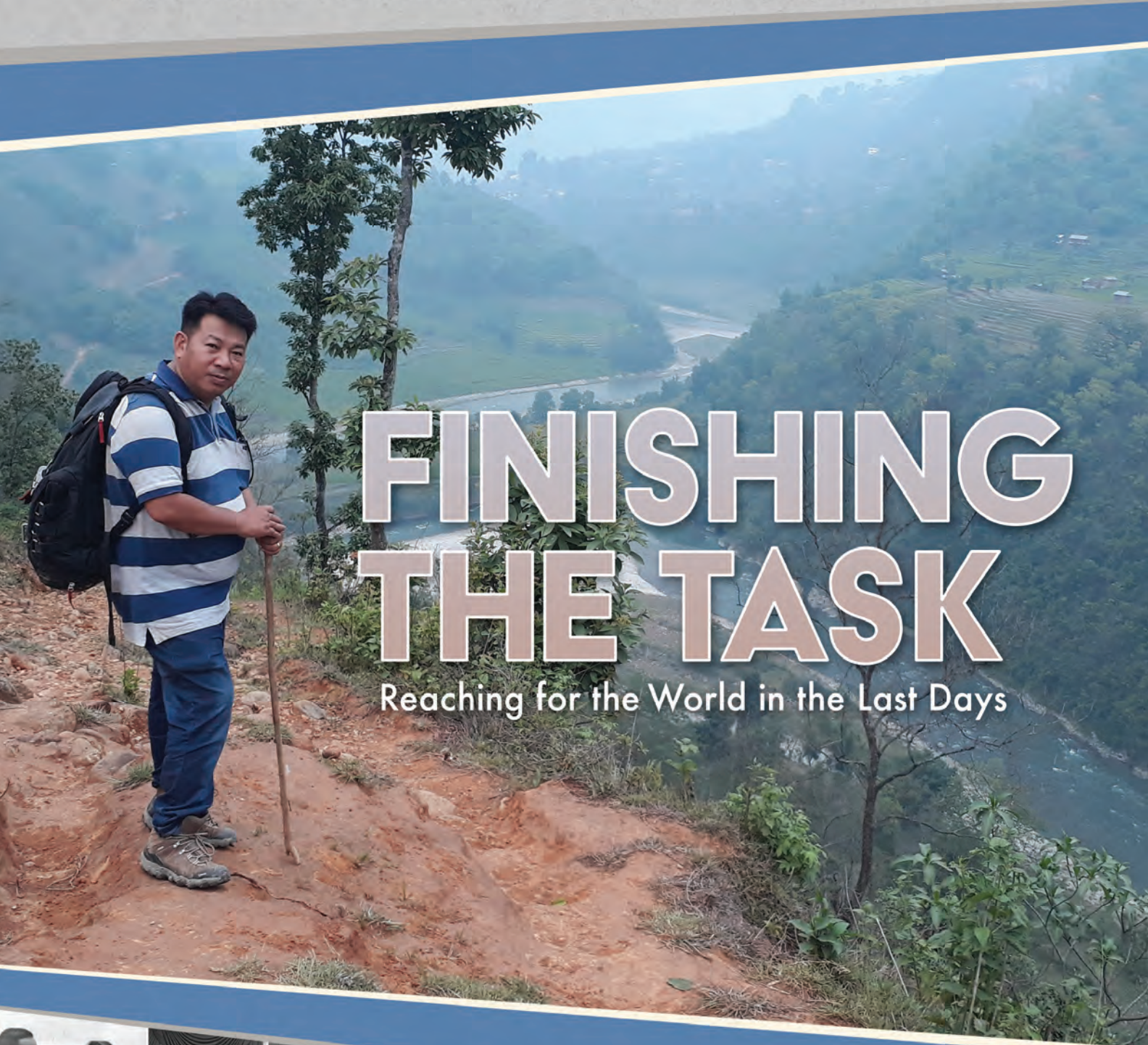


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Christmas is coming.

Whether we are ready for it or not, it is coming!



Here in the Global Missions Department, we are already looking forward to the season to be able to bless our children's homes, orphanages, and our national overseers. With your help, we hope to give to each of our 19 children's homes and orphanages in Haiti, India, Indonesia, Mali, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, and Uganda, and other works in Bulgaria and Ukraine. Gifts include a time of celebration, a small gift for the children, perhaps even a new clothing outfit. We also hope to give each of our national overseers a small monetary Christmas gift for their family.

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WE BELIEVE in the Holy Trinity—one God, eternally existing in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth, of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is true God and true man. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and He will return to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who eternally proceeds from the Father. He is Teacher, Comforter, Helper, and Giver of spiritual gifts. Through Him the saving and sanctifying works of Jesus Christ are applied to the life of believers. He is the empowering presence of God in the life of the Christian and the church. The Father has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues and bearing the fruit of the Spirit are New Testament signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross and that He died in our place. The believer's sins are forgiven by the shedding of His blood. We believe that healing of mind, body, soul, and spirit is available to the believer through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe in one baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the grace of God brings forgiveness and reconciliation to those who repent, as well as transformation in holiness, enabling them to live a Christ-like life. Sanctification is both a definite work of grace and a lifelong process of change in the believer brought by the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in one holy, universal church, composed of all true believers in Jesus Christ, offering fellowship and calling for service to men and women of all races, nations, cultures, and languages. We believe in the spiritual and ultimate visible unity of the church.

We believe that the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—is the inspired Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself and His will to humankind, sufficient for instruction in salvation and daily Christian living. The Bible is the Christian's rule of faith and practice.

We believe that God will ultimately reconcile all things in heaven and earth in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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FACING FORWARD

Bishop Dr. Tim McCaleb
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Facing forward is “to look straight ahead, turning neither to the right nor to the left.” It is the mandate that Christ gave us in following him in the work of the gospel when he declared, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62 NKJV).

All farmers know that the hard work of ploughing cannot be done while looking back, and the same is true of spiritual ploughing. While oftentimes it is enjoyable to recollect and to think on the past, it is expedient that we do not linger there too long considering the great task before us. Spiritual ploughing involves many things such as praying, preaching, teaching, witnessing, and giving encouragement; but it also includes the work and support of mission efforts at home and around the world.

The Church of God of Prophecy has been, from its inception, a spiritual movement dedicated to giving and supporting missionary work around the world, and the importance of that work has only increased as we near the second coming of the Lord. This work requires total commitment and trust on our part as seen in the example of the widow and her two mites.

One day while visiting the temple, Jesus observed the various people casting in their offerings. On this occasion, he noticed a poor widow casting in two mites, and it was all the money she had in this world. This was a bold act on her part, but her action showed determination to face the future without fear or regret but in total reliance upon God. Those two mites were small in comparison to other offerings, and in that society, they equated to a value less than a penny.

No one in the temple, including the Pharisees, congregants, or Rabbis, noticed or gave a thought to this widow and her meager offering. However, Jesus, the Son of God, did notice her and showed his approval to this woman’s sacrifice. He noted that others had given out of their excess, but he observed and highlighted the fact that she had put in all her livelihood (Jesus used the Greek word *bios* here, which literally means “life”).

Consequentially, her offering meant more to heaven than all the larger ones, and its effect on Christ has been recorded in the Bible for our benefit.

It was not the size of this widow’s offering that made it so valuable in God’s eyes, but it was the condition of her heart that made it great. If she had cast in her two mites with a scornful heart, angry at life, and with a silent accusation that all the religious leaders cared about was money, her gift would not have received such praise from the Lord. She gave, however, with a generous heart and not with anger or regret. She gave with love toward God, refusing to fear the future. Her gift displayed where her trust lay, for her dependency was on God and her trust was in Jehovah Jireh, her Provider.

This model of total commitment and love for God must be our attitude during these problematic days of

pestilence. To many in this age of COVID, the future seems uncertain, and there is a temptation to draw back in fear. However, to believers, our confidence in the future does not depend upon material items, but our confidence is a trust that God will supply all our needs as we

willingly look and plough forward in the work of missions and mission giving. We must not be afraid to cast in our two mites (our life) as we strive to take the message of the gospel to the whole world.

