

# **DECATUR BIBLE CHAPEL MISSIONS NEWSLETTER**



**Sharing the Gospel  
“Run with It”**

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## Michelle Melchor, USA



November, 2025

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by explaining my long silence. While recovering from broken toes last October, I contracted a serious respiratory infection in February which took several weeks to overcome. Then, May 1, I fell and sustained a compound fracture to my right leg. I spent a week in Grady Trauma Center and another week in the Rehab Center. I came home May 20 in a wheelchair and started the journey of getting back on my feet.

With God's gracious help, and the support of wonderful friends I am out of the wheelchair and using a walker. Even if you weren't aware of my circumstances, I know your prayers have supported and sustained me.

In these very difficult times, the ministry of Inner City continues to reach out to poor and needy families with the help and hope of Jesus.

- ❖ See how PowerPacks provided the seeds for a church plant in Chicago.  
<https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/inncity/blog.155.html>
- ❖ Read about JAM camp where 13 inner-city teens made decisions for Christ.  
<https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/inncity/blog.159.html>
- ❖ Learn how the fires in Altadena ignited a new work for the LA Inner City team.  
<https://www.cru.org/content/cru/us/en/communities/inncity/blog/162.html>

I am so grateful for your faithful prayers and support during this challenging time of injury and recovery. God has brought me a long way and I know He will take me the rest of the way to full recovery.

Serving Him!

*Michelle*

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Our student work in the region continues to go well, and we have two fall conferences October 24-26 one in Tennessee and the other in Alabama with both conferences reaching their student goals for attendance with the one in Alabama having to close registration because all the slots have been taken. Praise God!

Veronica continues to improve and gain strength and we are working on making sure she is on the right medications, good diet, and getting the exercise she needs. We are so grateful to God for this journey and the incredible encouragement and support we have received from so many people. Thank you all and keep praying for us. I am working with a group of alumni from both our past ministry in the Atlanta University Center and the Navigator ministry at Tuskegee to do a special fund development effort during the calendar year of 2026 to sustain the ministry at HBCUs in Georgia and Alabama and later throughout the Southeast region if successful. We had a great meeting October 16 and there is commitment to this cause. I plan to keep you updated on this as things progress.

I am working with a team of two others to offer a series of inductive bible studies in Romans highlighting Paul's Spiritual Theology for the Church and Inter Varsity. This will be done with a select group of our mature staff. The first session begins November 14 with an overview of the book. Please pray for this session. I am part of a team of four staff – two old ones like me, and two much younger ones to connect with Gen Z, working on a seminar at Urbana '25 on how people from the African Diaspora can be mobilized to reach the world with the gospel. We all represent different parts of the African Diaspora ourselves. Pray for us as we are meeting regularly to complete our plans for it.

Plans are being made with a group of churches in South Georgia to have another Youth Conference next June. This is part of my work in church partnerships in laying the foundation of impacting HBCU schools in Central and South Georgia like Fort Valley State, Albany State, and Savannah State. This is a long-term strategy which I believe will bear fruit years from now.

Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support. I am a little behind where I need to be financially, and I appreciate your prayers as we approach our December 31 goal. You can give online by using the link provided below.

[https://givetoiv.org/Tony\\_WarnerBlessings,Tony Warner](https://givetoiv.org/Tony_WarnerBlessings,Tony Warner)

## **Hurricane Melissa & Jamaica**

### **Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf, Montego Bay, Jamaica**

I am writing this update to you through wet eyes. This may be the hardest moment in my 14 years of service—and I'm not sure I have the words right now. I've had to pause a few times. We have finally received word from our Montego Bay campus, and it is as we feared.

It isn't good, but the people on campus were not harmed. That's the most important thing. We are still assessing the needs and best ways to support our Montego Bay staff and resident students at this time.

We need your help. The response thus far has been overwhelming. Thank you all so much. Over the past few days, several people have graciously offered to match \$100,000 in hurricane relief! If you have already given, please know your gift was doubled.

I'm still at a loss but beyond thankful that our people are safe. For now, I think I'll let the pictures speak for me.

