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# Wings of Glory

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MISSIONS NEWS



## What Profit?

*Mat Gehret, Director of MBCS*

*In Mark 8:36, Jesus is addressing his disciples and says, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"*

There's much to gain in this world, but very little of it, if any, is going with us beyond the here and now. Our souls, however, will be with us for all eternity. How should we fill them, and how can we feed others?

Education from above comes from the Father of Lights, in whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. And what the Lord does, He does forever. The eternity He has placed in our hearts is being filled with eternal truth, taught to us by the eternal Holy Spirit through men and women unawares. We are filled not by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of the Father.

When an unbeliever or skeptic asks us what we're doing here at an unaccredited Bible institution, we have an answer for them because of what we've been taught, but we also have a question for them because of the Word Christ has hidden in our hearts, a morsel to awaken their eternal appetites, "***For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul***?"




## FATHER'S HEART

*Suzan Silva*

*"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Psalm 27:10*

Orphans are on the Father's heart. He sets the lonely in families, Psalm 68:6. Karuna Sharan, in Mumbai, is a home for orphaned and under-privileged boys. They come broken. Their stories of undeserved suffering are deeply moving.

The Lord brings them to us and we lead them to Him. We see their need that can only be met through a personal relationship with Christ.

Two brothers of 8 and 11 years were orphaned during the pandemic. They were living a good life when they lost both parents. At Karuna, they learned Bible stories, songs and began to find comfort in Christ. The younger boy would surprise us with a memory verse and attempt to explain its meaning. Could he be a preacher in the making? Maybe. It is the work of God. It gives us the opportunity to take what the world sees as a loss and find gain through Christ.

In training orphans, we nurture disciples and potentially future missionaries, godly husbands and leaders. One of our Karuna boys now pastors a Hindi church; a testimony to the work of grace in his life.



*The Hope Orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal is a home filled with joyful children that are trained in the ways of the Lord. Pastor Rajan shares, "Our goal is not just to help orphans have a good future. We pray that many orphans will become missionaries and take the gospel into all of Nepal. One of our oldest orphan boys is now helping out in the Youth Ministry of the church. Please keep us in your prayers."*

## Above or below?

*Steven Scibelli, Missions Director*

The Word of God declares two types of wisdom; wisdom from above and wisdom from below. Where do I receive wisdom from? Above or below?

The pure mind of God which brings peace to my soul is wisdom from above. It is without partiality towards all men, without hypocrisy and it has no pretense. Wisdom from below is of the world, sensual from the old sin nature of human soul and demonic. (James 3:15-18.)

Many unbelievers think they are wise, yet a man void of God's life can never experience the wisdom of God. John 3:27 says that a man can receive nothing unless it be given from heaven.

Jesus, the living Word, always received from His Father and heard His voice always. Jesus, in wisdom chose eleven Galileans to be the basis of His work and the beginning of Christianity.

We must make volitional choices to receive from above (Isaiah 55:8-10, Jeremiah 29:10-11), mix faith with the Word; and have the Spirit apply the Word in wisdom. Our daily decisions can help us grow as Christians. These decisions can change our direction, build us up or take us down, as well as edify others.

We need wisdom in relationships, in marriage, with children, at work... in leadership, in the Body of Christ, in evangelism, and in mission.

Get wisdom, yes, receive wisdom (Proverbs 4:5-6 ). Many people want to give advice, but only wisdom from above glorifies God.

*Let us go forward in training from above,*
*Word from above, teaching from above,*
*preaching from above;*
*living in wisdom from above.*

ARKANSAS
VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA

# SUMMER HARVEST '22

BALKANS

## ARKANSAS

*Craig Pereira, MBCS student*

Last February, at the Summer Harvest Kickoff night, Pastor Renaldo Brown asked if I was going to Little Rock, AR. I replied that I wasn't too sure about it. I didn't feel qualified to go and it was challenging for me to get time off work. Pastor Renaldo replied,

**"Just sign up and go.**
**God will shut the door**
**if He doesn't want you to go."**

That's exactly what I did. It turned out that God didn't shut the door, and I was able to get the time off.

During the trip we experienced great unity and had great fellowship in the Word. I really enjoyed going soul-winning as I encountered many different types of people who needed Christ, even in a Bible Belt state. With God's grace, I was able to lead a young man Orlando to Christ.

This trip has proven to me that God can use anyone that says yes to His call. As Pastor Adam Speedy said on the trip,

***"God has a plan for Arkansas."***










## RICHMOND 31

*Akanksha Massey, MBCS student*

What a great experience it was to spend the month of July in Richmond, Virginia. It made me realize how much more God can do when we are available and surrendered to Him (Isaiah 6:8).

***When you have a team of people committed to a church planting vision, they seem unstoppable.***

It was amazing to be on the team that carried forward God's vision for this place. I experienced things that I could have never even thought of if it wasn't for God's heart for Richmond. Meeting broken, hopeless people brought me so much closer to understanding what God has called me to do.

