

Global Outreach



Community Newsletter

May 2025

Each of us is unique as each leaf on a tree is unique. You are made special for this time and this place. **The Lord trusted you enough to put you on the earth at this time!**

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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry

Matthew 24:14 is my "go to" verse as I am asked about the return of Christ so often in my role as a pastor. "And the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations (ethne, people groups), and then the end will come." In Matthew 24, Jesus is giving a thorough presentation on the signs of the times and the things that will proceed the Second Coming of Jesus. This statement is definitive and so is the fact that around 3 billion people do not have a witness of the Gospel in their people group.



To me, this makes our efforts through GO (Global Outreach Community) a priority because I want people to know Jesus and I want the Lord to return. I bet you can relate to me on this subject. We have partnerships in two specific places on the globe that are unreached, in Indonesia and Central Asia. When we gather to learn and pray, I am doing it with Matthew 24:14 in mind. I want to be a part of promoting the Gospel to the unreached through prayer. We meet every second Thursday of the month at 6PM which is May 8th this month. I hope to see you as we endeavor to honor the call of Jesus to spread his message to the ends of the earth.

Never Too Old:

Missions for the Middle-Aged

Is serving in missions just for the young?

By Steve Richardson

Mike came to know Christ after getting kicked out of college. As he read the Bible for the first time, he was disappointed to discover that all the interesting events of the faith had already happened in New Testament times. **Modern Christians were seemingly just biding their time, waiting for Jesus to come back.** Imagine Mike's surprise and delight a few years later when he read his first missionary biography and discovered that God's plan for the world is still very much happening today, in real-time, on every inhabited continent, with all the associated adventure and challenge.

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By the time Mike discovered global missions, he and his wife Angie had several children and a roofing business. Several mission agencies turned down Mike and Angie. They were told they were too old to be missionaries or had too many children. And they didn't have any seminary education. So, **for the next several decades, they resigned themselves to supporting missions through their church**, encouraging younger people to go to the field and dragging their kids to Perspectives on the World Christian Movement classes. **But God had another surprise in mind for Mike and Angie.**

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Report from Brazil

Marie Evensen

Finding my Rhythm

I've been back in Brazil for just over a month again and feel like I'm really settling in. The biggest praise is that the language is really making sense now, praise the Lord! I'm able to understand almost everything I hear and keep up in basic conversations. It is a huge relief to speak with others and feel more useful in ministry.

One of my favorite times of the week is a group we host for women in the community around us. We meet for Bible study, snacks and spend some time making crafts. Many of the women make these crafts to sell for income, as many of them struggle financially. It's been fun having Bible study and learning how to cross stitch, it's a great way to connect relationally with these women and encourage them in their faith journey. *(Picture below)*



I'm also beginning to meet with missionaries one on one for processing and discipleship. I love being able to speak life and see them encouraged in their faith and ministry. My hope is to train a team here to care for missionaries, enabling them to be healthy and remain in ministry.

Prayer requests:

- ◇ Continued connection and favor with people of the community.
- ◇ Finances for the Brazilian missionaries, as many don't have sufficient funding.

--Marie



Amani Fellowship

Highlights from Kenya

On April 15th, Pastor Steven held a gathering in the village for the orphans. He organized the first ever showing of a movie on the shamba (village homestead). They watched the story of Moses (on his lap top). Pastor Steve and two other helpers spent time with the children, connecting, sharing a meal together and providing bibles for each student. Just this week, April 28th, they all resumed school (term 2) and we have paid all fees and supplies in full. Praise God for his gracious provision!

The Kenyan AF Board is in the process of preparing proposals for new programs to help sustain our outreach. They all anonymously agreed that I proceed with research on starting a polytechnic school in the village, teaching some of our students to sew. The idea of training specific students to sew uniforms which AF will then purchase for our students as needed! We already purchase them as needed but we might as well be the customer for our own sewing school and subsequent profits can go into more student enrollments and/or preparing and setting up businesses for those student who excel in the skill of sewing.

Sadly, last week our driver, Chris, in Kenya passed away unexpectedly. He was maybe 40 years old with a family. God gave me opportunity on our last day in Kenya as a team to witness to him. He initially believed everyone of every religion was worshiping the same god. He shared about the god of Mt Kenya who controlled the rain. They would pray to that god for rain, sometimes sacrificing animals during heavy drought. His family also attended a catholic church. I clearly shared that my team and I worship the One and Only True God who is revealed through the Holy Bible. Further, that worship of other gods is not allowed according to His scripture. Chris changed the subject insisting that our half day trip to Nairobi National Park was a waste of time and we would see no animals. I told him we are true Christians of the One True God who knows everything including the work we just did and everything we endured with Him in the last 2 weeks. Chris insisted he spent a full day at the park and they saw no animals. I insisted we have a God that shares Himself with us and I was confident He would be sharing his glory in His creation and His animals with our team today. So we proceeded against his advise. Just a few minutes inside the park we viewed 2 lions hunting gazelle from the road right next to our jeep. We saw so many animals in that half day safari.

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Prayer Requests

Keep Praying for...

Team Naphtali -

Indonesia

West Java—Home of the Sunda



1. There is a contact named H* and his wife who have heard the gospel and are often taught the word of God. But until now they have not wanted to believe because their family is all Muslim.

