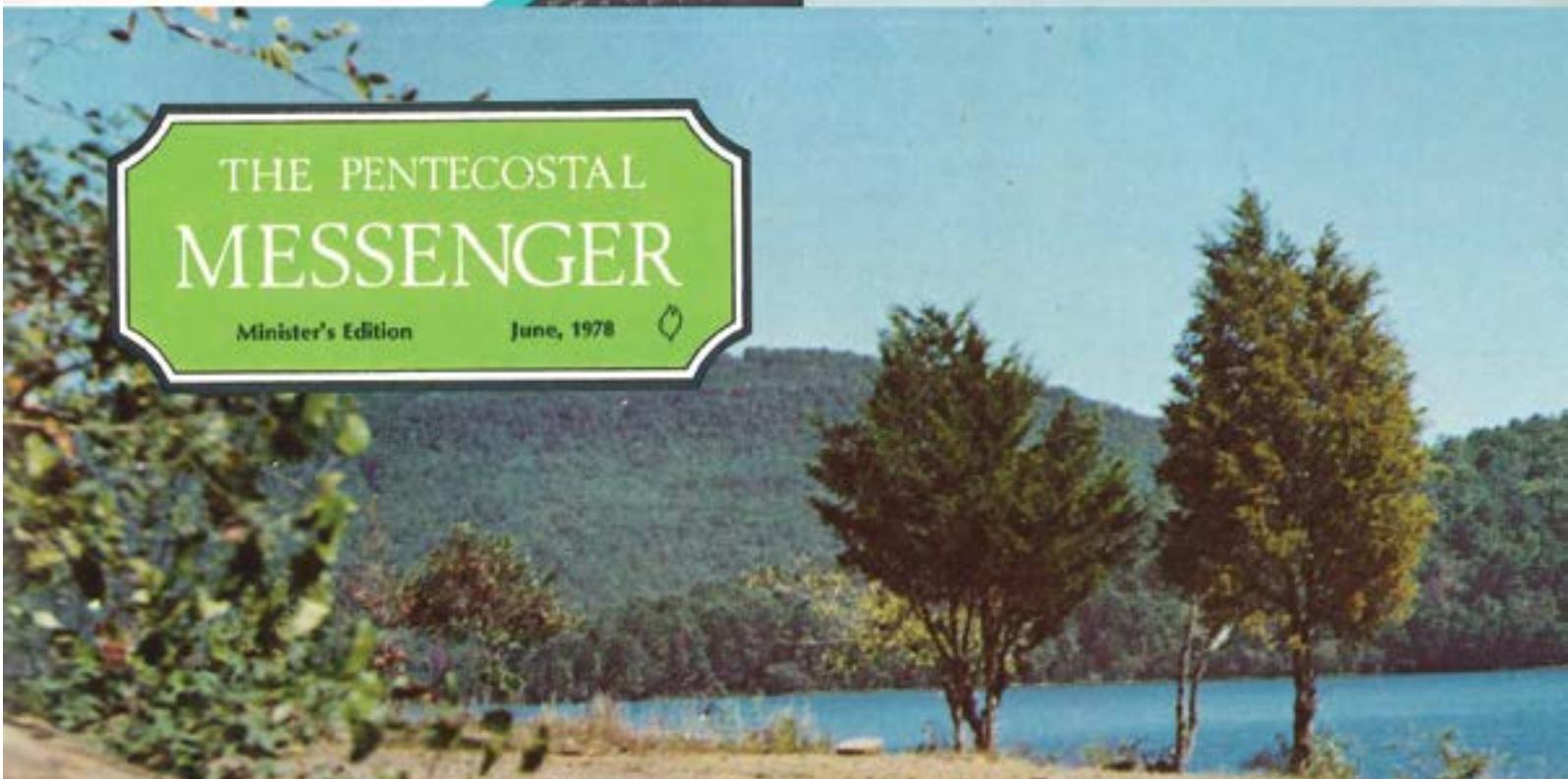
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# WHAT IS THE MISSION?



**W**hat is the mission of the Church? Or you could ask, "What is its purpose for being in the world?" We know from Christ's teaching that the Church had a divine beginning, as well as a divine mission. To begin, let's look at what the church's mission is not.

**FIRST:** The mission of the Church is not to be a political institution. It was never the mission of the Church to try to direct and control the affairs of state. Jesus taught that there is to be a separation of Church and state. He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

**SECOND:** The mission of the Church is not to become a social institution where we meet to entertain people and please man. One pastor said, "When we use attractions as the method to woo people to come to church, it's nothing more than bribery." When that occurs, we are telling the world that we do not believe that Christianity has the merit to attract the attention of serious-minded people. Also, we would be denying the power of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit to convince people of their need of God.

**WE ARE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL:** The primary mission of the Church is to preach the gospel. This is our paramount objective. Sometimes people say, "What about the poor and the unfortunate? Doesn't the church have an obligation to them?" Yes, it is necessary to do good and relieve the afflicted, the needy and poor, but that is not the primary mission of the Church. Listen, you can house the homeless, feed the hungry, cloth the naked, medicate the sick, and they can still die without God. How much better would it be to preach the gospel to him first, and prepare him to live forever with Christ and all the redeemed saints?

It is said that if you go to Palestine, the Holy Land, as it is called, and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the guide will take you to a red stone beneath the great dome of the church, and state, "Now, right here is the center of the world, because this is where Jesus stood when he gave the great commission and said to the disciples, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned' (Mark 16:15,16)." No doubt, Jesus stood somewhere when he said that, but it seems unlikely that Jesus stood on that little red stone. I am certain of one thing, however, the Great Commission is the center of the church's obligation.

*Loyd Naten* is the General Secretary of the Pentecostal Church of God.

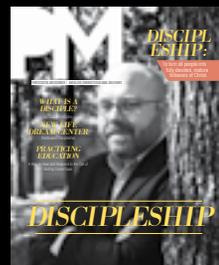
If you look closely at the last part of the Great Commission, you will notice another mission of the Church stated by Matthew. He said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." When the Church has made disciples, then it is the mission of the Church to teach them what Jesus wants them to know. It is not enough to teach them the first principles and then leave them to their own devices; they must be taught to observe all things that Jesus commanded. Let me remind you of a couple of other things about the mission of the Church.

It is the mission of the Church to provide the kind of place where spiritual life can flourish. It is not necessary to have the most eloquent speaker, or the most entertaining singing to build up the spiritual man. What does matter is to meet with a desire to worship and serve God in spirit and in truth, as Jesus instructed in John 4:23, 24, and to show genuine love and concern for each other. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Therefore, it should be the duty and mission of every member of the Church to make it a place that is warm, friendly, receptive, and encouraging, and to show love for this world, even as Jesus loved the world and gave his life that he might redeem it from sin. ☒



# PENTECOSTAL MESSENGER WINS "BEST DENOMINATIONAL MAGAZINE" AT EPA 2014!

The 2014 Evangelical Press Association awards were presented at the EPA annual convention in Anaheim, CA, on May 4-6. The awards honor the best work done in the industry during the 2013 calendar year. We are excited to announce to our Pentecostal Church of God family that The Pentecostal Messenger received the Award of Excellence in the Denominational Category, recognizing it as the top denominational print publication for the year 2013! The publication also received the Award of Merit in the category of Most Improved.





# ADDICTED TO SAFETY

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*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison (2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV).*

As I sat in the theater, watching the movie *God's Not Dead*, I felt an inner conflict raging. On one hand, I was delighted to see a young man (Josh Wheaton) take a stand and risk losing everything he worked for for the sake of the gospel. But on the other hand, I felt totally convicted for my own shortcomings. It was the same sense of conviction I felt three years ago.

Indeed, three years ago, as I was trying to convince Pastor Roger, one of my closest relatives in ministry, to move totally out and to relocate in a more secure area after he had just received his second nocturnal visit in a month from the threatening rebels who won the civil war that devastated the Ivory Coast, his response not only stunned me but challenged me to my core.

