



GraceChapel

## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES NOVEMBER 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

#### **COFFEE WITH A MISSION**

- You may have noticed we are now serving specialty coffee in the Hub on Sunday mornings. You may have also noticed that we are asking you to consider a \$2 donation for the specialty coffee. The purpose behind this is to provide some funding for specific projects that come across my desk that are not covered in the Outreach budget. Through November, we will be helping Carrie Robertson's father repair his church after the hurricane last month.
- The Coffee bar in the hub is a pilot program to help us determine if we are able to run a full Coffee Shop that will be open to the public. The purpose is to create a third space for our APEX / Elevation Communities to host smaller family events and for us to provide classes on life issues. All while serving good coffee also on a pay-what-you-can basis.
- Keep drinking good coffee!

Blessings, *Terry*

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### **LOCAL UPDATES**

#### **Apartment Life** – Alex Paniagua & the Apartment Connect Team

On October 13, we had an amazing opportunity to do a community event at APEX. "Welcome Fall" was the event that Apartment Connect put together to say goodbye to summer and build relationships with the community.

Praise God:

- We have started to build a relationship with the new management and gain credibility.
- Amazing response of around 200 people coming to enjoy food and fellowship.
- Great opportunity to connect with new people Justin and Kris, and have further involvement in activities, Bible studies, etc.

We are so grateful for the amazing response from the management and the community. This is a significant breakthrough. Praise the Lord!!!



## Life Connect – Michelle Moss and Brenda Rogers

Life Connect has enrolled a few new participants and is getting ready to graduate our first one! Due to the faithful servants with coaching, serving meals, loving on kids, and stocking our Resource Pantry, one participant has achieved stability, and a few more will be ready after the holidays! This participant came from a tough situation, newly divorced with young children and needing help navigating life in her new role. While in the program, she was able to process through all the legal proceedings, find a new home, navigate new childcare and schools, and start a full-time job. She is quite a busy mom right now, but on her own two feet! What a joy to see her come from a hurting place with God, to praising Him for orchestrating her move.

About a month ago we enrolled a new participant that was mentally and emotionally spent, ready to wave the white flag and looking for direction. Last week she exclaimed, "I don't know where I would be right now if it wasn't for Life Connect. I had lost all hope and was at the end of my rope. I was ready to give up. Now I can take the next right step."

We've seen so many of those "next right steps" over the last 8 months, and they have all added up to a better place – financially, emotionally, mentally, physically, and with great joy – spiritually!

Thank you for your continued prayers as God continues to break down strongholds and bring Peace and Joy to our participants.

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## GLOBAL UPDATES

### Malawi, Africa – Ron Willett on behalf of the ministry team

#### Malawi Project Team Update November 2022

We are excited to celebrate nearly a year of partnership between Grace Chapel and Brothers In Arms Initiative. This Malawian initiated project provides a safe residence and life changing community for youth who have been living on the streets of Blantyre. Last December, Grace Chapel gave its first gift to begin building this residential impact center. The first phase of construction was completed in April.

***Can you join me in a moment of excitement for wells, tomatoes, and pigs?*** In July, Grace Chapel gave more funds to help the center become more self-sustainable. They drilled a well, built covered and enclosed pens for raising animals and planted vegetables and crops. These steps will help feed the youth and provide ongoing funds as produce and animals are sold. These are steps towards great self-sustainability!

This month, they will host Dr. Bobbie Legg, a professor from Arizona State University on a two-week visit. She serves on the board of directors for Beyond-The-Orphanage and is a specialist in the care and treatment of survivors of adolescent trauma and abuse. She was introduced to Brothers In Arms by the US Embassy who are paying for her expenses as she makes this visit to Malawi. She and her husband will provide guidance for Asante as he continues to build the operational structure for Brothers In Arms. Dr. Legg has lived internationally and regularly consults with small, grass-roots organizations.

Pray that her time with Asante and Angel will be encouraging and helpful as they welcome a new group of teenage boys into their program. Pray that the new youth will integrate well with the 10 youth who are finishing up their 3 ½ year education, discipleship, and mentoring experience at the center. Pray for God to produce lifelong transformation in the youth who have been impacted by the center!



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

The Bridge, a collaborative effort of Grace Chapel, Operation Mobilization El Salvador and Operation Mobilization Spain, has been at work in Latin America by equipping churches and individuals to become involved in missions to the least reached of North Africa. Already we have conducted two separate 10-week courses through “Engaging the World of Islam” to many who are wanting to get involved in sending or going to North Africa. This course is very important in educating Latinos about Islam and Muslims and also inspires them to get involved.