Remember, our heavenly Father is a Missionary God who sent his Son on a mission trip to win the lost and to freely bring the gospel to us! When we freely, with loving hearts, give our time, treasure, and talents to help others hear the good news, we reflect the heart of our Lord in heaven.

As you read the articles and view the numerous pictures of mission projects around the world in this edition of the *White Wing Messenger*, please remember that these accomplishments are made possible because of the generosity of our members and churches casting their mites before the Lord. Let us all continue to give and to strive for the advancement of the gospel around the world.

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PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

Prayer Points: October 2021 Contributor: Michelle Brooks-Young

When Jesus commanded his followers to “make disciples of all nations” in Matthew 28:19 (NIV), the word Jesus used for nations in Greek is “ethne,” from which we get the English word “ethnic.” Jesus commanded us to make disciples from every ethnic people group. In Matthew 24:14 (ESV), he said, “And this gospel . . . will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” But how can we make an impact? We can start with our most important tool—the ministry of prayer.

Often the needs seem so vast, so overwhelming, that we reduce our prayer to a simple, “Bless you.” Below are several focused prayer points as our movement gives attention to the mission call. I invite you to use this outline and focus on one directive each day. Be specific as you pray and focus on the name of a missionary or leader in another country.

Prayer Focus:

New Horizons and New Territory

Often closed doors, closed borders, and closed minds are a discouragement to leadership. Like Jabez, we pray 1 Chronicles 4:10: “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory (NIV)/enlarge my border [property] (AMP)/enlarge my coast (KJV).”

Anointed and Available Leadership

Multiplication of leadership allows better mobilization and relational ministry. Pray for direction, preparation, and the equipping of leaders and ministers who are both available and, more important, anointed (Matthew 9:37, 38; Romans 10:15; Ephesians 4:11, 12).

Unreached People Groups

According to current statistics of the Joshua Project, more than 2 billion people have never heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ! This equates to more than 7,400 unreached people

groups. While we realize the mandate that the gospel will be spread to every person, let us pray for favor, connection, challenges with language barriers, and relationship opportunities. No nation is exempt from spreading the gospel. Let us pray in unity that all may hear the good news—Jesus saves (Matthew 24:13 ESV; Revelation 7:9)!

Provision and Resources

Often ministries are located in areas with little to no financial options. Government or humanitarian assistance is not always readily available. Pray for specific resources and projects as well as the personal needs of the missionary, leader, ministry family, or nation (Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1).

Encouragement

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24 NLT). As we pray for the nations, let’s remember to pray for encouragement. Physical, spiritual, and emotional obstacles are often prefaced by a season of discouragement.

Safety and Protection

We live in a world filled with fearful events and political and social situations that can become volatile in an instant. In some areas, safety and assurance of security have never been a way of life. As we pray for spiritual protection, let us include physical safety, protection of the family, strength in marriages, and safe homes and places of worship. Pray for safety from injustice, division, and hate (Isaiah 41:10-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5; Psalm 17:8-10).

Ultimately there is no right or wrong way to pray for the nations. Whether we focus on one directive or cover them in scriptural prayer, our goal is to be a conduit to “make disciples of ALL nation”! Pray that you will be a vessel through which the Holy Spirit may accomplish God’s purposes and bring him glory.



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DESTRUCTION IN HAITI



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As most are aware, a massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the island nation of Haiti on Saturday morning, August 14, 2021. This quake hit in the southwest corner of the nation and was felt across the Caribbean islands. While we were immediately thankful that there was no damage or loss in our children’s home, local reports indicate that thousands of homes were destroyed as well as many schools, churches, and health centers. We have lost 7 churches, 5 parsonages, and more than 3,000 of our members are now homeless. Tragically, more than 2,000 people are dead, nearly 10,000 are injured, and hundreds are still missing.

Bishop Dorlean, national overseer, shared that the numbers and situations change from moment to moment and that they are still discovering more people who have died.

This disaster comes at a most difficult time as our family there have endured political strife during the past few weeks with the recent assassination of their president. Haiti has also experienced social violence through attacks from gangs and bandits. These difficulties have been multiplied by food shortages, heavy Covid infections, and so much more.

Many families have lost everything in the earthquake. In extreme need of water, food, tents or temporary shelter, medications, etc., many of our people have received relief during the past few weeks.

The deluge of rain, which was brought on by the storm depression Grace immediately after the earthquake, compounded the problems in the immediate recovery by delaying the search for missing loved ones and hindering efforts to get aid from humanitarian groups who were already on the ground.

The images and reports we have witnessed are heartbreaking and indicate the urgent need for prayer and assistance.

First, we ask you to continue to pray. The psalmist wrote, “Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption” (Psalm 130:7 NIV). Pray for trust among our people in the promise of God’s unfailing love and deliverance in the time of trouble. Pray for their influence among those who do not know the Lord, to speak hope and life in this crisis.

Second, we ask for your consideration to give a donation to assist in the recovery of the people of Haiti. We are working to provide recovery packages for up to 1,200 families, which will provide food, water, medical assistance, and temporary shelter with tents.

We have already sent emergency relief offerings since the needs of our family are immediate. We also know that these initial donations are "first seed" of what is needed to bring assistance to our family and others.

We have a tremendous opportunity to minister to those who are in crisis. We also have a wonderful opportunity to impact the kingdom of God and to express his love for the people of Haiti. You may give toward this crisis online at globalcogop.org/donate, and 100% of your donation will go immediately to provide relief to our Haitian family and those who continue to be in need. Phase 2 of recovery is to reconstruct the churches and/or parsonages that endured damage during this season of crisis. Phase 3 of recovery is in assistance to those who lost their homes. Churches may give through Harvest Partners Project Giving, and individuals may give through Helping Hand Ministries.



Thank you for your consideration, and may our faithful God minister among us all.

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FINISHING THE TASK

REACHING FOR THE WORLD IN THE LAST DAYS

After a long day of travel with the “must need” to go through Samaria, Jesus sends his disciples into town while he “rests” at a well. As he rests, he prepares for a God-ordained moment of life-changing ministry to a woman in desperate need of salvation. The scene prepares us for one of the most loved narratives in the Gospel of John—Jesus’ interaction with the woman at the well (John 4:1–42). Many Gospel communicators use this narrative to illustrate the way in which Jesus engaged with and displayed his love for lost humanity while missionally bringing the hope of salvation and eternity.

While a powerful revelation of grace follows between Jesus and the woman, my use of this passage for this season is rather placed on his interaction with the disciples immediately following the amazing encounter.

The narrative specifies that the disciples traveled into the city to find food (v. 8). It is interesting to me that although the disciples walked through the city in search of food, they had seemingly not told one Samaritan about Jesus. Further, Scripture notes that they marveled to see Jesus talking with the woman (v. 27).

As the woman departs from the well to witness to an entire city, the disciples attempt to refocus Jesus to eat (v. 31). We are allowed to remain with Jesus and the disciples with privilege to the exchange of dialogue and his instruction concerning the urgency in completing the work and recognizing the harvest.

“My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work’” (v. 34 NIV). He directs them to look at the multitude coming down that dusty road toward the well as an entire city make their way to Jesus based on the witness and testimony of one woman alone!

Training follows in the next few verses to include traditional clichés regarding the harvest with new directives and inspiration. He refocuses their vision to the urgency of opportunity with instruction inclusive of investing, harvesting, and working together.

It is not the only time Jesus instructs the disciples and others with the urgency of completing the task of the One who sent him. Jesus said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4).

In the Gospel of John, this narrative follows his encounter with some of the Jews while he was teaching in the temple. His ministry invoked such tension among them that the Jews took up stones to cast at him (8:59). As Jesus hid himself and moved through the midst of them, his attention was drawn to a blind man. In cautious reflection of his next ministry task, he proposed a powerful lesson to the disciples—we must complete the work assigned us by the One who sent us (9:4). He had to know that healing the blind man would create more tension, more controversy, perhaps even more stones

We must complete the work assigned us by the One who sent us.