*"Why do you want me to leave this area and the people that I've been called to minister to, out of concern for my own safety, while they are being massacred for their beliefs, beliefs that I have helped develop for the last couple of years?"*

*How can I preach the hope of salvation and of heaven while in hiding?*

*How can I lead by example if I'm not willing to stand in the trenches with them in their most desperate moments?*

*How can I as a shepherd abandon my sheep when they need me the most, when there's a lion in their midst?*

*Most importantly, how many would die without receiving Christ as their Savior just because I was concerned for myself?"*

Wow, I felt this "tall"!

Talking, moments before this, about my next visit to the field, we both agreed that it would be better to wait until it was safe for Jada and me to travel around the country to encourage our local pastors. Some of them lost everything and some had to flee the country to escape the spree of revenge killings being performed by mostly Muslim forces. They were aided by the United Nations' "Blue Helmets," as well as the French army, with the assistance and backing, may I sadly say, of the U.S. Government. We haven't been back on the field since.

As Pastor Roger stood out as a true hero of the

“When Christians in other parts of the world hear many of us in the American Christendom complain about the persecution we are facing here, they are tempted to laugh.”

gospel, I totally felt like Peter, willing to proclaim my commitment to Christ when it was convenient, but abandoned Him at the first sign of trouble or opposition.

Now, let me make it clear; I'm not advocating a policy of "reckless stupidity" in the face of opposition and danger as the Bible warns us to be "gentle as doves but wise as serpents." But this invites the following interrogation: How is it that some are willing to forsake everything (I mean everything) for the sake of the gospel, while some, like me, are only willing if it is safe?

When Christians in other parts of the world hear many of us in the American Christendom complain about the persecution we are facing here, they are tempted to laugh. The reality is, as someone else said, "the American Church today is living out a Christian spin on the American Dream!"

A poll was taken not long ago that asked Americans what they thought their main purpose in life was. The responses were interesting, as most people said, "The main purpose of life is enjoyment and personal fulfillment." It's interesting to note that 50 percent of those polled identified themselves as born-again Christians. We have designed the gospel to fit our selfish needs instead of a radical obedience to pick up our crosses in honor of Jesus Christ. I am careful here to "not paint everyone with the same brush," but we need to honestly admit that we prefer a gospel without opposition and risk, and that we have lost our sense of urgency when it comes to the Great Commission to **GO!** We have, in essence, become addicted to our safety!

While reading the Book of Revelation, we can't be but impressed with the "coming soon" sense of immediacy permeating throughout the entire book. The goal is to create anticipation and excitement for what is going to happen. This should lead us to a sense of anguish over the fate of so many people who are dying without hope of eternal security. That anguish in return should propel us to be more proactive in our service to our Lord. The question should no longer be "What's in it for me?" but instead, "Here I am, Lord. What can I do NOW?"

Jude 1:23 tells us, "Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives" (NLT).

The mental picture that comes to my mind when I read this is that of a firefighter in his full gear, running into a house on fire trying to save as many as he can! We all need to become firefighters rescuing people from every background! Unfortunately, this is not always the case. We act more like a lifeguard at a swimming pool who isn't willing to jump in to rescue someone who's drowning because it's going to mess up his

perfectly combed hair! HELLO . . .

As I read the writings of the apostle Paul, I can't help but wonder about what it takes to turn the "world upside down."

It takes:

- Boldness to proclaim the gospel, not to be confused with arrogance. Boldness says I can do all things through Christ who loves and strengthens me. Arrogance says I can do all things by myself.
- Obedience, as well as faith (blind faith) to follow the call, even when it doesn't make sense. "Sometimes you have to let go to see if there was anything worth holding on to." — Unknown
- Risk as well as despair! The despair in our lives leads us to take the risk to change our situation.
- Inner sense of destiny. Knowing we have been called for "such a time as this." "If I don't do it, who is going to do it?"

Challenge yourself today. Ask yourself, how can I be a part of this global movement that's changing the world today? How can I overcome my addiction to safety? How much am I willing to give up in order to help advance the gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the globe?

Simply put, God wants more of you today! So let me ask you, do you love Jesus today? Then feed His sheep!

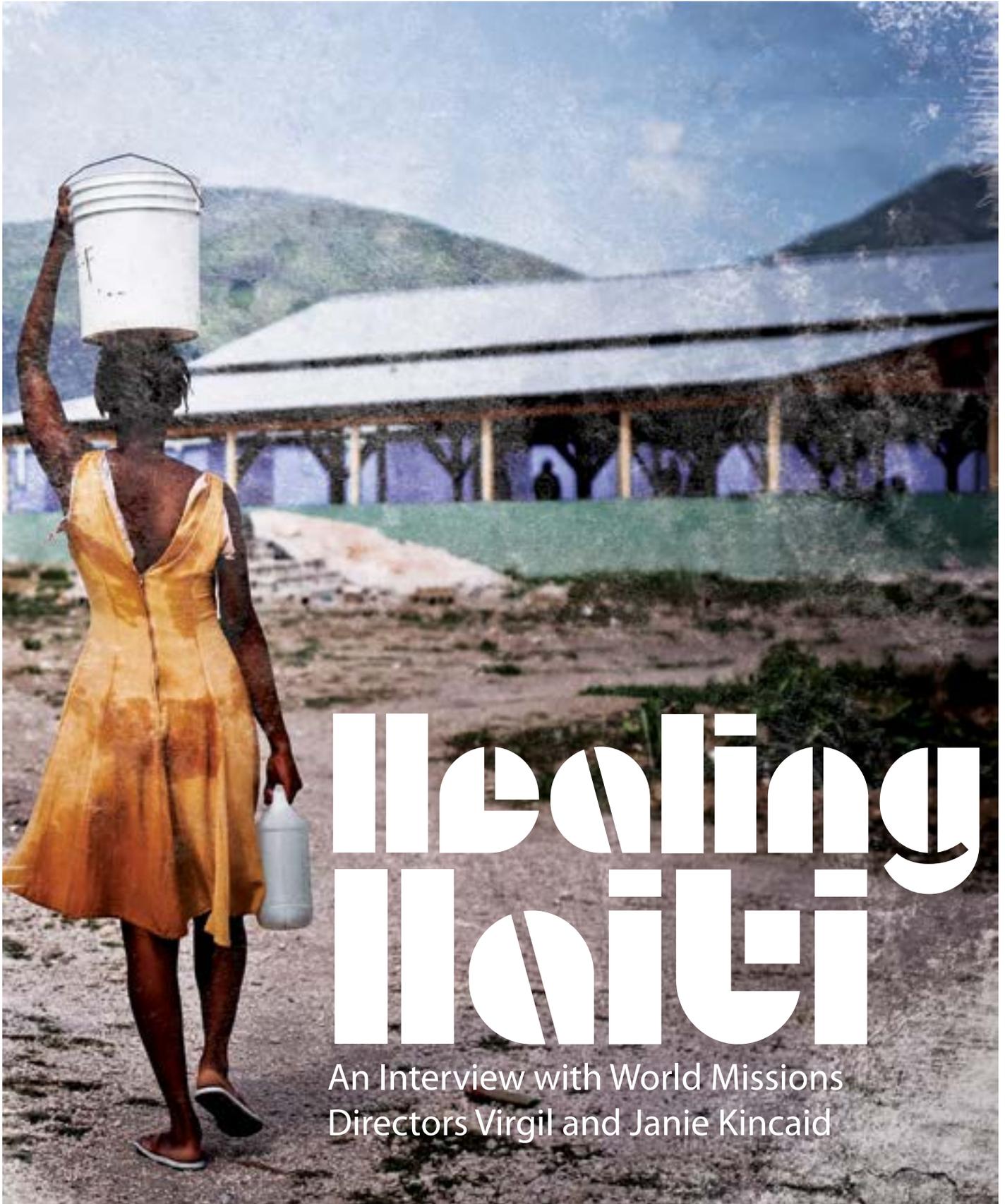
### **GO WITHOUT FEAR AND WITH URGENCY.**

PS: We are delighted to report that Pastor Roger's church is not simply surviving, but is actually thriving. They have opened another campus two years ago in another city.

Please, we need your help to bring back our scattered churches in the Ivory Coast!

