



GraceChapel

OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES

August 2022

God is on the move! He's moving in our church, our nation, and throughout the world!

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PASTOR'S PEN: – Pastor Terry Jarvis

Summer nights are behind us! What an amazing time! Thank you for all those who helped out on the evening or in the massive amount of prep work. We always need more people to serve!!! I spent most of my time walking around talking to people. I met several first-time people, some of whom came from APEX apartments. They were so impressed with the whole event. Teressa, the manager at APEX, came and jumped right in meeting people and enjoying the event. The Connections team has reported several families showing up at Grace who came to one of the Summer Nights. Praise the Lord!

Now we are gearing up for the “Welcome Home” event for Apex, when we will host new arrivals moving into the Apex Community. This is a great opportunity to show them we are here and want to be helpful to them as they move into a strange community.

“Upward Sports” will begin shortly, and we are hoping to see more kids sign up. We changed the date and day for the events so that may have affected registrations. Nevertheless, we are pressing ahead, with the 80 kids who were able to come.

Thanks for praying for the world and for our community.

Blessings! Terry

LOCAL UPDATES

Apartment Life: Alex Pag & the Apartment Connect Team

Summer nights at Grace in July was well attended by APEX residents and Teressa, the manager. Continue to pray for the ongoing outreach at the apartments.

Life Connect: Brenda Rogers, Life Connect Director

No new updates for August. Continue to pray for this practical local ministry of Grace Chapel.

GLOBAL UPDATES

Malawi, Africa: Ron Willett on behalf of the ministry team

Praise God for his blessing on the Brothers In Arms project. A week ago, Saturday, they drilled a well and hit water at 120 ft. The well will provide consistent, inexpensive water for the project and allow them to irrigate their crops and vegetables. Then, it was great that Josh was able to introduce the project to the church family during last Sunday's worship service. This week they finished the thatched grass fence around their fields and held a public class on how to make compost to use as a natural fertilizer.

Perhaps best of all, a week ago a short-term agricultural worker from Texas gave Bibles to all of the youth and leaders in the program. Over their time in the program, they have seen the power of God to change their lives. They know that it is obedience to the word of God that keeps a person from sin and guides them into God's blessing.

Pray for Pastor Asante, the director of Brothers In Arms to be granted a tourist visa so that he can visit the US this fall. He wants to thank Grace Chapel for the generosity of our gifts and meet with potential donors to further grow their financial base. We look forward to being able to introduce Asante to Pastor Josh and other members of our Grace Chapel family. Pray that we can raise up a short-term team to visit Malawi next spring or summer.



Africa: Mobilizing, Equipping and Sending Latinos to North Africa – Craig Wilson



EGYPT, ONE OF THE CRADLES OF CIVILIZATION JULY 2022 PRAYER FOCUS

Egypt, located in North Africa, has an area of 1,001,450 km², so it can be considered a large country. With a population of 106,437,241 people, it is a highly populated country and has a population density of 104 inhabitants per Km².

Some facts about the faith professed in Egypt are:

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| Continent: Africa | Religion: Muslim 90%, |
| Capital City: Cairo | Christian 9%, |
| Population: 106,437,241 | Agnostic 1% |
| Language: Arabic | Population in unreached people groups: 12.2% |

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Africa: Don & Kitty Gibson

(The following is a repeat that was published in 2018. Even though some of the conditions have changed, this ministry is still very effective through Grace Chapel's indigenous partners. Tens of thousands have heard the Good News and a large percentage have committed to follow Jesus.)

God, Technology and the Gospel – Habukkuk 2;11; Luke 19:40

Are we revealing the good news that God loves and has a plan for each of us or are we like stones that are lifeless and lie silent? God, through many Prophets and Witnesses has made Himself know to His most precious creation – us. The Bible tells us that there has been a "great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us." Ever since the creation, God has raised up many ways to reveal who He is, including creation itself.

