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DBC Missions

Newsletter



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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, January 21st, Jennifer and I celebrated forty years of marriage. After the morning service at Elim Community Church, we had lunch with the entire church family, in a setting reminiscent of a wedding reception. There were toasts, words of encouragement, and even the cutting of a cake! We are truly thankful to the Lord for his goodness to us over the past forty years, and it is our pledge to remain committed to him, and to each other, for as long as he will have us to be here.

BAHAMAS

Jennifer and I were in the Bahamas, New Providence, to be exact, from January 25th to 30th. I was visiting in my capacity as chairman of the Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Committee, and we were also seeking to catch up with the person who had been the maid of honour at our wedding. What was intended to be a vacation with its bit of ministry turned out to be ministry with a bit of vacation! I ministered at a youth service at East Street Gospel Chapel on Friday evening, at a men's prayer breakfast on Saturday, at the Sunday morning service at East Street Gospel Chapel, and at a united ministry meeting on Sunday evening. At all of these meetings, the preached word was well received.

The hospitality shown by the Lord's people was outstanding. All of our needs were met, and we felt truly appreciated. Our thanks go out to all those who helped to make our stay enjoyable. The Lord will not forget your labour of love.

DAYRELL'S ROAD

The annual Independence Day Conference hosted by Dayrell's Road Gospel Hall was

held on November 30th, 2023. It was a joy to meet with the believers in person, after the Zoom meetings which had become normal during the Covid 19 pandemic. The ministry was shared with Bro. Peter Barkoye of Guyana. The turnout was good and the help of the Lord in the ministry was evident.

RADIO MINISTRY

We continue to see the Lord's hand of blessing on Let's Face It. Our reach has increased significantly since we started fourteen years ago, and we now have persons we consider members of the team, who help us in securing the right guests. We also continue to see, from time to time, content from our guests featured on the local TV news. For example, clips from Jael Davis of Trinidad's presentation on the impact of homicide on loved ones were aired in December of last year and, in February of this year, we had clips from Stacy-Ann Smith and Beverley Walters of Jamaica, who presented on human trafficking. Only eternity can fully reveal the impact of this programme.

FOR PRAISE

- Forty years of marriage.
- Ministry in the Bahamas
- Independence Day Conference at Dayrell's Road Gospel Hall, Barbados.
- Blessings on the radio ministry

FOR PRAYER

- Outreach event at Elim, March 3rd.
- Bible conference at Lethem, Guyana, March 31st to April 7th.
- Academic support programme at Elim.
- Radio ministry

THOUGHT: "Our responsibility is to trust the Lord to make a way, not to figure out how he is going to make it" (*Exodus 14: 13*).

John Honore, St. Lucia

29/02/2024

Dear Saints,

Warmest greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wish you a blessed New Year, may you experience God's love, grace, providence and protection in this New Year 2024. I thank you for your continued prayer and monthly financial support in the past year. I thank God for enabling me to continue the ship ministry in 2024. The cruise ship Industry is expanding year after year new ships with larger capacity are manufactured. Icon of the seas is the largest cruise ship in the world, she entered service on 27 January 2024 the ship has a crew of 2,350, and a capacity of 7,600 passengers. In January and February I visited 20 cruise ships distributed Bibles, New Testament, scripture text, calendar and other literature to the crew, I also had good conversation with the crew.

Pray for crew who received the literature that they will take time to read and obey the word of God, and believe that Jesus died for their sins, and believing they will have life. (John 20:31 that believing ye might have life through his name) Pray for Christian seafarers Pray for their safety at sea, pray for their families back home, and Pray for me and my family. May God richly bless all of you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Yours in the Master's service

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Sam Killins, Venezuela

Hi -

After a year of sleeping on sofa beds, Alejandra and I finally have a nice bed we're sleeping on in San Cristobal, Venezuela... We started renting a fancy mancy apartment that came half furnished in this beautiful city about an hour and a half from the Colombian border (which is comfortably not as hot and humid as Cucuta), and finally we feel like we made it to where we were aiming at for all these years.