We are planning to return to the field this Fall. Any prayer, any financial contribution is sincerely appreciated! 🙏

Visit our blog at <http://akwabaneews.wordpress.com/>



# Healing Haiti

An Interview with World Missions  
Directors Virgil and Janie Kincaid



January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the nation of Haiti, resulting in the estimated death toll ranging from 230,000 to 316,000, and displacing over 1.5 million people (CNN, 2014). Many PCG constituents poured out generous financial support for the nation of Haiti, as well as making many trips as disaster responders, serving on the 4 1/2 acre PCG compound in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The following interview with World Mission Directors Virgil and Janie Kincaid serve as an update on the progress and recent trips to the PCG compound in Port-au-Prince.

### **Can you please provide PCG with an update on the condition of the PCG compound in Port Au Prince before your most recent work trip?**

As many people know, following the earthquake of January 2010, our compound became home to over 1,100 refugees. There were tents made out of most everything you could think of, literally, covering every available area on the compound. Due to the compound being situated on a hillside, it was necessary to carve out a space making it flat enough to put their tent on. Often they would pour a bag of concrete mix on the ground, wet it, and let it harden. Or, they would put concrete blocks down as a floor for their tent in order to have a dry space.

In September 2013, the Haitian government relocated the last of the refugees who had remained on the compound—except for about 6 who hid. They are still there and will be moving as soon as possible. With the refugees moving off the compound, it was now possible for reconstruction work to be done.

### **What was the size of the group that went to work on the compound?**

The total number in the group was 17. A team of 11 came from Life Christian Center in Madisonville, Kentucky. Our son, Ben, came from Florida, our granddaughter, Mary, came from Ohio, and Indian Missions Director David Petty and wife, Ruby, joined us as well. We were also blessed to have a group of about 12 from the PCG Central Church on the compound joining the team.

### **What special projects did the group work on?**

Ben operated a Caterpillar 325D track excavator removing debris and leveling out the land. We could not have accomplished this major work without the gift from Women's Ministry to rent the excavator. The remaining team put up approximately 500 feet of chain link fence along our perimeter where the wall had collapsed during the quake. The post holes were dug by hand and the concrete was mixed by hand. We were also able to hire a crew of local masons to erect another 300-foot span of rock and block wall on the southern side of the compound.

### **What other projects on the compound still need to be finished?**

Right now our immediate goal is to get the ground cover planted to keep the soil from eroding from the heavy rains of summer. There is still an area that needs chain link fence, the dormitory building is in need of refurbishing, the small school building needs a roof, and there is still an area of the compound that needs to be cleaned off and leveled with heavy equipment. The mission house is in need of painting, as well as some plumbing and electrical work done. We would like to have a solar system for generating electricity for the mission house and other compound buildings. Right now, we use a portable generator for electricity in the evening.

### **How can people get involved?**

There are several areas where people can get involved. Teams from a church or district could go and actually get involved physically with painting, fencing, plumbing, electrical work, etc. To do those projects we will need additional financial involvement. Just mark your donation, HAITI COMPOUND RESTORATION. We can never do anything without PRAYER. It would be nice to have a missionary on the field working with the national churches and resurrecting the Bible school, teaching, and training local leaders. ☑

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# WHATEVER IT TAKES

NANCY KINGEN



*"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."*

**T**here are still many countries that are closed to Christian workers or are religiously restrictive. To reach these people with the gospel requires varying the methods we employ in our evangelistic endeavors. It's not formulaic; there's no one-size-fits-all approach in reaching non-believers. We need to explore and be receptive to viable options so we are able to reach out to individuals. We serve a creative God, so there's an expectation that we not limit the "how" we reach out to people. We should strive to serve in whatever capacity God has given us to reach the lost in the advancement of the gospel. Leonard Ravenhill had it right when he stated, "Any method of evangelism will work if God is in it."

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics with a TEFL option—teaching English as a foreign language. Teaching English is just a tool to reach people who would otherwise be inaccessible to me. Unfortunately, more people are interested in learning English than are interested in learning about God. Yet, I was still taking the gospel to them by teaching them through the use of English language lessons. I've never had any one make a negative comment on my choice of teaching material. In China it's illegal to evangelize, so it truly was a situation where I needed an "in," a covert way to reach people and a divine impartation of discernment from the Holy Spirit. They initially come out of curiosity—not only to learn English, but also to see for themselves the disparity in our cultural nuances (it's their primary motivation) and they stay when they are drawn in by the Holy Spirit.

Vincent Donovan made this observation about taking the gospel to where they are: "Evangelization is a process of bringing the gospel to people where they are, not where you would like them to be. When the gospel reaches a people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place."

I teach locals free of charge when I'm in a country where I cannot openly do missionary work. It's just a tool—a different way to serve the local community. In the majority of cases, it's the most effective way to come in contact with the non-believing public. I didn't have access to people any other way. In China, there's an apathy towards religion that's inherent of communistic governance; they are generally animists, atheists, or Buddhists, plus it's illegal to do ministry outside of the aegis of the government-regulated Three Self Church. There's always a God-ordained way.

I had a burden to reach and serve them in whatever capacity I

could. It is time-consuming to reach them one by one, but to me it's an investment, and it's planting seeds. I wouldn't trade the opportunities I was given for all the tea in China or for the time I spent with them individually. The relational aspect makes it so rewarding. It was an honor and privilege to serve the Chinese. During discussions I could sense the desire for a deeper understanding of God. As time progressed, the nature of the questions deepened, the transformative power of the Word was making an impact. The Holy Spirit was working on their hearts. It truly was a labor of love.

John Wesley's quote gets to the heart of the matter, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."

When we put limitations on our methodologies to reach our communities or those in our sphere of influence, we are restricting opportunities to connect with the invisible, the marginalized, and the disenfranchised. For me, teaching English was just a tool, an effective one, to use for the glory of God and to serve His people. Friendship in evangelism is a fundamental aspect to reaching people. The right tools and taking a relational approach to reaching non-believers is highly efficacious in serving God's people. It's all about connecting—meeting people where they are, showing them the love of God. We are just tools in His hands.

Ditto on John MacArthur, "I am convinced, by the way, that friendships provide the most fertile soil for evangelism. When the reality of Christ is introduced into a relationship of love and trust that has already been established, the effect is powerful. And it seems that invariably, when someone becomes a true follower of Christ, that person's first impulse is to want to find a friend and introduce that friend to Christ." 

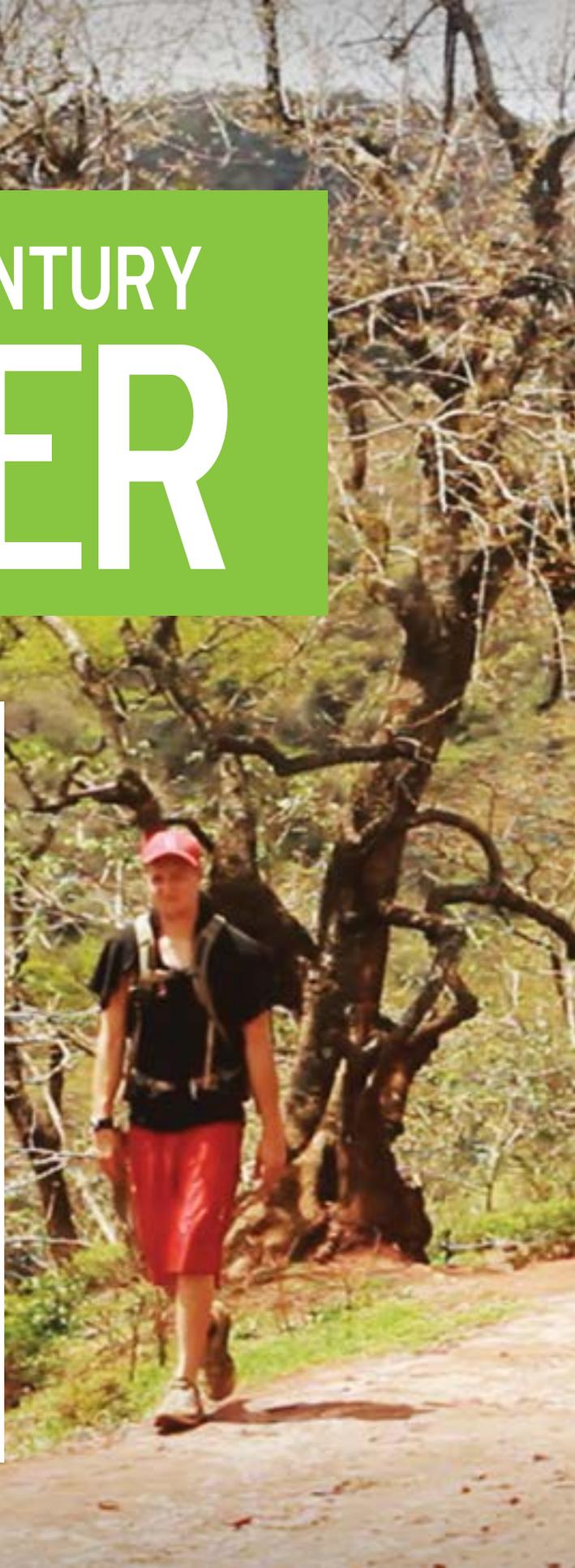
# A TWENTY FIRST CENTURY PIONEER

*Nick Sartoris is a 27-year-old pioneer missionary serving in some of the most remote places on planet earth. Nick serves with Joshua Campaign International and is a newly ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God. We trust you will enjoy his inspiring story.*

