

Global Outreach Community Newsletter



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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
(Galatians 6:9)

Do you think that applies to our ministry together with GO Community? Obviously, I do. The Lord shared a parable about a persistent widow in Luke 18 with these words, "to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (18:1) I have been a part of "GO Community" for three years and, from my perspective, we have made more progress in our partnership with God and his heart for the world than in our previous 18 years as a church. Why? We have persisted!

Our plans for the New Year are especially exciting but the main thing we will need is persistence. Mission partnerships are exciting and they are hard work. Without determination and follow-through we will fall short. But, if you are willing to carve out time to learn, be together, and pray as a community, I think 2026 is sure to advance God's work around the world and we will get to be a part of it. Jesus is coming back but not until everyone has had a chance to hear the Good News of salvation. Amen! Let's persist in our partnership with God to reach every nation, language, and tribe with the Gospel!

Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things 'above all that we ask or think'. *Andrew Murray*

Becoming Mission Driven

Note: This case study is included in the book The Sending Shepherd: Leading Churches to Disciple All Nations, by Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison, published by Sixteen:Fifteen in 2025.

If you cut our church, it bleeds missions. However, we felt our church needed to shift from being missionary-driven to being mission-driven. We decided that our church needs to integrate the Great Commission into our entire discipleship process. Although we had a passionate small pocket of people who embraced this discipleship, our hope was that, in a glorious way, this new vision would infect the entire body.

Where we started

As part of this process, we had to rethink the way we were supporting the dozens and dozens of missionaries from the past. ***See page 4 for remainder of this article...***



December Global Outreach Community meeting is

CANCELLED!

See you on January 8th at 6 PM!



Amani Fellowship

December 2025

Exciting news!

Our pig project has been completely refurbished and now a secure structure. We were able to financially rebuild the structure and remain with funds in the account. We also have a new breed of large white pigs which are known to be fast growers, have low feed needs, larger litters and less prone to disease. These are very beneficial characteristics for the best future profits. Thankfully, the funds in this account have supplemented needs for tuition and various supplies for the orphans in our program.



Our students have completed major end of year exams and wait patiently for results. Remember, in Kenya education is not free or guaranteed. Not only must the student pay for tuition, supplies, uniforms and exams, he/she must also receive a passing grade to advance and resume education.

The opportunity for a good school also requires top exam scores otherwise you are offered a local, minimally funded school if you pass with an average score. So, exam grades are highly valued and celebrated in Kenya. Generally, a family will focus on one child who performs best academically because it is that child who is most likely to achieve better education and greater potential for employment which could change the trajectory of the entire family's future livelihood. Sadly, this results in limited, if any education for those who perform average in school. My heart does not like this lack of opportunity for all the children, but I do understand the logic of limited resources and best opportunity/odds to best help sustain the entire family. If only one of your children can go to school, you should logically choose the highest performing child. We should thank God for allowing us to help other children halfway across the world to be afforded opportunities they would otherwise not receive where it not for the nudge of God in our hearts.

Our mentors are gearing up for the December celebration with the orphans in the village! This is always exciting, and I am confident they will share stories and pictures of this event as it unfolds.

Give thanks – for the refurbished pig farm structure and continual profits; for educational opportunities provided for the orphans in Amani Fellowship; and for God nudging our hearts to be a part of His care for His children in the remote villages of Kenya and our willingness to act on it.

Pray – for good exam results this month; for the new pig breed to outperform our hopes; and for an exceptional experience of joy and personal, intimate relationship between our Heavenly Father and the orphans during the December celebration in the village.

Blessings,

Phyllis Featherstone

Prayer Requests

Keep Praying for...

Indonesia

Team Naphtali –

Prays for Mr. A* who has believed and continues to be followed up so that Mr. A* can become a true disciple.

West Java—Home of the Sunda



PARI Prayer Request -

Professional Outreach - Pray for the discipleship for Abbalove ministry. So that the participants who are trained are more enthusiastic and dare to reach out. There have been 11 people reached.

Daniel/Betani Team - Pray for the Christmas of the House Church on December 6 so that it will be given smoothness and security and all invitees can attend.

Cornelius Team - Pray for the efforts of the House Church member of farmers to be given good weather (high rainfall hinders work). Pray also for discipleship so that it can go well and more and more people are planting new House Churches.

Ezekiel's Team - Pray for the Christmas event on December 12, 2025 will be attended by 40 people.

Student Services - Pray for 7 people who claim to believe in the results of the Weekend Student service so that they can be followed up again and want to be baptized.

Barnabas Team - Pray for the community House Churches event on December 13, 2025, pray for security, the environment, and all members.

Abraham Team - Pray for the evaluation and creation of programs so that in the making of the 2026 program can be measured and God helps. Pray also for Christmas plans, for the place and funds that God needs to suffice.

