

## Some news from David & Philomina Morris

South India Church of Christ Mission:

Dear Friends,

All well here as we are working on the new church plants and maturing congregations while the College and our new curriculum goes on and the AfterSchool Schools are mostly up and running. Looks like a productive year in serving Jesus while the big drama of the national elections is off to this winter and next spring.

Looks like there will be four new church plants next month. These house congregations in a new hill area and are ready to become full church congregations in Wayanad District, Kerala. They are planning right now to choose their elders on August 15th, as part of the celebration of India Independence Day across India. It is indeed their day of Independence of Hindustan, and joyful joining in the communion of Christ's church.

Weather is also playing a big part now in this part of India. There is flooding in Idukki District, though our Ellakul Center is doing well so far. One town, Kottayam, has seen much greater flooding than usual, so that people were having to walk in flooded streets with water up to their waists. There are landslides and rivers overflowing so that major roads are blocked right now. Several other big landslides blocking traffic elsewhere and lots of damage to the roads. The good news is that this flooding means a full year of year of good crops and plenty of drinking water down below.

God is good! Thank you for your prayers and support.

David Morris

## From Don & Faith Tingle, Comenserv:

Dear Friends of Comenserv,

Our two-day planning session with Somali leaders at the end of May was quite productive. We developed initial plans for a discipleship program. Somali Muslim background believers face numerous challenges. They are rejected by family and businesses; this creates financial hardships. Christians usually do not welcome them in their churches; they suspect Somali believers of being terrorists. And there is not currently a well-developed plan for helping these disciples grow in Christ. We listed over 20 topics to focus on for their spiritual growth. COMENSERV covered the cost of the planning session. Yesterday I met with Phil Casey, Executive Director of Literature and Teaching Ministries, and he offered LATM's services to help produce needed material. We will let you know more about that later this year.

The Friday meetings of Somalis and other Muslim Background believers in Nairobi continues to grow. Last week they had an attendance of 51. This is more than three times the size of our original meetings. Today 44 attended and 40 Bibles were given out for their personal use and to share with others.

The COMENSERV board meets on July 14th. Please pray we make wise plans for the future. I am in the USA for the board meeting and to visit churches. If you would like for me to meet your congregation or missions committee, please email me. I plan to return to Kenya by early September.

A few copies of my new book *Preaching in Every Culture* are available in the USA. (Most will be distributed outside the USA). Its purpose is to help equip preachers in the non-Western world to be better communicators of the Gospel. If you would like a copy for your missions team or nationals you support, email me. There is no charge.

I thank God for you and your continued support and prayers. May we be a blessing to our Lord.

Don Tingle, Executive Director

# Mission News

August 2018

**Tom & Suja Brane** and their children, Anna, Naomi, and Josiah, visited CCC Wednesday, July 8th. We had 45 CCC members present to hear of their work in Mali and Burkina Faso, Africa. Here are some of the highlights of the evening:

- \*First of all, they are returning to Mali 8/18/18. Pray about this as this location is not without risk from Muslim extremists.
- \*Mali is about 95% Muslim.
- \*Just over 2% of residents are Christians of any kind.
- \*10% of children die before their 5th birthday.
- \*The average age expectancy is 55 years old.
- \*Adult literacy is 33%.
- \*There is one doctor per 10,000 people. (U.S. is 25 per 10,000).
- \*Suja is a medical doctor and will pursue medicine through a Christian health facility and minister to women and children.
- \*Tom will pursue relational development through farming and business enterprise.
- \*The children will have a teacher from the US who is a missionary also.

Pray for the Branes and their transition back into African culture, their language skills, the children's re-acclimation, their safety, and most of all their success in building relationships that lead to conversion to Christ.



### Flip Flops for CRAM

CCC has been asked by CRAM to bring a team to the Philippines to help Sang Ho and Lisa Kim with their work in Bacoor Village. We will assist with church services, VBS opportunities, repairing bamboo huts, and assisting in providing baths, clothing, and haircuts to the children. **August is Flip Flops for CRAM month at CCC.** We have found we can buy them cheaper here in the States when they go on sale this month. We ask that you provide kid sizes up to adult size 10. **Our goal is 3,000 flip flops.** A box will be located in the foyer for you to place your flip flops. Our team will distribute them in January when they are onsite with the Kim's.



