

Dear prayer partners:

Our Thanksgiving celebration this year was smaller in number but not in our thanks to God for his faithfulness to us. Two of our sons (PJ and Ben) and their families are overseas (Ireland for PhD studies and Thailand for missions work) which left the two of us and David to hold down the fort. Two sisters/brothers-in-law and two nephews came over to celebrate which made us a gathering of 9 and, of course, enough food to feed 29!! As a child, my mother told us kids the story about the feeding of the 5000. She asked us, "After the disciples gathered up all the leftover food, what did they have?" My elder brother thought for a moment and then said "um...dessert?"

Christmas will soon be here. Around the globe, December is packed full of evangelism programs, special church gatherings, dramas, teas, outreach, distribution of warm clothes/blankets/food, caroling, and visiting of elderly and children with special needs. Please be praying for our national partners as they seize these opportunities to share the love God showed the world through sending His son to save us from our sins.

Nepal has experienced another earthquake centered around the region of Jajarkot, an area that evangelist B has been targeting with the gospel. Of the 153 confirmed deaths, 78 were children. This is an area that has been crying out for Biblical training. Truly the laborers are few and we are keenly aware of Romans 10:14 that says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Driving back from a remote village ministry, B says "I wanted to take a long scenic route as the main highway was under construction and was very dusty and bumpy. Then the Lord gave me an awesome opportunity to share the gospel with a Hindu woman. She was waiting for a bus in the middle of nowhere and said she was in a hurry and had just missed the bus so I picked her up and asked where she was going. She told me that she was going to attend a Hindu worship service at her daughter's new house so I started to preach asking why they are conducting this service. She replied that it was to purify the new house before they moved in. I questioned, "Can we sinful humans purify something?" Then I preached for more than half an hour. She attentively listened and took a gospel tract called Sacrifice saying that her husband was interested in such spiritual things." Praise the Lord for a man who uses every opportunity to share the Good News.

The Bosnian church partnership is moving full steam ahead with outreaches to believers in neighboring countries. They spearheaded a Bible study in Subotica, Serbia that is now meeting four times each week and are working on plans to organize a church from the various house groups that have formed from the Bible studies. God's word is being preached online in several languages in 17-minute long messages twice a week and the church has heard from a number of different countries asking if they can begin to receive these messages. During the refugee crisis, three Moroccans accepted Christ while in Bosnia and now have returned to Morocco and are sharing their faith. The church is collecting gifts for the Christians in Morocco. This month, the Bosnian pastor will travel to Ukraine to minister to believers there. Please pray.

In Lebanon, EK operates a soup kitchen that provides comfort and nourishment to those who need it the most. He tells of an elderly couple in their 80's who showed up at the kitchen. Their clothing was torn, their shoes were dirty, and their hair was messed up...and they were so hungry. After receiving their meal, the couple was in tears thanking God for the soup kitchen and EK and the staff were in tears begging God on their behalf. The cost to provide a meal...\$1.

As 2023 comes to a close and we begin to look ahead to the year in front of us we are reminded of each of you who have supported our efforts through the decades with your gifts and prayers. We are grateful for you and blessed to have you in our lives. It has been our privilege to represent you to brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who use what little we might offer to continue in their life's quest to make disciples who love and serve the Lord.

Please pray for us as we make plans for the next few months. Another trip to Asia is in the works as ministry partners continue ask for our involvement as they seek to expand their Gospel outreach. We are delighted to help as we are able and to share their needs with others who might want to be a part of these efforts.

Please check out our ministry Facebook page (Live Global) and the website (www.liveglobal.org) to get tons of information and stories. There is even a Global Gifts catalog for ideas to bless our partners. Thank you once again for serving with us. To summarize Paul as he wrote to the Philippians "We thank God every time we remember you and pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Amen!

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