Appreciate you all so much,

Ben Beukema  
President - CCCD, US



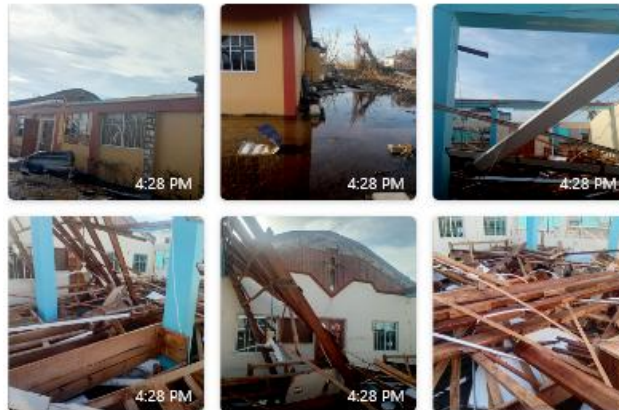


## Assemblies in Jamaica – Melissa’s Damage

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## Brucefield Gospel Hall, St Elizabeth



## Grace Gospel Chapel, Black River Aberdeen Gospel Chapel



**5 more assemblies were affected. CBAJ is focal point.**

# Cathy & David, Overseas

## Weekly Praise & Prayer

We thank the Lord that our home renovation in South Carolina passed its final inspection this week. While there still remains a lot of work to do, this is a big milestone for us. The South Carolina flag has the moon and a palm tree on it, and we snapped the photo above last week. 🌙 🌴

There has been some good follow-up to the conference in Virginia a **couple of** weekends ago. Pray that the Lord will keep the momentum going so that the people groups in the mountains of Central Asia will receive the message of the Good News!

David just arrived today in Thailand, where he will join other Wycliffe colleagues to share and discuss best practices for doing Bible translation and evangelistic work with Muslims. Cathy will give a presentation online, and David will co-present a different presentation in person. Pray that each participant will take to heart what they learn, incorporating effective tools into their work. And pray for God to keep us all closely united as one in our efforts.

Please keep praying for God to give wisdom and insight to those people who are working toward a good resolution to the ongoing crisis in Central Asia.

Joyfully,  
David & Cathy Miller

## Part 2

Solomon's trip to the mountainous region where his Eastern Luma language is spoken was wildly successful. He distributed the recently printed copies of the book of Proverbs in Eastern Luma, and he was warmly received everywhere he went. The only negative part was that people wanted more books than he had available to give them! You can read the details of Solomon's trip report below.

We thank the Lord for the Bible translation work that continues. Nineteen (19) more Psalms in the Owala language were approved for publication. The translator is recording the Psalms and finding ways to make those recordings available to people who can understand them.

God is moving in innumerable ways around the world to make His message of life available to all people everywhere. We have included a story below about how He is doing that in Colombia, South America. There are only 686 languages in the world that still need Bible translation to begin, and the pace of starting new projects has continually been accelerating over the past 25 years. Pray that Bible translation will start in every language by the end of 2025.

## Solomon's Travel Report: Distributing Books in Bright Province

At dawn, while the morning breeze was blowing through the windows of the capital city, we began our journey to the land of mountains: Bright Province. After going through the ups and downs of the road,

we rested for the night in Ranch Province, and the next day, the books that were supposed to be messengers of culture and knowledge were divided into two parts, which went towards Profound District and Brave District.

For eight days, with firm steps and a heart full of enthusiasm, we went to the villages of those areas and presented the books with our own hands to the knowledge-loving people of that region. Our journey was not only to deliver books, but also to deliver a flame of hope and light.

On the ninth day, we left for Ranch Province again, and after receiving the second shipment of books related to the districts of Towering and Serene, we headed to the center of Bright Province. In that land, in villages near and far, we shared the books with the people from our hearts and souls and spent four days and nights in that valley as the most welcomed guests.

On the third day, at the invitation and request of the Head of Information and Culture and the Head of Education of Bright Province, a scientific-cultural gathering was held; it was a gathering full of energy, enthusiasm, and meaning. Fifty government officials and representatives of the country were present at this conference, and deep discussions were held about the Luma language, its alphabet, and the native calendar of this land. The meeting was held in perfect order with good management and a warm and respectful atmosphere, and the participants' questions were accompanied by scientific and documented answers.

After successfully completing this stage, we decided to return to the capital city, and so we stopped again in Ranch Province at night.

Without a doubt, what turned this trip into a journey of hearts was the indescribable passion for books among the young, the old, and the children. They were hungry for books that were written in their native language and that seemed to be a mirror of their identity and culture. Their smiles, the sparkle in their eyes, and their simple prayers for us removed the fatigue of the entire journey.

Having a companion on this trip added to the sweetness of the moments and turned the suffering of the journey into a meaningful friendship.

On the home front, we have moved into the downstairs of the house that we purchased with David's parents in South Carolina. The renovation isn't completed yet, but we thank the Lord that we did pass the final inspection. Our hammock in the back yard by the creek represents the rest that we hope will come once we have some margin in our lives. Living out of suitcases since February has felt very exhausting.

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."