For two years now, we have been having monthly prayer gatherings by Zoom that involve Latinos from 5 Central American countries, Spain, and 2 churches here in the U.S. Typically there are 15 to 20 who participate. It has been great to experience the deepening prayers of those who participate as they become more informed about Muslims in North Africa and their hearts grow to love them more. If you want to join us, we pray the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Craig Wilson at [cwilsoncontracting@hotmail.com](mailto:cwilsoncontracting@hotmail.com) to be sent a link for the prayer time. Below was our promotion for October. While most pray in Spanish, we have simultaneous translation into English and when someone prays in English, it is simultaneously translated into Spanish. Everyone is able to participate.



During the month of November, we will be offering a seminar to several mission groups and churches in El Salvador. We also expect some from other countries to join. Our first seminar is “Praying for Lost Muslims”. We are seeking to inform and inspire people to take action and pray for those who need Jesus. So often people have found it difficult to pray for Muslims so we will be investigating:

- Who are we praying for?
- What are we asking of God?
- Why are we praying?
- Where do we pray?
- When do we pray?
- How do we pray?

Some may say that answers to the above are obvious but if that is true, then why do we not pray more?

Finally, one of our missionary families, the Portillo’s, from El Salvador will be returning from their 10-week short term trip to North Africa. They will be stopping in Colorado to debrief and will be at Grace Chapel on December 11 in the Pepsi class 9:00-9:45 and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half class 9:45-10:30. Please feel free to join in either class to hear what God is doing and has done in Ceuta, North Africa.

## Africa – Don & Kitty Gibson

### The Gemach Project in West Africa

Since July, The Gemach Project has funded loans in twelve new villages. All of those villages are in Niger. In October, 37 loans were made with new funding and 135 loans were made with funds paid back from previous loans. Of these new loans, 14 were funded by Grace Chapel in the village of Garin Kanta. All loans again are interest and fee free. The repayment rate remains at a staggering 99.92% and brings us to a total of 5,315 loans made in Niger. We once again give thanks to our loan coordinator, Magagi, for all the hard work that he does for the people of Niger, and for The Gemach Project and to Grace Chapel for their continued support.

One of these new loans was given to Hadjara Lompo, seen below. Hadjara is 31 years old, married with 7 children.



## Arabian Peninsula – Steve & Sally Hagman, Operation Mobilization

Steve has been working with a group of people to raise up prayer for Qatar during the FIFA World Cup, which is from November 20 to December 18, 2022. You may have heard about the abuse many laborers have faced helping Qatar build the stadiums for these games. Many of these stories are true. Please remember these laborers in prayer.

Please pray for the Qataris as well. There are only a small handful of local believers. When you hear about Qatar and the FIFA World Cup this fall, pray that many people will hear about the Good News of Jesus. [Prayer letter attached to email.](#)



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

Jim's new role as BEE World's Registrar has been much more challenging than expected. Many of the technical challenges with the computer systems have been resolved. However, some decisions need to be made that are important both in the short term and the long term. Wisdom and guidance from the Lord are needed! Please pray for Jim and others as we work through these issues.

## China – WorldVenture – Doug & Nissy Cannon

**REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE** – My brother Fred and I drove down to a reunion of friends from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD where we had met Christ in high school. There were about 500 people there for the memorial of an elder, Paul Kokulis, who with his wife, Carolyn had disciplined many hundreds of youth in their lifetime.

**WE'RE THANKFUL FOR FRIENDS COMING TO THE LORD** – Shen Long and Sandi run a tea shop and a business here in town and have become good friends. They and their extended family and children look for opportunities to get

together with us. Whenever we share about the Lord, *they really show interest* and want to hear. We believe they will come to know the Lord soon.

We long to be able to be back overseas among the Nosu, but things have not been open in China. Sixty cities are still under lockdown including our town and even Nissy's village. Friends there are saying it could begin to open up again this coming year and that we could *aim for next summer* to return. We're praying and planning towards that. In the meantime, we're thankful for so many friends here through our Chinese fellowship that are eager to hear and ready to believe in Christ. It makes our days full and brings us great joy.



### THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US

- 1) May God *protect believers in China* during this tight time and cause them to grow strong in the Word and in prayer.
- 2) We're praying that *Chinese and Nosu* continually come to know the Lord there.
- 3) May the Nosu OT work continue to completion without hinderance.
- 4) We're praying that *diaspora Chinese come to Christ* all around the world, and that they will have a call from God to take the good news to their own people in China.
- 5) We're lifting up *Shen Long and Sandi* that they will come to Christ.
- 6) May *our precious kids* love Jesus and follow him as they grow each day.
- 7) Nissy is on schedule with her *classes at BIOLA* online to graduate this May. We're praying that God will bless her studies.
- 8) We're praying that Covid and the tightness in China will steadily let up, they can move past their lockdowns, travel and visas can resume and we can *return to the field*.

