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DBC MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

**SHARING
THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST**



**VIA GLOBAL
MISSIONS**

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RUNA SIMI, PERU

Runa Simi Christmas Project

Dear friends,
It's that time of the year again. A reminder that Christmas is around the corner and we will be starting our project soon and we need your help to reach our goal!



Runa Simi and the Saccsara family would like to bless the Quechua children with some Christmas treats and small toys again this year. With your help they hope to bless about 2,400 children from around 80 communities from 6 different Andean and jungle regions. We will share the Gospel so that these Peruvian children can hear the message of Jesus and his love. They will have the opportunity to receive Him as Savior and Lord. Bless a Peruvian child with Christmas joy this year by giving to this special project.



If you would like to be involved and want more details from this project let us know! You may send your tax-deductible gift to Friends of Runa Simi Inc., P.O. Box 390593, Snellville, GA 30039 or you may give online through the link below.

Make sure to specify: for "Christmas Project"

Paul Howland – Global

Latest News from Paul Howland - October 15th, 2023



"La Paix Avec Dieu", 03230 Thiel s/Acolin - FRANCE

Dear Prayer Partners,

Russia invading Ukraine from the north and Israel attacked by surrounding Moslems all remind me that we might not have much time left to lead others to Christ. I will be flying to France on October 30th after a seven month absence for medical care, a two month trip Across North America with Christ and mechanical upgrades to my 1932 Dodge. My doctor said I was "good to go".

We look forward to finishing Wm MacDonald's Believer's Bible Commentary in French electronic format for e-Sword by 2014. Thank you for your prayers for the international team as it has been a long process, much bigger than we expected! But, you can visit <https://cbm2022.wordpress.com/> to see the free modules available for computers and telephones. There are over 300 million francophones in the world and many more who read



Jean-Paul

French. Our dear brother Jean-Paul Burgat the vision when he had the commentary translated. He went to be with our Lord on August 31, 2023.

I look forward to ministry in French chapels this fall. The believers in Moulins, one of our pioneer cities, is expanding its building. Others are struggling in numbers to meet every Sunday. Some are being singled out by mass media as counter-culture because they follow the Bible. It will be a joy to visit them on weekends for messages and fellowship.

Bible studies by Zoom and discipleship by SMS will continue for believers in North America & France. I appreciate your prayers with me as I travel in planes and trains, meeting people who need salvation. It has been easy with my 1932 Dodge these last 7 months to start a conversation about Christ. But, there is always a way to start a good talk... and it's easier than keeping a 91 year old car on the road!

For those into old cars, I have replaced the Dodge rear axle with a Grand National 9" & disk brakes. All four wheels are 15" mags with Wrangler M/S truck tires. The old radiator leak is fixed. I'll be ready for my next trip Across America with Christ in the spring. It will probably be clockwise around the USA.



new air suspension



racing axle & wheels

My home in France needs major care because of my absence. Grass to my waist, wood to cut for heat, roof leaks to fix and my little car inspection are all ahead. So, your prayers are greatly appreciated. I look forward to visiting unsaved neighbors and other friends to give them a Gospel calendar for 2024. I'll be traveling on weekends, but weekdays are always good for conversations in my village as I go to the Post Office and grocery store. It will be good to see those the Lord has saved and to encourage them.



Thank the Lord

for my pool in Phoenix where I have been able to swim daily for Physical Therapy. I no longer need the leg brace to walk. My right shoulder has loosened up for full movement. Now bicycle riding every other day is gently strengthening my knee. It's a miracle, so I can keep traveling and sharing the Gospel.



Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts sent to Christian Missions in Many Lands for the mission the Lord has called me to do.

in Christ, *Paul Howland*

Please do not make photocopies of this letter, nor forward it in electronic format. This letter may be posted on church bulletin boards. If anyone would like to receive my "latest news", please request it by email from Paul Howland at Howland.France@hotmail.com

Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf, Jamaica



The Boys and Girls are Back in Town

The campus is full of laughter and life again--the students are back and school is in session!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of many NEW students this year! Our campuses are processing and welcoming new students. We have been praying, you have been praying, and God is blessing abundantly! We are thankful for these students and for what an education and language will mean to their lives.

