

## EUROCON IS CALLING

These are exciting, dangerous days that require commitment from full hearts and wise minds. God has answered our prayers and knit our hearts together.

We encourage you to make every effort to come. Sacrifice this year to make it happen. Pray now for God's presence and impartation for **March 10-14, 2020** in **Budapest, Hungary**. We need you.

For over 40 years Greater Grace has been annually going to Europe for a conference, which has become known as Eurocon. The genuineness of our faith has resulted in God-enriched encounters with each other. We come together from 40+ countries from all over Europe, Africa, and Asia. We gather all the more as we see the day of Christ's return approaching.

- Thomas Schaller, Senior Pastor



Eurocon 2019 - Warsaw, Poland

### PRAYED AND ACTED

We heard Pastor Stephan preaching in Baltimore and mentioning that if you're going to Eurocon why not stop in Berlin first. We prayed about it and, voila, God opened the way for us to go. Pastor Stephan and Mindy Stein and the Body in Berlin welcomed us warmly.

The Holy Spirit put upon our hearts an amazing love for the German people. The needs in Germany mirror the needs in America: Empty people looking to fill a void with anything but Christ. We witnessed that on outreach.

The Body in Berlin is a beautiful group of believers that love the Lord. Pastor Stephan and Mindy are doing a great job and are well loved by the church.

We reflect upon our visit often with fond memories and a great love for our new friends.

- Pastor Ken & Cindy Feyers, Miami, FLA



**Winter Harvest January 2020**  
Finland with P. Renaldo  
Ecuador with P. Stan

### A FRESH LOOK



This past March I had the grand opportunity to visit the team in Izmir, Turkey, for a week after Eurocon. This trip was my first time in a nominally Islamic country and it was 100 percent not what I expected. God worked in my heart and broke down the walls I had set up towards Islamic people and showed me that His love is for everyone.

During our time there, we followed the team around the city and got a glimpse of their lives. It was such a joy to just spend time with them, while seeing their love for Turkey and their hearts for its people. One of the highlights was attending their brand new church. It was small, but special.

It is always such a blessing to visit our churches across the globe because they give us a fresh look at our faith and a glimpse into the lives of believers from other cultures.

God is doing a great work in Izmir and it was such an honor to be able to witness it! Please pray for the team in Izmir as they continue to plant their church and disciple many Turkish people.

- Ryan Green, MBCS student

### Pre/Post Eurocon Missions 2020

Brasov, Romania  
Vienna, Austria  
Riga, Latvia

Contact the Missions Office to know more

### THE JOY AND THE BURDEN OF MISSIONS

Roger Robbins from Izmir spoke passionately at a Missions Weekend in Helsinki about loving Christ and reaching the lost. After Saturday morning sessions and lunch it was time to put feet into what we had heard and go out and share the Good News.

Our team set up a coffee table with Gospel materials at the busy Malmo station. We prayed, and right away passersby were stopping for coffee. Many received booklets and tracts, and were open to talk with us. I shared the Gospel using Gospel bracelets with an Afghani family, as well as with many Finns.



We have a message from Christ for everyone. This was a great opportunity to share it. You can share it too, just like we did. There are opportunities right where you are and beyond.

Our heart is to create missions opportunities, e.g. **Winter Harvest** in the month of January. Pastor Renaldo Brown will lead a team to Finland. Pastor Stan Collins will lead a team to Ecuador.

Also, let's pray for God's leading for **Summer Harvest 2020** to 5 new countries with a vision for future church plants in those places.

Will you go with us? Will you pray for us? We need you. The world needs you. God needs you.

-Pirjo Huovinen, Missions Coordinator

**GO5 SUMMER 2020**

## Think Summer Missions

### A MAN FROM NORTH AFRICA

On a trip to North Africa, I met a man whose service to the Lord impacted me greatly. This man, who must remain unnamed, was a fundamentalist whose interest was the propagation of Sharia Law by any means.

As a young man, he caused unrest in his zeal to see Islam practiced in its pure form. But a question somehow entered his mind. He asked himself, "How can I know I am saved?"

No matter who he asked, this question could simply not be answered. It plagued him and eroded his confidence in Allah. He did the unthinkable for a person of his reputation and defected to the opposition. He became a Christian!

