

# Global Outreach



## Community Newsletter

January 2025



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### Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry

To the Ends of the Earth

I am reflecting on the significant movement of global missions in our Body this last year. The Institute class in October brought the topic front and center in such a special way. It was a blessing to have close to twenty people participate. My prayer is that the "everyday people" of our church family will realize that we all play a part.

In the Institute class, John taught about the Christian missionary movement throughout church history. One of the interesting facts about the advancement of Christianity is that the impact of the Gospel is actually connected to people you and I might have never heard of:

**635 - Alopen** arrives in China from the Nestorian church in the Persian Empire. He is the first known missionary to China.

**1379 - Stefan Permsky** returns to the place he grew up with his mother's people, the Komi people, in the northern part of Russia. He invented an alphabet and translated the Bible into their language so that they would worship in their own language.

**1727** - A missionary movement is born when **Count Nicolaus Ludwig Zinzendorf** leads the **Moravian** community to begin twenty-four-hour, nonstop prayer. It lasted more than a hundred years, resulting in hundreds of missionaries being sent out from the community.

**1823** - The American Board of Missions sends African-American **Betsy Stockton** to Hawaii. She becomes the first single-woman missionary in modern missions history.

May the inspiration of unknown men and women stir us to do our part and fulfill the prophetic word from Jesus: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all NATIONS, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)



### Next Meeting: January 9th 6 pm Agenda

2025 Mission Budget

Vision for 2025

Mission Connexion

Kairos class

Video-What if...

Report from the field

Prayer Time

## Report from Brazil

### Marie Evensen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from chilly Idaho! (Ice fishing pictured) I had a great time adventuring and celebrating with family over the holiday season!



I'm currently working on my long term VISA so I can return to Brazil. It's a complex process, but I'm making progress. I recently passed my FBI background check, so that's good news and one step forward. I'm still waiting to receive official documents that certify that my birth certificate is real and that my background check was legit and then I can submit all my paperwork to the Brazilian government. It estimate it could take 6-10 weeks to complete this process, but we will see.

During my time in the US I'm also studying language and working on medical treatment for a ganglion cyst that showed up on my ankle bone due to a small slip on some stairs. It's not really painful unless I bump it or it rubs on certain pairs of my shoes, but I feel it's important to resolve this pesky issue.

**Please pray** I have wisdom in how to treat my ankle, that my language study would be effective and for the quick processing of my VISA.

*More prayer requests on page 3*

## Prayer as a Strategic Weapon in Missions

One of the greatest illustrations of prayer as a strategic weapon in missions is found in the experience of J.O. Fraser, the pioneer missionary to the Lisu tribe of southwest China. In the early 1900s, he preached Christ for several years among the far flung mountain villages of this people with almost no outward results. Fraser's few converts fell back into the clutches of demonism, and he himself, attacked by severe depression and suicidal despair, almost gave up his mission. Breakthrough occurred when two things happened:

1. The Spirit of God enabled him to pray the "Prayer of Faith" for several hundred Lisu families to come to Christ.
2. He succeeded in forming a prayer support group of eight to ten Christians in his home country to back up the work in ongoing prayer

***The most strategic thing we can do for missions is stimulate ongoing prayer and spiritual warfare networks focused on unreached people groups.***

Fraser himself said:

*We work on our knees. I am feeling more and more that it is after all just the prayer of God's people, that calls down blessing upon the work, whether they are directly engaged in it or not. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but it is God who gives the increase, and this increase can be brought down from heaven by believing prayer whether offered in China or England (or Salem Oregon!) If this is so, then Christians at home can do as much for foreign missions as those actually on the field. I believe it will only be known on the last day how much has been accomplished in missionary work by prayers of earnest believers at home...*

***Prayer can often be the missing link in our efforts on behalf of the unevangelized world.***

Excerpted from ***Prayer as a Strategic Weapon in Frontier Missions*** by John D. Robb

# Prayer Requests

## Central Asia - From our representative...

We invite you to REJOICE with us in the growth of the Tajik ministry!

