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Dear Prayer Partners in our Ministry:

Global Access Partnerships (GAP) has turned 25! When we started this ministry all those years ago we had no idea what blessings God would provide for us along the way. Thank you for allowing us to represent you through the years. It has been our joy to serve you and our great God in this way.

Early in February in Chiang Rai, Thailand, we had a wonderful week of celebration for the 25th anniversary of this ministry. With us was our team of 45 North American GAP missionaries, a number of supporting church leaders and many of our international partners. We were all encouraged, refreshed, and renewed through God's word as it was preached and as we worshiped together in song and seasons of prayer.

We also listened to stories of God's amazing grace from His servants working around the world. Here are a few highlights:

1. Dr. M from Myanmar (our very first GAP partner) recounted how he hiked for 5 days through the jungle to get to India where he worked and waited for 18 months to get a visa to America. God miraculously provided a seminary education for him, allowing him to return to India 6 years later where he trekked back through the jungle to Myanmar. With him were 3000 books that he transported by horseback. Dr. M founded the Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary, a school that has sent out more than 2000 pastors and missionaries since its' inception. We had the privilege of participating in their February graduation ceremony with 88 new graduates . These graduates are teaming with other believers in Myanmar with a plan to send a national missionary to every unreached people group in their own country in the next two years. Dr. M's daughter runs a Christian day school where more than 100 children (at least half from non-Christian homes) are getting a quality education and learning about their Creator. Dr. M's son is our newest partner. He leads a Bible College in Tedim, Chin State and spends his summers doing evangelistic outreach through free English classes. He and his wife are fully investing in ministry...even selling their wedding rings to put the towards the work.
2. Pastor A spoke of the Soura tribe in India where an entire village came to Christ and 1500 people were baptized together. Pastor A conducts evangelistic meetings each year among this tribe and the attendance reached over 10,000 this year. He also told us of a church of lepers who are outcast beggars 5 days a week but fearlessly preach the gospel every Saturday in nearby towns and villages. Sunday, they gather as a church to worship their Creator. Pastor A has recently started a church plant in the New Town area of Kolkata.
3. Pastor K shared how his mother promised that her son would serve as a Buddhist monk, but the gospel transformed Pastor K's life and he has been a key contributor in the planting of more

than 30 churches with impact in China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand. The newest church plant is among the Akha tribe living over Thailand's border into Myanmar. Pastor J, an Akha leader, has been trained by Pastor K and is currently building a church to accommodate the more than 400 attendees.

4. A Pakistani believer and an Indian believer were both invited to the GAP conference and, upon meeting one another, shared a long embrace only made possible through the blood of Jesus. KB fled his home in Pakistan due to a fatwa (order to kill) issued by local religious leaders. The false charge was posted all over the city reading "KB has been trying to convert our wives to Christianity without the presence of their fathers and husbands". This led to beatings and acid burns to members of his family. Fleeing to Thailand, KB and his family have been granted an interview with the Australian embassy who is offering asylum. As a refugee in Bangkok for over 5 years, he has planted 3 refugee churches for Pakistanis and pastors 2 of them.

5. F and S, two Filipino women, answered God's call to go to Thailand where they began English classes as an outreach that has now grown into a church. They are faithfully training men and women in the Bible and their prayer is that God would raise up a full-time pastor for their church.

After celebrating God's faithfulness over GAP's last 25 years, our team met to plan for what's ahead for the next decade. This includes seeking ways to better serve our international partners as they advance the gospel, to identify new partners, and to expand our network of State-based churches. God has brought together a great team of leaders whose heartbeat is to serve God's people by connecting ministry resources to those in need.

We are excited to announce that in the coming months, GAP (Global Access Partnerships) will be transitioning to LIVE GLOBAL as our new ministry name. We are thankful for the 25 years that GAP has been used of God to bring Christians together from every corner of the globe and now look forward to how LIVE GLOBAL will build on that foundation and impact a new generation for Christ. Check out our website

Liveglobal.org for stories and ministry updates from our many partners who serve in more than 30 nations.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the Live Global team (formerly GAP) as we plan for the future. Of great importance is how we can use technology for maximum impact in a world that is rapidly getting connected via smart phones and the internet.

2. Pray for Z and L in Bosnia as they serve in the refugee corridor. The largest refugee camp in their area has 2000 people, and a second camp has 300 families. There are also about 2000 refugees who are not in camps. The situation in these camps is on the edge of disaster and the authorities don't allow many opportunities to help people, but Z and L are continuing to find ways to serve and have been able to share their faith with many as well. They have been especially encouraged by their meeting with an Afghan family who have become friends since the time when they ministered to them in a Sarajevo camp. The teenage son is now reading the Bible and they were amazed when they had a chance to speak about God with him and his family. This brave teenager spoke about believing in front of his parents! It was the first time that somebody from Afghanistan has become a Christian through Z and L's refugee ministry.

3. Pray for B and B as they plan for a youth camp this summer to immigrants who live in Germany as it seems as though the doors for the gospel are opening all over Europe. The overwhelming immigration wave of recent years turns out to be one of the greatest blessings since WW II as young people with non-Christian and post-Christian backgrounds and from cultures resistant to the gospel look for solid answers in life.

4. Pray for Mahima aftercare homes for girls rescued from sex trafficking in Kolkata, India. Three new girls have come into the homes. Pray for their healing...physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Mahima asks for prayer as they repatriate older girls back to their home countries, usually Bangladesh and Nepal. Some of the Mahima girls will be testifying against their abductors in court and request your prayers.

5. Pray for ministry partners in Nepal. Pastor P is the director of Beautiful Feet Trekking Ministry. He's very gifted, is a pastor, has a law degree, a seminary degree, an English degree, and is a licensed Sherpa guide. He has a huge heart for reaching into the mountain villages and sharing the Good News of Christ. D runs the Nepal Bible Resource Ministry with the goal to provide quality Biblical resources for the church in Nepal (both in print and online) so that believers might be better equipped to serve the Lord. B and his young family make it their life's work to trek to remote mountainous villages doing relief work, sharing the gospel, distributing Bibles, and encouraging believers. The Koinonia Church network challenges each new church plant to identify five new villages where they can begin Bible studies. Their prayer is that those Bible study groups will become churches one day, too. Nepal is experiencing explosive growth in Christianity. Five years ago Nepal was 0.2% Christian but today, 5% of the country knows Christ.

We want to thank you for your prayers for us as we travel and minister here and abroad. We have already spent nearly 2 months of this new year on the road (6 weeks in Asia and 2 weeks of ministry in FL and PA). We have many more trips planned through the rest of 2019 and would greatly appreciate your continued prayers for us as we seek to encourage and challenge those we come into contact with to consider how they might be used of the Lord to impact their community, church, and the world with the gospel.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like us to come and share in more detail about Live Global. You can connect to us via email or phone. We'd love to see you!

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