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FROM THE Editor

BENJAMIN MCDOWELL

Managing Editor

In his book, *Something Needs to Change*, David Platt describes a trip he took high into the Himalayan mountains. What he saw there rocked him to the very core of his being. Hiking the narrow paths, he observed desperate poverty and heartache; young girls being sold into human trafficking and victims of horrific abuse. One particular image seared itself on his mind and heart. Standing near a filthy river, he watched a group of young men carrying a dead body wrapped in a white sheet. Stunned, David observed as the body was laid on a platform situated about twenty feet above the water. People were wailing around the funeral pyre as an older man lit a torch and started a fire at the body's feet, hands, and head. The white sheet turned dark, the dead body caught fire, yellow flames shot into the air, and black smoke marred the blue sky.

This is a Hindu ritual. Whenever a family member or friend dies, within twenty-four hours the body is brought to the river and set ablaze. The people believe the body's ashes falling into the river help the deceased in the process of reincarnation.

What a terrible picture of the end of a life lived without Christ! Just twenty-four hours earlier that person was alive and perhaps surrounded by those he loved. Yet now his body is going up in flames—such a graphic illustration of where his soul will spend eternity!

Sadly this is not an isolated image. While the end may look different depending on a person's religious beliefs, each man, woman, boy, or girl who does not have a personal experience of the saving grace of Jesus Christ will one day end up in hell for all time.

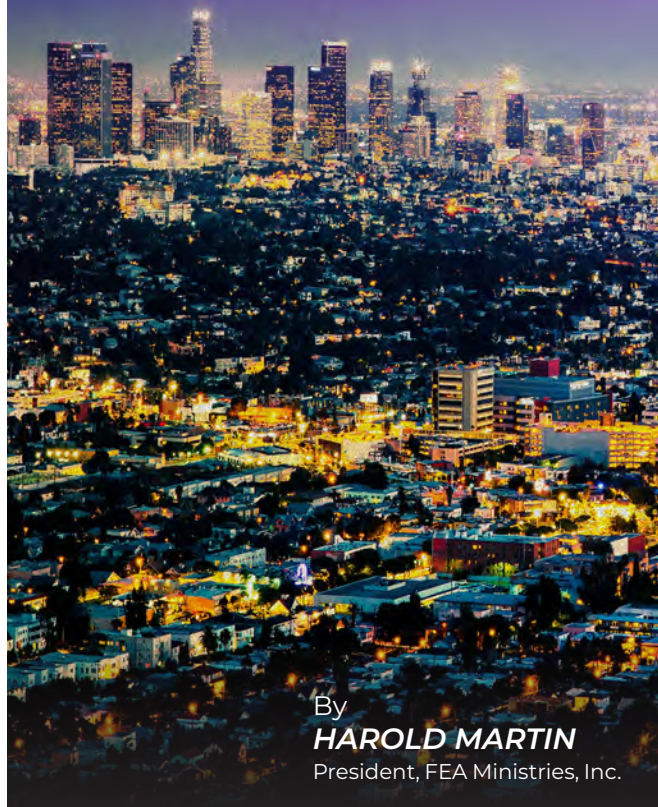
Should this not give each of us a sense of urgency to take the gospel to a waiting and dying world? Does it not compel us to action?

In John 4:35 Jesus told his disciples, "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (ESV). Imagine the urgency of a farmer who knows his crops are ready to be harvested and brought in. Jesus is saying, don't sit around thinking there is plenty of time to reach the lost. No! We must urgently proclaim the gospel now—for the harvest is ripe and waiting!

Today more than 1 out of 3 people in the world have never heard the gospel message. The majority of these unreached people live in countries between 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator in what missiologists call the 10/40 window. A staggering two-thirds of the world's population lives in this region, and we must redouble our efforts to penetrate this darkness with the gospel. At the same time we cannot overlook the fact that many from these unreached areas are coming to us! American cities are increasingly full of the unreached from around the world. These men and women come open to new ideas and change. Some come as students to our universities, some come as refugees from war-torn countries, some come as professionals to work in American industry—but all come with a spiritual need. What an opportunity right here in our own country for us to reach those who have never heard!