Because of our weird sleeping arrangements, I feel like I've had a stiff neck for like 400 days, and just when my spine started feeling better - I went and played basketball the other day and got my muscles contracted all over again, just to not break free from my neck rigidity quite yet.



(the above pic was taken a little more than a year ago, but you get the idea).



Anyway, the Bible speaks pretty strongly against people with stiff necks, who are rebellious and stubborn and who always resist the Holy Spirit (Deut. 9:13, Neh. 9:16, Acts 7:51).



In contrast, in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 50:7 - Jesus set his face like a flint in his determination to go to Jerusalem and fulfill the mission the Father had given him (Luke 9:51); even in the midst of rejection (v. 53), opposition (Matt. 16:23) and agony (Luke 22:42-44).



A respected missionary once asked, "why would anyone want to go to Venezuela?" and the answer is simply out of love for Christ (2 Cor. 5:14-15), and love for my neighbor (Mark 12:31); as well as out of obedience to Jesus, of course (Matt. 28:19-20)... The real question is rather: "Why wouldn't you?" Discomfort? Awkwardness? Fear? Racism? Knowing God a little too well and understanding that He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love? (Jonah 4:2)... For a couple like Alejandra and I - we feel like not going into Venezuela would be like running away from God, and sinning against Him.



Okay, whatever - it's actually not that big of a deal in our minds. We're just doing what God put on our hearts, and what we've been shooting for... We took a detour and got to be a part of starting two churches in Duitama, but now we're back to the border - helping the Cucuta Refuge church on the weekends, while exploring the Venezuelan waters throughout the week.



There's something wildly refreshing about interacting with anyone we meet in San Cristobal, and thinking that maybe someday they could become a part of a new church.

But maybe the bigger story here is that a family that Alejandra and I have been close friends with for like 5 years and whom we discipled, recently decided to leave Cucuta and return to their home town in the Eastern region of Venezuela.



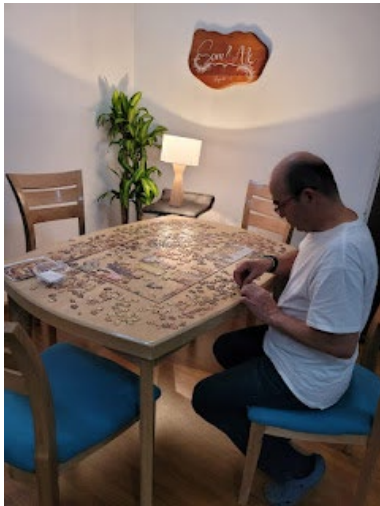
When my friend Gabriel told me about it - I felt so sad that I wouldn't have him close by to work with, but confident that he would take the kingdom of God even where it's needed most.

The kingdom of God is like finding a treasure and selling everything you have to obtain it (Matt. 13:44-46).



And maybe Alejandra and I want to take a bit of that kingdom into Venezuela.

Even though my father-in-law wasn't super thrilled about our decision when we told him - what he did say was that he was glad that Alejandra and I made the decision together.



Barely having even inaugurated our flat - Carolina and Guti (Alejandra's twin sister and brother-in-law) came to visit for Alejandra and Carolina's birthday (March 7)... Our good friend Harry got in on the juice action one of those days - and please pray that he can become a key partner in everything that we do for the glory of God here at the border, because Harry is awesome.

Please also pray for more close friends in Cucuta and San Cristobal that Alejandra can disciple, just like she did in Duitama.



Definitely Vivi and Hammer (with their new-born son Elias) are the other go-to leaders in Refuge Church Cucuta.

One of the bummers about Venezuela is that the light goes out literally every single day, but at the end of that prophetic chapter in Isaiah 50 where it talks about Jesus setting his face like a flint - it says in verse 10, "Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God."