Right away his vision was for the furtherance of the Gospel in his country. Today his burden extends to the whole Arab world. Please pray for his ministry and for the presence of Greater Grace in North Africa.  
-Andy Castro, GGCA Teacher

### WHAT IS SUMMER HARVEST?

What is Summer Harvest? Sounds like a nice weekend getaway before Fall hits, right? Actually it was a Missions trip that forever changed my life.

This was my Summer Harvest: I'd never imagine having an opportunity to be a part of missions and share God's Word on the other side of the world. He chose a specific team to go out with Pastor Gary Groenewold and evangelize through the broken streets of Budapest, Hungary. Our team was welcomed with loving hugs and plates full of amazing Hungarian food.

During our time with Pastor Kende's church, we focused on Psalm 139. What really spoke to me was learning how precious God's thoughts are for each and everyone of us. To Him, we are more precious than a grain of sand. We are enough, we are loved and we are individually created by Him.

In a world that tries to take away the love He has for us, He never leaves our side. Even in the darkest of the dark, His light will shine through every single time.

As Christians we were created to have a relationship with the Lord. Our personal walk in faith is all that He asks of us.

When seeking the Kingdom first, all will be revealed to you and you

begin to seek different things when you are following the Spirit of God. It is our duty to make our light shine. I am forever blessed to be a part of missions. God is moving mountains and showing more in these last days. I can't wait to see where the Lord leads me next to do His work.

- Mary Resnach, MBC&S Student



Mime on the streets of Budapest

### WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

Using words to convey my experience with the Body of Christ in Uganda is like trying to shove spirit and life into a capsule. Gracious selflessness seems to be as natural to them as breathing. I count it a privilege to have spent a month there this summer. Of all the wonderful things I could write about, their investment in each other and the lost, there is one element that stands out above the rest; the living testimony of the orphans.

Pastor Daniel and Anette Seruuma run an orphanage and Christian day school in the woods, just outside the town of Mityana.

Pastor Sam and Millie Muhima oversee Karis Home Orphanage as well as a Christian day school in the town of Nansana, not far from Kampala. Because of the daily ministry of teachers and others, the orphans are that label in name only. The fathering of Pastor Sam and Pastor Daniel is seen in the faces of youngsters whose testimony is clearly, "We've been found!"

In the Spirit of 1. Corinthians 3:2, these little ones are a letter known and read by all who come in contact with them. I'm thankful for the opportunity that allowed me to be included among those who have these children written on our hearts.



-Cheryl Bogardus, GGWO Baltimore

### ADVENTURES IN YOUTH MISSIONS

Our trip started at Camp Life Europe in the country of Georgia. Even though there was a little bit of a language barrier between the teens, by God's grace, we made bonds for life at that camp. If you think about it, it doesn't really make sense, but being there and seeing God allow you to make these connections is amazing.

The biggest thing for me was that I realized, in my flesh, I couldn't make connections with the foreign teens; it was just too hard. At first, I wanted to meet everyone, but there was just too many people! When I let go, and God took control, I was able to connect and make friendships and have fellowship. God is good!

Our next adventure landed us in Baku, Azerbaijan, and by that point, I'm not going to lie, I was wiped out from traveling and unfortunately three quarters of our group got sick. In Baku, the Americans were reunited with Mickey, who used to live in America. We also got to meet a lot of the teens from Azerbaijan and other countries in Central Asia.



Camp Life Europe 2019 in Ureki, Georgia

I had a realization on this part of the trip: It was that God was there, but not just there, but that you can find Him everywhere. From looking around the old city of Baku, going to church, we saw God there. The fellowship and seeing God's heart in other people was just insane.

I loved this trip so much! I'm so incredibly thankful that I was able to go. It gave me a new perspective on what I want to do with my life and what God wants to do. Words can't describe how much I appreciate everything Pastor Pete Westera did to make this happen.

Life doesn't get any better than loving people and letting God love you!

-Bella Weyer, GGCA Student

# GRACE SEED SPREAD ABROAD IN AFRICA

*Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. Genesis 28:14*

Africa has 55 countries with a population of approximately 1.2 billion people. GGWO has been planting seeds since 1986. That's over 33 years with many precious pastors and church members. Building and giving, that is the spiritual formula, along with receiving grace and the Word (Acts 20:32).