Near the end of his book David Platt asks the question, "How would you want a person on the other side of the world to live if you were on a road leading to eternal hell and no one had ever told you how to go to heaven?" Billions of people have never been told.... The World Is Waiting! We are compelled to go. •

COMPELLED



By
HAROLD MARTIN
President, FEA Ministries, Inc.

Compelled—a waiting world and a willing church!

What does it mean to be compelled? Definitions vary. *To drive or urge forcefully. To be driven to a particular course of action, often by an irresistible internal urge.* These definitions are helpful but fall short of fully expressing God's desire for the church to reach out and evangelize.

In 2 Corinthians 5 the Apostle Paul gives us a closer look at what it means for the church to be compelled in the work of spreading the gospel.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on

Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17, 20-21 NKJV).

Did you catch what it is that compels us? It is Christ and His great love for us! Of this passage Charles Spurgeon writes,

To say, "the love of Christ compels us," is to say that the love of Christ has power. It has a force that can bind us and influence us. The love of Christ had pressed Paul's energies into one force, turned them into one channel, and then driven them forward with a wonderful force, till he and his fellows had become a mighty power for good, ever active and energetic.¹

Can it be said of us that we are ever "active and energetic" in the work of evangelism both in our own community and beyond?

This passage in 2 Corinthians points out the importance of the work the church has to do in evangelism. We are referred to in verse twenty as "ambassadors" for Christ. And our efforts to reach the lost with the gospel are as though Christ is pleading with the lost through us!

Time and again in Scripture it is made clear that we are workers together with God in the work of evangelism. The very last verse of the book of Mark says the disciples "went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them" (Mark 16:20 KJV). The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:1 states that he is a worker together with God. We are not left to do the work of evangelism on our own. We do not speak for ourselves. We are ambassadors for Christ, and it is His love that compels us in this work of reconciliation.

Are you compelled by Christ's love for you? The words of the chorus by Doug Holck should resonate with each of us today. "Your love compels me, Lord, to give as You would give, to speak as You would speak. to live as You would live. Your love compels me, Lord, to see as You would see, to serve as You would serve, to be what You would be."²

Compelled—the world is waiting—are you willing? •

¹ <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/2-corinthians-5/>

² "Your Love Compels Me," By Doug Holck, 1987, Lillenas Publishing Company

HIM AFRICA

Waiting World, Willing Church

By GLENN GAULT, Director of HIM Africa

On a recent Sunday Pastor Kali counted thirty-three people at the Matukeng church who were new converts in the last three months! We are thrilled about this kingdom growth. That Sunday afternoon I took a few minutes to think back to how it happened.

First of all, there was a waiting world desperately seeking answers to a myriad of problems in their lives. Drug addictions, broken marriages, demonic oppression, and gang membership are just a few of the felt needs that drove people to seek peace through praying and surrendering their lives to Christ. Others were in church that Sunday because they had become disillusioned with the empty prosperity gospel commonly preached in Lesotho.

Another component to this encouraging growth is a willing church. Looking back, I can see the foundation being laid a few years ago. Stephanie was deeply concerned about how many children left the church during their teen years. She began using a systematic discipleship program for young people called Reach4Life to help them follow Christ in spite of the challenges of youth. The result has been a core group of young people who are growing spiritually and ready to minister to others. Pastor Kali preached a number of

searching messages that helped many of the older people fully surrender their lives to Jesus and begin to experience the power of the Holy Spirit flowing out of their lives for ministry. A willing, well-prepared church stepped out in faith to meet the spiritual needs of the waiting world in the communities around Matukeng Health Centre. In spite of the chilly winter evenings, weekend evangelistic tent meetings have been well attended. Children's workers held a VBS that reached 180 children. Young people are starting more Reach4Life discipleship groups to help their friends follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. The result? Thirty-three new people and counting.... •



A good crowd of children at VBS
A recent TLC team helping in VBS



A weekend tent meeting



HIM ASIA

Praying Freely on the Streets, Teaching Secretly Online

By DAVID BLACK, Director of HIM Asia

HIM Asia is actively evangelizing in multiple countries. Missionary Nichole Barr recently returned to the country of Mongolia, and we anticipate God's blessing on her life and ministry. Believers continue to be disciplined in churches in Taiwan and China, showing evidence of lives growing in Christ. We are thrilled by how God is working!