My story is not much different than most. I grew up in a non-Christian home with a single mom working as hard as she could to make ends meet. Being the youngest of three, I always seemed to find myself getting into a little bit of trouble. Until one day, my brother was invited to church by one of his friends. The ironic thing was that his friend had a sister that I went to school with. I made that sweet girl cry quite often because I didn't care to hear about her God.

After a few weeks of my brother attending church, my mother started attending. Eventually, my mother forced me to go as well. It seemed odd that I had never desired to go to church or learn about the Lord, because within only a few weeks of attending, my life began to change dramatically. As a three-sport, short tempered, fight-loving, rebellious, adrenaline-seeking, boastful, loud mouth, I surrendered my body to the Lord. I realized very quickly that many of my attributes were not glorifying the Lord. I had no idea what to do; I didn't have a clue how to make my life reflect, or even remotely resemble, what the Bible spoke about, until one Sunday.

That morning before leaving for church, I was reading Luke 14. During that morning's service, my pastor, David Gregg, spoke about total surrender. He quoted Luke 14 and asked the congregation if there was anyone who needed to totally surrender his/her life after considering what that would mean. Now mind you, I had already been saved for a



year. I knew I was on my way to heaven. I just wanted others to know the same. As Pastor David began to ask, my heart broke. I knew my life as I knew it needed to end, and I started weeping. I came to the conclusion that my attitude, along with my influence, was only going to hurt the kingdom of heaven. I decided that it would be best to focus solely on my relationship with Jesus.

My first step started with a letter to my coach. I wrote a letter explaining what was happening in my life and why I decided to leave the team. It was then that I realized what being a Christian was all about. A small group of Christian friends and I had been labeled the "God Squad." People threw out many things, from rude remarks, pencils, erasers, to food at us. In class I would be asked about what was going on in my life, and as I responded with the name of Jesus, the teacher would quickly silence me. It seemed like things were only getting harder. The negative attention we were getting was growing and growing to the point that people came to school with t-shirts calling themselves the "Satan squad." At that point, I knew I was doing something right. With the help of my pastors, I learned the laws of what, when, and how to say things in school. Many people started coming to the Lord. The attention the "Satan squad" thought was putting us down was only helping us bring glory to our King. Then something wonderful happened, I was

called to the principal's office. Remember, I did not grow up this way. I had a rocky past, even with this principal. As an 8th grader, I yelled, screamed, and even cursed at this high school principal at a high school basketball game. It was a day remembered by many, but today was a little different. My principal called me into his office to discuss something that he never had imagined would happen. He said that what I was doing was a great thing. He's seen the change in such a short time, but he told me, "You need to relax with this whole Jesus thing. It needs to calm down." It was on that day that I knew I could never live a "normal" life.

A few more years passed and I found myself as a firefighter/EMT and a landscaper. I was a youth leader and a part of the worship team at the same church. I loved doing what I was doing. Young people were seeking after Jesus, and followed the theme we had labeled, "Know Him, make Him known!" I loved it. I was just as passionate about my jobs. I played with dirt and saved lives and property. Who could ask for



more, right? Yet, the whole time I was empty. After work or any ministry event, I would sit in my car and just wonder what I was doing. It was like my therapy—to sit in my car listening to music for 10, 15, sometimes 30 minutes and let my mind wander. It was my way of staying focused on what I was doing. Fortunately, though, my frustration grew more and more until the fall of 2009.

My crew and I were cleaning leaves, and I had an epiphany. People live their whole lives this way! They wonder what could have been their entire existence. I will not live that way, especially for the Lord. With a little help from my aunt and getting permission from my bosses, I decided, "I'm going to California!"

Following my decision, I called my brother and asked if I could spend some time at his home in Ventura, CA. Next thing I knew, I was job searching all around the area. My brother's church was also going through some changes, so I temporarily filled a need. No job opportunities were coming up, and my winter layoff was coming close to an end. Yet, I was not nervous at all. I knew the Lord had sent me to California for a reason. Only a few Sundays before I was to return to Massachusetts, we had a guest speaker come to church. His name was Karl Hargestam. As he spoke, I thought to myself, it would be awesome to pioneer an area that has never heard the name of Jesus, but I went on missions trips in high school. I knew I wasn't called to be a missionary, but this seems like a spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Following the service, my brother asked when I was leaving. He must have seen something either in Karl or me that seemed to fit for me. And it sure did!

I joined Mission One Eleven (MOE), as a student, in the spring of 2010. It was an unexplainable, Book of Acts experience that should be lived out by every believer. Wake up, preach the gospel, pray over people, and watch them be made whole! From that point on, I would never be able to return to my life in Massachusetts. Upon returning from our overseas portion to Ethiopia, Karl and Jennifer, his wife, had a debriefing with everyone individually. We discussed many things about our extreme journey. Towards the end, they asked three questions: What was good? What was bad? What is your next step? I had no problem answering the first two, but I tried my hardest to avoid that last question, "My next step?" My life was just turned upside down! The idea of stepping anywhere except back on soil where people never heard the name of Jesus felt like sin. To put that into words at that moment in time was impossible. All I said was, "I'm sold. What can I do?"

The fact that over 2.6 billion, out of the 7 billion on the earth, have NEVER heard the name of Jesus was as alarming to me as the tones going off for a five alarm building fire next to a gas station. Not just someone, but everyone needs to do something. Then putting eternity

in the midst of that brings on a whole other perspective.

"One Chance for Every Person" became my life goal. In the fall of 2010, I began leading Mission One Eleven (MOE)

teams on outreaches here in the states and extreme mission expeditions overseas. We would study, learn, and put our studies into actions alongside our local churches. We partnered with churches that shared our heart for the lost. Together we would see the broken restored, the lost saved, the hungry fed, and the homeless found! We truly became the hands and feet of Jesus. These churches were big, small, experienced, and non-experienced in outreach. Both the MOE students and the churches grew in many ways. Our students got to see what we were teaching come to life in the states.

After the first six weeks, we would journey overseas for another six weeks. The first two weeks we would join Joshua Campaign in a mass evangelism event. We would preach in the surrounding villages and market places before the crusade started. After preaching, we laid our hands on the deaf, blind, mute, lame, and sick, and they were made well. It was literally unbelievable! Our teams were shocked at the results of their prayers. Some would yell, scream, and run around praising the Lord for His awesome power, while others would weep in awe, as the tumors would begin shrinking in their hands until they were no longer there. This became an addiction to me. The Lord used me to help people receive salvation and healing in Jesus' name, and people were believing the Word of God. They began stepping into the power that Mark 16 talks about. I was honored to be a part or even to witness a person's growth in the Lord.

I have been living a life that people only dream about. The reality of a dream is always possible in Jesus! I was unsure if my life could get any better, but the Lord had more plans. As I have been leading teams, more leaders have been rising up and another door has opened for me to pioneer even the teams. In the past, in order to get into the tribes we have had to contact people. Whether it was tribal people that have come out to study, got saved, and desired their own people to do the same; or we have partnered with a missionary in that general area. At this time, we have run out of those connections. We knew that this is a wonderful problem to have, because people are being saved. However, because of this problem, MOE was in need of a "forerunning" pioneer. This is the position I have most recently stepped into. This position comes with a lot of traveling. It includes planes, public transport, motorbikes, lots of walking, and occasionally helicopter rides.