Thank you for praying. God bless you. Let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

### Indonesia – Launch Global – Tim & Rebecca Ficklin

Multiple answers to prayer lately: I (Tim) have found an additional location to build relationships and practice language. We have also heard there are currently 3 additional units in the US considering joining our team!

Our teammates have completed full-time language learning and have started a transition to ministry. During this next season they will focus on learning from local believers, pastors and churches, and front-line workers among the unreached. They will practice spiritual vocabulary, get first-hand experience seeing how others are reaching the unreached and will operate in disciple-making teams. And in the meantime, Rebecca and I will keep plugging away at full-time language study!

Please pray:

- For discernment for our team leads and the folks considering joining our team
- Strengthened relationships between our teammates and the other pastors/churches/workers they collaborate with
- For continued perseverance, strength, rest, and health of our teammates as they settle in for the long-term in Indonesia and build their lives and families here (we have a new baby girl on our team and a baby boy on the way).

Pictured: Rebecca with friends Yanti and Salm



## Lighthouse Arab World – Neil Holsteen

*“Building bridges in a hostile environment and breaking down walls of hate, we use the power of the arts and media to bring the light of Jesus to the Arab world.”*

*Please pray for Imed and Ellie Dabbour. Ellie was recently diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer and will have surgery this coming week to have the malignancy removed. She has a wonderful family and ministry team surrounding her with love, care, and support. Please pray for a successful surgery.*

At Lighthouse Arab World, we like to say, “Art Opens Hearts.” One of the ways this idea shows up in what we do, is in the production of Christian worship music videos. These videos are beautifully done, appealing to the eye as well as the ear.

But our aim is not simply to entertain. As the windows of the ears and eyes open, the wind of the Spirit of truth enters the heart and mind, bringing the light of Jesus in the truth of Scripture. Our goal is to bring light to darkened hearts, as well as to encourage those who already worship God in Spirit and in truth.

These video productions can be found at the Belight online platform, the Belight mobile app, YouTube, and various Belight social media outlets. To see a sampling of some of our more popular video productions, click on one of the links below.

Feel free to share so others can see and hear how the truth of Jesus is being communicated to the Arab world. Please continue to pray for open doors and receptive hearts.

<https://youtu.be/u9Kj1qMQAsw>

<https://youtu.be/qwJc0-3N2dE>

<https://youtu.be/nlMZ4g03sQg>

## China Partner – Erik Burklin

***“You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”*** (Psalm 118:28–29)

As you read this letter I’ll be on my way to Singapore. This is my first trip back to Asia since the pandemic broke out three years ago. I will be meeting with key ministry leaders and organizations to learn about the current situation in mainland China from their perspective. Please pray for God to clearly reveal to us how China Partner should continue in its mission of serving the church in China.

Every November I try to be intentional in listing what I am thankful for. **Here is my list for 2022:**

**I am thankful** for the privilege of continuing to train **pastors and church leaders** in China in the midst of continued COVID lockdowns. We are currently engaged in our Virtual Pastoral Training project, weekly uploading training sessions to our website which are then available for downloads by pastors and church leaders in China. **What a privilege to invest in trainers who will train others. (2 Tim. 2:2)**

**I am thankful** for **hundreds of Pastor Packs** that have been distributed to graduating seminary and Bible school students this year. **We continue to partner with Christian Communications Limited in Hong Kong to be a part of this strategic ministry.**

**I am thankful** that God continues to **provide experienced and capable trainers**. While the Chinese government still does NOT issue any visas to foreigners, making it impossible for us to travel to China to conduct training sessions in person, friends of CP have made themselves available to volunteer their time. **We are grateful for how God keeps anointing each team member to equip and encourage pastors and church leaders in China.**

**I am thankful** for our **amazing staff – Frank Wang, Kristi Savage and Michele Jang**. Frank continues to serve as our Director of Training, who is in constant contact with key church leaders and pastors in China and interprets many of our virtual training sessions. Kristi continues to keep our home office running smoothly and Michele serves in many ways, including our Hong Kong contacts. **We could not do this strategic ministry without them.**

**AND...I am thankful for YOU, our prayer warriors and partners.** Thanks for walking with us on this ministry journey. YOU are a vital part in God's mission in China and a true picture of the body of Christ serving together for His glory.

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."*** (Psalm 107:1)



Serving HIM, together with you,  
Erik Bürklin President

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