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being cast. However, Jesus is telling the disciples he can't let any of that stop him. He was compelled to live and minister in faithful obedience. And we anticipate the urgency of his obedience for there is coming a time when the opportunity to work will be gone. His challenge to them—and us—is to make full use of every ministry opportunity while we have it, without allowing the resulting risks or threats to discourage us. He cautions that the approaching night will limit and perhaps even eliminate the opportunity. His instruction warns them even while calling them to action.

As Jesus draws in the disciples before going to the cross, his call to action comes with promise: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 14:12-14 NIV).

This directive comes to completion as Jesus acknowledges in prayer that he has "finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4) and prays for his followers and for those who will believe through their word (v. 20).

Following the resurrection, Jesus declares a transition of work for the task: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV).

That was Christ's commission to the disciples. No matter what else may be happening in the world—no matter the rising variants, the restricted tension, the controversy of culture, the surrounding violence that may all result—Jesus is directing! He refocuses them and us to the passion of his heart: "Go ye into ALL the world . . . I give you the power necessary."

This urgency of the work and ministry of the gospel is no different today than when Jesus walked the earth. The needs of the people cry out globally. We still have opportunity to work and minister in the nations, but we have no promise that these opportunities will be available in a few years (or even a few months).

October Mission Drive within the Church of God of Prophecy is a concentrated effort of combined resources and collective energies to supply gospel response throughout the world. God has entrusted and commissioned us with this continued work of the gospel of Christ in reaching for the world in this day. Each of us must do our part, doing his work while there is still time, while it is day, and while the opportunities remain open. This is our call—FINISHING THE TASK . . . Reaching for the World in the Last Days.





Asia, Australia, & Oceania



BISHOP DR. TIM MCCALED | GENERAL PRESBYTER

Asia has been hit very hard by a second and now a third wave of COVID. In Myanmar the situation has been made much worse as the military overthrew the legitimately elected government. Thousands have died, and the military is refusing to give the most basic help. Two of our orphanages had to be relocated because of the crisis. Bishop Chin, our overseer, has been working tirelessly to help our churches and members. He writes, "We have distributed rice to those living around Yangon. We also sent money to our pastors who are working in different locations. We thank God and all our dearest donors."

Yet ministry and hope continue as Bishop Chin performs a Christian marriage and blesses the new couple.



Bishop Chin conducting a funeral for one of our pastors who died with COVID



Rice being delivered to one of our churches in Myanmar

Bishop Fasa Zandrato in Indonesia writes the following:

Unfortunately, in Indonesia, the church is limited to assist many people who are in need because our church services have been stopped and our local churches have lost their source of income that could have been used. Even though our local churches had savings previously to help, facing the pandemic for two years has drained them financially. Pastors from our local churches generally have no other source of income than the pastoral ministry. They live only by faith. Most of our local churches are in small areas, and some are in remote areas.

These unfavourable circumstances have not stopped our pastors to work for God and have not made them lose hope. They are even more active in serving God, spreading the gospel, and reaching many souls for the Lord Jesus. From the year 2020 until today, our local churches increased by 18 new churches, and the numbers keep rising because some of our pastors have some new evangelistic points that will soon be inaugurated as local churches. It has been our prayers for planting more churches in Indonesia especially for the eastern part of Indonesia.

We believe and we see that God is moving mightily for the restoration of our COGOP Indonesia. We have also been blessed that many of our church congregations that had previously left our fellowship and organization

have returned and re-joined COGOP Indonesia. Seeing God's work for this church touched their heart. There is much restoration going on for our local churches and ministry, and it feels amazing.

We are very grateful to have COGOP families from many countries assist us in these works of God in Indonesia. We are grateful for our International Office, especially our General Presbyter and Global Mission and our Global Mission Director who has connected us with many parties so that we are greatly helped through these donations. We are sure that all donations have been delivered to those who should receive it. And finally, we are very grateful to have our Harvest Partners who continue to help with generosity and support us through their love, prayers, encouragements, and financial assistance. I thank my God upon every remembrance of all of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy. May the Lord bless you with the riches of his grace, the comfort of his mercies, the strength of his presence, and the touch of his love.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fasa Aro Zandrato
National Overseer of COGOP Indonesia

Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world, but Christianity is spreading, and our church is growing with several hundred congregations presently.

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KEEP GOING

Europe, CIS, & the Middle East



BISHOP CLAYTON ENDECOTT | GENERAL PRESBYTER

Young Harvest in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and Middle East

In 2013, General Presbyter Clayton Endecott was able to meet in the International Office of the global youth director (YM), Bishop Kirk Rising, with a delegate from Europe for Youth Ministries, Tessa Dietze (Germany). Many in the area shared a memory of a conference in the early 1990s in Bulgaria in which 12 nations of youth representatives met for an amazing conference to encourage and train youth for the area. During the years, this conference had an enduring impact with several who had been at that meeting serving in ministry from Spain to Siberia. Sadly, due to cost and other factors, that conference was not repeated.

In a 2014 meeting in the global YM office, a vision was born to cooperate between the area and YM international for ten years of training conferences for youth of all ages from all 23 nations in our area. The conference series was titled "GET PLUGGED IN." The vision was to gather strong, young believers in one place, identify leaders among our area youth, initiate intensive hours of training, provide spiritual formation in prayer, worship, and mentoring, and have a forum for youth of every culture and tongue in our area gather to serve as one. The hope was that we would get these young people "plugged in" to the fullness of God and send them home to "plug in" to their local communities, churches, and youth. Every two years, a conference would be held in Europe to gather youth from every nation. The meeting would be coordinated between selected leaders of Euro CIS M East area and the YM international under Kirk Rising, and the costs would be shared.

In 2015, approximately 300 youth gathered in the eastern mountain regions of the Czech Republic where 14 nations were represented. The conference was held in six different languages! In 2017, the conference was

repeated—this time in Prague with nearly 400 youth from 19 nations, and the conference was held in eight different languages. Again, in 2019, the youth of the area gathered in Prague under a leadership team that included Johannes and Tessa Dietze (Germany), Euro CIS M E coordinators, and Jan and Theresa Szlaur (Czech Republic) as assistant coordinators. A team of youth from different areas served with them.

Bishop Kirk Rising and other youth leaders of the area were essential all along the way. A special shout-out goes to the National Bishop of Czech Republic and Poland for the efforts he, his family, and his church have put into these gatherings as event hosts. The theme for Get Plugged In (GPI) 2019 followed the last Assembly: "Unity."

The youth team that planned this gathering had in their spirit that they wanted to hear the heart of a church father, and Bishop Sam Clements, General Overseer, was asked to be a keynote speaker. He reported it was an honor to be asked to speak to youth and cleared his schedule for the young people of our area. It was amazing to watch youth in nine different languages standing to their feet during his sermon. The auditorium of more than 450 youth poured into the altar to have him lay hands on them and pray. He and his wife, Sister Linda, prayed late into the night for our youth, and many were called, filled with the Spirit, and reported deep impartations of gifts and callings. Meanwhile the guest praise leader who was present for all three GPI meetings, Tony Sutherland, led the congregation in wave after wave of the Spirit in worship.

With momentum building and the Covid pandemic pressing hard in the first months of 2021, it became unclear how to proceed. Seven thousand dollars had been deposited on our sport hotel in Prague, but the opportunity to travel looked grim. The youth desperately



prayed for a gathering, but in wisdom, the team, in full counsel with the shared leadership of Europe CIS and ME (Bishop Tedroy Powell, Bishop Gena Kernazhytski, Bishop Christian Fricke, and the General Presbyter) with Kirk Rising and the GPI leadership team, decided a full gathering would be premature. With God’s grace, the hotel returned the deposit, and plans were made for each nation to join a hybrid “Get Plugged In” in their nations.