As the forerunner, I make the initial connection with the tribe. Many times, it is not an easy task.

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There is a lot of investigation in certain areas or tribes. Unfortunately, there is no phonebook for me to find the local church leaders near the areas that are

elders. This could take an hour or a few days depending on the season and the crop harvest. When we finally are able to talk with the elders, we ask for permission for our friends to come and share stories that

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unreached. This is where local transport comes into play. I, along with a translator, will go to the closest large city near the unreached tribe. There we will meet with many of the church leaders. Sometimes it will be easy and they will have fellowship of leaders; these will be pastors or elders from many different denominations that come together for certain events. When we get together with them, we share our vision for the unreached people. We then ask them about the tribes that we have heard were unreached in their areas. From there we usually have a dialogue about which areas are actually unreached. Sometimes our information is very off. I have gone to search out an unreached tribe only to find that 87 percent were actually evangelical believers. While other times, I have gone out and found tribes that, to our knowledge, didn't exist at all. From there my translator, a believer from that city, and myself will venture into the tribe. Depending on how far it is and the accessibility, we may use motorbikes. If that is not an option, we walk. Most often, we end up walking, because the owners of the motorbikes do not want their bikes where we are going. We pack our bags accordingly and are on our way a couple of hours before sunrise to beat the heat. We travel as long as needed.

When we arrive at the village, we ask to see the

have changed their lives. We tell the elders these stories have changed their lives so much that they want to come and share them with their tribe. We ask many questions, from time schedule, needs in the community, to where we will stay. By the grace of God, I have never been told no. They have accepted our teams, people have remained safe, and the gospel has changed their lives forever.

From start to finish, our travels are always a surprising adventure. On one occasion, I was on my final bus ride after already traveling for two days. It was only a six-hour bus ride, from what I heard, on a terrible road. The rumors were definitely true. From the very start, the driving was going 35 mph on a road I wouldn't even take a four-wheeler on. It was like a cheap rollercoaster ride. Heads were bouncing and bobbling everywhere, except when we occasionally stopped to pick up more people. A little more than two hours into the ride, a young lady sat next to me. I could tell something was

not right when she began to bury her face between my shoulder and the seat. I thought, since it was early, maybe she was going to try to rest on this "peaceful" ride. Moments later, I felt something hit my left sleeve and pant leg. I casually looked over to see the young ladies' skirt covered in vomit. I felt so sorry for her. She looked very pale and sick. Then I realized her skirt wasn't the only place that caught the vomit. Yes, that was what hit my arm and leg. With no complete stops until we reached our destination, I sat in that very spot for another three and a half hours. It is always a surprising adventure.

I have begun a work that can only be accomplished through the work of the Holy Spirit. With these teams, we have been face to face with the enemy in territories that he has ruled for 2000 years. Now is our time! We are taking John 10:10 serious, bringing full life and believing Joshua 1:11. 📖

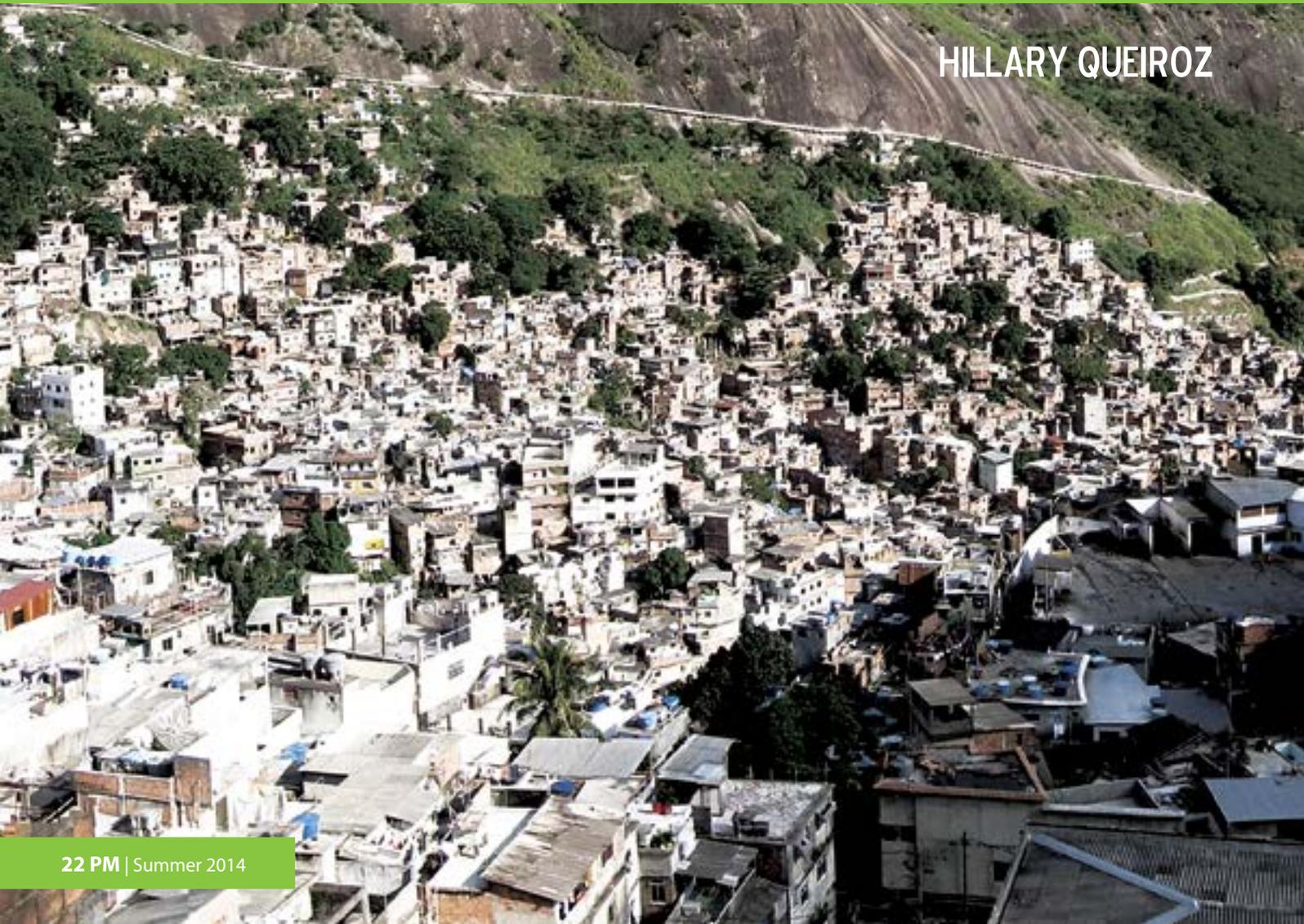
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# WILL YOU GO?

HILLARY QUEIROZ





Have you ever met those people who were just born to be missionaries? The ones who knew, from a young age, that they were called to be a missionary? They received the call at church camp or on a mission trip, and from that moment on their lives were propelled in the direction of their calling. Well, that missionary is not me, and my story is one that could not have surprised anyone any more than it did me. As I write this, I am sitting in the Amazon listening to the rain beat down on my window, and there is no other place I would rather be. I am passionately, head-over-heels in love with the Brazilian people.

I grew up the average church kid who left the hospital at birth and went directly to church (well, a couple of days later). I went to church camp and on mission trips, participated in everything there was to offer, and my senior year of high school decided I would study social work at Evangel University in Springfield, MO. I dove into my studies and really enjoyed what I had chosen to do. Soon graduation neared and I had become very passionate about church social work, as well as legislative reform, and I had decided to go to graduate school in Rochester, NY. While in grad school I was interning in a large inner city, multi-cultural church and was given the opportunity to be a part of a ministry team going to Brazil on a mission trip. I had never had the desire to go to Brazil, and honestly did not want to go on this trip due to financial difficulties, lack of knowledge of the Portuguese language, and a host of other excuses. I wasn't even sure of the exact location of Brazil on the map. Geography class had been a long time ago! Yet the Lord kept tugging on my heart, and one day I received a check in the mail for exactly the amount of the deposit for the trip. I told the Lord that if He would provide every penny, I would go. Soon the funds began literally pouring in, and I was on my way to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, not knowing anyone else on the trip, and meeting my team for the first time at the airport in Atlanta.