West Africa, the mother, has 179 churches; East Africa, the daughter, has 75 churches; Southern Africa, the granddaughter, has 20 churches; and Northern Africa, the great granddaughter, with one new church. That's 265 churches in 23 countries with over 16,000 people attending. Amen!

Our vision is to have 500 churches in all 55 African countries: Yes God! (2 Corinthians 1:18-20). The North is a special target for God's arrows (2 Kings 13/1 Samuel 20). The arrow is beyond.

The meekness and humility of Christians in Africa is something Pastor Carl Stevens encouraged me about in 1990. Yes, it is so true!

The Arman family of three generations has been graciously laboring in Southern Africa for many years and they are currently in Malawi with a great grace vision to further the Gospel (Philippians 1:12). Continue to pray for our 200 "Children of Grace" orphans throughout Africa; the children, yes and amen

Please pray and even consider supporting our national pastors throughout our 265 GGWO churches on the African continent, along with our missionaries there.

Thank you to so many of you for your decades of prayer, giving, unity, believing, and promoting Africa missions. Let us continue going and growing in grace!

- Pastor Steven Scibelli, Missions Director

## MALAWI NEWS

As we made our descent back home, we broke through the hazy sky to hit the ground running. The girls begin school, Bible College begins, and the markings of a fruitful year.

Our first Sunday was a combined service of both our churches in the city. It is always amazing to see our sister church pull into our rented school with 2 minivans chocked full of 30+ people. We worshipped together, opened the Word together, and spoke about taking up our Cross for the upcoming year. The rap was incredible, we heard missions stories from our 3 target cities. Our theme for the coming year is "Vision 20/20" and we are excited.

A group of three men went to the northern city of Mzuzu and had their first church service. The husband of a family that had relocated there was so touched that God sent Greater Grace to them that he rented a church room for the whole year.

The second team led by Pastor Matt and Lisa Sliva, sent two men to do Bible studies in the eastern city of Salima.

The response was so strong that they started Sunday services right away.



Our third city which is just over the Zambian border is also wide open. Pastor Albert who has been with us from the beginning and started our second church in the capital, will move back to his home country of Zambia to a city that we have had a vision for a long time. He has found a good location and is negotiating a building for the church. Vision 20/20

-Pastor Chris Arman & Family, Missionaries in Malawi

## CHILE REPORT

We began the work in the city of Rancagua 13 years ago. God has allowed us to affect hundreds of people with the Gospel of grace. Many of them have demonstrated that the grace message changed their lives.

The radio ministry is one of the pillars of our church. Close to 70 percent of our members have come to church as a result of the radio program.

We divided the city into sectors and started home groups and Bible studies in those areas. The results have been fantastic! Believers are edified as they study the Word and fellowship with each other.

Our church is excited about Pastor Texier and a team from Paris coming to visit us in November. We will have a conference and outreaches with them.

**Latin American Conference 2020** will be held in our city. We are anticipating a rich time of edification and many visitors.

South America is a great place to share the Gospel. Countries are open and people are hungry to hear the Father's heart and be comforted by the message of grace. We are thankful for your support and prayers.

- Pastor Christian Diaz

## SUNNY CYPRUS

Greetings from sunny Cyprus where God is moving in unusual ways. We have a great core group with room to expand.

This year we have had baptisms in the Mediterranean, a wedding of a couple from Israel, and outreaches with other evangelical churches.

Beach volleyball has proved to be an outreach in itself. Greek and English classes are also great for building relationships and inviting them to church.

Bible Lands Conference is in October 11-18. Pastor Tony Morley from London will be our main speaker here in Cyprus and Pastor Ben in Israel during the Feast of Tabernacles.

We are happy to host visitors. Recently we enjoyed a visit by Pastor Juha and Tuikka from Finland.

Please pray for us as we minister and serve in this lost and dying world. Pray for a breakthrough in Cyprus, and for locals to come to faith in Christ as we reach out in His name.

Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into this field.

-Pastor Larry & Bev Speedy



## BIBLE LIFE IN ISTANBUL

We are in our fifth year in Turkey. Istanbul which is a very busy place. It has a difficult city life for the 20 million who live here.