Some restrictions within the nations were lifted, and many gathered in camp meeting places, lodges, hotels, and in local churches for two- and three-day conferences, trying to observe the distancing rules still in operation. The GPI conference theme—“Keep Going”—was at the center of each national meeting. Greetings were shared between groups, and guest speakers like Bishop Kirk Rising, Tony Sutherland, Carlos Rising, and others presented either live or recorded teachings. Worship, food, great fellowship, and wonderful times of worship and impartation were included. The leaders are not pictured here as all agree that it is all about the young people.

This is a quote from Europe CIS ME youth coordinators concerning the past and coming GPI meetings: “Our Vision for Get Plugged In is to unite CoGoP Youth across Europe, CIS, and M East, bringing them together to experience a glimpse of heaven with cultural diversity and being ONE in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

Many of the nations celebrated last weekend, and some will celebrate this fall as the pandemic eases in their areas. Plans are underway for 2023.

We are trusting God for a tremendous youth harvest and that God will thrust our young people with the mighty power of the Spirit into the harvest—“Ekkballo” (Matthew 9:38).

The pictures tell the real stories!





Africa

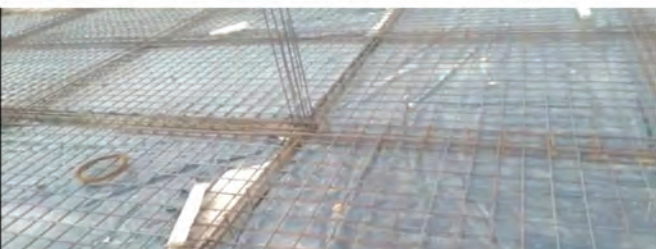


BISHOP JAMES KOLAWOLE | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Nigeria

The leadership and brethren from Church of God of Prophecy, Freedom Gate Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria expressed their gratitude to God and recognized the unwavering and immeasurable heart of generosity displayed by their donors toward the work in Nigeria, Freedom Gate Tabernacle in particular.

The church in the past five years has had serious challenges resulting from persistent torrential rain, which inadvertently has caused some damages in the church building. The roof leaks, and the whole church flooded with water. However, the financial assistance from our Harvest Partners has tremendously saved the church building. We have been able to put a new floor and aluminum roofing sheets.



Covid-19 Impact

Nations around the world are struggling to contain the virus while at the same time putting measures in place to tackle its effects on the socio-economic lives of the people. Nigeria has over time imposed a series of stringent policies including the lockdown and ban on interstate travels as well as restrictions in the number of crowd gatherings in order to forestall the speed of the spread of the pandemic. The negative impacts on our people are immeasurable, ranging from job loss, collapse of businesses, and loss of lives.

Through the help from our Harvest Partners, we were able to provide some relief materials for our members as palliative measures. Financially, our local churches are struggling to pay their bills as the little income coming in cannot pay salaries and meet their routine expenditures.

Kidnap-for-Ransom in Nigeria

Nigeria is a complex society with a rapidly growing population of roughly 200 million people. The country has approximately 500 different languages and 250 distinct ethnic groups. Hence, uniting these complex groups into one unified political entity since the amalgamation of the country in 1914 has proved difficult.

Kidnapping is on the increase in Nigeria. Statistically, Nigeria records more than 1,000 kidnapping incidents a year, and there are undoubtedly many that are unreported.

In the northern parts of the country, Boko Haram, other gang-like Fulani herdsmen, and bandits are reported to have committed and are still committing large-scale kidnapping.

Since December, more than 900 students have been abducted from schools in northwest Nigeria, highlighting a worrying development in the country's kidnap-for-ransom crisis.

In March, for instance, nearly 300 students from Government Girls Science Secondary School in Jangebe, Zamfara state, which ended with their release, was the second mass kidnapping from schools in less than ten days. Twenty-seven boys and their teachers, who were taken from a school in Kagara, Niger state on February 17, were released. Also, about 140 students were kidnapped on July 5, 2021, from a Baptist church school in northern Nigeria.

Poverty is one of the major factors leading to kidnapping in Nigeria; as a result, some of the unemployed youths are turning to kidnapping to get money (ransom) as a survival strategy. The nation needs prayers because directly or indirectly the mission work is adversely being affected.

The Gambia

The Gambia nation is predominantly 92 percent Muslim and less than 8 percent Christians. Over time, this has made it almost impossible for the church to do well. Reports have it that so many churches have come and gone and some are still crawling. The mission in Gambia began in September 2017. Ever since, the national overseer, Reverend Chris Uti, his wife, Bridget, and their children, with the help of God and the brethren, are still working and winning souls to his kingdom.

Children's Ministry

Since the work began, the church continues to gain tremendous growth of children that regularly attend all of our services. The Children's Ministry department records an average of 50-60 children on a regular



Sunday service. In most cases, this numbers grows to 250-300 children whenever there is a special service/ event for the children. Currently, the construction of the children's church is progressing toward completion.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry has been in the vanguard of youth evangelism through sporting activities, seminars, and outreach programs. They are effectively involved in



the choir department, children's ministry, and some serve as Sunday teachers.

COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the advent COVID-19 pandemic and its negative impact, the church has been in the forefront of providing regular supplies to the members and their host community. With this effort, members walked with their shoulders high for belonging to a church that responds to their needs at this critical time.

This would not have been possible without the help of individual donors, Harvest Partners churches, and the international office staff for their support, prayers, and love. The overseer and his members are ever thankful to all the donors for mobilizing and driving hundreds of miles to ship barrels of food, clothes, sanitary needs, and much more to the COGOP family in Gambia.

Ongoing Church Building Project



The church building project got a great boost to complete the roofing with donations from Harvest Partners churches, individual donors as well as the international office. The roofing has commenced and will be completed in a matter of days. This edifice will accommodate a children's hall, national and local church offices, toilets, and the National Overseer's personage when completed.

We thank the Lord for the progress Reverend Chris and his team are making in this part of Africa. We solicit for your prayers for these faithful brethren that God will bless their efforts as they move on to the next stage of the work.

Tanzania COGOP Missions Center

The work in Tanzania, East Africa is overseen by Bishop Mwambigija Eric.

In the center of Dar Es Salaam, former capital city of Tanzania, the brethren are building a missions center.



This center will provide training for church planters, medical services for the community (built with the help of donors and volunteer medical personnel), and provide essential help for widows, fatherless children/orphans, and the disabled in the community.

For the church, the facility will host national conventions, Center for Biblical Leadership, as well as hostel facilities that will also be useful for other organizations for an affordable charge.

We appreciate the Helping Hands donors and Harvest Partners for their contributions and support for the construction work. The project is currently at a stand-still due to inadequate resources. The brethren are doing all they can to raise funding to restart the project.

Additional assistance is also needed to replace the vehicle that services the national office, which has been grounded.

Two of our local churches in Tanzania have been worshipping in uncompleted church buildings that urgently need support to finish the roof. Funding has been supplied, and both churches are currently working to complete construction. The picture below shows the reality on ground.



Botswana

The Botswana nation is overseen by Edison G. Mooketsane. The work in this country is huge, notwithstanding their challenges, and the work is

unstoppable!
 This report will focus on the financial support received from our donors for the local church building in Khakhea.

The impact of COVID-19 on goods and services made it difficult for the church to purchase bricks from the local producers. To save costs, the local church pastor, Ms. Mani Legora, and her members came together to mold the blocks themselves. They hope to complete the production and start the building construction in the next three months.



Despite their needs, the Lord has recently used this local church to plant another church, which the national overseer officially launched in May 2021 with 19 taking the covenant to become members of the newly established church. We thank our donors whose financial support have made it possible to achieve the progress so far.



Lesotho

Leeto Sonnyboy Moeeng is the national Coordinator for Lesotho.

