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## Our Praises and Prayer Requests



- Praise: Our matching fund drive exceeded our goal of \$22,000. This fund defrays the cost of our training and travel. THANK YOU!
- Praise: Our monthly support shortfall has been reduced from \$1100 in January to \$235 as of now.
- Praise God for productive ministries in Rwanda, Nepal and Mongolia.
- Praise God, the mystery illness I experienced in Asia is gone now.
- Please pray for our partner in Nepal who was arrested under Nepal's anti conversion law. His trial was July 8 and went very well. A verdict is expected in August.
- Please pray for guidance concerning ongoing Mongolia ministry. Also please pray for guidance in our ministry plans, especially concerning the Philippines and Myanmar.
- Please pray we can make up the last of our current monthly support shortfall.



GLOBAL TRAINING  
NETWORK



## Making Newsletters Newsy Again!

Exciting things are happening in our ministry right now. Some things will have a big impact going forward. Here is a "roundup" of ministry news to give you an overview of our ministry work right now.

**\*Nepal Partner on Trial.** Most of you know that our partner in Nepal was arrested recently. He was ludicrously charged, under Nepal's anti-conversion law, with coercing people to become Christians by offering them cash and other inducements. **His trial on July 8 went very well** leading everyone to be optimistic about the verdict. **However, no verdict was announced.** Instead a further court date was set for August. A verdict should be handed down at that time. Please continue to pray. It's not over 'til it's over.

**\*New Group Launching in Rwanda.** In May we celebrated the graduation of 27 students from three years of GTN training in Nyanza, Rwanda. The students have grown greatly in their Bible knowledge, discernment, and wisdom.



**NOW A NEW GROUP OF PASTORS AND LEADERS IS BEING ORGANIZED.** We begin this fall. My colleague Scott Countryman and I will be teaching the first two courses. I look forward to this journey!

**\*Philippines: I shall return!** We've been missing our Filipino friends. Following nine years of productive work there, we had to take a break in 2019 due to our coordinator there being on home assignment. Now his role has changed and he will be unable to continue as our Philippine coordinator. **But God has a better idea.** We are now making plans to return to the Philippines in April 2020. Our coordinator will be a former student who has now become an excellent trainer in his own right. In this way a big part of the training ministry formerly handled by Western missionaries will now be managed by a Filipino national. We have locations in mind for two training events in the Visayas (Central Philippines). We have also been invited, once again, to teach in the Conservative Baptist Seminary in Manila. It will be a happy return.

**\*Mongolia Networking Underway.** During my recent visit to Mongolia, God placed a burden on my heart for this distant country. During the trip, though, I did not find any ministry group capable of assembling a large enough group of leaders to make ongoing training cost effective. In Mongolia there are many church groups, but most are small and decentralized. **However, the Mongolian church at large has been growing and the need for training is very real.** Pastors there are willing to travel and join with others to gain needed training. We just need a partner who can pull together people from the various



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groups to create a cost effective training program. During and after my trip I did gain several new contacts. I am corresponding with one of them now. This seems to be a slow process in keeping with the slow pace of the culture there. I'm continuing to pursue this in hopes of being able to minister in Mongolia on a regular basis.

**\*Invitation to Myanmar.** One of my colleagues has been teaching in Myanmar (formerly Burma). Many opportunities for training have developed there. So he is seeking additional workers. I have been invited to go. We are hoping to go in January 2020! I'm looking forward to visiting a new country and working with what by all accounts are some very responsive students!

**\*New Partnership.** Global Training Network is perfectly named. We network. Almost everything we do involves sharing resources and information as well as cooperating with other organizations and people to further the work of training leaders in the majority world. Recently Eileen and I met here in Phoenix with a couple who together have the task of coordinating the work of their mission's workers throughout Asia. Many of those missionaries are working alone and are unaware of resources like those offered by GTN to help them in their work. ***The mission wants to change that and we agreed to work with them.*** They will identify potential groups in need of training in various Asian countries and introduce us to their missionaries in those areas. The missionaries will organize the training events. Our role will be to go and train. If we are not available, we will network within GTN to help meet those needs. This

arrangement should prove helpful to several missionaries. It is a also huge help to us, but, most importantly, it will produce more trained leaders!

**\*Matching Fund Success! Thank you!** Each year from March to May we have a matching fund drive. This resulted from one partner offering \$5000.00 each year to help offset our training expenses, and challenging others to match it. You have always been very generous during this time, but this year you outdid yourselves! There were several new givers this year who dug deep and gave generously just as others have done. ***The final total for the matching fund drive was \$22,145.00*** This puts us in a good position as we prepare for the busy fall and winter training periods. We can't thank you enough!

**\*Time in the States.** Eileen and I are some time in the U.S. after a busy season of travel. We've had some R&R, which I needed after a five week trip which included an illness that would have definitely sidelined me, were I at home. Since I was on a ministry trip, however, I kept working through the fever and chills. The price for this was that the virus lasted a long time and was still in its final stages during my first week at home. We are taking advantage of this time to do some of the networking I've described above, to revamp some of our materials, meet with our partners, do research, and make plans. Oh. We're also visiting some of our children and grandchildren. ***We love the work we do in the countries we serve, but we also love the portion of the ministry that is state-side.***



**Our Itinerary**



**July 28:** First Baptist Church of Page, AZ

**Sept 8:** Floris Baptist Church, IA

**Oct 6:** Faith Fellowship Community Church, Bullhead City, AZ

**Oct 13:** Palm Springs Baptist Church, CA

**Oct 18-31:** Rwanda ministry

**Nov 1-15:** Nepal ministry

**Nov 24:** Maranatha Baptist Church, Globe, AZ

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