

FORWARD WITH THE GOSPEL

By Pastor Steven Scibelli, Missions Director



Romans 1:1 has three descriptions of Paul: servant, called, and separated unto the Gospel.

Romans 1:1-16 is clearly about the Gospel:

separated to the Gospel, the promise of the Gospel, the Scriptures and the Gospel, grace and the Gospel, apostleship and the Gospel, vision and the Gospel to all nations, the whole world, and Rome, serving with the Spirit in the Gospel, being a debtor to the Gospel, ready to preach the Gospel, and not ashamed of the Gospel.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Live a life of faith in the Gospel. In this difficult time (yet not for Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30), we still hear of church plants in Asia, Africa, South America, and other places.

The God of all grace is on the throne (1 Peter 5:10, Hebrews 4:14-16).

Never be intimidated or live in fear in regard to preaching, teaching, and reaching (2 Timothy 4:1-5). Souls are open and broken and we have the message.

Why listen to the voices that are contrary to God?

He that has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church, Revelation 2 and 3.

Open hearts, open ears, and open doors.

Let's keep going with the Gospel of His love, mercy, grace, truth, and faithfulness to the streets, neighborhoods, cities, towns, countries with a goal of a thousand churches for the coming years.

THE GREAT RIP OFF

By Thomas Schaller, Senior Pastor



Don't let the world cheat you. Christ has much for us, but it is related to how we relate to Him.

When Christ came into the world, He told us He is the Good Shepherd and gives us abundant life.

We find young people looking for the easy life and are bored when they find it. It is the great cheat -- "the rip off."

Christ told us to go into the world and preach the Gospel to the poor, "teaching them all things that I taught you" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Could these same young people who are bored be submitted to Christ, learn the Word, practice it, embrace it and go to another country to affect others, see God's grace and come again rejoicing?

Don't let the world cheat you. Christ has much for us, but it is related to how we relate to Him. He says "Come unto Me... learn of Me..."

Let us learn life-changing lessons from Him. We need it, and the poor of this world need it.

Easy Street will chew you up and leave you empty. A commitment to Christ will make you useful and deeply satisfied. A healthy church, a vibrant Bible Institute and a man of God will change your life -- so you will not get caught in the "great rip off!"

At the end of our **Summer Harvest in Arkansas**, Pastor Jon Saboe summed up our trip with words that rang true for me as well, "We saw theory put into action. I have heard and learned of missions and church-planting my whole life, but it became something truly important to me on this trip."

We had opportunities to minister to people in all walks of life. Lost people received Christ, and fellow believers were encouraged in their faith.

We went out with joy and came back with joy.

I thank God for our church, a church that is being used by God to carry out His plan for the world! - David Castro, MBCS student

Mission to NAMIBIA

By Jo Ann Smith

At the Namibian airport, a customs officer said to me, "You will love it here," and stamped my passport. While riding to the hotel, I was glued to the window. The sights were beautiful with tall palm trees and monkeys romping on the roadside. In the clear night sky, you could marvel at the celestial celebration of constellations.



The whole reason for going to Namibia was souls. Every day we shared the Gospel in the city and in rural areas. People were very receptive, men, women and children alike. The soil of these beautiful Namibian souls was prepared by the Holy Spirit. We led many to Christ.

It was a book of Acts experience for me; we worked, ate, and fellowshiped together. Everyone was very supportive of each other. God commanded a blessing on our team, as in Psalm 133.

We invited many people to our church services. Some came and some asked if we would start a church and a Bible college there.



This mission experience to Africa was my first but, by the grace of God, not the last.

BOGOTA

By Pastor Randy Rollins

As part of our pioneering adventure to **Bogotá, Colombia**, this past August, we six guys loaded into an Uber van hoping to visit a poor neighborhood in the hills surrounding the city. Our driver drove back and forth on the switch back roads through the shanty neighborhood to the very top, approximately 1,000 feet overlooking the city, itself already at an elevation of 8,000 feet.

At the very top at the last little abode there seemed to be a family waiting for us, a mother and father with a young child and an older son, Andres. After a short visit, Andres energetically proclaimed that he was going to be the first Bible college student from Colombia.



Andres

What a sweet time we had ministering to this beautiful family singing songs and praying with them. A memorable time for sure and a good example of open and humble hearts, throughout, a white harvest field.