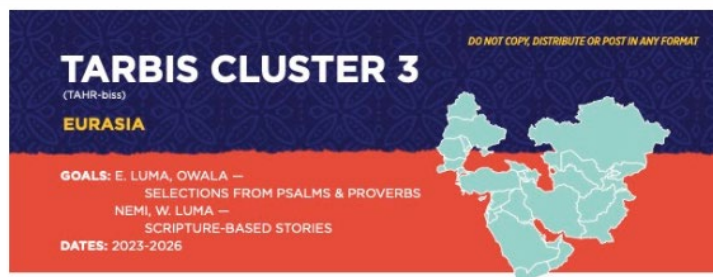
Amen.

Sam and Alejandra

Missionary Profile: <https://www.cmml.us/m/702>

Alejandra's Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/munozmg_ale

David & Cathy



 **LANGUAGES***
E. LUMA, NEMI,
OWALA, W. LUMA

 **SPEAKERS**
158,000

 **BELIEFS**
MORE THAN 99% ISLAM

 **COST**
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Growing Fruit

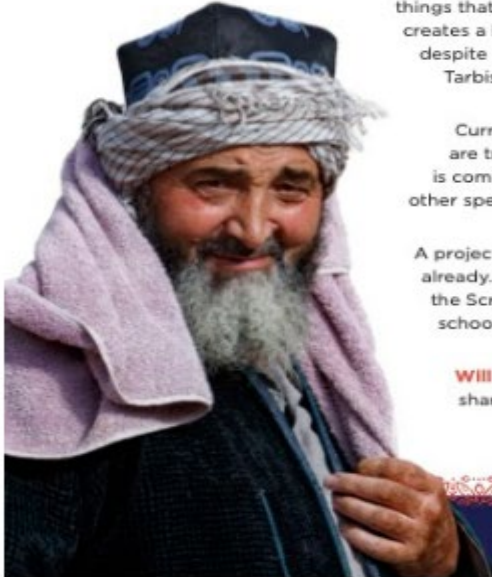
An official in the Tarbis Cluster region made a declaration: If anyone was caught translating the Bible into any of the country's languages, a price would be put on their head.

This proclamation underscores a truth about the country — many abhor things that look and feel like Western Christianity. The outlook also creates a barrier for spreading the gospel message in the region. Yet, despite the challenges, God is reaching out to the people of the Tarbis Cluster.

Currently, ministry partners and their local contacts in the region are translating God's Word into four languages. Once a portion is complete, the contacts share Scripture in a way that best serves other speakers — person by person among local networks.

A project adviser praises God for the fruit this method has borne already. He explains, "Amazing reports are coming in, saying that the Scriptures are being shared among local contacts and even in schools and mosques."

Will you partner with the teams as they continue to translate and share God's Word in their languages?



*Names have been changed
Images do not represent the actual people group

Wycliffe
Bible Translators

TARBIS CLUSTER 3 EURASIA

The Plan

You can help four largely unreached people groups encounter the hope of God's Word in their languages!

In this three-year project:

- E. Luma and Owala teams will translate 27 chapters of Psalms and 16 chapters of Proverbs.
- The Nemi team will produce 15 Scripture-based stories from the Old and New Testaments, and the W. Luma team will produce 30.

To the Unreached

The people of the E. Luma, Nemi, Owala and W. Luma communities live in one of the most isolated, remote regions on earth. No airstrips exist, and certain villages can't be reached by road. In some places, houses are built on top of each other, cascading down tall mountains. In this context, translated Scripture provides an opportunity to reach the unreached and see the birth of a new church.

A project adviser sees the words of Isaiah playing out through the efforts of the Tarbis Cluster teams: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7, NLT).



"The spiritual darkness there is so deep, while Jesus, the Light of the World, is so bright. May the day come very soon when they see His brightness and glory."

— A project adviser



Your prayers and gifts will help the people of the Tarbis Cluster be transformed through God's Word in languages that speak to their hearts!

Click either of the images above or this next link to see a PDF of this [Project Update](#) for the Scripture translation projects in which David is involved.

You also can watch a short video of [Wycliffe's Year in Review of 2023](#)

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 translation of Proverbs continues in two languages.
- Pray that God will provide us with a good place to stay this summer in the USA.
- Our landlord told us in February that he planned to sell the apartment units in our building, so we unexpectedly had to move to a different apartment. We praise God for providing an apartment that we really like at a reasonable price.
- David contracted shingles near the end of our move to the new apartment. He is taking medication and seemingly near the end of the difficulty. Pray that the pain will remain minimal and that he will be able to start working with the translators again very soon.