It was on this trip that the Lord literally changed the course of my life, well at least the life I had planned for myself. I am sure he had each one of my days ordained before my birth, so this was not actually a change in the course of my life, but part of the journey. As I look back I see how perfectly woven together was each day, every moment, and all that He

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asked me to do. Much of the time it made no sense to me, and at times I questioned God, but I can honestly say He knows much better than me, and I am so grateful that He continued to insist on what I thought was craziness.

When I arrived in Rio de Janeiro, the Lord began to challenge my thinking and much of my "religiousness." I had already had some powerful encounters with the Lord where He confronted my pride and the way I thought things should be. He delivered me from much of the ugliness that was in my heart, and He showed me depth of His grace, love, and compassion. We think we know Him, and we think we love like He loves, but we are far from the reality of His grace and love. He came to fulfill the Law, something that many times I had tried to bring back as I judged others and myself. During my time in grad school and the trip, I discovered how good God is, and a deep passion was being stirred in my soul. I had the absolute privilege to work with amazing people on that trip and saw incredible miracles of healing and deliverance. The supernatural was no longer something "spooky" or "far away," or something that only happens in other countries to other people. The supernatural became very real to me. It was on this trip that I had a radical encounter with the Lord during a worship service in Volta Redonda, Brazil (just outside of Rio). I literally heard the voice of the Holy Spirit say to me, "This is your home." It was as close to an audible voice as I have ever heard, and was not anything that I would have expected to hear the Holy Spirit say to me at that moment. As the days went by and my trip came to an end, I was more convinced than ever that what I had heard was from the Lord.

I arrived back in the United States and returned to my hometown of Joplin, Missouri having completed my Master's degree in Church and Community Social Work. I scheduled an appointment with my pastor, Wayman Ming Jr., to tell him about the encounter I'd had with the Lord and what I knew the Lord had spoken to me. He said four very important things to me that literally launched me off onto this journey I was embarking on. He first said to me, "I believe you are called." This was so important for me to hear to build my faith when many thought I was crazy or that these "feelings" would pass. He also said, "I don't

believe you will go alone," and "don't push open the doors but wait for the Lord to open them for you." At the time the "I don't believe you will go alone" part was hard for me because I was single and had no prospect of a husband. I was thinking to myself that it would be years and years before I would go if I was not going to go alone! Then Pastor Ming said something that I believe is key to God's people fulfilling their calling. He said, "Sow into that which you are called to." He further explained that I needed to keep connected to my calling, to the people I had met, and that I needed to financially invest in my calling. He suggested that I invest in a ministry that I was connected with in Brazil, that I continue to make trips, and keep in contact with the people I had met, literally sowing my finances and time into my calling. I can say that I honestly believe this was one of the most powerful pieces of advice I have ever received. Many times God calls us to specific tasks, but because we don't see them happen in our timing, we give up and never fulfill what He has asked of us. When we sow into our calling, it is kept alive in our hearts, minds, and finances on an almost daily basis.

Over the next three years I made several trips back to Brazil, did everything I could (to no avail) to learn the Portuguese language, sowed in financially to a ministry in Brazil, and kept my heart focused on the call as I lived my everyday life serving Him in Joplin, MO. Sounds easy, right? Wrong. There were days I thought I was crazy, days I was sure I had heard wrong, and then there were days where His peace was so strong and unexplainable that I knew I had to press on.

One day, as I was struggling to teach myself

Portuguese, I ran across a Christian magazine that had an article about a missionary in Africa who was having difficulties with all of the different languages and dialects. The whole missions team had a prayer meeting one night and every one of them received 16 different languages/dialects. As I read this story, my heart began to burn, and my prayer changed. Everyday I boldly declared to the Lord, "You gave them 16, you can give me one!" That became my prayer for almost three years. Now fast-forward to my last trip to Brazil before my world was turned upside down yet once again. This time I wasn't going alone on my trip, but I was taking a group of 12 teenagers and young adults from my church into the Amazon rainforest on a trip down the Amazon River with a group of Pentecostal Church of God pastors that I had met in Manaus, Brazil on one of my previous trips. I knew how to say "yes," "no," "thank you," "you're welcome," "my name is Hillary," "where's the bathroom," and a few worship songs (not that I knew what I was singing exactly) in Portuguese. We were set, and it was going to be an adventurous 10 days that would rock my world.

On this trip there was a young pastor (cue the music) with whom I began talking about a worship CD he was listening to. I had become friends with the members of this worship ministry and was supporting them monthly. It was also during a time of worship where they were ministering that the Lord revealed my calling to me. Naturally, I was excited to see their CD, and like a good foreigner, I had no idea they were nationally known and had CDs distributed all over Brazil. This got the conversation going, and looking back it amazes me to see how perfectly God orchestrated it all, even down to this ministry that was completely interwoven into the story. As we began to talk, through an interpreter, I was blown away by the similarities of what the Lord had spoken to each of us, and I found myself saying to a friend, "I'd really like to marry someone like him someday," thinking that the "someone" would be a tall blonde-haired, blue-eyed American.

The trip went off without a hitch, well maybe a couple, but that's a mission trip for you! On the last day of the trip, this young pastor came to me and told me he had been up all night because the Lord was speaking to him about me. He said he didn't know what it meant, but that he would like to keep in touch. That began a series of conversations online using online translators, and a few language missteps here and there. A few months later, I decided to return to Manaus with a friend and see if what was happening in my heart was real. I didn't speak his language, and he didn't speak mine, so how was this to work? God had already planned ahead. Do you remember the prayer I prayed for three years? Well, it was answered. While in Brazil I woke up one morning and unbelievably was able to understand what was being spoken, but could not speak the language. My friend asked me how I knew what was being said, and I had no idea how to explain it, it was as if my mind had been opened. Three months later, that young pastor, Aldair Queiroz, stepped on U.S. soil for the first time. As soon as he got off of the plane, I began speaking Portuguese to him as if I'd always spoken it. I'm not sure who was more shocked, him or me! Aldair preached several services while in the U.S. and I was able to translate for him. God had answered my prayer in a radical way. At that moment, if I had any doubts, they all faded away. If God hadn't called me to the nation of Brazil, and to literally marry that nation, why would He give me the Portuguese

language?

Six months later, Aldair and I were married. After a few months we moved to Brazil and began working in the Amazon region. We were appointed as missionaries to Brazil by the Pentecostal Church of God and have been working in this nation and other parts of South America for the last 9 years. Aldair and I have two beautiful children, Addysan, who is 7-years-old, and Liam, who is almost 2-years-old. We have Passion and Compassion Ministries here in Manaus that consist of a home base church we are pastoring in the city, a mission base in a village called Timbó in the interior of the Amazon, as well as the establishment of the PCG in the nation of Chile. We also have the privilege of speaking in events, conferences, and churches throughout Brazil.

Did I ever expect to be a missionary? No. Did I ever think that I would speak another language fluently? Never. As I look back, I see His hand on me with every step and every decision. At the beginning of graduate school, I remember the Lord speaking to me as I arrived in Rochester, NY, and He said simply "For such a time as this." I told Him I didn't know exactly what that meant for me, but that I wanted to dream His dreams for my life. I spent a year declaring "freedom" over my life, not fully understanding what that meant. When the Lord got hold of this church girl, I no longer cared what others thought about me, and I know that some thought I'd gone crazy, but it didn't matter. I had discovered the love of a Savior that I had served for so long, but I had served Him still imprisoned by the chains of religion and pride, something that the Lord would have to set me free from if I was to fulfill what He had called me to do. I had a radical encounter with Him that I believe set in motion His dreams for my life in a faraway land, with a foreign tongue, and a passionate pursuit of His kingdom, His glory, and His power!

