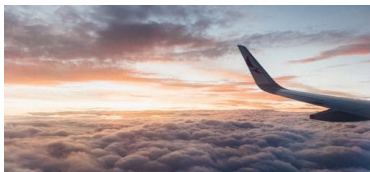


## Our Itinerary



- Sept 8: Floris Baptist Church, Floris, IA  
 Sept 22: First Baptist Church of Page, AZ  
 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 16: GTN 15th Anniversary Celebration  
 Nov 24: Maranatha Baptist Church, Globe, AZ  
 Jan 9-17: Myanmar Ministry  
 Feb 7-10: GTN Leadership Gathering  
 April 7-25: Philippine Ministry



## Brilliant in the Basics

*Thoughts from GTN President Paul Madson*

No matter how much we learn or grow spiritually, there will always be certain 'basics' we need to regularly revisit which form the foundation of our walk with Christ and keep us centered on God and His glory.

Below are 15 of these briefly listed "basics" that I return to over and over:

- 1. The foundation for effective Christian living is thinking rightly and biblically about who God is.** What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. Satan's number one goal is to deceive us about who God is (*Genesis 3:1-7; Isaiah 40:25-26; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Matthew 4:1-11; John 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17; 1 Timothy 1:17*).
- 2. Pursuing God with a passion is the beginning point of life's most incredible journey.** It is to be a mark of the normal Christian life. We are to seek the face of God as for silver or hidden treasure (*Proverbs 2:4-5; Psalm 27:4-5; Psalm 37:4-5; Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 63:1; Psalm 84:10-11; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Matthew 6:33*).
- 3. God is our loving Father.** He has compassion on us. We are His children... His heirs. He knows the number of hairs on our head. He bottles our tears. He will never leave us nor will He ever forsake us (*Psalm 55:22; Psalm 56:8; Psalm 103:13,14; Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 41:9-10; Zephaniah 3:17; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:15-17, 31-32, 38-39; Galatians 4:6,7; Ephesians 3:17-19; Hebrews 13:8*).
- 4. God calls us to walk by faith, not by sight.** Without faith it is impossible to please God (*Romans 4:20-21; Hebrews 11:1, 3, 6, 24-27*).
- 5. Nothing comes into our lives as believers that has not first passed through the hand of God.** Everything that comes into your life has been allowed by God for your good and His glory. Because of what they produce in us, we can welcome trials and problems as friends. We don't have to resent them. We can rejoice when they come. Maturity will not come without problems, trials and difficulties (*Job 1:6-12; Romans 8:28; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6,7*).



## It's Going to Be Epic!

Over the past few years we have completed our work with several groups in India as well as one in Malawi. We also took a "time-out" this year in the Philippines as our coordinator there has been on home assignment. We've adjusted our schedules and done more work in our other countries—Nepal and Rwanda. Recently we've been asking for your prayers concerning various ministry possibilities. God has been answering those prayers! This year I've been on an exploratory trip to Mongolia and have also ministered once again in Malawi. We have also been doing a lot of networking. As of right now, it looks as though we may be working in as many as six different countries in 2020: Nepal,

Rwanda, Malawi, Mongolia, Myanmar, and the Philippines. Four of these are on the calendar now. A fifth, Malawi, has tentative dates. Only Mongolia remains unscheduled. However, we have new and promising contacts with whom we are corresponding about Mongolia. We are optimistic. We continue to need prayer concerning the open doors before us. This training schedule will be exhilarating but will tax our spiritual, relational, and financial resources. One thing is certain: 2020 is going to be EPIC!



**Brilliant in the Basics** (Cont'd)

- 6. **This world is not our home.** We are simply passing through. We are pilgrims here. Our citizenship is in heaven. Live as a pilgrim. Travel light. Live as a stranger and alien. Look forward daily to 'a better country.' Keep your roots shallow...your tent pegs half pulled (*John 14:1-3; Philippians 3:20 Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11*)
- 7. **Evil spiritual forces are always out to deceive and discourage.** Our enemy wants to mar our spiritual testimony. Walk soberly. Put on God's armor daily. Don't be deceived. Don't be subtly led astray. Walk close, tight and humbly with God... He is your fortress and protection (*John 8:44; John 17:15; Ephesians 6:10-18; James 4:7; 1 John 4:1, 7*).
- 8. **Memorize God's Word and meditate on it regularly.** Inculcate Scripture into your memory. Sink it deep into your heart and never let it go. Let it dwell in you richly. Treasure it. Grab it. Grip it. Grasp it. Cherish it. Value it. Guard it. Hold it dear. It's not the one who reads most, but the one who meditates most that will prove to be the strongest, wisest and sweetest Christian. Take God's Word and ponder it. Reflect, ruminate and muse over it (*Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2-3; Psalm 119:9-11; 97-100; Proverbs 8:10-11; Colossians 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12*).
- 9. **Kindness, graciousness, and love must exude from us to everyone we meet...from the greatest to the least.** All people have dignity because they are made in the image of God... treat people accordingly (*Matthew 5:43-47; Matthew 7:1-2; John 13:34,35; Romans 12:10; Romans 13:8; Romans 14:19-20; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Colossians 3:12,13; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 3:7*).

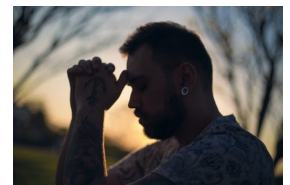


- 10. **Always forgive others freely and thoroughly.** No matter who they are or what they have done. Forgive in the same way that you have been forgiven. To refuse to forgive is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die (*Colossians 3:12, 13; Matthew 18:21-35*).
- 11. **Genuine humility is absolutely essential if we are to experience the grace of God in our lives.** God 'stiff arms' (opposes) the proud but gives grace to the humble (*Proverbs 15:18; Isaiah 66:2; Micah 6:8; Matthew 23:12; Ephesians 4:2; James 3:13; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5-6*).
- 12. **Giving thanks in everything and choosing a heart of gratitude is foundational to all true joy and happiness.** (*1 Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 5:20*).
- 13. **It's only in giving our lives away and becoming servants to others that we will experience the deepest and richest joys in life.** Nothing compares with the feeling of having been used by God to influence someone's life for all eternity (*Matthew 5:16; Matthew 20:26-28; Acts 20:24; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 2:3-8*).
- 14. **Use your material resources to further the kingdom of God.** Your heart will naturally follow where you put your treasure. Put your treasure in a place where you want your heart to be. Give generously and share with those in need. God promises to provide for your every need (*Matthew 6:19-21, 33; Hebrews 13:16; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Hebrews 10:34; Hebrews 13:5*).
- 15. **Practicing what we know...obedience – not knowledge – is what ultimately develops spiritual maturity in our lives** (*1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 7:24-27; John 14:15,21; Hebrews 5:14; James 1:22, 25*).



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**Our Praises and Prayer Requests**



- Praise God for our current support level which is now just \$55 below full monthly support.
- Praise God for an effective ministry in Malawi.
- Praise God for open doors for effective ministry.
- Please continue to pray for a 'not guilty' verdict for our partner in Nepal. His final hearing has been delayed.
- Please pray for our October/November ministries in Rwanda and Nepal.
- Please pray that we can achieve full support in the coming weeks.

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