Covid-19 Situation in Lesotho

The Covid-19 pandemic hit Lesotho very hard. These people are very poor and live mostly in rural areas, villages, and mountainsides. Nearly everyone makes their living through agriculture. Half of the population are without jobs, and 30 percent live in extreme poverty. Currently, all churches are closed, and all the services and gatherings are prohibited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The church leadership have been doing all they can to provide food supplies to care for our church families and their host communities. They are currently overstretched! They are in dire need of food supplies, toiletries, clothing, and other relief materials to help cushion the effect of the pandemic in this part of the world.

At the time of this report, the country has a total number of 12,679 confirmed cases, 6,621 recovered cases, and 357 deaths while 56,322 people have been vaccinated.

Keep Lesotho in your prayers daily. The effectual fervent prayers of the righteous will surely turn things around.

Namibia

The church in Namibia, as in other African nations, is not immune from the socio-economic challenges ravaging the nation. Most members are poor and in need of food and general humanitarian aid. The members need skills development training opportunities in the areas of General, Business, Agriculture, and Manufacturing so they can become self-sustainable.

Covid-19 Impact

Covid-19 has had a very negative impact on the general well-being of the church and the country. The effect has also resulted in the untimely deaths of church members and pastors alike. Job losses, business closures, and general Covid-19 restrictions have led to an increase of unemployment and higher levels of poverty across Namibia.

These factors, among others, make it very difficult for the church to fulfill its mandate due to the lack of income and member activity. Any forms of assistance to boost the work in this part of Africa will highly be appreciated.

South Africa

The church in South Africa is overseen by Bishop Nathaniel J. Botha and Bishop James Kolawole.

Covid Situation in South Africa

The Covid-19 pandemic, including the Delta variant, has hit South Africa very hard in all the provinces.

The effects led to shutdown of several businesses across the country; countless people have lost their jobs. Many of our church members were infected—some survived while others couldn't make it. Recently, we lost three of our pastors and five members to this deadly virus. Currently, all our churches are closed due to government restrictions and other Covid-19 protocols.

The churches and their members are struggling financially to meet their needs and pay their bills. Since some families lost their means of livelihood, they depend greatly on the church for help. Through the help of the Lord, the church has been raising funds to put up soup kitchens in the communities and distribute food parcels, clothing, and blankets to the people. The churches have also been taking care of street children in their communities. The church is in need of emergency help and intervention.

Unrest in South Africa

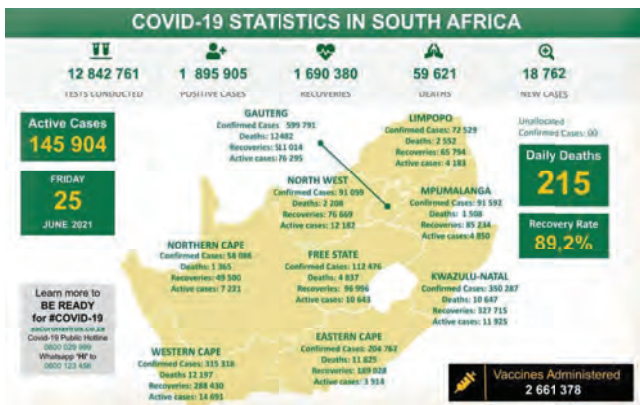
The most severe unrest and looting of stores happened in South Africa since July 2021 in Kwa Zulu Natal and Gauteng Province. Supermarkets and furniture stores were emptied. Clothing, shoe, computer factories, car manufacturing plants, and other business organizations were not spared from lootings. Covid-19 vaccination centers were set ablaze. Due to these actions in Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, and Soweto, thousands of people will be out of jobs, compounding the effects of the already exiting Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these traders don't have insurance coverage. People in suburbs have feared for their lives and livelihoods. Since the unrest began, about 300 people have lost their lives in cause of the violence.

Presently, the people are experiencing shortage of food, fuel, and medical supplies. The people are now limited to buy not more than ten items in supermarkets. The violence has calmed down as the military and security agents have taken control of the streets. Our churches here seek your prayers and support for affected members.

Eastern Cape, North West and Western Cape Provinces

Since the passing of Bishop Stephen Masilela in January 2021, Reverend Kolekile Amos Jombile has been coordinating the mission work in part of South Africa. Thank God for the tremendous work and progress going on in the various parts of the Eastern Cape, North West, and Western Cape Provinces.

During February 26-27, 2021, the Eastern Cape Leadership Conference was held. The conference aimed at encouraging and equipping the leaders on the work of the Lord. Similarly, the leadership conference was also held in the Western Cape Province, more than 1,200 km away from Eastern Cape with the same aims and objectives.



Due to the Covid-19 regulations, it was difficult to hold the planned ministries, and districts and local churches were advised to host their conventions in their respective areas to ensure adherence to Covid-19 regulations. Unfortunately, some of our brethren lost their loved ones because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During May 5-7, 2021, the regional coordinator and his district coordinators visited Sister Sibongile Masilela as the borders had recently been opened for travelling to other countries. The office brought some gifts to offer their condolences and support.

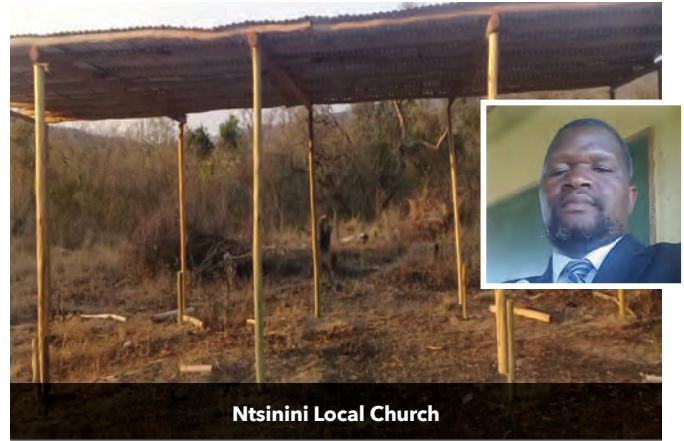


Swaziland visit (Masilela Family)



Men's Ministries Retreats (Rustenburg and Ntshilini)

Ntsinini Local Church: They have been removed from their classroom and are stranded on their empty piece of land. But they managed to put up this temporary structure as seen in the picture.



Ntsinini Local Church

The Effects of Covid-19

A number of our brethren have lost their jobs. The office has been providing emotional and spiritual support where possible; food parcels were provided. The church financial income has drastically decreased.

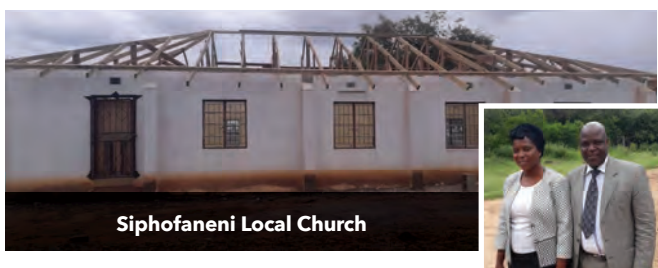
To ensure the missions work doesn't suffer, the office has been providing emotional support and guidance to local church pastors. This includes ensuring that homes hold their own services and report to the local church pastor. There have been online services on Facebook and WhatsApp to ensure that those underprivileged get access to services.

Some of our brethren in Gauteng and KZN have lost their jobs and businesses due to the unrest. They now depend on the church and other people to feed them and their families. Some members lost their loved ones in the process. In the Western Cape, our brethren are living in fear for their safety.

Eswatini

Reports on Covid-19 Affected Churches

Siphofaneni Local Church: This church may have not been affected by the Covid-19 as such but the plan of changing their roof was there before the coronavirus pandemic. Their roof was posing danger to congregants as it was badly leaking and showing signs of weakness against strong winds.



Siphofaneni Local Church

They are requesting assistance to help finish the roofing before heavy rains start.

Hawane Mission (Under Malanti Local Church): They have been removed from their classroom (Hawane Primary School). They are housed in homes, dividing themselves into home-cell groups. Their church structure needs roofing as seen in the picture.



Ngojeni Local Church: This local church has been stopped from using the school, and they are busy constructing a temporary structure on their piece of land. In the past week, they worshipped on the open space, but this coming weekend their structure will be ready for use.