Not long ago Pastor Hong, one of our dedicated elders in Taiwan, went to heaven unexpectedly. The respect he gained for his faithfulness in ministry was evidenced by the crowd of 300 people who attended his memorial service. He loved walking around town and praying with anyone who would permit it. He loved people.

Pastor Hong felt God led him to plant a church in a small island off the coast of the southern city of Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Taiwan is a free country, but the residents are mostly fishing families who traditionally worship the goddess Matsu, making it a notoriously difficult place to spread the gospel. But God helped Pastor Hong! And the congregation he left behind has kept the work going. Our missionaries, the Halters, the Manners, and Nathanael Bundy give support and guidance. God is determined to multiply Bro. Hong's efforts to bring forth a harvest.

Things have been stressful across the strait for our mainland Chinese Christians who do not enjoy the freedoms the Taiwanese do. The government has stopped all education other than the public school. So our people have gone into deep hiding, and the Christian

schools are primarily online. God has helped us to serve them through virtual classes for many months, and there is real fruit from this labor! In much the same way we are also training pastors in other areas of Asia. We thank those of you who support these efforts, which cause late nights and long days. We appreciate each teacher who is faithfully teaching. And we thank Carolina Christian Academy for hosting the online ministry in cooperation with HIM.

Whether it is a pastor on the street praying freely with strangers or a teacher secretly teaching late into the night because of the massive time differences—just to ensure a child in a restricted area receives a Christian education, the church is making an eternal impact in Asia. •

Missionary Byron Manners assists with a baptism in Taiwan.



HIM CARIBBEAN

Private Airplane Use in the Caribbean Returns to HIM

By JIM HOWARD, Director of HIM Caribbean

Flight plans were filed, the weather briefed, and preflight completed. President Martin and I lifted off from Fort Pierce and took up a southeasterly heading. The first stop was Freeport, Grand Bahama, to pick up Rev. Harrison Pinder, then on to Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands. We cleared into the country and continued our flight to the annual conference of the Lighthouse Churches. Having the use of private aviation again in the Caribbean is a tremendous blessing and brings the churches of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands into a closer relationship.

At Grand Turk a beautiful parsonage and church sits waiting for a missionary family or national pastor to come fill the pulpit. We had a wonderful time of prayer in the church, committing the need to God. We traveled on to South Caicos where Marilyn Marchant labored for years. Now Marilyn is limited physically, so help is needed for the church. I was blessed to visit these churches and see the fruit of the HIM missionaries of the past. We are convinced God is not finished yet!

All the conference services were unusually anointed with God's awesome presence. God used Rev. Pinder to stir our hearts. Spiritual ground was gained by many, and hearts were melted together.

Harold Martin, Ernest Forbes, Harrison Pinder, and Jim Howard



The Lighthouse Church in Grand Turk needing a pastor Jim (left) and Harold (right) with pastors at Lighthouse Conference in Turks and Caicos



Daryl Hobbs reports that Haiti remains a country in much turmoil and instability. But God has not forgotten His children. They continue to find Him faithful. Recently Daryl and Field Director Frank Vaughn met with the Haitian National Committee. Each pastor gave an encouraging report on how the Lord is helping their people. No discouragement there! Daryl had a precious Bible study with the orphans and the director's children, ending with singing and prayer. They had a special meal—with lots of laughter and fun. She also prayed with orphans individually, and several gave their heart to the Lord. Through tears she told them the angels in heaven were celebrating that afternoon.

A new day is dawning for the ministries of HIM Caribbean. Please pray for workers and budget needs. As we increase our access and influence, it creates the need for financial support. Thanks for standing with us. •



Beautiful waters over central Bahamas

HIM EUROPE

Waiting Europeans Have an Opportunity to Hear

By EDWARD DURHAM, Director of HIM Europe

From the time Heather and I were called to move to Budapest in 2010, we had a strong burden to expand HIM's reach across Europe into places where many people have never heard the gospel message. Beautiful churches and cathedrals are everywhere in Europe, but most people are either agnostic, atheist, or have an empty religion that does not really satisfy.