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## **Rana & Simie Samuel- Passion Ministries:**

Rana & Simie minister in and around Nagpur, India. Over the years they have planted 12 churches with the 13th in process now. They minister to over 500 children on a regular basis. There are medical camps where people in remote villages are given medical care while being taught about Jesus. Rana is a former motorcycle racer and mechanic and he holds motorbike repair times along roads, in villages, and around shopping areas. He and his team repair, at no cost, the motorbikes and cycles for people too poor to normally have them repaired. While the bikes are being worked on, the Gospel is presented to the people. Many times there are two, three or four riders on these bikes. This has proven to be an effective way to proclaim God's truth concerning His Son.

Hopefully Rana and family will be able to visit us in the next few weeks. Look for the announcement in the bulletin.



## **Great news from ICOM, the International Conference on Missions:**

### ***Acts of ICOM***

In 2011, ICOM launched an initiative called Restoration Revolution, a 10-year, four-pronged push for world missions using the acrostic ACTS:

**Ask the Almighty-** This is a focused prayer effort in churches or colleges.

**Church Planting-** We set a goal of 1,000 new churches planted in the United States by 2020. Another goal is 1,000 church-planting movements outside the United States.

**Tools, Translations & Technology-** Digging wells for clean water releasing the gospel story on video in native languages, a radio station reaching North Korea, disaster relief projects, and finishing Bible translations all fit under this description.

**Servants-** We set a goal for 10,000 new full-time Christian servants in 10 years.

Each year ICOM reports on the past year's progress in these four areas. The 300 missionary organizations we work with help provide the information that goes into this annual report. Since taking over the work of Missions Services Association in June 2017, ICOM now has even broader insight into the missionary world. We're now reading stories directly from the field, hearing news of missionaries coming and going, and have gained a greater understanding of where we stand as a movement. The more resources the church is able to provide, the more success we see on the field. God is providing in more ways than we could have imagined.

### **Outstanding Progress**

This annual report helps to show the good that is happening- and there's lots of it. The progress has been outstanding.

While we admittedly need to refocus and reenergize our prayer efforts, we were excited to receive reports in 2016 alone of 149 domestic church plants, 1,788 international church plants, and 16 church-planting movements.

Under the Tools, Translations, and Technology section, in 2016 we recorded the packing of more than 652,000 meals for the hungry, 218,000 multilingual gospel presentations given, more than 4,600 HIV consultations, and almost 2,000 new children sponsored. (And these are just a few of the initiatives).

Servants is the area in which we've seen the greatest success, surpassing our goal of 10,000 during 2015. At the end of that year, we had reports of 10,453 new full-time Christian servants, and in 2016, we added another 2,046, for a total of 12,499!

I hope these numbers give you as much hope as they give me. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in the negative, but these reports offer proof of the good that is being done in the field for Christ. Take heart in these stats. To think we exceeded the goal of 10,000 servants in half the time we expected- that is amazing! We are seeing Christ spread throughout the worlds through the eyes of these organizations. We cherish the opportunity we've been given. We can't wait to see where the final three years of reporting will take us!

**Here is a note** from one of the campus ministries we support. It shows the need and impact our campus ministries have on the church.

### **Dear Friends of the Christian Campus House,**

We have a relatively short window of time when we serve students, then we send them on for the next part of their journey with God. Occasionally we receive notes that are good reminders of the impact of campus ministry, shedding some light on what happens in the life of a student after graduation. I thought that this month I would share a note we received on December 4th.

“Thirty-eight years ago as a senior at BSU, I desired to be baptized before starting my business career with an out-of-state company. I met with the campus minister at the Campus House. Then he, along with four students I did not know, and a personal friend, drove to Anderson, Indiana that evening. He had keys to a church. On 12/19/1970, in an empty church except for five praying individuals sitting in the front pew, I was baptized. I will never forget. After retiring from the same company, now I am a prison Chaplain. PLT for the Campus House.” -Steve F.

It is a blessing to receive this testimony to God's faithfulness in a student's life. May God continue to be faithful with today's generation on campus.

Thank you for investing in ministry to Ball State Students.

In the name of Christ,  
Mark Pike  
Campus Minister