Matibe Local Church: This local church has been affected, too, by the Covid-19 regulations in schools. Unfortunately, they do not have a piece of land and are presently using homes for Sunday services.

Matsanjeni Local Church: This church also gathers under a tree for Sunday services, after moving out of the school in respect of Covid-19 school regulations to vacate classrooms or school premises.

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North America

BISHOP TIM COALTER | GENERAL PRESBYTER



Navajo Outreach by Utah Mission Team

In the last five years of ministry to the Navajo Nation, the harvest has multiplied from a small mission field for the Church of God of Prophecy into a strong presence among these indigenous Americans. Beginning in December 2016, a church named Yahweh Church of God of Prophecy was organized with 41 members on the reservation in Pinehill, New Mexico. Later in 2018, an Idaho, Oregon, and Utah (IOU) regional mission construction team built a new church building that seats 200 people in Pinehill. In 2019, after finishing the project of the new church building and completely renovating the next-door fellowship/educational building, the property was dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Patchie Cohoe, Regional Bishop Wallace Pratt, North America Presbyter Tim Coalter, and Global Missions Director Cathy Payne. Then the Covid-19 pandemic locked down the Navajo Nation for more than a year and caused the Yahweh Church to close because of the severe quarantine policies and weekend/night curfews.

On Easter Sunday 2021, the Yahweh Church of God of Prophecy was allowed to reopen. Therefore, on May 14-16, 2021, the Utah COGOP, under the request and leadership of Bishop Pratt, planned to begin forming a new mission team to go into the Navajo Nation. The COGOP Utah mission team was organized under Pastor Jimmy Poma to gather food for a major outreach to the Navajo, who had struggled to get enough food for their families. Along with Bishop Pratt and Pastor Jimmy, 12 other team members from Utah were recruited to make this endeavor. From March to May, the Utah churches donated more than \$10,000 and received \$5,000 in other food gifts.

When the mission team arrived on the reservation near Pinehill, they brought a semi-refrigerated truck carrying more than 32,000 pounds of food to be distributed to these needy families. By request of Tribal Council members, they allowed Bishop Pratt to make five live radio announcements on the day of the distribution of food to the community. More than 43 families of the Yahweh Church were given large quantities of food, and 207 families outside the local church were served generously in the community. To see trucks, vans, and cars streaming into the parking area around the church stirred our hearts. Fourteen mission team members and twelve volunteers from our local church loaded each vehicle with huge amounts of food for each family. It was emotionally and spiritually moving for those who witnessed the gratitude of the native people. We have already made plans to make this an annual event to bring humanitarian aid to the Navajo.

Each evening of the Navajo Humanitarian Outreach, we also conducted a revival to feed the hungry souls for God. Evangelists represented three continents with three languages and included Wallace Pratt (North America–English), Luis Armas (Central America–Spanish), and Jimmy Poma (South America–Quechua). With moderator and pastor Patchie Cohoe (Navajo–Diné), they represented the glorious unity of the body of Christ in action to this community. We had several experiences and deliverances through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. More than 150 people attended the three nights of the revival, and the Yahweh Church of God of Prophecy now has more than 83 members in their local church.

Praise God for five years of victory in the midst of trials!



Mexico, Central America, & the Spanish-speaking Caribbean



BISHOP BEN FELIZ | GENERAL PRESBYTER

El Salvador

Feeding and Loving the Community

The bright rays of the morning sunlight shone onto the tables ready to receive our first guests—men and women of different ages. Many of these men and women were people of limited resources who not only found a meal to satisfy their physical need, but also received care and guidance to come to know God’s love.

It was this desire to reach the community that moved the Church of God of Prophecy located in the municipality of Aguilares, San Salvador, Department of El Salvador to launch Project Breakfast with Jesus on November 5, 2018.

Donning their coats and a sincere desire to serve, a dozen members of the congregation began this service project preparing hot meals and coffee for the needy. A modest meal was served to feed the homeless and those suffering from alcoholism.

This initiative was birthed after a period of development within the church that gave fruit to this dream becoming reality.

Maritza Mejía, pastor of the congregation in Aguilares, said of the initiative, “It was born out of a class taught to us by Dr. Elías Rodríguez titled, ‘The Pastor and the Community.’ This class served as a starting point for this initiative, which began in November three years ago.”

Breakfast with Jesus began through the efforts of church members who had a desire to feed those in need. Not only do we provide physical bread, but spiritual bread as well. We pray for those who come to eat every morning, and of course, we also share a brief sermon seeking to win souls to God’s kingdom.

It has been several months since our first Breakfast with Jesus, and by God’s grace and the efforts of the brothers and sisters of the congregation, it will continue.

This project and the efforts of Pastor Maritza were mentioned in an article published in one of the main

newspapers in El Salvador, as a piece highlighting National and International Women’s Day. The report was published with a picture under the title, “A Pastor’s Heart: A Vocation for Service.” The church in Aguilares was mentioned as well as Project Breakfast with Jesus.

Years later, in March 2020, the Legislative Assembly and Executive Organ declared a national state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ordering people to stay at home for several months.

The pandemic forced us to suspend the community program for several weeks; however, our desire to share God’s love for our neighbors through Breakfast with Jesus was resumed on June 14, 2021.



Link to note on La Prensa Gráfica.

Church of God of Prophecy in the Colony of Las Ayestas, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Our Socio-Economic Context

Our colony is a community that is part of a poverty belt surrounding almost all of the big cities of our continent. The majority of our church membership and community citizens are street market vendors in the capital city. The Church of God of Prophecy is located in this geographical area, with approximately 500 congregants who are mostly low-income individuals that struggle daily for their survival.

Overcrowded living is normal. There are bunkhouses of up to 15 families sharing an extremely small space to live. Our zone lacks recreational areas, like parks for children, basketball courts, or baseball fields; therefore, children play sports out in the narrow streets, endangering their safety due to constant traffic. They are also targets of aggression from angry neighbors

bothered by the frequent presence of children. It is common to see boys and girls wandering the streets of our colonies. Many of them do not want to stay in their homes because they are victims of physical violence. Another tragic characteristic is that they solve any conflict with violence. This is evidence that violent behavior has been infused in their minds as a way to handle difficulties in life.

Our Vision: A Holistic Mission

As a local church, we are determined to develop our ministry in a holistic way, placing emphasis on children and young people. We are committed to creating better conditions for the childhood and youth, transforming them into peacemakers. With this end in mind, we decided to build a new facility geared especially toward the community. This building will have eight classrooms, a multi-use classroom, two offices, a kitchen, sanitary services, parking, a recreational area for small children, and a multi-use court.

The multi-use court is a big novelty because our colonies lack recreational spaces. On the other hand, we will use sports activities as an evangelistic tool, to instill Christian values, and build up peace in our community.

We pray the Lord allows us to be an instrument of holistic transformation among our community, to rise up as a center of hope serving the most vulnerable, and for them to see in us God's great love for each individual and family.

Even though construction is not completely done, we have started to use the building for the following:

1. In partnership with Compassion International, we care for 260 children and teenagers representing 230 of the poorest families in our colonies.
2. During 15 continuous months of isolation caused by COVID-19, we delivered food to each family that is a part of our children's program.
3. With the support of CADERH, the DION Youth Group, and World Vision Honduras, 20 young men received a mechanical repair class and 20 young ladies received cooking classes.

Judith Alvarez is a young graduate from our program. She came from a broken home and received all the support from our children's program. She is currently studying for her bachelor's degree in Education at the university, and collaborates with us as a teacher to children 3-5 years of age.



Elementary children's class (6-8 years old)



Teenage class doing a choreography presentation



Cooking class for the young women



Mechanical repair class for the young men



South America

BISHOP GABRIEL VIDAL | GENERAL PRESBYTER

In South America, the COVID virus continues to hit our people very hard. However, despite all the negative things that have happened, we are thankful to the Lord for what he has been doing among us. Our church in Latin America is the area that has lost the most members and ministers in the world, but it is also the area of greatest church planting and growth. This means that our people have continued to work despite the difficulties that the virus has presented. For this and more, we are thankful for what the Lord continues to do with us.

