

March 2022



GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for successful ministry in Rwanda in March
- Praise God our ability to travel is returning!
- Please pray for those who minister in Ukraine as well as for all the Ukrainian people.
- Please pray for our return to Nepal which has been delayed.
- Please pray for our next ministry in Rwanda in May.
- Please pray for solid preparation for planned ministry in the Philippines this summer.
- Please pray for a good kickoff to our March-May Matching Gift campaign.



All Good Things Must Come to an End...OR NOT

I have an amazing backpack. I've owned it for more than 10 years. It has been around the world again and again and again. Stuffed into every manner of luggage bin and taxi trunk, filled, emptied, filled again, hung from chairs or thrown on the floor, searched by surly security guards and rifled through regularly by me. It just keeps going. Suitcases have come and gone with little lament, but the backpack just keeps on packing. It's not much to look at, but when you look again, it's still there. It is the energizer bunny of backpacks. It reminds me of the Israelite's clothes and sandals which for 40 years in the wilderness did not wear out (Deuteronomy 29:5). There was a clear touch of the supernatural there. God led them and provided for their needs in the wilderness. The question is, does He still do



such things? I am convinced that He does. This August will mark our 13th anniversary with Global Training Network. I can't begin to count the number of miles we have travelled or the number of nights we have spent in some funky hotel not found on "Trip Advisor." On the other hand, I can't begin to count the lives that have been changed during these incredible years or what still awaits as the result of training



Where in the World Is Bob This Month?



March saw Bob return to Rwanda for a week of training in Gisenyi on the shores of Lake Kivu and at the foot of Mt Nyiragongo. This was our third opportunity to work with Nazarene students in a certificate program there. Our class this time was "Christian Stewardship, Part II." My partner for the week, Michael Brogna, taught hermeneutics. Some of these students are nearing graduation in their certificate program and some are nearly prepared for ordination. I will return along with Eileen in both May and October. By God's grace we hope in October to celebrate both of these events! What a joy to see students enter fully into the ministry well prepared for the tasks ahead!



All Things Must Come to an End...OR NOT *(Cont'd)*

Christian leaders in the majority world. In all this time God has provided for every single ministry effort we have undertaken and has never once failed. He has also given us energy and perseverance. We are not wearing out either. He has filled our hearts with a growing enthusiasm for this work of God in which He

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graciously allows us to partner. (And, of course, He has given me this never-say-die backpack.)

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This has ever been the pattern for those who wish to follow God closely. Step out believing God, then watch Him provide what you need in order to follow Him. It always seems to occur in the same order. Trust first, see the provision afterward. God is seldom early, but He is never late. He is the master of "just-in-time" delivery. He asks us to trust Him for that; many have done so and discovered Him true! Abraham did. Moses did. The Israelites did. David did. The apostles did. Ordinary people throughout church history have done it too. All have learned the same basic lesson. Trust and follow and discover that He never fails, then trust Him a little more and learn the lesson in a bigger way all over again.

More than a score of years have passed like lightning on this particular journey. I'm not anxious for the journey to end. I want to go on tasting and seeing the Lord's goodness. I want to go on seeing God change lives all over the majority world. I want to go on seeing Him provide just in time. As long as God continues to lead us on this path, I plan to keep stepping out. I wonder if my backpack can make it all the way to 40. Hmmm. 



Our Itinerary



- March 3-14: Rwanda ministry**
- May 5-30: Rwanda ministry**
- June 17-July 2: Philippines ministry**
- Sept 18: Calvary Crossroads, Wenatchee, WA**
- Sept 25: East Wenatchee First Baptist Church, WA**



Matching Gift Kickoff!

Our ministry has recently received a generous gift of \$7500 from one of our great partners. This gift comes with a challenge. Can you match this gift by the end of May? Last year you more than tripled this gift. You topped off our ministry funding for the remainder of the year. We are off to a good start in 2022 with several matching contributions. We are blessed by your generosity!

Ministry Partnership

Your financial partnership is essential as we carry out our God given ministry. Please follow the instructions below or on the enclosed response card (US mail version).

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:17, 19)

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