I guess I was born to be a missionary in a foreign land; it just took a radical life-changing encounter for me to realize it. All you have to do is, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you" (Matthew 7:7). He is wild about you, and He desires more than anything to reveal His mission for your life to you. Verse 8 of Matthew chapter 7 goes on to say, "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." The world is waiting to hear of this Savior who died for them, who loves them more than anything, who wants to heal and deliver them, and who has a plan for their lives. Ask, seek, and knock. When the door opens to whatever and wherever, will you go? 📧

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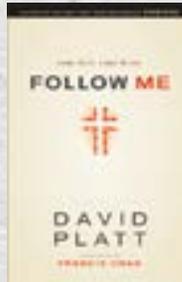


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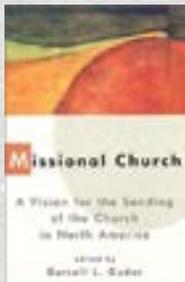


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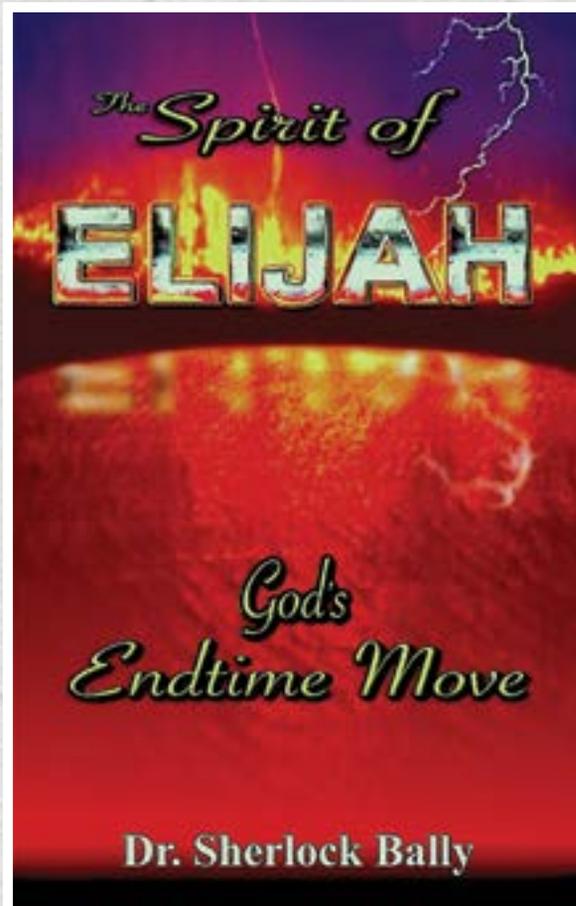


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# INTERVIEW WITH NANCY KINGEN

## MISSIONARY TO BUDAPEST

### **Nancy, how long have you been on the foreign mission field?**

I started out in Hong Kong with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in 1999. Then I took the time to finish up my Bachelor's degree in 2004, I can't remember the exact time frame. I was in China after that, now I'm in Budapest, so approximately 15 years, with some time off in between.

### **In which foreign countries have you been able to serve?**

I've been blessed to serve in Hong Kong, ShenYang, Beijing, China, Budapest, Hungary. I was also in the Philippines for a short trip and did an outreach with local Australian churches called, "More Than Gold" for the duration of the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

### **In your interview you mention using TEFL as a tool, how did you first learn about this program?**

After leaving Hong Kong I was actually going back to finish my Bachelor's degree in Business-Finance, when I felt a prompting to inquire about a degree in English. I met with a counselor at Fresno State, and informed her that I wanted to switch my major to English. After discussing why and explaining to her what I do, she recommended switching to Linguistics, with the TEFL option, which turned out to be absolutely pivotal to my ministerial work.

### **Along those same lines, did you have someone who inspired you to use this as a tool for reaching the lost?**

Not really, the Holy Spirit helped me recognize a niche, in which I can gain access into countries where teaching Christianity is forbidden or restricted. For me it was China. English is an indispensable viable option in closed or restricted countries, with the proper educational credentials, it offers up many opportunities that otherwise wouldn't be available. I've been praying about getting my Master's degree in Global Education. That would open up opportunities for me to teach at the university level in relatively any country in the world.

### **How valuable has your educational experience been to your missionary work?**

It's invaluable. I never would have been able to obtain a visa in China or stay long term without a university degree optioning in TEFL. It is the most practical means of gaining access to the native citizenry. There are numerous countries where a good percentage of missions work is initially done through TEFL. It's just a tool, it's a way in, it's a way to serve, and it's opened up opportunities to reach the locals who otherwise would be inaccessible. Even here in Budapest, the cost of living is high. Most people do not have the finances to cover the costs of private English lessons, so it's how I am able to reach out to the locals. I speak with them, they get to improve their English communication skills; it's utilitarian evangelism, a way to reach out and serve them.

### **How have you seen education and the work of the Holy Spirit work hand in hand?**

I believe it's when the knowledge I've gained through my educational endeavors is utilized in serving God's people, right there is where the Holy Spirit's dynamic is at work, and the resultant effectiveness is multiplied. The divine appointments I'm given are opportunities to meet a need, which in most of these cases is linguistically. People get excited when they discover I teach ESL. The majority of people cannot afford English lessons, so I become a conduit through who the Holy Spirit operates to reach them. Within these personal connections, there's a confluence of His enablement or anointing and my teaching, we work in conjunction to serve them. It requires a long-term commitment and patience; things have to unfold in due time. In these types of spiritual environments, it's imperative not to get ahead of the Holy Spirit; there's too much at stake.

Serving by teaching English is awesome. You think you're helping by meeting them at their point of need, but in reality, that point of contact is where the Holy Spirit is making a spiritual investment in their individual lives. Besides, in actuality, through these spiritual encounters one leaves with so much more than what one could ever give them. They are more of a blessing to me. It's such an honor and privilege to serve them.

I remember one student in a language center came up to me after everyone had already walked out. She leaned over and whispered in my ear, "I'm a Christian too," then put a finger over her mouth to let me know not to respond and walked away. That blew me away, her parents are big wigs in the local Public Security Bureau, and she never mentioned it again. Those are the priceless moments that bring such joy to my heart, and I also believe that during those times, the Holy Spirit is encouraging me through those I serve. 📧



# MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

# BOLIVIA

CAPITAL: SUCRE | POPULATION: 10,556,102 | LANGUAGE: SPANISH



The city of Sucre



## WHERE?

Bolivia

## WHO?

Walter and Flora Nutt

## WHEN?

Appointed as missionaries in 1996. Walter was raised in Bolivia, his father was a missionary there.

## PRAY FOR:

Expansion of work in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina and pastors for new churches.

## FINANCIAL NEEDS:

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# REVIEW

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## MUSIC



### **Shawn McDonald, "Brave"**

With the use of multiple musical genres ranging from alternative, folk, pop and soul; Shawn McDonald releases his 6th album Brave. McDonald's 11-track album encourages listeners to be brave on the forefront and show God's love to the world. The album over all provides listeners with musically diverse and a positive focus in its lyrics.



### **Mercy Me, "Welcome to the New"**

Welcome to the New gives MercyMe a new musical identity; releasing an album that is more varied and pop-oriented. MercyMe collaborated with former Family Force 5 member, Solomon Olds, to create music that is upbeat, with a positive message, like their song "Shake". Besides the album representing a new style of music for MercyMe, Welcome to the New shares the message how God can transform us and make us new.



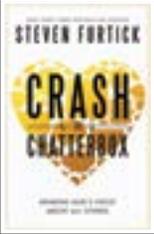
### **Jimmy Needham, "The Hymns Sessions, Vol. 1"**

Mixing the old with the new, Jimmy Needham releases his album The Hymn Sessions, Vol. 1. Creating a new twist to the old classics, Needham covers songs like "Great is thy faithfulness", "How Great Thou Art", "Come thou fount" and etc. Ranging from jazz to alternative mixes, Needham presents a fun twist to old hymns that are memorable and fun to listen to.

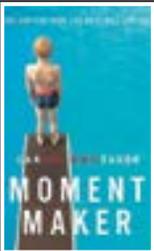
## BOOKS

**Overwhelmed by Perry Noble**

Life isn't always easy: stress, anxiety, everyday problems and the list goes on. There's a point in time where we want to throw in the towel and quit. Perry Noble, lead pastor of NewSpring Church and author of *Unleash!: Breaking Free from Normalcy*, walks readers through a "life-altering plan" for overcoming stress, depression, and anxiety so readers can live a joy-filled life that God created for them. Perry Noble writes on the premise that everything can change once we shift our focus from our circumstance to Christ.