This is a conservative report of what has been happening in South America.

Ecuador

We thank the Lord for the presence of 95 leaders in our national ministerial convention last July. Keeping the proper protocols, we traveled to Salinas, Ecuador, where we were able to hold the convention. God manifested himself in a special way among us, and, by the grace of the Lord, there was no virus contamination due to our mandates of necessary protocols. I congratulate



Bishop Benjamin Aldana and the ministry of Ecuador for becoming the first nation since January 2020 with a successful national event.

Venezuela

In recent months we were able to do a baptism in the church of San Jose, in the city of Barquisimeto where Bishop Pedro Pablo Suarez pastors. We thank the Lord for this victory after several months of reduced activity in the Barquisimeto area. Sixteen people were baptized in July, but in that region more than 107 people were baptized since January.



Peru

We need continued prayer for the nation of Peru. Conditions connected to Covid have not improved much overall, and several churches in the cities are still closed. However, we are thankful that the churches in the rural areas and the mountains are open and functioning well. We are desperate for your prayers. Please continue to believe with us.

Bolivia

Not all of the churches in Bolivia are open in the cities, but the churches in the rural areas have grown like never before. A few weeks ago, we were able to organize a church with 70 members, and there is projection to plant eight new churches by the end of the year. These new church plants are all situated in the rural areas. By the grace of our Lord, at the beginning of July, Bishop David Orozco and his family were able to move back to Bolivia from Paraguay. His leadership is appreciated during these hard times. Please pray for Bolivia and its future.

Argentina and Uruguay, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay

In the rest of the continent, local churches are functioning at about 70 percent; however, there are still great limitations and great challenges due to the lack of vaccines available to them. Please continue to pray for all of the nations in South America, especially for Argentina (where more than 500 have been dying daily) and Peru (where we have lost so many ministers).

A Decade of Ministry in Quito Church Plant

Over ten years ago, the capital of Ecuador, Quito, had no representation of the Church of God of Prophecy. Jay Johnson, a Spanish teacher in Tennessee, had traveled to Ecuador with a local Baptist church and fallen in love with the country and people. When he obtained knowledge of the lack of COGOP in the capital, Jay spoke with the General Presbyter, Bishop Vidal, with a passion to plant a church in that area. Several mission trips with groups ranging from 5-25 volunteers traveled to evangelize Quito, and a COGOP church was established. This year they have had to move into a larger facility to have more space as they are continuing to grow. In August they celebrated their fifth anniversary with taking in several new members and baptizing six individuals. We celebrate all the Lord is doing in Quito, Ecuador!

Quito Church Baptism



New Quito Church Members



Quito 5 Year Anniversary Celebration



Quito 5 Year Anniversary Celebration Service





The Caribbean & Atlantic Ocean Islands



BISHOP DR. CLAYTON MARTIN | GENERAL PRESBYTER

Update from St. Vincent and Grenadines

The saints of St. Vincent and Grenadines give all glory and praise to God for his amazing grace and his tender mercies. He has demonstrated this by keeping us daily through all that is happening around us.

There are seven congregations on the main island. They are located in Kingstown, Belair, Richland Park, Victoria Village, Peruvian Vale, Biabou, and Colonarie. The churches continue to be engaged in ministry to the communities in which we operate. We offer women’s ministries, men’s ministries, youth ministries, children’s ministries, Christian education, and evangelism outreach.

Since the eruption of our volcano, we have been able to reach out to our different communities in tangible ways. One of our buildings was utilized as an evacuation centre to house persons displaced due to the eruption of the volcano. Two were used as learning centres while the local schools were being utilized as evacuation centres also. We were also able to provide our communities with many food baskets. This was made possible by the generous contributions from the tremendous outpouring of love by our Headquarters, our Caribbean and Regional Office, and other brethren throughout the world—UK, Canada, USA, and Caribbean. We offer profuse thanks for standing with us in our time of need.

The congregations continue to meet every week for our various services as there have been no lockdowns in St. Vincent. Some of our congregations offer hybrid services via Zoom and in-person. We are still seeing God saving souls in our churches. During the past two years, there have been two crusades, two revivals, and two all-night prayer meetings. We have had eight baptisms, adding a total of 51 members to



the church. We are working on improving our buildings to provide more welcoming places of worship. We are also working on our Leadership Development thrust by offering the Foundation course early in the new year.

We have been utilizing the Zoom platform to bring the Word of God to the world. Our district worship team hosted a three-night revival with our Evangelist Zonel Wilkinson of SVG, Dr. Chris Joseph of Grenada, and Bishop Elvis Williams of Trinidad and Tobago. This truly was a “worship experience.”

The Youth Ministries was successful in engaging all our local youth in a variety concert on Good Friday, April 2, under the theme “Rooted and Grounded.” The Women’s Ministries held a one-night revival service on July 31 with Evangelist Zonel Wilkinson themed “The Glory of Jesus Shines Brighter and Brighter, the Glory of the Soon Coming King.” Our quarterly prayer events



have still been able to convene using the Zoom platform.

Our District Convention was held February 7-9, 2020, under the theme "Increase Our Faith; Take Us from Glory to Glory," using the Prayer of Jabez recorded in 1 Chronicles 4:10 as our foundation. We asked God to enlarge our borders and to enhance our practices for his glory. Our prayers have truly been answered during this pandemic where gatherings have been limited; by using the Zoom and Facebook platforms, we have seen persons joining our service from far and wide. Also, during our volcanic eruption, the Lord afforded



us the opportunity to minister to the whole man in our communities.

A line in the anthem of St. Vincent and the Grenadines says, "whate'er the future brings, our faith will see us through." Truly God has rewarded our faith in him just as he said in Hebrews 11:6. We continue to pray, "Lord, enlarge our borders; take us from glory to glory."

Update from Trinidad and Tobago

What God cannot do does not exist!

Three families and a volcano-stricken neighbouring island have benefited from the goodness of God executed through COGOPTT's Social Service Committee (SSC), chaired by our Rio Claro pastor, Michael Ramkhelawan.



Coming off the heels of The Lighthouse Project in December 2020, the SSC has spearheaded projects to the value of more than \$40,000.00.

Recipients of the SSC projects:

- A family, including six young children, lives in an incomplete home at Freeport, Chaguanas. During a site visit in early February 2021, a very distressing situation of need was discovered. Substantial help was immediately offered via a food hamper, clothing, and a monetary contribution. Extended help of four months of food items was also granted, courtesy of one of our local churches in the Central District. Help was also given to complete the electrical re-wiring of the home, and this is now awaiting the electrical inspection.
- A brother attending one of our local churches within the South District was diagnosed with Stage V kidney failure and required an urgent kidney transplant. A "GoFundMe" account had been set up for this purpose to which the SSC team made a generous contribution.
- A family suffered the loss of their home to a recent fire. The two-story building consisted of a wooden first floor and was supported by a concrete foundation. The SSC team again stepped in and gave a generous contribution toward the purchase of steel, cement, and bricks for the rebuilding of this structure. This home is located in the vicinity of one of the local churches in the South District.
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG): On April 9, our neighbouring island experienced an explosive eruption of La Soufriere volcano, and within days COGOPTT via the SSC kicked into full gear. The first shipment of food items and disaster relief supplies left our shores on April 15 via the Scotty Sky. Soon afterwards, during the month of May, four pallets of additional items were sent. This time around, items purchased were based on a "special need-list" itemized by Pastor Cheryl Ann Dublin, the District Overseer of SVG. Upon receipt of the items, COGOPTT received a "thank you" letter from Pastor Dublin expressing her heartfelt gratitude to all of the members of the churches in Trinidad and Tobago—not only for the said items, but for also being the first responders.