Even though we did not know a single person in Budapest, we sensed a compelling call from God to go and make disciples who could, in turn, make more disciples. We have been amazed by what God is doing through a thriving discipleship ministry He has helped us develop in Hungary. Hungarian Christians throughout the country are meeting in small groups for Bible study, spiritual growth, and accountability. As they grow in their faith, they are naturally compelled to reach out to others who are waiting to hear the gospel. This multiplication is critical in spreading the gospel to the waiting people in Europe.

***A compelling call... A willingness to go...
Waiting people have an opportunity to hear.***

Equally exciting for me is that we have stepped through an open door into a limited-access country where there was a devastating natural disaster. Our missionaries in Romania and some people of their church were compelled to show the love of Jesus to the hurting people and support the ongoing relief efforts in the area. Six months ago this would not have been possible. It is amazing how their silent testimony spoke loudly to the people who lost everything in the calamity. One young boy observed their love and compassion and expressed a desire to become a Christian.

***A natural disaster... Christians are compelled to go...
Waiting people have an opportunity to hear.***

Many more people are still waiting to hear! As we travel throughout Europe and walk the streets of the cities, we pass hundreds of people who have never heard. The clarion call is clear: we, the church of Christ, must get involved! We must reach out to the lost and hurting in the world around us! Please pray with us that God will call more laborers into the harvest—***so all may hear.*** •

Ed Durham speaking at Discipleship Conference



HIM LATIN AMERICA

God Is at Work in Latin America

By ERIC KUHNS, Director of HIM Latin America

I recently listened to a recorded message by Rev. Rowan Fay on the topic of the “Four Calls of Soul Winning.” In that message I was reminded there is a call from within (the heart), a call from above (heaven), a call from beneath (hell), and a call from the pulpit to go out into the world and be soul winners. My heart was stirred. “That’s what we want to do,” I thought, as I listened intently. We do not want to be busy with activities, meetings, running to and fro, just acting, looking, and feeling busy. We want to be involved and invested in the things God uses to win souls: prayer and fasting, preaching, visitation, evangelism, and love—biblical, tried-and-true methods that God will never stop using to reach the lost. These are the ways God compels a waiting world, and this is what we are endeavoring to do in HIM Latin America.

In Honduras Jeremy and Esther Hopkins have been getting settled into ministry after completing their language studies. They are reaching families in the community of Las Uvas. They have developed and used a VBS in San Pedro Sula and in Las Uvas, sharing the gospel with the needy children there.

In July we baptized seven people at our Tiloarque church. One of the ladies who was baptized

came to our very first service about sixteen years ago. She left our church for a while but then returned this year. God has been speaking to her and working in her life. She said to me, “I am getting up in age, and I don’t have long to live. I want to make sure I am ready to die.” She has been seeking God in our services and took the step to be baptized. She was so excited that day!

New converts were baptized in Mexico recently. Pastor Abel Rodriguez has been exploring opportunities for a new work with a family that Pastor Jorge Romero came into contact with about seven or eight years ago. The mother of the family, Petra, invited Pastor Abel to come to their town and meet her family that she is trying to win to Christ. While he was there, he was able to baptize some of the new converts. Praise the Lord!

In Guatemala the congregation in Tacana has begun their church building project. They are excited for what the future holds. Pray that this new building will be a blessing to many and that God’s glory will dwell there! May this new church be a place of rescue and refuge for the lost and dying.

God is doing exciting things in HIM Latin America! •

1. Pastor Abel Rodriguez baptizing in Mexico
2. The Hopkins holding a VBS in San Pedro Sula
3. Seven newly-baptized believers with their certificates



HIM US SPANISH MINISTRIES

Meeting in the Marketplace

By SIDNEY GRANT, Director of HIM US Spanish Ministries

Jesus' parables taught that God works in small ways with big endings in mind. Ministry opportunities are all around us. We must be intentionally “compelled” to go as a willing church to a waiting world.

Recently US Spanish Ministries has been inundated with opportunities to start churches in the marketplace. We intentionally are asking for God's leadership as we explore six new opening doors.

1. Mount Olive, North Carolina

About twenty Hispanic people are meeting in this agricultural community. On Sundays some drive two hours to our Graham (NC) Hispanic holiness church. A brother and sister are studying in the Spanish Bible Institute.