In these recent days a great opportunity has come into our possession. God is using the "Stones of Technology", along with His faithful servants. Among these are: worldwide communications, the ability to distribute

audio and video recordings in the "Heart Languages" (a person's first language), and the ability to travel quickly. In an instant, we can see and talk with someone anywhere on the earth. Even without knowing the language, we can talk and write through computer aided automatic translators. All of this helps us to be aware of the customs and needs of the unreached. The Bible and Good News stories can be placed on portable audio and video players and distributed. These can be put into the hands of local churches, pastors and indigenous missionaries, to go and share with villages where they have never heard the message of a God who loves them. He has loved them so much that He gave His only Son, that they may be adopted into his kingdom.

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Arabian Peninsula: Steve & Sally Hagman, Operation Mobilization

No new updates for August. Please continue to pray for this very unreached part of the world.

Biblical Education by Extension (BEE World): Jim and Barb Tucker

Jim is entering a period of transition to a new and different set of responsibilities in BEE World. In early September, he will become the Registrar, in charge of the academic records of BEE's students worldwide, among other things. This is a new position for BEE and for Jim. There are many decisions to make regarding how best to proceed. Please pray for Jim as he and BEE World make this transition.

Indonesia – Launch Global: Tim & Rebecca Ficklin

We've made it almost halfway through our full-time language learning season in Indonesia. Every day we walk the same path and engage with people while asking questions and listening. We're not only learning language and culture but, even more importantly, we are slowly developing friendships with the people here. Very few of these friends, if any, have heard the Gospel and we pray that despite our limited vocabulary, the Holy Spirit would move in all of our conversations.

Our team in Bandung continues to gear up for ministry in 2023. Although we have grand plans and a strategy for mobilizing the Church in Indonesia, God continually reminds us that He does the work: Ibu W, a friend of one of our teammates, is a recent follower of Jesus. She believes that Jesus is calling her to move to a smaller, distant town to disciple followers of Jesus where there currently are none! She has told our teammates that if they can move across the world to obey Jesus, then she can move to this unreached town to do the same. We're thankful that God can use the simple act of following him overseas to bless and encourage the Church.

Please pray:

- Jesus would continue to work through our family and our team to bless the lost and encourage other believers
- Favor in visa processes. We're still waiting for our student visa
- Friendship, connection, and the right schooling situation for our children
- More laborers for the harvest! Our team is currently recruiting back in the US as we look for continued growth.

Pictured: celebrating Idul Fitri & Idul Adha with new friends



Lighthouse Arab World: Neil Holsteen

The Lighthouse Arab World leadership team is gathering this week to do 3-year Strategic Planning. We are seeing an incredible impact of our ministry in Lebanon through our FM radio station and in North Africa through our social media evangelization campaigns. Please pray that God shows us what we should focus on – both on the tools we use and the people groups throughout the Middle East and North Africa that we target in our ministry activities.

In addition, God provided funding through a partner Foundation that allowed us to hire a full-time fundraising professional. Les, his wife Lisa, and their kids attended Grace Chapel about 15 years ago and are known by many people that attend Grace Chapel presently

China Partner: Erik Burklin

Many cities in China are still in partial Covid lockdowns, or as the government prefers to call it, “tranquility management.” The Chinese government continues to enforce a “Zero Covid” policy, which means every-day testing for residents, and if someone tests positive, they are immediately removed to a Covid center, while the rest of the community is put into a new 14-day lockdown. It seems to be completely unsustainable and is frustrating for millions of citizens. And Jesus says to them, “I AM WITH YOU!”

Amid these challenges, we regularly receive reports from our brothers and sisters in China that the ministry of local churches continues. They remain faithful to their cause of preaching the Good News of Jesus and making disciples. Recently we received reports from several pastors who reported that graduation services were held in their respective Bible schools and seminaries. We praise God for these good reports!



The graduating class of 2022 of the Jiangxi Provincial Bible School In Nanchang proudly show their diplomas. China Partner has invested in the development of this school for many years.



Last month Erik had the opportunity to meet with key Chinese church leaders in San Francisco planning future ministry strategies.

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John 20:21 “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”