Amos Team - Pray that there will be additional members of the House Church and that there will be a breakthrough program to achieve the target in 2025.

Caleb Team - Prays for the worship of the Home Church to go well and grow in faith and live relying on God.

Nehemiah Team - Pray for the plan of 11 new House Churches so that they can be realized and disciples are more enthusiastic to move.

Isaiah Team - Pray for the Christmas event on December 22 so that it would run smoothly and many repented.

Paul's Team - Pray for the 3 new House Churches plantings carried out by our disciples, may God help and can be realized this month. Pray for the Christmas of the House Churches on December 20.

Joshua Team - Pray for the existing House Churches to be active and all members can move. Pray for each target area where there are believers so that the House Churches will be established until the end of the year.

Petter Team - Prays that the 3 regions where there are already converts can be followed up properly.

Judah Team - Pray for people to be open to believing at the next follow-up and willing to be baptized. Pray that there will be a movement of disciples to reach their friends and family as well as the planting of the House Church this year.

Jehosaphth Team - Pray for D*'s disciples, so that his wife might become believers as well.

Timothy's Team - Prays that believers can be fostered (Mr. H*) so that a group of witnesses and disciples can be formed.

Gideon Team - Prays that believers will grow in faith and produce the fruit of repentance.

Women's Ministry - Pray for the women's program next year that God will join and may it continue to be a blessing.

David Team - Pray for 4 House Churches so that there will be additional members and they can be independent.

House Churches - Pray that by the end of 2025 the House Churches program will be achieved with 400 new House Churches

General - Pray for the 3rd Portrait program (2026 – 2030) so that God will help and enable His servants to do their best, so that God's Name will always be glorified.

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Some in our congregation felt the shift was a betrayal of the missionaries. It would have been an easier existence not to make this shift. But we were compelled by a greater vision to reach the unreached like the Bible teaches, and we had to accept there will be a cost. Still, our heart was about standing on the shoulders of the missionary spiritual giants who have paved the way.

Who led the way

The key to this shift to being a mission-driven church was to find the right person to be in the right seat to lead this effort. We found an outstanding person with direct experience to become our Director of Global Outreach. She spent fourteen years working to reach an unreached people group, and I know her heart breaks for those who still haven't had a chance to hear the Good News.

Where the journey has taken us

Through prayer and consideration, we discovered a heart for reaching a Hindu unreached group, and then also a Muslim unreached group. A real strategic group that God has brought to us has been Afghan refugees. While we continue to ask God to clarify how we can serve these two unreached people groups, we've also taken steps in this direction. For example, this fall, we're having a Hindu-focused weekend where we will ask the church to focus their prayer and seek God for how we can reach this group.

We've also established a ministry that teaches English as a second language, which allows our church to reach those learning to

speak English. It's been beautiful to see how the nations are represented within our own local body.

Another way we are trying to cultivate God's heart for the nations is by taking groups to visit a Hindu temple that is about 90 minutes away. I think it's the second-largest temple in the world. Although we are not actively trying to evangelize, this gives our congregants a tangible experience of Hinduism, where they worship a god or many gods. This helps us understand the God of Scripture who incarnated Himself so that we can know Him. He can pay for our sins and change us from the inside out. Through that lens, we see how inclusive the gospel is. And yet the exclusive side is that we must put our belief in Him. So it's both inclusive and exclusive. We know God desires the very best for them, which is to worship the one true God. That's our heart.

There's also an apartment complex, nicknamed Little India, about one mile away from our church that houses a number of people from India. We know God is moving within the Muslim world, drawing people to Himself. And we acknowledge that Hindus are an even harder population to reach. A huge percentage of the unreached people in the world are on the continent of India. Thus, we feel a nudge toward this population, and we believe that God in His providence has put a large number of Hindus nearby.

We're also cultivating God's heart within our congregation by asking every ministry to adopt a global outreach mindset within its discipleship plans. Even in our nursery, staff and volunteers pray over these little kids asking God

to raise them up with hearts for God's mission--whether they become bows or arrows with the Good News.

A couple of times we've ended our worship services by inviting people to shout praise in their native tongue, kind of a popcorn of verbal worship all over the congregation. The response I've heard from others in the pews is that they "had chills." In a tangible way it gives a foretaste of what Revelation 7:9 will feel like—when we have the amazing opportunity to gather around the throne united as one to worship God.

A fresh chapter

In this fresh chapter for our church, I feel very blessed to get to work with a passionate team at our church, both staff and lay leaders who want to see Christ exalted. That's the end game—God's glory. We know there will be resistance, whether it comes externally or internally. Yet when we dust for fingerprints and see the tactics Satan is clearly using even today, the good news is that we see that our God is greater than any resistance and He will ultimately succeed. Caught up in God's glory is where we want to remain. This is our long game: united in worship forever.

Mission Connexion
Northwest
January 16-17 Portland, Or

