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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



I continue to be amazed at all God allows us to be a part of year after year. This past year is certainly no exception. When I am standing in the midst, however, continually trying to juggle several situations at the same time, it is hard to see what is being accomplished. So, let us take a look back and praise the Lord for all His good works!

Right now, I am sitting in a small café inside the airport in Lima after flying from Tarapoto earlier this morning. I have an eleven-hour wait here, then a five-hour flight to Miami, and another four and a half hours in Miami before my flight to Tampa. From the time, I got in the hotel van this morning until I arrive in Tampa, it will span a little less than 25 hours. I should be able to finish this newsletter, sort through the 514 emails that I have stockpiled in Outlook, and spend a few hours working on the online version of the CTC program. I have learned not to get too upset with these long layovers. Once I locate a good table next to a power outlet, I can usually get a lot of work done without any interruptions. Back to the year in review...

At the beginning of each year, I am still reporting on events from the prior year. It was not until our April newsletter that I reported on events taking place in 2016. The New Year will be no exception as I just finished writing the February 2017 newsletter concerning my current December trip to Yurimaguas, Peru.

The April 2016 newsletter reported on part of my February trip to Africa. While I was in Uganda, our location in Ghana graduated another six students. Our CTC program is in Accra and goes by the name "Shepherd Fold Christian Training Center" (SFCTC).

This was their third batch of students, bringing their graduation total to sixteen. Here is a photo of the graduates and seated are their instructors. I was in



Uganda to teach our students in Mutufu. We met in the church building of Pastor Moses Maliro, pictured here with his wife, four

daughters, two sons, and an adopted daughter. The classes were being held under a temporary covering that was inside the large church building constructed by the official giving congregation.



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I was so moved by this pastor's faith! These folks are very poor materially, existing mainly by what they can grow and sell in the local market. Pastor Moses told me that when God gave him the vision for this facility, everyone said it was impossible. He chose to believe God, however, and challenged his congregation. People began to sell animals and crops, many sacrificing in faith to buy a few more bricks and cement, doing the work themselves. The car in the photo above belongs to the engineer who helped them design the building. He is a member of the congregation and a student. I don't think anyone else in the congregation, including the pastor, has any other motorized transport. Before leaving, I asked him for all the information needed to put a roof on the building. God provided a family in the Tampa area who is funding the cost of the materials. Bishop Jotham Opicho, who oversees both this CTC program and his own in Nakuru, Kenya, sent me



this recent picture.



From Uganda, I flew to Burundi. We have two CTC locations there. Students came from both locations to Bujumbura to meet and learn. Other students came from Uganda and Rwanda. They all wanted to be there as I was teaching "Pastoral Theology." We also invited area pastors who were not actually part of the CTC program.



Many of the pastors in Burundi have no training, and false teachings and beliefs abound.

In June, I shared that we had raised enough funds to begin the construction of the "Peanut Church" in Malawi, Africa. This



small congregation was meeting in a small pole barn with a thatch roof alongside a peanut field they had planted. That building is nearing completion; we are only waiting on the wood planks that will make up the



roof system. Once it is completed, I plan to go to Malawi to dedicate the facility that is in the Muslim area of Mbwana. Thank you, Jesus, and all of you who gave!

I also reported in June that Pastor Moses Chituka, from

Dedza, Malawi, some distance from our present locations, had contacted me and requested to begin using the CTC program in his Bible training center. He has since met with Stephen Tambuli and will become a part of CTCM (Christian Training Center Malawi). We are excited about this new addition to the CTC program! I love multiplication; now we need God to multiply our support to keep up with the growing needs!

In July, I talked about my trip to Haiti. We presently have about 90 students and teachers and two locations. We are waiting for enough funding to give them the go ahead to begin regular classes. This has been a test of faith in some respects as well as patience, something I often struggle with. I have sought at least five churches to help sponsor this CTC program, talked to individuals, and prayed for a breakthrough, without any positive response. It is hard for me to sit back and wait when I see everything is in place to move forward. The only thing holding us back is the funding. Just recently, a faithful couple asked to have breakfast with Vicky and me, wherein they pledged a \$15,000 gift. I asked for their permission to use part of the gift to fund a portion of the program in Pastor Dalvimar's church facility in Port au Prince, Haiti, so we can get at least part of that program moving forward. They were graciously open to whatever projects the Lord put on my heart to do. I contacted Haiti to share the good news. We will begin with a small test group. We have another location in the southern part of Haiti as well,



there Pastor Sylvian is teaching the CTC program to a group of fourteen students.

