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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



What a year this has been with so many challenges! Yet in the midst of them all, God has been faithful to see the ministry continue to go forth and expand into new areas.

Though I have spent most of this year working on the ONLINE curriculum and am now in the third semester, we did manage to raise funding to put a roof on Pastor Francis Ntotela's church. His building of mud brick had been destroyed by a storm and basically was returned back to the mud from which it came. We helped him raise up a new fired brick building and then put the roof on it. A special thank you to those who were able to help!

I had almost forgotten that I actually did travel before Covid-19 began to dominate the year. Sondra Livermore, our Central and South American director, had laid the groundwork for us to visit **Bluefields**, **Nicaragua**, a coastal town with lots of ambience including the smell of freshly caught fish, narrow, crowded streets, and the sound of dogs barking throughout the night. Our hosts were the daughter and son-inlaw of Pastor Morales, a local pastor who desires to train laborers for the expansion of God's Kingdom. His daughter, Yali, and her husband, Michael, and their two adorable kids

have been doing most of the CTC program. I think they were excited to have us visit for



several reasons, one being that it gave them a break from doing two groups. Sondra and I could see that it was a bit too much for a young family with two little ones. The children saw me and almost immediately called me grandpa, although I do not see why!

From there we flew back to Managua to attend one of two graduations Sondra was scheduled to participate in. The graduation in Managua was outside the city, and I was expecting a small crowd as there were only 18 students graduating. However, to my surprise there were easily between 800 and 1000 people who had waited several hours for us to arrive. This was a really big deal! Every bit of the ceremony was done



first class right down to the gold sash worn



about the neck of each student.





I flew out later that day while Sondra remained to graduate another seven students. Our director in Nicaragua, Alfredo Martinez, was instrumental in helping us start a new school in Costa Rica that continues to flourish. Alfredo recently married and now has his wife to stand with him. Please remember to pray for them as they continue to expand the number of CTC locations in a Communist dominated country.

In April, I reported to you on the fantastic work being accomplished by our graduates in Tiruchirappalli, India. We have seen 669 graduate through the CTC program. Many are now pastoring or working as evangelists. Each year, they report the number of new commitments to follow Jesus Christ they have witnessed. The report for 2019 informed us that 495 of the graduates had reported a phenomenal total of 47,630 new decisions to follow Christ. That is more than 130 new souls each day of the year. What a wonderful return on our investment! I can hardly wait until this year's report!



I also reported to you that several of the students began the "Light of Dawn" ministry aimed at leading young women out of prostitution and into God's marvelous light. ITM received some \$300 to help the ministry. I am confident Pastor Norman will give us a report.

The newsletters from May through the rest of this year concentrated mainly on how this year fits into God's larger end time plan for His children. I tried to encourage but at the same time prepare us for what I and many others believe is yet to come. I am not a prophet nor the son of one, but it does not take a lot of insight to read the road signs if you are paying attention to what is going on in the world around us. The body of Christ cannot be like the Liberty Mutual emu who is found with his head buried in the sand while his partner is trying to diagram in the sand their plan to sell insurance. Spiritual warfare is being waged in the atmosphere around us! We, as followers of Christ, are living in a time that I believe will be the forerunner to the close of this age and the ushering in of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. God is setting the stage for the return of His Son and in grace has sent a wakeup call to His church. I have long believed I would live to experience the coming of our Lord. The events of this year have only strengthened that feeling.

Know that it is not to late to invest in the Mozambique church building and the 3 underground CTC locations in Vietnam. Just indicate your wishes on the memo line of your check. Both of these will yield dividends that will echo throughout eternity!

As we look to 2021 with the promise of a vaccine that may return things to "normal," let us, the hands, feet, and voice of Christ, not return to the normal apathy, complacency, and walking by sight that has plagued the church for years. Instead, let us now more than ever move in faith with a sense of urgency that time is running out to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Let us set our hearts to do something that will literally echo throughout eternity. May God bless and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. You are loved and appreciated! TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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