Prayer Walk & Challenge, Jacinta Russell – ATL

PRAYER CHALLENGE DETAILS

This week's theme is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This week either at 5:16 am or 5:16pm begin to pray daily your prayers of thanksgiving.

Try praying for 3 straight minutes. No problems. No situations. Just Thank Him! He is a good God through it all. He is a good God. Let Him know it. Let Him hear you. Everyday this week. It's okay if you need to set an alarm.

This challenge will continue until Sunday. For now on, check your inbox Sunday night for the new challenge.

Click the link below to help usher you in....

<https://youtu.be/u9nRqR6Oh9s?si=pqMIGeNeEgxE4aH6>

Revelation 19:1 by Stephen Hurd

Asian Christian Academy

Dear Friends:

What a mighty impact special friends such as you are having!

Please PRAY for:

- Dr. Stephen George and all of our ACA India faculty, staff and students. He recently wrote regarding "Training the Trainers" the following: "The mission of the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS) of ACA is to provide masters and doctoral level theological education to India and Asia. These graduates go out as trainers teaching at Bible Colleges, Pastoral Programs, Lay Institutes and Disciple Making programs."

While in INDIA, I had the privilege of ministering to the entire student body and hearing in-depth from some of them. Because of the prayers and financial support of special friends such as you, we are seeing equipping of these students for the LORD. Please see and hear below what your partnership is continuing to help accomplish.

- Me as I have been working on setting up appointments with churches for Stephen when he is here in the U. S. in May; Ask that all may continue to go well.

Seasoned missionary joins seminary (Please click on his picture to open link to hear his story)

Eby Varghese tells his story of pursuing theological education after nearly a decade of missionary work.



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Former Sikh now preparing for ministry (Please click on her picture to open link to hear her story)



Simar Bindra tells her story of joining ETS after coming to Christ from Sikh background.

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Again, thank you for all of your prayers and support!

God bless!

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Eby'.

F Howland, Europe

The last two months, January and February 2024, have been encouraging as the Lord opens hearts one by one. The work He has called me to do is helping small assemblies of believers reach out with the Gospel and lead others to Christ. Along the way I have had the joy of meeting many people both on the North American continent and in France ready to listen to some Good News. There is little hope in this world. So, it's easier than ever to talk about the hope that is within us as real Christians.

Attached to this email is a PDF one page "latest news" letter to help you pray with me for some of the people the Lord has placed on my path. Thank you so much for interceding for them. They need to answer the call of the Lord to be saved by Him.

In His service, Paul Howland



Latest News from Paul Howland - February 29th, 2024

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

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Thank you for your prayers. My health has been okay, so I was able to get back home to France via a tramway, two flights, a train, walking across Paris, another train and another long walk to my home. The last leg of the trip (no pun intended) would have been 25km on foot, but some nice young French people picked me up at midnight and drove me the last 15km :-). It all took 52 hours and gave me lots of people to tell about our wonderful Savior. A French man on the first flight listened well to the Gospel and wants to visit me in France. I invited myself to eat with three young Moslems men waiting for our train in Paris. After three hours together, one said he had never read the Bible but wants to now. The four who picked me up and took me home also listened to the Gospel and took my card about Christ. I was glad to drop into a cold bed when I got home! PTL there is now a phone pole up to my home in France, along a dirt road, but there are no wires yet. I've been using internet via an attic antenna and cell signal amplifier I installed, but fiber optics is coming... slowly :-). The same is true for wood to keep me warm. Delivery is a month late. Thanks for your prayers for these physical needs.



The assembly in Moulins was my first Gospel meeting in February. Two men responded to the message and one came to my house that Monday to talk about it over lunch. He stayed until dinner :-). The assembly has grown and plans to extend the building this year. Please pray for the elders as more people means more work for them.