In August I presented my CTC statistics which gave you an overview of all the **50+ locations**, their directors, number of current students and graduates. We ended **2015** with **2,387 graduates** and **1367 students enrolled**. As we come to the end of **2016** we will have graduated **2,614** and have **1128** enrolled. That is an increase of **227 graduates**. A good year for graduations. PTL! Please keep them in your prayers for as we give we will share in their reward.

In September, I updated you on my May trip to China. Those students went on to graduate in October, which was part of the December report. We have now graduated no



less than **569** students in China alone that we know about.



In October, I reported on our June and July trip to Ecuador. I showed you some of the photos of the renovated church facility



that Vicky's family pastors. Her father and older brother are sharing leadership there. We are seeing real growth, new disciples being trained,

and a growing children's ministry each week in Portoviejo. Since the church photo was taken, the building on the left had to be taken down due to the earthquakes.



In November, we shared about the trip that Vicky and I made to Yurimaguas, Peru, to team teach the two groups that meet under the direction of Susan Holowecky, a long



time MVI missionary friend. Susan has over 30 Shawi Indians in the CTC program, many of whom are pastoring, but without any formal training. Vicky quickly made friends with sev-

eral of the wives and children. Next month you will get an update on my December 2016 return trip. This is our most expensive CTC program, but I think it may provide some of the richest fruit. We need financial support for this program! In addition to the daytime group, Susan has an evening group of local believers who are studying so they will be better equipped to serve in ministry.

We closed the year with my report on my second trip to China. The purpose of this trip was to complete the training and graduate the students. See their photo on page two.

In addition, I gave you an update on our work in Vietnam. I explained how our effort years ago, to bring the gospel and a possible CTC program into an unreached area led to my arrest. Graduates of our CTC program have since helped to plant a house church in that same village area and are now conducting CTC classes for the new believers. God is sooo awesome! He never ceases to amaze me!! He consistently turns what seems to be a defeat into a glorious victory!!!



Finally, the last update showed you the newly renovated facility that Vicky's younger brother, Christian, and his wife, Lisette, are living in and using to pioneer a new church in

Ecuador. Christian and Lisette have begun a children's ministry in Crucita, a village on



a fish-the coast about 45 minutes from Portoviejo. Missionary Ventures partnered with us to help renovate a home that has a large



covered area outside the house. They are now beginning adult services in addition to continuing the children's ministry. We are still trying to raise support for Christian and Lisette and the ministry. I pledged \$400 a month in personal support for one year, not counting the funds they need for the children's ministry, materials and supplies. At this time, we have only received \$400 toward this project. Those of you who receive this



newsletter faithfully every month and haven't yet partnered with us could really make a difference by standing with us in this project. Please prayerfully consider what God would want you to do!

Well, that is all that I reported on in the newsletters. It is not all that took place as we had CTC graduations in three or four other countries. I will share about those programs when I receive photos and reports.

Looking back over the year and all that took place, I hope you see that we need help. Both our personal and project support have suffered this year. You can make a difference in the Kingdom by your giving. God continues to provide opportunities for His people to make a difference today that will yield fruit throughout eternity. Everyday we grow closer to the sound of the trumpet and the glorious return of our Lord and Savior. Now is the time to be investing in His Kingdom, laying up treasure in heaven that will multiply to your account. Lets partner together and make 2017 our most productive and prosperous year in Kingdom ministry yet. Our eyes are on Him—the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think possible! Please consider what you can do to stand with us this coming year.

In closing, I would ask for you to **pray for Mary Carter**. Until recently, Mary has faithfully printed the newsletter envelopes and address labels, stuffed the envelopes, and sorted them for mailing, while praying for each family or individual. She has some health issues at age 89, and we are praying and believing for her complete healing!

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