It would be amiss if we did not extend our heartfelt gratitude to the membership of COGOPTT for responding to the clarion call of assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ. Second Corinthians 9:7 (ESV) says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

-Submitted by Deaconess Carolann Wallace

Update from Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique

Reporting from the tri-island state of Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique, I am Bishop Richard Hopkin, the National Overseer, giving glory to God for his mercies extended to us during this time of world crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

By the grace of God, the Church of God of Prophecy is alive and surviving but under great economic hardship. In spite of all the difficulties that are happening in our country, we continue to see positive growth in the church: souls have been saved, baptized in water, and added to the membership. Out of our great financial need, we continue to give assistance to our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are struggling as well as the people of the local communities we serve in the form of food baskets. We do this because God's word says it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Over ten years ago, we started building a new sanctuary in Marquis, St. Andrew's, where I pastor. You will see in the pictures provided the progress of the building to date. With God's grace, we have been able to get this far along with the little resources we have, through fundraisers, and the occasional assistance from outside sources. However, we continue to struggle to see the completion of the building. With the great

financial need that exists in our country principally because of a failing economy, where people are facing forced, early retirement, losing their jobs, and having to resort to their savings, accomplishing this undertaking has become exponentially harder.

Despite the great hardship and criticism, however, we stand in faith believing that our God, who holds the wealth of the world in his hands, will see us through. We trust and hope that those of you reading this article will allow God to speak to your heart and through obedience you will do what he says. We welcome any assistance that could be given to us, namely financial, in the form of construction materials, physical labour, etc. We will continue to fight the good fight of faith with enthusiasm. We may be knocked down but not knocked out. God is our provider.

If God speaks to you and you would like to assist us in any way, please contact me, Bishop Richard Hopkin, by

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Thank you for taking the time to read this article, and please pray for us as we do the same for you. Stay safe and protected under the blood of Jesus. May God bless you!





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One Child Fund Update

So many of our global family are still in crisis. New variants of the Covid virus are exploding in many nations. Many other nations are experiencing civil unrest, military coups, presidential assassinations, severe natural disasters, etc. We are continuing to reach out in assistance to serve those in greatest need and cover them with a foundation of faithful, consistent, and trusting prayer. Our orphaned and needy children are bound to be most affected. Following is an update from several of our children's homes. Please join us in supply and in prayer for these children.

Bulgaria

The situation in Bulgaria continues to be very difficult. Our country is the poorest in the European Union, with more than 1.5 million bringing home only \$200 per month from their jobs. This is not enough to cover the costs of food, medicine, clothes, electricity, heating, etc. There are many children, most of the time multiple children, who live in large areas of poverty with only one parent or live with their grandparents. They live in small homes, often with some disabled children living in them as well.

The pastors from different towns and villages know them and visit them regularly especially during the holidays including Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas. Most of the children are coming to the churches to celebrate with songs, lunches, and some gifts. During the summer, some pastors organize some excursions outside of the towns to give the kids a time of joy with food, games, and Bible stories. Recently we have traveled to 13 different towns and villages ministering to a total of 464 children.

Haiti

We are doing well at the children's home. The children are on summer vacation, and the social workers have organized an onsite summer camp during these

two months to keep them busy. We are very blessed as the coronavirus has not affected us too much and our city has been safe compared to so many others. The children don't seem to be afraid of the situation but continue to keep our nation in prayer.

Mali

We are in good health in Kati. We recently heard about children and a baby who were abandoned from an association that takes care of disabled people. We currently have no cases of Covid at the center. Our children are most affected by malaria and other illnesses. All the children in the orphanage are doing well by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. These children are increasingly well-equipped and improving at their studies. They recently enjoyed a short vacation. We now have 83 children at the school, which includes our orphanage children. We thank all those who contribute to the development of our children, both financially and spiritually.

Myanmar

We currently have 43 children in our care at the orphanage homes under the direction of the Church of God of Prophecy in Myanmar. The situations of the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and the brutal military coup have been getting worse day by day. We thank God and our respected donors for your concern and prayer for us. Please continue to pray for our situation in view of our Covid restrictions and the recent brutal military coup. Currently schools, companies, and factories have been shut down with no more jobs and income for the civilians. Though most of our orphans have been infected by Covid-19, all of them have recovered by God's grace and by our combined prayers.





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The Harvest Partners ministry arm of Global Missions Ministries facilitates the spiritual, relational, and financial connections between churches in North America and other nations in our global church family. This connected giving ministry is the primary means for local congregations to support the ministries of indigenous mission leaders through their Mission Giving offerings. Mission Giving offerings are the “first level” of support for our national leaders. These funds provide our missionaries and leaders with the supplies needed to operate the ministry on a daily basis. Part of that support assists national ministries with evangelism and outreach efforts. I communicated with a few of our national leaders to find out what their experiences and needs are pertaining to evangelism.

When asked what they have found to be the most effective way to spread the gospel in their nations, I heard from several leaders. Bishop Higgins, our national leader in Guyana and Suriname, and Pastor Rupa in Hungary said that they found tent meetings to be the best method. This type of meeting has contributed greatly to church-planting efforts. Bishop Fricke in Germany encourages church members to be missionaries in their everyday lives as a way to spread the gospel among their neighbors. All these leaders, including Bishop James in Cameroon, have said that they have found the people in their nations to be very receptive and hungry even for the gospel.

Many of these leaders mentioned ongoing church-planting efforts as starting points for outreach in new communities. Many resources are needed to help our



national leaders and pastors spread the gospel. Common needs mentioned include financial provision for new ministers, assistance with building efforts, rent for places of worship, and the basic needs of traveling evangelism,

which include tents, musical instruments, and sound systems. Effective leadership development is also a priority to train workers for the harvest, which means that training resources and literature are a great need.

Please pray for the leadership of Guyana, Suriname, Cameroon, Germany, and Hungary as they continue to work on sharing the gospel with everyone within their communities.

The apostle Paul spoke to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:24 (NLT) and said, “But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” Just as Paul was tasked to urgently spread the gospel of Christ, so, too, are we. Our national leaders are faced with challenges every day in their efforts to share the good news, yet



they continuously strive toward the goal of reaching their neighbors in these last days.

You can help them by first praying diligently for their nations and by connecting with them through ministries such as Harvest Partners ministry. If your church is not connected with a nation and you would like to be, please contact Global Missions and we would be happy to connect you to available nations, just like the ones mentioned here, who are in desperate need of your support.





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Ethiopia

Leadership Meeting: We are so thankful to God that we were able to hold our leadership conference scheduled for the spring in spite of Covid-19 restrictions and challenges. I was able to hold a workshop for our leaders based on the Ministry Policy Manual. We also spent a full day hearing and reviewing reports from the field from designated leaders charged with the review. This brought to light many encouraging things as well as significant challenges that we were able to begin addressing. Our third day was designed for questions and answers. Our final day was dedicated to prayer with one another.



Health Challenge: After a very long week, I awakened with numbness and slurred speech. It was determined that I had experienced a stroke. After returning to the U.S., I was admitted into the hospital. Praise the Lord, I have recovered fully and now only have mild cognitive and speech issues. I believe I will be completely healed of all the residual effects.

National Head Office Progress: We continue to work to establish a national office. Our National Task Force began the process of petitioning for land to begin this project, and we are seeing a green light from the government. We are now on a waiting list and should know more soon. We need the prayers of many friends and partners as we pursue this vision. Added note: We have now been moved to a priority list by the government so God is moving quickly.

Our Needs

Bishop Fekadu Ayele writes the following: In God's grace, we have served for many years in the house of the Lord. Our church membership has grown to 30,000-plus and 73 parishes with 104 full-time ministers in Ethiopia. All this was done through the help of the Lord. We are inviting you to participate in these ministries. We are in need of any kind of transportation for travel, a national building in the capital city, ministry support, help toward organizing choirs and purchasing an assortment of musical instruments, and for assisting and maintaining conferences and training on national, regional, and district level.

We trust you to carefully listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit. We invite you again to be the co-workers of these ministries in prayer and in giving.



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