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Dear Christian Friend,

What an exciting year this is! In the coming days I will be reporting to you some new doors that are opening – exciting opportunities for training missionaries and continuing our emphasis of **BLESSING THE CHURCH AT HOME WHILE BUILDING THE CHURCH ABROAD!!**

As the month of August brings our financial year to a close, I again write you to ask your participation in meeting our year-end need. This year – and we have seen some miraculous results both spiritually and financially – our year-end need is estimated to be \$55,000.

I do have some stories to share with you – true stories that are representative of so much of our ministry around the world. As you know we are committed to the work of evangelism – we desire to build the Church – and we endeavor to meet the physical needs of people. This first story demonstrates how all three of these things work together.



**Siko and Delphine Bambemba** minister in the Republic of Congo – they are a part of our outreach from the Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo. Brother Siko writes:

"Sunday, April 17, after I preached in the hospital chapel a 29 year old woman came to me complaining of itching all over her body and needed prayer. I asked if she had a relationship with Jesus Christ to which she answered that

'she prays'. But, I wanted to know if she had received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in her life. She told me that she had visited the sorcerer to ask why her three very young children died – the sorcerer told her that it was because of her parents that her children had failing health and died. This led her to hate her parents because she believed she had been bewitched by them. We read the Bible together, and she decided to give her life to Jesus. I helped her pray to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Before praying about the bewitchment, I suggested that she take the free HIV/AIDS tests. (Our hospital is the center of testing for HIV/AIDS of which I take an active part.) I wanted to practice integrative medicine, which for me is to save the whole person - Spirit, Soul and Body. She readily agreed and decided to return the following Monday.



The test was positive for AIDS and malaria. She is now being treated. Praise the Lord that a soul has been saved, her health is being restored and she is now living with her mother."

Another exciting – and desperately needed ministry has been the "Love Waits" seminars which have helped many young people see the value of not having sexual relationships outside of marriage!

**John Hatch** is one of our newer missionaries. He is ministering to people in Thailand as well as training pastors for ministry in Burma. His specialty is providing prosthesis for amputees – along with a strong gift of personal evangelism!

The Buddhist culture reveres age and a 28 year-old colleague of John's has won the hearts of village leaders so much so that they have invited him to participate in the village council. Each day he walks through the village and when he sees someone digging a ditch he grabs a shovel and helps them dig. When he sees someone carrying a heavy load he helps them carry it. When he learns someone is sick he goes to their house and asks if he can pray with them.

One lady John prayed with was paralyzed on her right side and had severe arthritis. John led her to Christ – she went home and told her aunt who also accepted Christ. She is the only Christian in her entire village so she placed a cross on her front door so everyone would know she is following Jesus Christ!

The prophet Jeremiah writes: *"O, Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself..."* (Jer. 10:23)

**Moises Zegarra** found this out in a real way while traveling in Peru where he ministers regularly conducting evangelism outreach. Traveling home from a preaching ministry his flight was canceled several times causing a two-day delay! A well known television personality in Peru was experiencing the same delay and ended up sitting across from Moises with her father. He was mad at God for the delays - and the lady asked Moises – "What do you think?" Moises says:

"You can imagine what my answer was. In the beginning only four people were involved in the discussion but soon many passengers became interested and a crowd gathered – my first ever chance to preach in an airport!"

As a result Moises continues to be in touch with these people and is praying they will decide to follow Christ. A flight delay turned into a ministry opportunity!

Moises reports that in Tarapota – the jungle area of Peru – there is a church building that seats 300 people but had only 35 members. Moises has been helping them for several months and they now have 30 new members. When he started an evangelistic campaign he had three objectives:



1. We started with prayer – using different methods and hours of the day.
2. Then we worked on healing relationships and preparing the people for reaching their friends and neighbors.
3. Finally we trained the people for personal evangelism and going house to house covering five blocks around the Church.

Praise the Lord – we had 300 visitors during Holy Week and many decisions for Christ.



**Rachael**, a short-term missionary reports from Thailand where she is teaching English to children. In this photo she is holding up her foot to teach them the word – you guessed it – "foot". She writes:

"I am in Mae Klang Luang, a remote village where I am teaching English to the children in a school, established around three years ago by the missionaries under whom I am serving, that is now run and maintained by the villagers themselves. The school serves forty children, ages three to eight. Without this school, the children of Mae Klang Luang would be at high risk for becoming victims of the sex trafficking industry, which preys primarily on children who lack education. But thanks to the Lord's provision these children are now destined for grade school,

high school, and even university. I have been showered with kindness and generosity by the villagers yet the spiritual darkness that resides here is evident. Virtually all of the residents are Buddhists who practice animism. I have been able to pray with and for many of the adults and children, and let them know that the reason why I am here is because I love Jesus, and I want them to know His love also. I've even been able to teach the children to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and other similar songs as a part of their English lessons."

Whether it is evangelism in the face of sorcery...simply helping someone dig a ditch...or teaching children to learn English by singing "Jesus Loves me" or seeking to build a struggling Church from 30 members to many more...or having your flight delayed so you can minister to a famous TV personality – God is at work – and we learn again and again...

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Every year at this time we must assess our budget – and our Board of Directors must approve a budget for the new year. You can play such an important part at this time of the year. I tell you the stories in this letter not because it is "story time" – but rather these are "real life" examples of what God is doing through the lives of more than 500 missionaries in more than 50 countries!

Our need as we bring this financial year to a close is \$55,000. At our recent board meeting we rejoiced that in these difficult financial times God's people had supported His work – and we were able to control expenses so that our year-end need is not much different than it has been in other years.

Your gift now will help us end this year prepared for a fruitful year of ministry around the world. I trust as you have read about these missionaries in Peru, Thailand, and the Republic of Congo you have sensed that these examples are multiplied time and again in country after country in the lives of every one of our missionaries.

God bless you – and prayerfully remember -- *"...the way of man is not in himself..."*. This is not "our" work, but it is God's!

Sincerely in His matchless name,



Brian Albrecht, President  
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P.S. Your gift is needed by August 15<sup>th</sup> to help meet our year-end need of \$55,000.