The assembly in St Chely d'Apcher is three hours south of me, on a snow blown interstate. We had a good weekend starting with open air market evangelism. I was frozen, but that was a good excuse to invite someone



for hot chocolate at the café. There I was introduced to their friends at the bar :-). Lunch was another good time to share the Gospel in another restaurant with the owner. Sunday, I gave a message in my series, "Biblical accounts of personal salvation". It was good to see the little chapel full with friends not yet saved that the believers had invited. We ate together and then talked about my mission and how the software e-Sword can help disciple new believers. All 66 French commentaries are now in one compressed file for download around the world at <https://cbm2022.wordpress.com/> We then watched "Case for Christ". Monday we held a Gospel meeting in a retirement home.



This weekend I will be in the French Alps near Chambéry. My little Nissan Pixo needed a new wheel bearing and still needs a few repairs to pass the bi-annual test. So, thank you for your prayers as I drive across France in winter weather. We have planned two different assembly outreach weekends in Paris in March, so I look forward to telling you next time how the Lord opens hearts in individual hearts. He saves people one by one !

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*

RUNA SIMI MINISTRIES, PERU



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

(Yes it is summer here)

2024 has been a great year so far. Below we want to share with you some activities from January and February, and also some activities to pray for that are coming up.

During January and February, because of the rainy season and summer vacation, we don't usually travel to the Quechua communities in the jungles and mountains. In the mornings, we work locally at the Runa Simi Center, doing maintenance, preparing materials and lessons for the year, and working with the local church. During the afternoons, we support our church and community with activities and sports with youth and families. We are excited for the challenge of a new year. Taking the Gospel to the people groups of Peru is a great privilege and we are so thankful for you who make it possible.



We had a visit from our friends from "Faith comes by Hearing"



Ladies preparing Literacy and "Women of the Bible" materials.



On Thursday we had a closing ceremony for our local churches Summer workshops and activities. Pray as they are planning to start Vacation Bible School from the 1st to 3rd of March.



Runa Simi Tuesday Devotionals.



Sports with kids at the summer church program and afternoon workouts at the Runa Simi center. We have two groups at the center now. One with youth that is more advanced and another beginner group where we scale all the workouts like for Julio (Picture below) who has Parkinsons.



Please pray for the following activities that are coming up:

- VBS with our local church kids and youth March 1st-3rd.

- Nemesio travels to Morocco the whole month of March to work recording the audio New Testament for a language group there with one of our partnering missions.
- Train and Multiply workshop in Parqahuillca, Ayacucho.
- SETE (Seminary Courses for Quechua pastors and leaders in Ayacucho and in Chosica)
- Work with local youth and possible Workshop for youth in March

We also have available a list of all of the projects that need funding. Please help us find the resources to continue to get God's Word out to those who still don't have it in their own languages. One of our biggest needs is for written and audio Quechua Bibles. All of Runa Simi's programs (Bible training for leaders, pastors, women, literacy, radio programs, etc.) all need Bibles. God's Word is at the center of everything that Runa Simi does.

Peter Rumba, Kenya

Praise The Lord! Sis Emily is one of the Widows who recently received new Blankets, cotton bed sheets and pillows but she had no Bed and a mattress which she has been praying for over 8 years since her husband passed on....Her bed broke down beyond repair 8 years ago and when she tried to tie the broken wooden pieces together using a sisal rope still it couldn't work and she became more frustrated and helpless...She decided to spread her mattress on the floor and the mattress also later got very old and completely torn and worn out and she threw it away and has been sleeping on pieces of boxes on the muddy floor...But today a new day has arrived! Have just delivered to her a new bed and a mattress which The Lord has provided to her...What a God! What a Mighty God we serve! He never fails! Thank God Sis Emily now has a new bed, a new mattress, a new Blanket, a new cotton bedsheet, a new pillow and she will now rest well in the night...Oh what a God! What a blessing! Only God can do this to His Children.

She has also prepared her garden and planted it with the quality seeds we gave them...Her Goats for milk and chicken for Eggs are also doing well...Please continue to pray for the Widows Support project as we seek to share the love of God and improve the quality of lives of the poor Widows.



NEW BED

OLD BED