The apostle Paul said, "Woe is me if I do not preach the Gospel," and woe to us if not someday there's not a Greater Grace church and a Bible college in the country of Colombia.

Akanksha Massey, MBCS student:
In Arkansas, I witnessed the life changing power that the message of the Gospel carries. It is beyond our comprehension.

We live and breathe in that power every moment.

Let God be on a mission in you
so that you can be on a mission
in someone else's life.

MENDELLIN

By Pastor Brent Hillenga

When planning a mission trip, you never know what setbacks and what treasures will be revealed. As we look back to our summer harvest trip to **Medellin, Colombia**, the brilliance of changed lives overshadows any issues we encountered.



The local believers were a tremendous blessing helping things run smoothly. We enjoyed devotions, raps, eating together, evangelism, and beautiful salvations.

The standout salvation for me was Andres, a young engineering student. He responded to the Gospel and put his trust in Jesus. Then, he joined us for the rest of the day, attended our service the following night, and continued to hang with us the rest of our trip.

Our day trip to Guatape was outstanding with "conquering the rock," great fellowship, and singing. Everyone was moved when Andres took the microphone and testified, "This has been the best week of my life!"

Pray for a church-planting team to move to Medellin next January.



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SOUTH DAKOTA

By Pastor Ramir Manguling

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting (refreshing) the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:17).

The team that went to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota had their souls refreshed and converted. The Lord did exceeding abundantly beyond what we could have thought or asked for.

We became wise and simple for the Native American Indians. We saw God working as we talked with them. We saw people who were hungry and thirsty for truth. We saw people who were as lost as we were before we met Christ. We saw the need for the true Gospel of Christ. Every day the Holy Spirit touched our hearts and gave us the capacity to love these beautiful people.



At one of our end of the day fellowships, a young man on our team said something profound, "You don't have to be big to be included in the family." You can be simple and anointed.

ARKANSAS

By Bertram Pereira

With much excitement and great expectation from the Lord, about 30 of us from Baltimore and Texas, went to Arkansas. Because our diverse group was sent out and covered in prayer, we had unity and sensed the Spirit's anointing. Morning and afternoon evangelism, followed by raps were the norm.



We spent two days in **Bentonville**. Acts 18:9-10 says “Do not be afraid, but speak ... for I have many people in this city.” Locals mentioned that the area was a Bible belt, with plenty of churches. But God encouraged us the very first day. We met a lady, who hearing the grace message, said that we were just what Bentonville needed.

In **Little Rock**, God opened hearts, and we saw salvations. About 11 people came to church services we held Friday through Sunday. One couple, whose entire family got saved, attended our Sunday service.

The husband shared with Pastor Renaldo that he would love to do Bible college, and then go to Africa.

God graciously allowed us to witness Zechariah 4:6: “Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit.” We saw the Spirit lead us, point people to Christ, open hearts, and transform lives.

Keep Arkansas in prayer.

MISSION OF LOVE

Kaylee Chester, MBCS student

This summer I stepped outside my comfort zone and walked through the doors God opened up for me. I traveled to **Arkansas** and **Namibia** with a mission to share the Gospel and connect with the Body of Christ on a deeper level.



Both trips were opportunities to grow in humility, be bold in faith, and understand the importance of missions. Most importantly, God gave me the capacity to learn about His love. Once we begin to understand God’s love, we can pour into others and love them. The commonality between both trips was witnessing God’s love through the Body of Christ and the people we met.

We built relationships on a foundation of His love. I am so thankful for these experiences because now I am able to see the growing need of Christ in people’s lives.

Jesse Feyers, MBCS student

From Arkansas to Namibia, you see the value of a church that is able to disciple. Many people we met had heard of God, but many of them did not have a walk with God.

Trips like these create opportunities to live out missions in a practical way.

I got to share the Gospel with a young man, Meritan, who spoke both Albanian and English. I offered him the Gospel bracelet and explained the meaning of the beads. Meritan was very interested. At the end of our conversation, I asked, “Have you ever seen a Bible?” He replied, “No.” “Would you like one?” He replied, “Yes!” I walked over to our book table and, with joy, gave him an Albanian Bible. He was happy to receive it.