When a student walks across a lunchroom with a tray of food, so many critical elements go into that scene taking place. Your gifts, prayers, and support make it possible. Thank you - we couldn't do it without you.



It is amazing to see the way students grow in such a short season. Little Joshua, pictured below, doesn't quite have the hang of how letters work just yet, but give him time! He'll have it all down before you know it.

Your gifts and prayers are making a difference. Thank you for giving these children an opportunity to go to school. Please continue praying for Jamaica's Deaf children to be located and brought to school.



We can't say enough about our teachers and staff here at CCCD. These selfless men and women go above and beyond to minister to and teach the students on our campuses. Your gifts enable them to minister on the ground, one-on-one with the students. In fact, your gifts help keep the school going...

Campus managers, principals, and their staff work hard to support student. Cooks prepare food, maintenance and janitorial staff are keep things functioning, and drivers are ever on the ready for whatever need students or staff might have.

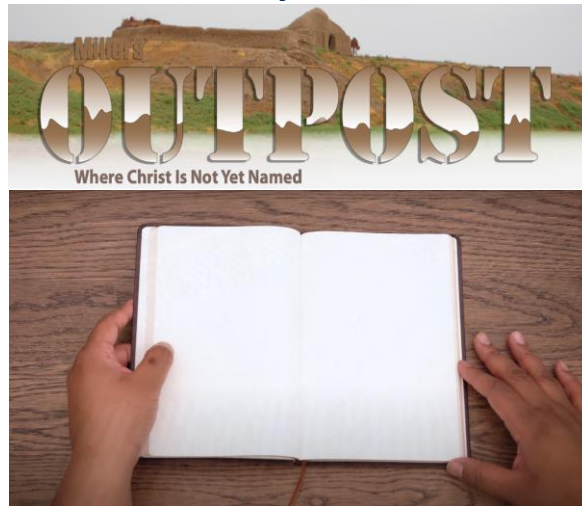


We are grateful for the servants of the Lord who dedicate their lives to serving the students at CCCD. May God bless each of them. And we are grateful for YOU, our supporters who pray, give, and partner with us to help keep this ministry goes. We feel the love, and we want you to know it!

It means a lot to us.
Thank you for all you do for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf!



Dave & Cathy – Somewhere



Romans 15:20-21 My ambition always has been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard rather than where a church already has been established by someone else. I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says, "Those who have never been told about Him will see, and those who have never heard of Him will understand."



Praise and Prayer

- Praise God that several more chapters of Proverbs have been translated in the Owala and Eastern Luma languages. We are making steady progress while working with the translators.
- Praise God that we have remained safe in Central Asia while various events around us leave us feeling a bit unstable. Pray for the Lord to bring peace both externally to the circumstances and also internally through His power and Spirit.
 - Pray for people like the man in the photo below who is preparing fresh-squeezed pomegranate juice. He has a deep desire to know the truth, to live it out, and to exhort others to do the same. Pray that the Scriptures will be made available to them in the languages and formats that they understand best.

Asian Christian Academy

A Season of Thanks to ACA's Partners

In this season of gratitude, we extend heartfelt thanks to the Lord and our dedicated ACA partners. Our appreciation is especially for the generous partners who rallied behind our church planter, Haokhothang Mate, in the aftermath of the riots in Manipur. Together, we not only reached but surpassed our fundraising target, collecting an incredible \$50,000 to aid Mate and provide relief for others impacted, including seminary students on campus. This outpouring of support exceeded our initial goal of \$35,000, showcasing the remarkable generosity of our partners over the past 50 years.

Mate is now channeling his gratitude into meaningful relief efforts in Manipur. His vision includes establishing a hostel for children displaced by the attacks, reflecting his commitment to rebuilding lives. Currently, he is actively coordinating relief initiatives for those sheltered in camps, unable to return home. Hear more from him in the Missions Conference report below.

Patience to Progress: Navigating License Renewal and Academic Recognition

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support throughout the process of renewing our FCRA license. This vital 5-year license enables us to continue receiving crucial funds from the US, and after an almost two-and-a-half-year wait with temporary permits, we are thrilled to share that we successfully obtained it last month. This journey has been a testament to the Lord's lessons in patience and the power of persistent prayer.