2. Orlando, Florida

A God's Missionary facility needs a pastor. A capable couple has said they would go if the facility becomes available. The pastor would also minister to the English folk who attend there. The area is very international, particularly with Hispanic influence.

3. Jacksonville, Florida

A group of Honduran holiness Hispanics who have been meeting have expressed interest in officially organizing a church within Iglesia Evangelica de Santidad. If this works out, HIM will be ministering in five of Florida's largest cities, moving closer to our goal of evangelizing the top ten.

A group of believers from Mount Olive, North Carolina



The church in Chattanooga, Tennessee

4. Chattanooga, Tennessee

Nestled in a neighborhood of Hispanic people is a Bible Methodist Church that closed when two churches merged. This “tri-state strategy”—NW Georgia, south central Tennessee, and NE Alabama—all have Hispanic populations. A young man has expressed interest in this open door.

5. Westfield, Indiana

Leadership is exploring strategic approaches to begin a Hispanic church in Westfield. A youth event held in September tested the idea.

6. Hawthorne, Florida

A family of ten has offered their garage to begin a church and is considering donating land for a building. Gainesville, a university city nearby, has 18,000 Hispanics from various countries. This is a very strategic possibility.

As we continue to be on mission with God in the marketplaces of our cities, God is giving us opportunities for ministry. Our prayer is for more workers to intentionally disciple Hispanics for Christ! •



ANGEL HOUSE

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REACHING THE UNREACHED IN AMERICA

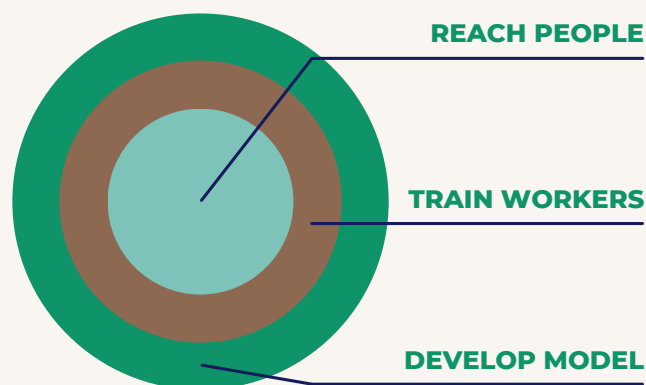
Today more than one out of three people have never heard the gospel message. While the majority of these are located in the area of the world known as the 10/40 Window, American cities are increasingly filled with individuals who have immigrated from unreached areas. Some come as students in our universities, some come as refugees from war-torn countries, and some come as professionals to work in American industry. These men and women are open to new ideas and change. What an amazing opportunity to reach them with the good news of Jesus!

One example of a culturally-diverse city is Dearborn, Michigan. Home to the greatest concentration of Muslims per capita in America, Dearborn has one of the largest Arab populations outside the Middle East. In 2018 Hope International Missions (HIM) formed a relationship with Angel House, an organization which had ministered to Muslims in Dearborn for nearly twenty-five years. Two years later, due to her impending retirement, the director asked if HIM was interested in acquiring the property and facilities to continue the work of Angel House. Following much prayer and consideration, the FEA Ministries board agreed to move forward with the purchase in September 2022.

We have three primary goals for Angel House. First, we intend to reach people with the gospel. Angel House is strategically located in the center of Dearborn's Arab population. God has sent the Gray and Susan families to serve there, and the large facility makes possible a variety of meaningful ministries such as English classes, citizenship classes, life-skills training, and children's ministries.

Second, we plan to train workers interested in Muslim and Arab evangelization, urban ministry, and teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). Though Dearborn has a unique cross-cultural feel, it is ideally situated for easy access, making it convenient to visit. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about any of these areas, we would love to help you!

Third, we want Angel House to serve as a model for other ministry centers in cities across North America. Whether in Chicago, Boston, Houston, or your hometown, these centers can come alongside local churches to intentionally target the surrounding cross-cultural population with the gospel message.