They are now about to get a divorce because H* likes online gambling. So his wife is disappointed and she had an affair with another man. We continue to serve them so that they do not commit this sin and teach the principles of Christian marriage that do not allow divorce.

Today we have also visited them at their parents' house which is far from the city. H* was also there to talk about his wife with his parents. At his parents' house we had time to preach the gospel to his mother, but she did not want to believe. H* and his wife also listened. At that house we invited them to ask the Lord Jesus to come into their family by believing in Him.

Pray that God will help H* and his wife so that they believe in the name of Jesus and their lives will change.

2. Pray for Mrs. Y*, their parent who is open to the gospel but does not want to believe. At the end of the conversation we told the mother to keep remembering the name of Jesus and to ask for help from Him.
3. Pray for the village of P* where they live, where there are no Christians. So that God will visit that place.
4. Pray for Believers: R*, Y*, E*, Z* so that they can return to follow up and be disciplined because they are busy working.

PARI - Sundanese Christian Fellowship Prayer Requests

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| ◇ Abraham Team - Pray for E*, who is just practicing in Abraham's team, to be able to adjust well, and may God help her health. | ◇ Isaiah Team - Pray for Mrs. P* who still could not meet because she was still afraid to meet us. Because it is continuously supervised by the local community. |
| ◇ Caleb's Team - Pray for the House Church to Faithfully Worship the Lord Jesus | ◇ Joshua's team - Pray for the families who are being served so that they can trust in Jesus. The new House Church plant plan, grateful that there are already two people who believe and 2 are open. |
| ◇ Nehemiah Team - Pray for the plan to plant new House Congregations in 5 villages, so that it can be realized properly. | ◇ Peter Team - Pray that the newly formed House Church can grow and increase its souls, pray that company team can multiply. Pray for Pak A* who is being disciplined. |
| ◇ Daniel/Betani Team - Pray that 5 disciples will be enthusiastic to reach out, so that there is the formation of a new House Church. | ◇ Judah Team - Grateful for the team platform, Cinta Baca Library, health cadres and glasses cadres so that they can add new acquaintances and be well accepted in the community. |
| ◇ Amos Team - Pray for the House Church so that there will be a breakthrough program to achieve the target of 2025 | ◇ Barnabas Team - Pray for the disciple (Mr. H*) to continue to move in the midst of many economic struggles in his family. Also pray for Mr. C* family to be willing to convey good news to people who do not believe. |
| ◇ Training Center - Pray for the training center participants who are currently going directly into the field so that they can easily adapt and be more affirmed in their calling. | |
| ◇ Professional Outreach - Pray for the Training of Perkantas Doctors on June 14, 2025, may God help us in our preparations and move the hearts of doctors to have a mission burden. | |

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

Prayer Requests

Central Asia - From our representative...



New Prayer Requests...

- Thanksgiving for the \$370,000 that has been raised for the Tajik Camp and Retreat Center.
- Continued prayers for God to raise up the remaining \$630,000 for the building of the Camp and Retreat Center.
- Wisdom with caring for my mother in law Gini who is 91 and has dementia. She lives with us.
- Strengthening of our marriage
- ♦ Adult children walk closely with Jesus.

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As their children left home, they saw an opportunity to serve the Lord in a new way. . In their early 60s, they joined a mission agency as second-career missionaries. Mike says they were "leaning on the door when it popped open." They have now been reaching out to Muslims in South Asia for seven years and counting.

Mike and Angie aren't alone. About 80 million Americans are currently over 60, and they are staying healthy and active for longer than ever before. A significant number of retirees are believers, and **a lot of them are bored with classic retirement.** One of the main prayers **Jesus asked us to pray is for more laborers** (Matthew 9:38).

Is God inviting us to question our assumptions about who is available and capable?

Many church and mission leaders are concerned that **young people today lack enthusiasm** for the Great Commission.

- ♦ What if more of their parents and grandparents **modeled a passion for the unreached?**
- ♦ What if we mobilized across the **full generational spectrum** for the sake of the gospel?
- ♦ What if the Lord of the Harvest wants to **launch a wave of second-career missionaries** in their fifties, sixties and seventies into His global mission field?

What is God calling you to do for Him?



Global Outreach Community

Mission Forum Meeting
Thursday, May 8th - 6 pm

Matt and Barb Douglas Ministry
Report

Special Video: Hard to Reach -
Indonesia

See you there!

Kenya (Continued)

Upon departure, Chris exclaimed in amazement of all the animals we saw, noting he has never seen such a thing there. I reminded him, we are true Christians who serve the One True God and if he spent more time with real Christians, he would witness wonders like this quite often. He looked at me in amazement and said, "I think I believe you. I am going to do that." I pray that God spoke to him in the quiet of his pondering through the few days of life he had left. I hope Chris decided to believe God and that there is a One True God and he could know Him just like we do!

Praise God for every wonderful thing He orchestrates perfectly in His will. Praise Him for His movement among our students & graduates, growing them into strong god-fearing people that change the world!

Pray for the students as they pursue their education and dreams. Pray for God's hand in orchestrating a sewing school in the village and other programs He desires to build for the benefit of His children and His kingdom!

--Phyllis