Later that day, we traveled north to Skopje, the capital. One highlight in Skopje was performing “The Heart” pantomime in the main square. Then, we drove to Pristina, Kosovo, and had more divine appointments.

At the Montenegrin border, the third border crossing in four days, the border guard asked us to open the back of the van. He checked all our bags. The last thing he found was a bag of Bibles. Pastor Hulett offered him a Bible and he gladly accepted it! With excitement overflowing in our hearts, we continued on to Podgorica.

Our team enjoyed sweet fellowship while observing breathtaking, majestic mountains. We arrived in Podgorica that night and did evangelism. Then, with thankful hearts for all that God had done, we headed back to Albania the next day.

THE BALKANS

By Sharon Eyring, Albania

From Tirana, Albania, my “new” beloved hometown, seven of us embarked on a five-day road trip to four countries. First, we drove to the picturesque town of Struga in North Macedonia.



We set up a book table with Bibles, New Testaments, Christian Farmer’s bracelets and tracts. We met many friendly people. A young man prayed with Angina and Farie to receive Christ.

Conferences

Dec. 1-7 Lima, Peru - Latin America
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ISRAEL

By Binyamin

It's that time in a year again, when optimism is in the air in Israel. People are wishing "Happy New Year" to each other. If people have had broken relations, they ask for forgiveness from offended neighbors. People are getting their homes ready to hear the joyful sound of the trumpet, and on the first of the seventh month, called Tishre, that sound is heard all day long.

This year's festival has two additional features. Every seventh year is a "smitah," (Deuteronomy 15:1) a year of release. It falls on this year, starting in the month of Tishre. The land must receive its rest, people are able to renew their strength spiritually and physically. Messianic expectations resurface with new hope.

Another noteworthy matter is Israel's unique archeological discoveries that seem to happen as guided by the divine hand. Just days ahead of the feast, Proverbs 11:1 took on a very concrete meaning. "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord: but a just weight (Lit. perfect stone) is His delight." A literal stone that shopkeepers used for weighing purposes was discovered; well, but it had a false balance, a deficient weight. It was dated to be more than 2,000 years old.



May this serve as a reminder to us, that our great Savior God, whom we serve, is also the soon-coming King richly rewarding His servants. But He is also the judge of the earth, setting everything right with weight and balance. What hope!

CHILDREN

By Colleen Collins

Braydon is 9 years old and attends a public school like 90 percent of the children in the United States. He has never been inside a church building and doesn't know anyone who attends church regularly. Statistically, he only has a 50 percent chance of ever entering a church. His favorite holidays are Christmas, Halloween, and Easter, but he doesn't know the meaning of these holidays.

85 percent of Christians in the US accept Christ between the ages of 4 and 14. Braydon, however, has never heard the name of Jesus Christ, except in the context of a swear word.

How will Braydon hear? We must go outside of the church. Youth camps, Christian sport activities, and special outreaches are some of the means to reach the Braydons in our communities.



Children need the Gospel to be presented to them with clarity, and then followed up with the whole family.

One very fruitful ministry is The Good News Club, an after-school program of Child Evangelism Fellowship that our church participates in. It is a great way to reach children in public schools and disciple them. Many children like Braydon come to the Lord. They grow in hunger to know Jesus more and to attend church. Their lives and often the lives around them are changed for eternity.

Jesus loves children. The Bible is full of Jesus healing, touching, and teaching children. The way to salvation is the same for children and adults. The Holy

Spirit's work is the same in children and adults. His is a work of the heart, not a work of maturity, intellectualism, development, or anything else in the flesh of man.



The ways we reach children are limitless. The value of reaching these children is clear. How valuable is a child to you and to Jesus? What is the value of a soul?

SUMMER ALIVE

This summer was alive again! Over a hundred people in five neighborhoods around the City of **Baltimore** ministered to some 300 children and their families with a variety of programs, such as Kids Clubs, basketball camps, as well as organizing a 3-on-3 basketball tournament that saw many lives saved. Our summer continues as we keep revisiting these areas, knocking on doors, and running our sports clubs into the winter. It is great to be on a mission in the summer and beyond.

Pastor Gary Groenewold

VISION NAMIBIA

Since August we have been moved by God to pursue a mission to Namibia. We are taking trips to this country in hopes of moving a team there in the fall of 2022.

Our next spying out of the land trip will be October 15-19.

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