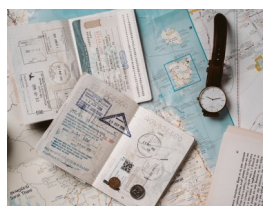


**October
2026**



GLOBAL TRAINING
NETWORK

Our Itinerary



Oct 8-25: Rwanda Ministry

Oct 26-Nov 3: Cameroon Ministry

Nov 27: Black Friday: Bob's 68th Birthday

Jan 7-29: Philippines Ministry

In His Grip

Gospel Networking

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that, as a missionary, I think a lot about reaching the world with the gospel. I have at least a dozen books on my shelves dealing with the subject. Some offer methods of reaching people. Others deal with missions strategy on a grand scale. One describes Jesus' 'method of evangelism.'

(Honestly, I have a hard time seeing any *method* in Jesus' encounters. Each one was different.) Sometimes we overcomplicate things. I have a growing opinion that every believer can participate in the Great Commission through the simple everyday process of *NET-WORKING*. Networking is simply connecting in friendship with people and sometimes helping them connect with others. It is often

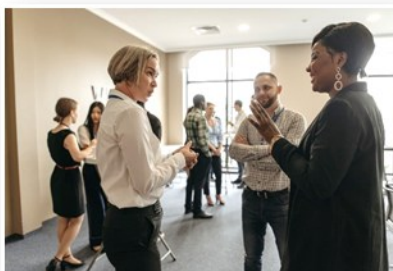
thought of as a kind of business tactic, but it is how the gospel has always spread. There are plenty of biblical examples:

●**Andrew brought Peter to Jesus** (John 1:40–42). One personal introduction connected Simon to Christ, and that connection later helped to shape the early church.

●**Barnabas stood with Saul** (Acts 9:26–28). When the Apostles feared the former persecutor, Barnabas used his credibility to link Saul (also called Paul) into the Jerusalem network as he began his work as an apostle.

●**Priscilla and Aquila networked at home and at work.** (Acts 18:1–3, 24–26). They worked with Paul as tentmakers, hosted a church in their home, and privately

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Autumn News Roundup

Break out the pumpkin spice! Autumn is here! September was a busy month for Eileen and me. We spent a good portion of the month in Washington State where we gave reports in two of our partner churches and met with many individual friends and partners. We gained some new and increased financial support, and even connected with a number of new people we'd never met before. I continue to engage in my writing projects although my book has taken a back seat to several comparative world view courses for GTN. Last month we were saddened by the news of the massive flash flood that swept through Nepal from its northern to its southern

border. To date 1452 Nepalis are confirmed dead. Most remain unidentified. Some 4718 are missing and feared dead. In the days following that catastrophe, there have been unusually heavy monsoon rains which have caused additional mudslides and have taken still more lives. Our partners in Nepal have informed us that 75 Christian believers are among the dead with 70 still missing. It is notable that, in spite of being few in number, Christians are leading the way in the humanitarian efforts so desperately needed in Nepal. For those who wish to give to the relief efforts there, we recommend Samaritan's Purse as a reliable NGO where your gift will do some good. As for us, we are now preparing for our October ministry in Rwanda and Cameroon. We will be taking with us a younger couple who are thinking of joining Global Training Network. They will be observing the ministry and getting a taste of international travel on this, their first overseas trip. In Cameroon, by God's grace, I will be joined by Julius Kogge, our partner from Iraq who helped launch the Cameroon ministry. Julius has been unable to travel from Iraq due to international tensions in the Middle East, but he hopes to join me this time. Please pray with me about that. This could be a very productive trip by God's grace and through your prayers.



Gospel Networking *(cont'd)*

instructed Apollos so his preaching and writing could become more accurate.

God himself placed Philip in the path of an official of Ethiopia (Acts 8:26-40) After explaining the Scriptures to this man, Philip evangelized and baptized him. The official then took his scroll of Isaiah and his newfound faith in Jesus back to his home where he apparently introduced it in the court of Candace the queen of Ethiopia.

Networking continues to connect people to the gospel today. When someone comes to church for the first time, he/she almost always comes with a friend or relative. When someone places their faith in Christ, they have almost always been influenced by not one, but by several people.

I recently met an Iowa native who knew of my brother Bill's high school wrestling career, so when Bill was in town for a visit, I invited my friend over for lunch and introduced him to Bill. They talked a lot, and Bill shared the gospel with him in his affable, non-threatening way. I recently became aware of 15 Iranian Christians crossing a border to seek training in a different country. Their testimony is that years ago someone clandestinely brought in four Bibles to Iran and gave them away. They were passed from one person to another touching who knows how many lives and hearts. All we know is that these 15 leaders owe their salvation to a group of people literally passing on the good news. These are examples of gospel networking.

The organization with which I work is named Global Training NETWORK. It is perfectly named since networking is how we do... well,



everything. The internet makes possible a breadth of connections not attainable in earlier times, and we take advantage of this tool. We share curricula and pray together in real-time. We share contacts in other countries and travel tips. We organize team efforts in many of our countries, then work with indigenous leaders to continue the training when we are gone. All this we do by working together as a network.

Think about it. You too are already part of a gospel network. How many people have had an impact on your spiritual life over the years? How did you come to know them? If impacted by a particular ministry, how did you hear about it? How did you first come to the church you now attend? In most cases some kind of friendship connection was involved. These connections and the fellowship we enjoy with other believers are all forms of gospel networking.

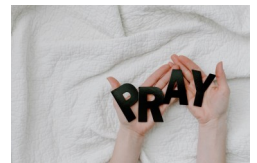
My challenge to you is simple. Network for your Lord. Do it deliberately. Introduce yourself. Be good to people. Build bridges between people. Maybe you are not great at sharing the gospel, but you know other people who are! True evangelism starts well before the sharing of the gospel. It starts with being the kind of friend that Christians know how to be. It continues with drawing someone into a network of believing friends where they will hear the gospel and see it in action. You can become one of the several people it takes to influence someone for Christ, and that's gospel networking. ∞



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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God my brother was able to train Iranian Christians in Iraq.
- Praise God for new ministry areas in the Philippines starting in January.
- Praise God our Iraqi partner, Julius Kogge, will be joining me in Cameroon.
- Please pray for our October ministries in Rwanda and Cameroon.
- Please continue to pray for Nepal in the wake of devastating flash flooding.
- Please continue to pray for believers and missions work in the Middle East.

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