Exciting news also comes from the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS), as we proudly announce the re-accreditation of its Master's and D.min programs. In addition to this achievement, we have secured new accreditation for our online and PhD programs. It's noteworthy that the Asia Theological Association, accrediting nearly 360 institutions in Asia with close to 200 in India, has recognized our institution. Of significance, we stand among a select few - only three institutions in India within the ATA network that offer a PhD program. This accomplishment aligns with our broader mission to supply qualified faculty to the numerous institutions across India and Asia, marking a significant milestone in our educational endeavors.



ATA accreditation team with ETS faculty

Unity Beyond Borders: Highlights from This Year's Missions Conference

This year's Missions Conference marked a significant milestone as it took place in Cochin, representing the first time it ventured beyond the familiar grounds of the ACA campus. The event unfolded as a blessed time of fellowship, uniting 27 dedicated church planters from India, Nepal, and Thailand along with their spouses. Together, they were nourished by the profound teachings of God's word.

Our conference speakers, Pastor Tom Gray of Mars Hill Community Church and Carey Childrey from Paraclete Ministries, enriched the gathering with their insightful messages. Pastor Gray delivered compelling expositions from Acts 20, Ephesians 4, and 1 Timothy 4, while Carey Childrey shared a series of impactful sermons drawn from the book of Galatians. The plenary sessions resonated with encouragement, complemented by uplifting singing and warm fellowship among the missionaries.

In the midst of this meaningful conference, we also had the privilege of witnessing personal rejuvenation. Haokhothang Mate, in his 50s, experienced the joy of his first beach visit. His spirits, dampened since the destruction of his house in the Manipur violence a few months ago, found solace and renewal during the conference. Here's what he said,

"I got a healing touch to my wounded and weary heart through the messages the speakers brought to us. I have been quite discouraged at this point of my life and ministry after all my years of life and ministry investment came to nothing. I almost wanted to say, "Lord, I am done with all my physical limitations and abnormal conditions." But the conference co-incidentally came at this time which gave me a new impetus to hang on with perseverance. It challenged and encouraged me to raise the bar of my spiritual life and ministry for greater challenges ahead. The preachings were authentic because the preachers preached their ongoing lives and ministries."



ACA Missions Conference 2023 – Kochi



Year-End Support: Nurturing ACA's Mission

Your generous giving to ACA plays a pivotal role in sustaining and advancing a range of impactful ministries. The Evangelical Theological Seminary, Asian Christian College of Theology, Pastoral Training Program, Agape Hospital, Ray of Hope Center for Autism, House of Joy, and Church Planting—all of these vital initiatives thrive through your support.

As we approach the conclusion of the year, we have set a goal of raising **\$150,000** towards our annual fund, earmarked for these essential ministries. Your contribution can make a significant difference, enabling us to continue our mission of education, healthcare, community development, all of which are centered on advancing the gospel ministry.

The Lord has consistently used the giving hearts of our supporters to build and sustain the work of ACA over the past 50 years. We are immensely grateful for the generosity we have experienced, and we invite you to prayerfully consider joining hands with us once again as we strive to meet the needs of those we serve.

To contribute or learn more about our annual fund and the impact your donation can make, please visit our website or contact me at sjgeorge@acaindia.org. Your partnership is a testament to the enduring strength of our friendship, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of our shared mission.

Blessings,

Stephen George
President
Asian Christian Academy of India



We have several dear friends (3 families) who are going through deep, dark waters right now and yet they are full of faith, hopeful, and **THANKFUL** for the unexplainable peace they are experiencing through the trials! Why? How? What makes them able to maintain peace and joy no matter what is thrown at them? In all 3 cases their unwavering trust in the ONE who they belong to is their "anchor" in life. Watching their responses to these tragic circumstances has made me so thankful that I have the same anchor they do and that I belong to the same God who is sustaining and helping them through very hard seasons...

We have had so much to be THANKFUL for in the past few months!

FAMILY TIME – After being overseas for a chunk of time in the summer, it's been good to reconnect with our Atlanta based kids and with my (Kathy's) Mom in Michigan!