It has been said that "Bible school is the highest form of education."



And it is so true! We have video classes on the book of Hebrews by Pastor Schaller on Thursdays, and live classes on the book of Revelation on Saturdays. As a part of Bible school education, we are planning to take our students to visit the seven churches found in the book of Revelation.

The Lord has given us a young born again Turkish translator who is seeking to be trained in the Bible for the ministry. Please pray for him as he translates our Sunday services and other activities.

Many prayers have been answered, and many are still on hold, but God's timing always proves to be perfect.

- Pastor Roger & Elwira Robbins

## GRACE MISSION

Annyeonghaseyo!

Greetings from Grace Mission Church of Seoul, South Korea. God is in our midst.



As a result of a summer harvest trip to Japan, Pastor Sejun, our Korean assistant pastor, sensed God calling him to Japan as a missionary. He is studying Japanese and preparing for ordination as a Greater Grace pastor.

Pastor Sejun has translated Christian Farmers Outreach tracts into Korean, so with our beads and bracelets, we will be out evangelizing this fall.

Missionary extraordinaire Tain Palanun has rejoined the work here. At our summer conference, Pastor Steve DeVries and I presented him with a License to Preach. We are blessed to have him teaching in Grace Mission Institute, our Bible college, which includes distance learning students from the Far East.

Pray for Haeok, a sister who is a worship leader and Sunday school teacher in our church. She hopes to attend Maryland Bible College & Seminary in the future, so pray that her English ability improves.

This winter, I intend to visit believers in the Far East with Samuel, a young man from our church. In March, I will also be attending Eurocon in Hungary along with Samuel's mother, sister, and hopefully some other Korean church members.

We are on a grace mission!

- Dan Dunbar, Pastor of Grace Mission in Seoul

## Go Togo July 2020

Pastor Paul Kpetsi and the churches in Togo invite you to join their 30th year church anniversary 24-26 July

Featured conference speakers:  
Pastors Schaller & Scibelli

## PRAYER HOUSE

We would like to thank you all for your prayers for our church building project. By God's grace, we now have a government approved Prayer House. It all started in June 2007 at the Convention in Baltimore, when Pastor Ed Canino drew a sketch of a church building for us.

After returning from Baltimore, we submitted the project to a local architect to adjust the sketch to be in line with the local requirements. We started to apply for a building permit at our governmental institutions. It took difficult and painful three years to get it, but finally in December 2010 we had the permit.

The good hand of the Lord assisted us and we started building the following April. Many people are still amazed that we never gave any bribes to any official, which is unheard of around here.

I would like to thank specifically Pastors Thomas Schaller, Matti Sirvio, Vladislav Gromov, Ed Canino and whole church in Baltimore for advice, consultations, prayer, support, finances and for every expression of love.

I also thank each member of our dear Bishkek Church for their prayers, ministry, participation, support, finances, patience, long-suffering, and demonstration of love even in difficult times, which happened because Satan always opposes the work of God.

And most of all, I thank the Lord, that He wants to use us for the furtherance of His glory.

We hope that this Prayer House will be a place where people can consistently pray, study the Bible, grow in faith, and be trained as missionaries and leaders. And that from this House believers would be sent to proclaim the Gospel, plant churches, and train disciples in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia, and the whole world.

We started to pray for the registration of our Kyrgyz Greater Grace Theological Seminary, and for students to come from all the -stans, such as Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, as well as Mongolia and Turkey.

Why not? Please, join us in prayer.

- Pastor Emil & Zharkynai Osmonaliev



## Faith Promise

There are many great missionaries in the United States that are "staying with the stuff" as in 1 Samuel 30:24. These missionaries perform daily routines like going to work, taking care of the family, paying bills, participating in the church with a great big burden in their heart for the lost.

These are the Faith Promise missionaries. They are staying at home supporting GGWO missions abroad. David said that the person who tarried with the stuff will receive an equal portion of the spoils as soldiers who fought in the battle. In this case, the spoils are the glory of God.

We are a group of Faith Promise missionaries. Thank you for being faithful supporters of the vision.

If you have any questions how to support missionaries please contact us at the Missions Office.

-Pastor Gary Groenewold, Elder at GGWO



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