In the short time since HIM acquired Angel House, we have already seen spiritual fruit born! Scott Susan, HIM's director of Angel House, writes,

God has been doing some marvelous things here in Dearborn. It has been amazing to see Him work. People are clearly being drawn to Christ. There have been some big breakthrough moments, and some are just now understanding who Christ really is. One person asked Christ to forgive them. Some are being disciplined, and there is a stir in the community of "What's going on at that place?"

We believe many people will be impacted by the ministry of Angel House. Souls will be saved and disciplined, and workers will be trained to more effectively spread the gospel. For that to happen, we must finish paying for the facilities. ***Will you generously help us reach the remaining financial goal? This is your opportunity to make a lasting difference!***

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GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION

The World Is Waiting

By JOE TAYLER, Director of GPM

The world is waiting and hungry. We have what they are hungry for and searching for. The question is: are we willing to be compelled?

Hungry people are all around us—next door and down the street. People can be reached outside the church in many places.

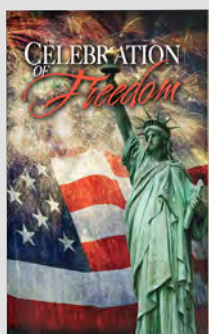
An excellent place is at parades in your own town. We have attractive evangelistic books designed especially for this.

Another place is “biker” events. We have many small evangelistic books created with these events in mind. And the books are very well received and effective.

Patriotic events provide another opportunity to reach hungry people. We have three of these small, beautiful books for this purpose.

Another book is designed especially for disaster relief. It is a quality book and is very helpful.

Opportunities are literally around the world. We have over 4 million books in at least 217 countries and regions. Yet this is but “one drop in the bucket!” Can you give a book away? How can we not give someone a book when it contains the message of salvation people are searching for? Are you willing to be compelled? Is your faith sharable? •



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

By ESTHER HOPKINS, Honduras

While Honduras is a beautiful country with many similarities to the United States, one need only drive minutes from the airport to realize differences between life in Honduras and the States. The rich smell of the mahogany trees, the revving of mototaxis and motorcycles, and the sight of the lady cooking *baleadas* alongside the highway are just three snippets of a country where time moves a little slower and life revolves around relationships.



One of the ways this family-oriented society is most evident is in the Hondurans' ability to make holidays and parties something extra special. It does not require much money or elaborate decorations, but it will include a late night, lots of *fresco*, balloons, and a cake. Always a cake. As one of our church members told us, "If there's a birthday, we buy cake. A graduation? Cake. A funeral? Cake." And while desserts are not common in everyday meals, one of our favorite desserts in Honduras is very simple to make: Tres Leches Cake.

Last month we had the privilege of attending the quinceañera, or fifteenth birthday party, of one of our teens. In a manner resembling a wedding, family and friends come together to celebrate the young girl's transition from a child to a young lady. This is symbolized in many ways, including her receiving her last doll of childhood as well as her father removing her tennis shoes and putting on her first pair of heels. We loved getting to celebrate this beautiful event, complete with fancy ball gowns and an elaborate dinner.

While the quinceañera was elegant, other birthday traditions are less so. Many birthdays include the celebrant wiping icing on their face before the guests have a chance to push their face into the entire cake. Others hire mariachi bands to serenade the fortunate person—often in the middle of the night. One other custom we have not personally witnessed includes the birthday child getting an egg broken on his head and flour and water thrown on him.

We have loved participating in many of these festive traditions but are definitely hoping nobody sends a mariachi band to our house for our next birthday! •



Tres Leches Cake

Three Milk Cake

- 4 Eggs
- 1 Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 ¼ C Water
- 1 T Vegetable Oil
- 1 t Vanilla
- 1 Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 Can Evaporated Milk
- 1 C Whipping cream
- 2 C Prepared Chantilly (or Cool Whip)

Preheat oven according to cake mix box directions. Grease a 9" x 13" cake pan.

In a large bowl lightly beat eggs. Add cake mix, water, oil, and vanilla and mix to combine. Pour into greased pan and bake as directed on box.

After baking, allow cake to cool for 5 minutes. In a large bowl combine the condensed milk, evaporated milk, and whipping cream. With a fork poke holes in the cake every half inch. Pour the milk mixture over the baked cake.

Refrigerate for at least one hour before covering with Cool Whip. Can be eaten immediately, but we prefer it the next day.