**Crash the Chatterbox by Steven Furtick**

God has given us the ability to choose the dialogue we believe and respond to." Steven Furtick, lead pastor of Elevation church and author of *Greater*, writes that inside your head and heart there is a "chatterbox", feeding you lies that is keeping you from your God-given potential. Steven Furtick uses personal stories, inspiring examples, and practical strategies that allows you to silence the four areas, insecurity, fear, condemnation, and discouragement, to debilitating negative thoughts. He inspires readers to learn how to "Crash the chatterbox... and hear God's voice above all others.

**Moment Make by Carlos Whittaker**

Everyday we have choices to make. Carlos Whittaker, blogger and worship leader, questions readers to let the minutes pass by or to claim them for what they are: to grasp opportunities to unlock the full depth of life's potential. Whittaker focuses on the premise of uncovering the investment of attention in life. "You don't have to be aware – of your surroundings, the people you encounter, the things that interest those important to you, the opportunities that present themselves --- and be prepared to seize those moments and see lives changed."

**Fierce Woman by Kimberly Wagner**

For the married lady – Kimberly Wagner encourages married women to embrace their inner fierceness to become a compelling force for Gods Kingdom. Wagner uses her personal story about her marriage to allow women to discover that their "fierce strengths can be used to encourage and inspire their husbands."

## PODCASTS

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# FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE NATIONS



**M**OVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! What a concept, Jesus moving into the neighborhood. It has now been over 2000 years since Jesus literally “moved into the neighborhood.” In 2014 I think that is what He still wants to do, move into the neighborhoods of this world.

Defined, a neighborhood is “a district, especially one forming a community within a town or city.” It could be called a region, an area, a quarter, a community, or a zone. Informally, it could be called “the hood, the old stomping ground, or just my neck of the woods.” Neighborhoods are everywhere in the U.S. and around the world. In Holland they are called *buurt*, in France *quartier*, in Germany *nachbarschaft*, in Haiti *katye*, in Indonesia *lingkungan*, in Portugal *bairro*, in Turkey *mahalle*, and in Sweden *kvarter*. Neighborhoods are big, small, safe, dangerous, expensive, poor, inter-city, urban, suburban, and even rural.

I grew up in a rural area of central Indiana and we had probably less than 20 houses within a mile either direction from our home. We referred to ourselves as “neighbors” and our area as our “neighborhood.” The Bronx is the northernmost of the five boroughs of New York City, but has several neighborhoods contained in it: Fieldston, Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Bedford Park, Fordham, Belmont, and more. So, neighborhoods can be sparsely populated or densely populated. I found an interesting article on Wikipedia about the sociological impact of neighborhoods. Impact Number 3 was, **“Successful neighborhood action** frequently requires little specialized technical skill, and often little or no money. Action may call for an investment of time, but material costs are often low” (emphasis mine). Follow that with Impact Number 4: “With neighborhood action, compared to activity on larger scales, **results are more likely to be visible and quickly forthcoming**” (again, emphasis mine)

There are many ways to influence people and win them to Christ. Churches across the U.S. and around the world are engaged daily in a myriad of ministries from small Bible studies to mass evangelism in order to get the gospel message of Christ to the populace. We are indeed structured in much that we do, and there is nothing wrong with that. But there is something that we can do every day that will not cost us anything or consume all of our time. We can simply walk out our door into the neighborhood. Small or large, affluent or non-affluent, neighborhoods need to know that Jesus “has moved into the

area.” When we walk out our door and engage our communities, the success that it translates for Christ and his kingdom is surprising. Remember Impact Number 3: “Action may call for an investment of time, but material costs are often low.” The ROI (return on investment) for our genuine concern for our neighborhoods can be significant. And, the results are indeed highly visible. You can just drive around the block and see where Jesus moved into the neighborhood. From Harlem in New York City, to Dashanz in Beijing, to Florentin in Tel Aviv, to San Rafael in Mexico City, to South Congress Avenue in Austin, to Andrassy Avenue in Budapest, to the neighborhood where you and I live, let’s allow Jesus to move into the neighborhood and into the hearts of our neighbors. Remember, neighborhoods multiplied become nations! 🇺🇸

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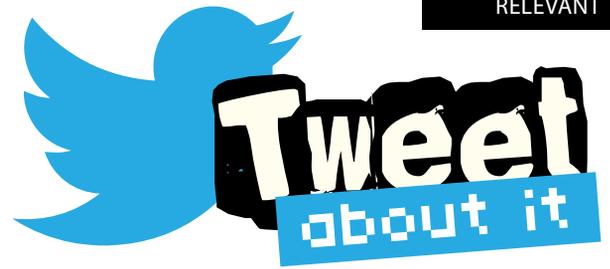
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# WHY NOT?



It was the spring of 1999. I was the ripe old age of 16 and my sister 14 when we enthusiastically announced our new summer plans to our parents. Our new summer destination? Disney World? Nope. Daytona Beach? Nope. Branson? (Seriously. We were teenagers.) Nope. We were destined for a little place just around the corner (sort of), called St. Petersburg, Russia. God had stirred

our hearts and we believed it was our time to go, and we were ready for this journey that would literally take us halfway around the globe. Our parents' response was amazing—100% behind us and ready to do whatever it took to see our dream come true. Our parents could have come up with a slew of excuses not to let us go:

Too young. Too expensive. Too dangerous. Too far. Too risky. Too extreme. Instead they said they believed it was our time to go and they were willing to invest in our dream to go spread the love of Christ on foreign soil.

Working on this issue of PM has brought back so many memories from that trip, my first global trip some 15 years ago. With that in mind, I would like to share with you 5 reasons why I believe we should encourage all teens to go on a global missions trip of some sort.

## #1 IT GIVES PERSPECTIVE.

The population of our hometown (Pulaski, VA) was less than 10,000. St. Petersburg was slightly larger, coming in right fewer than 5 million! It didn't take very long for us to find out that the world God had not only created, but that He loved, cared for, and sent His Son to die for was so much bigger than we could have ever imagined! Going on our global trip gave us a snapshot of the world we had never seen before. For this generation, of whom many are caught up in themselves (#selfie), one cannot underestimate this benefit that a global mission trip provides.

## #2 IT PROVIDES A GOAL TO WORK TOWARDS.

Together we had to raise around \$7,000 in about 3 months. We had our work (car washes, bake sales, etc.) cut out for us! We had to learn pieces of a new language as we prepared to share the gospel in the native Russian tongue. We had applications to fill out, passports to apply for, the list went on and on. It was a huge goal for us to work towards!

## #3 IT ALLOWS THEM TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S PROVISIONS.

When we started the process, we had \$0 and a very small window of time; plus, we were PKs, and we all know what that stands for, right? Poor Kids! Ha! JK! But seriously, as pastor kids in a small rural town, we didn't have loads of money sitting around. We had to trust God and work hard! As we wrote letters, held fundraisers, and put in the effort, God revealed to us His miraculous provision. Literally, in a matter of

weeks, God showed us that where He guides, He truly provides. God also revealed to us the generosity of His people, who have such a great heart for the kingdom.

## #4 IT ENHANCES THANKFULNESS.

I think this is pretty self-explanatory. Let's just say that after a week in the orphanages of St. Petersburg, we never looked at a hot meal, warm shower, or even a restroom the same way again. Nothing fights off an ungrateful spirit like a real dose of reality that is found in visiting a foreign country on mission.

## #5 IT IGNITES DREAMS.

After returning home, we were wrecked for the future. Amazed at the vastness of God's world, overwhelmed by His heart for the lost and hurting, and inspired by our global journey, we now better understood Psalm 2:8, "Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance" (NKJV). Our future plans now no longer revolved around us, but rather a very simple request, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Many people look at a global mission trip, especially for teens, and ask, Why? Great question; however, I think we've left off a word: Why Not? And while we go simply to go, these benefits (which there are plenty more) are extremely important to experience during some of the most instrumental years of one's life. To me, that is relevant. 📧

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