A highlight was David being asked by our son, Ian, to be the crew car driver for him through the night of his 100-mile run in Alabama (the Pinhoti 100)...We were so proud as he ran over the finish line, having been running/walking over the trails for over 30 hours!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES - While attending a Missions conference in a supporting church in Chattanooga, I (Kathy) took part in a panel discussion made up of

missionary ladies at a Women's Breakfast. I had just summed up our ministry of being a help to younger church planters in a few sentences and afterwards a young Italian lady came up to me and asked if we could "help" them in a church plant in London. It turns out that Elena and her husband Oong (Korean/British) are already in London to get started on planting a multi-cultural church, but have no team to work with and long for "help" in getting started... We're thrilled to do this! This week we had our first online call with this sharp couple... In January we plan to start bi-weekly online meetings with Oong and Elena, during the twin's nap time 😊!



CONTINUING MEETING - Our Filipino group here in S. Carolina will be meeting every Saturday for the next 3 weeks to finish up "LifeWorks". Each Saturday evening begins with a meal where everyone brings food to contribute. After an hour of eating and visiting and eating some more, we begin our study - we love the interest and interaction that happens around the different topics covered in the LifeWorks course. This week we'll be considering the topic "Why did Jesus have to die?" This was the group who attended this past week (3 of the regulars were missing) ...



The lady on the left with the pink sweater (Ramona) asked me before we went on our trip if I would "disciple" her when we got back. During our trip, as we continually challenged others to not just do "discipleship" with people, but to help them become "multiplying disciple-makers", I realized that is what I wanted to do in my relationship with Ramona! So, we've been meeting together for 5 weeks, and I don't know who is more challenged and blessed by our time together - her or me???

GOOD NEWS FROM ITALY - This week we heard something from TEAM Italy that was a big encouragement to us. During the training David did for our missionaries there, he shared some of the materials that we have developed and used over the years to introduce people to what Jesus did for us on the cross. We found out that one of the young people that sat in on the training has translated our 8-week "God's Gift" Bible Study into Italian so that the missionaries there can use it in their outreach. Now we look forward to hearing of people who are beginning a life with Christ as a result of going through the lessons....THANK YOU, Lord!



FOR YOU - Last but not least we are THANKFUL to the Lord for each of you! Many times, in the past few months we've mentioned to each other that we feel very rich relationally...with people all over the US and even overseas! THANK YOU for those who use these updates to pray, for those who give so we can keep doing this ministry, for those of you who encourage us in so many ways, AND for those who care so much that they read to the VERY END of this email! 😊

Love from,

Kathy (for the Norths)



October 2023

Dear Friends,

There's an old worship song that says, "Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak."

Connie, Inner City staff in Jacksonville, shared an opportunity she had to serve. She volunteers as a driver for refugees going to medical appointments. This particular day, she was taking two sisters, Amparo, a Colombian woman in her 60s and Maria, severely disabled and in her 30s, to a dental appointment. Amparo needed a dental extraction, but the dentist, one of the few who took her insurance, kept cancelling the appointment.

Connie drove them to the dentist's office and sure enough the receptionist said Amparo was not on their appointment list, but if she could wait they would fit her in. They waited 45 minutes for Amparo to see the dentist. Connie walked Maria in the wheelchair while they waited. Then, after taking them home, she had another hour wait at the pharmacy to fill Amparo's prescription. All told, one trip to the dentist took from 1:45 to 6:30, over 5 hours!

We like to think of ourselves as following the example of Christ by serving others, but when it becomes time consuming, inconvenient or even costly, we balk and look for the nearest exit. The spirit of serving is not only generous, but humble, willing to accept without complaint the inconveniences that can come with assisting others. I have been blessed by friends who have helped me cheerfully when it turned out to be more complicated than expected. Each of them took time out of already full schedules to serve God by serving me.

There are so many vulnerable people today who need to be lifted up by a servant of Christ with a humble heart. It's not always about the big things. Opening a door, a smile and a kind word, a sincere thank you can let the light of Christ shine through us. It was a simple but special reward for Connie when the director of the organization she drives for made a point of calling to thank her for taking time and patience with Amparo and Maria.

Thank you for serving Christ by partnering with me in serving the poor.

Michelle