Reclaiming the Passion PROCLAIMING CHRIST

By DR. RANDALL MCELWAIN

In our last *World Update*, I suggested that one sign of a weak church is a lack of missionary vision. However, it is possible to have a passion for the work of missions while not having a passion for the gospel of Christ. In the early twentieth century many mission organizations devoted resources to building hospitals, clinics, and schools. They spent millions of dollars and sent hundreds of missionaries overseas.

They focused on social needs, but they gave little attention to the spread of the gospel. Their efforts at social reform were not wrong, but they were incomplete. These missionaries bettered the lives of millions, but they failed to spread the message of the gospel.

It is not enough to be passionate for missions; we must be passionate about proclaiming Christ. We see this in the book of Acts. Over and over the apostles proclaimed “the name.” Yes, they

healed the sick and fed the hungry. But above all they unabashedly proclaimed that Jesus is the only hope for fallen humanity.

After healing a lame man at the Temple, Peter and John proclaimed to the officials who questioned them, “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12 ESV). They offered more than hope for a better life today; they preached the hope of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Missions today is multi-faceted. We should provide education. We should meet material needs. We should aid those who suffer natural and man-made disasters. But above all we must proclaim Christ. The history of missions shows that when we fail to keep

the gospel central, we become just one more well-intentioned social service organization. We may serve the temporal needs of people, but we will fail to meet their eternal needs.

Our world is waiting for a willing church to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ. To meet the needs of our world, we must reclaim the passion for proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ. •

FURTHER READING

Operation World
Patrick Johnstone

Radical: Taking Your Faith Back from the American Dream
David Platt

FIELD NOTES

Spreading Hope

By ANGELA THORNTON

Dozens of children were waiting to learn about Jesus during vacation Bible school (VBS) in Ha Setho, Lesotho, on a hot afternoon in October 2014. Around 120 children gathered on benches placed outside the small church during the three-day VBS. As I shared the gospel message, little did I realize the eternal impact being made on those young hearts. A few parents and teenagers attended the services. Many children prayed to be saved.

When I moved to Lesotho in 2018, I was encouraged to see several of those children still attending the church. Pastor Liau realized the youth and Sunday school children needed special discipleship and training. In 2022 he requested that I assist with those efforts. For more than a year, we have been working together to invest in the spiritual and personal lives of these young people.

Many of the youth have shown deep spiritual growth. Some of the older teenagers have started teaching Sunday school. Other youth are leading the singing, prayer services, and Bible studies. They have taken upon themselves the responsibility to keep the church clean and to prepare for visitors.

Nearly every week new faces are in the congregation. Several women have been impacted by the change they have seen in the youth. They are now attending regularly along with a couple of fathers. The youth are living and speaking their testimony at home and school, which has been evidenced by their friends joining them for church services. Teachers are reporting the change they see among our young people, especially those attending Reach4Life discipleship classes on Saturdays. God is compelling His church in Lesotho to go and spread the gospel of hope among a hurting, lost, waiting world. •



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FEA NEWS

Nichole Barr Back in Mongolia

On August 25 Nicole returned to Mongolia. Her primary focus over the next year will be language study at the National University. Please pray that God will give Nicole wisdom in reestablishing relationships and learning the language.

The Cressman Family Arrives in Spain

Following a long process to obtain visas, Wes and Janna Cressman with their two children Ella and Carter arrived in Barcelona, Spain, on September 27. Pray for them as they adjust to a new culture and begin building relationships.



First HIM Latin America Church Celebrates 25 Years!

During the third weekend of August the San Pedro Sula church in Honduras celebrated their 25th anniversary. This first HIM Latin America church marked this historical moment with special services, a baptismal with three new converts, and fellowship among the believers. Rev. Sidney Grant, one of the special speakers, shared memories of the church's beginnings and challenged the congregation to tap into the resources of intercessory prayer, obedience, and faith to continue to be a church where God's blessing abides. They also celebrated the Lord's Supper together. There was a wonderful sense of worship, and God's presence was with them. Praise the Lord!

