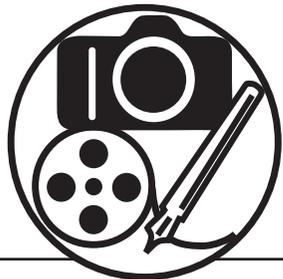


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# FOCUS

The Gregg's Newsletter



## New Opportunities and Ministry Future

As the Storytellers ministry, that Palmer is the director of, moves into the new year we have spent quite a bit of time focussing our attention on how the ministry can be more effective, how to communicate better in the age of social media, and looking at how the ministry can be ahead of the communication curve.

Each passing year we've found that ministries have greater and greater difficulty in communicating mission and need to those not on the field. Methods that worked just seven years ago when Storytellers began our ministry fulltime, no longer are viable strategies today. The age of social media and ever shortening attention spans are a few of the hurdles missionaries have to work through today.

Moving forward, we are encouraging social media communications as the primary method for missions and ministries to tell their story. It is likely to change, at least to some degree, the day-to-day work of our staff. We are still working on the details as of yet, more info on that in our spring newsletter.

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Over the last year, our family, Tina, Rohan, and John Palmer Gregg, have learned that our financial support is dropping, an eventuality for all in the mission world, yet we have been fortunate that this hasn't hampered our ministry so far. However, it is a real concern for us as we move into next year. We have been receiving the same salary since we started ministry about a decade ago, except for a small increase when Rohan was born and inflation has affectively lowered our income. This coming year is going to be a trying time for us as we try to continue ministry unsure of our financial security. We are also exploring opportunities to supplement our salary.

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**VR Prayer Experience.** One of the ways that Storytellers is trying to solve our current difficulties: income and effectiveness. We are working with folks, like the International Conference on Missions, to create travelling immersive prayer experiences for churches to experience mission fields in a new way. More on this in the Spring newsletter too!

## PRAYER FOCUS

*Pray for our family life, stress and for us to be good parents.*

*Pray for us to find a proper balance between ministry and personal life.*

*Pray against the discouragement that often comes to those in ministry.*

*Pray for Storytellers as we navigate our way into a more experiential and social media landscape*

*Pray for our family as we home-school Rohan*

*Praise for another year of being able to serve God through missions.*

*Pray for our financial support to stabilize as we move ahead.*

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**Jan. 5-7**

TCTC in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

**January**

Storytellers visit with ICOM (International Conference on Missions) leadership

**February**

TCTC Advisory Panel annual review and planning retreat.

**Jan-April**

Travel to all of CrossRoads Missions Fields.

**March-April**

Visit with leadership of large missionary agencies to discuss VR Prayer Experience.

**Spring-Fall**

Travel to fields of other agencies, probable/confirmed for this year: Haiti, Romania, Tanzania, Southeast Asia, various ministries throught U.S., India

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