- ◇ The missionary team has grown from 15 to 49
  - ◇ This includes 9 new national Tajik interns
  - ◇ This includes 6 new American staff
  - ◇ This includes 19 new Tajik volunteers this fall
- \$140,000 has been raised to purchase land and begin the initial phase of building the Camp and Retreat Center.



## Kenya - Amani Fellowship

Our Kenya mission team is pulling together in a beautiful, God orchestrated way. We have 2 new team members, siblings, Ruthie and Walter Molitor (this makes 7 total). God very precisely had Ruthie cross my path while in Waco, Texas. I had casually blurted out to my daughter, Aisha, that I would love to have a photographer for our missions trip.



The next day, Aisha met a new friend, Ruthie, at her running club. Ruthie mentioned she was a free lance photographer. Aisha's mind immediately remembered what I said the night prior. Aisha continued to question Ruthie until she just boldly asked, would you consider a missions trip in a couple months to Africa? Ruthie was amazed and stated she had been praying to God about a desire to take a missions trip with the hopes to utilize her talent as a free lance photographer! Well, it's all history from there. We have also since met her brother, Walter, who is a videographer and will join the team as well. These are two wonderful, God loving, young adults, eager for the adventure in the work of God. Let's just soak that in and praise God!

I am feeling quite spoiled by God and the way He is guiding our team. We are so thankful for the many prayers that are lifted up for us. So please continue to petition our Almighty God for His guidance, provision and protection as we proceed forward in this privilege to join God in His work all the way across the world in Kenya!

*More prayer requests on page 4...*

# Mark Your Calendar!

**One of the best conferences ever! Over 100 Exhibitors and over 70 workshops!**

Mission**Connexion**  
Northwest



**Program Location:**

<https://simplebooklet.com/mcnw2025program#page=11>

**Portland, OR**

**JANUARY  
17 - 18, 2025**

**See You There!**

# Prayer Requests

Keep Praying for...

Team Naphtali

Pray for...

...the Reading Post service so that it can run well and become a blessing and a good platform for the Team.

...for 4 families who have been open to the gospel, so that they can be served and become believers.

...the Holy Spirit to revive the churches in T\*. Numbers are small and many are afraid of persecution if they be bolder in their witness.

...a new believer who is still being followed up so that he can be faithful to his disciples, currently he is still struggling about Christianity because of the entire Muslim family. Also, his wife had just died so that God would strengthen and steadfast his heart.

## PARI - Sundanese Christian Fellowship

Praise...2024



### Baptism

This year the students are more active. The church plant staff baptized 32 people while the students successfully baptized 159 people. This shows that local people are much more effective at bringing souls than pioneer staff. Therefore, we focus on training local people.

### CINTA BACA

We use the Cinta Baca platform in the field. Here we can interact with residents through various Cinta Baca programs to provide education for parents and children. There are 2 additional reading posts this year.



# Indonesia

West Java—Home of the Sunda



**Ministry Result**  
**January to Desember**  
**2024**

Evangelize : 17.273  
 Believe : 676  
 Baptism : 191  
 Disciples : 84  
 Active House Church : 252  
 Staff : 51

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### House Church (HC)

Home church activities are carried out once a week. Here believers gather together to learn more deeply about God's Word, praise, worship, pray and strengthen each other through their testimony. 238 House Churches are led directly by local people.



### Women's Ministry

The wife's role is very important in supporting the success of her husband's ministry. We hold women's fellowship activities once a month by discussing books about Integrity, living the truth, Tea Party activities, and women's joint fellowship. There are around 40 wives and single servants who are members of this Women's Fellowship.

## Prayer Requests

- ◇ Pray for the late Mr. S\*'s son, so that his faith in knowing God will grow so that he can reach out further so that he can become a future local leader.
- ◇ Pray that God will grant wisdom, wisdom, and ability to the staff in processing converts/planting House Churches so that they can multiply.
- ◇ Pray that God will reveal more of His power and miracles in your ministry
- ◇ Pray that there will be development and multiplication of the existing House Churches in 6 regions so that 650 House Church can be realized by 2025.

*\*Full names are not used to protect the individuals on the ground.*