



GraceChapel

## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES

### JANUARY 2023

*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**

Hi All!

2023 is shaping up to be another busy year with several new initiatives in the planning stage likely to be launched soon. In January we hope to resurrect one of our older ministries from a few years ago - working to support refugee families. The governor's office put out a city-wide plea to the faith-based community to help with the massive influx of refugees primarily from Venezuela. They are asking for hosting families or other accommodations along with practical help in caring for them as they go through the process of registration and getting a work permit. We meet with the agency we will be working with on Wednesday to discuss logistics and costs of being involved in such a program.

Please pray for wisdom. We are firmly aware that not everyone in the church thinks we should be doing this ministry. While we respect their viewpoint, we believe this is something the Lord would have us do. We will seek to secure 1 or 2 apartments across the road in the Elevation complex to give care to two families. This ministry will fall under the leadership of our Life Connect and Apartment connect teams who will provide the ongoing spiritual and practical help that they will need as they adjust to a new life in Colorado.

Blessings, *Terry*

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#### **LOCAL UPDATES**

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

Our last event for Apartment Connect was the Christmas event we did for the community that we are trying to reach. We had a great response and were able to make great connections and show people that they are greatly loved. We gave away Christmas gifts to about 25 kids. That was so much fun. It was great to have families coming and enjoying this Christmas family time together. We also had the opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

Please see this video that reports the event: Apartment Connect Winter night

<https://youtu.be/ryNMQUVGBwg>

##### **Life Connect – Michelle Moss and Brenda Rogers**

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a year of growth for Life Connect! We have the opportunity to graduate a few of our participants in January and February. They have worked hard to overcome several challenges, met their goals and have come to a point of self-sufficiency. As Life Connect graduates, or alumni, they are welcome to continue coming to our community dinners and offer support to others along the way. They no longer meet with a life coach twice a month but still have access to their coach if something comes up. We are so proud of these ladies and how far they have come in the past 9 months!

At the end of January, we will be participating in the Douglas County Community of Care network event – Strive-to-Thrive. Here we will meet potential Life Connect participants and network with other organizations in the community.

Please continue to pray for our participants as they overcome challenges and grow closer to Jesus through the process. Please pray that God will prepare the hearts of our future participants as well, as they come into the program in 2023.

Pictures from Christmas Party



Michelle



Pat



Volunteers

*A complete monthly prayer and praise request list is a separate attachment.*

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## GLOBAL UPDATES

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

Asante sent an urgent prayer request 1/3/23. Please keep him, his family, Kossi and their kids and the youth at Brothers In Arms in our prayers. There is an outbreak of Cholera in Blantyre. People need to be extra cautious of their hygiene and avoid unnecessary contact with people. The youth at the center do not come from backgrounds where good hygiene has been practiced. BIA teaches its importance. But people have to follow through.

Pray too for the youth who are still living on the streets. It is even more dangerous for them.

### January 2023

We are still amazed at all that the Lord did through our partnership with Brothers In Arms this past year. You can see with your eyes the building and development which took place. But through the eyes of faith, we see the way Brothers In Arms is making a spiritual difference in the youth, their city and their community as they care for those who are often seen “as the least of these.”

On December 22, they hosted an outreach at the Center for more than 80 of their neighbors. It included a Christmas message, a nutritious meal, and gifts of food staples for the elderly, disabled and others at risk.

On December 26, they partnered with a city church and co-hosted an outreach for youth who live on the streets of Blantyre. More than 80 showed up and were served a meal, played games, and heard a gospel message on how their choices can determine their future. Rather than being powerless, they can choose to believe God’s promises and create a future that is based on trust in Him.

On December 30, they completed the wall which encloses the residential and training side of their facilities as well as completing the dining hall. All of this construction was started and completed in 2022!

**Praise God for his blessings and mighty works!!! In addition, we have seen an amazing answer to prayer.** They have waited since early April to have electricity brought to their property. On December 31, power poles were set up and wire was strung, connecting them to the power grid. The final step will be completed on January 9, when the meter will be installed, and they will have power. You may wonder, “where is the miracle in this?” Other individuals, companies and organizations have waited years to finally get electricity to their property. While we would have loved to have electricity connected earlier, **We Praise God that he blessed them with power for this year and the years ahead!**

Click this link to see a video of the two Outreach events <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQ8WtIqWBGs>



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

No news. Keep praying.

### **Africa – Don & Kitty Gibson**

No news. Keep praying.

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

Ramadan 2023 is from March 22 - April 21.

Hajj 2023 is from June 26 - July 1.

We will have prayer resources for both of these soon.



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

We praise God for the following:

1. The major technical challenges with the computer software for Jim's work as Registrar have been resolved. Further work is ongoing as we seek to improve and enhance our capabilities for tracking the progress of our students who are in numerous countries on several continents.
2. The legal situation with our extended family has also been resolved. Continue to pray as there are still rough days ahead for the family.
3. Please pray for BEE World's Women's Retreat, January 6-8. Barb will be attending as they team-build and make plans for the women's ministry in 2023.

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

As we reflect on 2022, we are thankful for the Lord's provision and continual confirmation of our calling here in Indonesia. 2022 was a year of transition and we are looking forward to seeing how Jesus is going to move in Indonesia in 2023! If you would like to follow additional regular updates and prayer requests as we post to [epistle.org](http://epistle.org) just contact us at [timf@launchglobal.org](mailto:timf@launchglobal.org) or [rebeccaf@launchglobal.org](mailto:rebeccaf@launchglobal.org).

### **Lighthouse Arab World – Neil Holsteen**

No news. Keep praying.

*“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 continue to 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.

## **China Partner – Erik Burklin**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As the new year begins, we want to give you God’s story in pictures of what He accomplished in 2022. This newsletter is dedicated to the men and women in China who we have the privilege of partnering with. Through their faithful ministry thousands of Chinese are finding Jesus in their country. As you look through the pictures in this newsletter may you be reminded that **“The LORD reigns”!** (Psalm 97:1)

THANK YOU for being a part of His mission in China through your faithful prayers and financial support. **We love and appreciate you!**

*Erik’s complete pictorial “year-in-review” newsletter is a separate attachment.* Be sure to spend time rejoicing with him.

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