2024 Sea Breeze Camp Registration

Online camp housing reservations for Sea Breeze Camp 2024 opened Monday, October 2, 2023. Visit camp.feaministries.org to register. Housing is available on a first-come basis. Reservations can be made by phone beginning January 15 by calling 772-545-1400 ext. 2255.



Africa 85 in Cameroon

In late July Glenn Gault, Maricka Herrer, Dr. Randall McElwain, Rev. Joseph Mpakanyane from Lesotho, Benjamin McDowell, and Lucas Wilson traveled to Douala, Cameroon. They met with Christian brothers and sisters from a church there where the Africa 85 initiative has come alongside to help develop a training center for pastors and Christian laypeople using the Shepherds Global Classroom curriculum. God blessed, and His presence and guidance was clearly sensed in teaching sessions, services, and many individual and group conversations. Praise God for building His kingdom through the Africa 85 initiative!

Prayer Connections Email

FEA sends a bi-monthly email highlighting praises and prayer requests from our various mission regions and departments. If you would like to receive it, sign up by sending your email to info@feaministries.org.



LOUIE THE MONKEY

In our last edition, Zane Jones found Louie the Monkey on page 9. Congratulations, Zane!

Louie the Monkey is hiding again. See if you can find him and be sure to let us know! The first five kids who call 772-546-1113 or email engagekids@feaministries.org will have their names published in the next issue of the *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!

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In August of 1732 the first Moravian missionaries left Europe to win the lost for Christ. God used the Moravians powerfully to reach a waiting world with the gospel—so much so that in the first twenty years of their existence, they sent out more missionaries than the whole Protestant church had done in two hundred years. What was the motivation for this tremendous work?

Speaking in the year 1900, the missions secretary for the US Moravian church summed up the reason:

*While acknowledging the supreme authority of the Great Commission, the Moravian Brethren have always emphasized as their chief incentive the inspiring truth from Isaiah 53:10-12: making our Lord's suffering the spur to all their activity. From that prophecy they drew their missionary battle cry: 'To win for the Lamb that was slain, the reward of His sufferings...' [The secretary continued.] In no other way can we so effectively bring the suffering Saviour the reward of his passion as by missionary labor, whether we go ourselves or enable others to go. Get this burning thought of "personal love for the Saviour who redeemed me" into the hearts of all Christians, and you have the most powerful incentive for missionary effort. Oh, if we could make this missionary problem a personal one... the indifference of Christendom would disappear and the kingdom of Christ would appear.'*¹

Much can be learned from the Moravian example. The compelling force behind their mission outreach was above all a burning love for Christ which instilled an urgent desire to bring Him joy and glory through winning the lost. If we want to see an increase of passionate, committed missionaries sent out, this too must be our starting point. •

¹ Murray, Andrew. *The Key to the Missionary Problem*, CLC Publications, Fort Washington, PA, 2012, pp. 33–34.

*Join us as we ask earnestly
for "the Lord of the harvest"
to continue sending people
into the harvest fields
He has prepared.
See Luke 10:2.*

PRAY FOR A DEEPENING OF PERSONAL LOVE FOR CHRIST IN HIS FOLLOWERS.

The more intensely we love Christ, the more we become like Him. The closer He draws us to His heart, the more He gives us His heart for the world. This in turn constrains us to reach the lost. For God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

PRAY FOR A REVIVAL OF MISSIONARY SPIRIT AND ZEAL IN OUR CHURCHES.

Let it be said of our churches and each of us individually that we love Jesus so much, we could never be content to sit idly by while a dying world rushes into eternity without Him. Ask God to rekindle an urgency to be ambassadors for Christ, imploring others to be reconciled to God.

PRAY FOR NEW MISSIONARIES.

So many people around the world are spiritually lost and in desperate need of the gospel. We are grateful for the missionary team God has given us but are convinced many others need to answer the call to serve.





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2. Hope International Missions is involved in church planting, education, health ministries, orphan and vulnerable children services, established churches, literature production and distribution, youth ministries, prison ministry, and more.



HIM missionaries present during Sea Breeze Camp 2023

3. Over 250 people have served under the auspices of Hope International Missions. Many more could be put to useful work in the kingdom of God.
4. International people regularly contact Hope International Missions asking for help in their countries. Pray for God to raise up more workers for the ripe fields.