God ministers in ways uniquely customized for each person. For me, it is missions. The beauty of missions is that it starts in the heart. Then, God sends us out around the world. We just have to respond to what God is doing.

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## ECUADOR

*Nuppu Niukkanen, MBCS student*

This summer, I was able to be part of something wonderful in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador. I learned so many things about team life.

We shared the Gospel using multi-colored bracelets. Many people heard the message and had an eager heart to receive and hear more. People would run to stop us to hear what we had to say. Their response was great.

***Please pray for Ecuador***
*people are hungry for God's Word.*
*Pray for Quito to have a pastor there.*
*Pray for our Guayaquil church*
*to be encouraged in the Word.*




## BALKANS

*Cathie Groenewold*



Last August we went on a two-and-a-half week, five-country mission in the Balkans. We landed in Belgrade, Serbia, where we met up with the Bulicek and Hulett families along with Chuck Harlan and traveled with them to Serejevo, Bosnia. After that we had two days of rest and refreshment in Budva, Montenegro and got ready for a missions conference in the Adriatic coastal city of Valepoja, Albania. From there we traveled on to Tirana, the capital of Albania, and finally to Pristine, Kosovo.

**We were ready with the Gospel at every turn.**

Two girls, ages 13 and 15, received the Lord in Sarajevo. They had been sitting together pondering on the deep things of life. God's timing was perfect.

One young lady got saved as we treaded water at the beach. Budva is an ancient and vibrant city with thousands of people at cafés and restaurants. People travel from all over for the night life, but are found wanting for a deeper life.

Pristine, Kosovo, found us in the city square and up in a wooded park sharing the Gospel with people each night.

**One of the elders in the Tirana church would like to start a church in Pristine.**

They go once a month and have made many contacts.

On this beautiful trip, we made many new friends from Turkey and Ukraine and enjoyed spending time with old friends who we never get to be with.

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# Christian Schools

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## AN ISLAND IN HUNGARY

*Pastor Brian Lange*




Although Hungary is a landlocked country, there is an island in Budapest called Greater Grace International School. Those who attend GGIS, each day, climb out of the ocean of secular worldview and postmodern society and step onto the high ground of an education and a community that functions, teaches and shares ideas from a biblical worldview.

*The story of this school is an encouragement to all of us to not overlook the power of a simple godly thought.*

Thirty-one years ago, Pastor Thomas Schaller came to Hungary to join Matti Sirvio, his friend and co-laborer in the work, to bring the Gospel to the post-communist world. Pastor Schaller's coming to Hungary was crucial for what God would do in the country over the next three decades. With him at the helm, about 70 missionaries came to Hungary to join his team.

Among the many who came from various countries were eight missionary families who had children who needed to be educated. Thierry Labarre shared his idea of starting an Abeka school where the missionary parents would teach.

The decision was unanimous; in the Fall of 1991 Greater Grace Christian Academy was born. The second idea was to open the school to the Hungarian and expatriate communities. After a bit of advertising, expatriate and Hungarian children were added to the 15 "team" kids so that in the first year there were 45 students!

GGIS now has 180 students and has become one of the most esteemed international schools in Hungary. Our students come from 10 faiths and 25 nations. The school was accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Middle States Accreditation in 2016.

We are on the edge of our seats wondering what will happen to GGIS in the future. She sits in the middle of an ever-changing and increasingly antagonistic ocean of anti-Christ and anti-Bible sentiment.

*Each day, Spirit-filled,*
*Bible-centered teachers and staff*
*come to the island,*
*go to their classrooms and desks*
*and welcome students and parents*
*into our community.*

It really is an island, set apart and so different from the world around us; a place where God's Word establishes our thinking, the love of Jesus Christ is our motivation and the unity of the Spirit is our endeavor.

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## WHAT MATTERS?

*Ara Shishmanian, GGCA Assistant Principal*



*At GGCA, children matter.*
*Without the next generation being raised up in truth, the truth has no future.*

At Greater Grace Christian Academy, we prepare students to go on to live a Christ-centered life. Every day and in every way we pursue our school's mission statement which says: "Our purpose is to co-labor with church-going parents by assisting them in fulfilling their God-given responsibility to train their children."

Every morning, on the sidewalk in front of GGCA, you see the love of God expressed as parents and students arrive. Our staff of Spirit-filled teachers await to receive them with the mind of Christ and the Father's love.

Throughout the day, our classrooms come alive as teachers and students together explore various subjects with the Spirit's direction and guidance.

As Principal Barry Quirk likes to say:
"***Our school is a Christian school with a capital C***."

Also, interwoven in our week are Bible classes, weekly chapels and outreaches designed to bring Christ's life into our school community. There are also special activities, such as music, gym, and art that reflect the joy, teamwork, and fellowship as a godly school.

Please pray for GGCA and God's perfect plan for each member of our school family: students, parents, staff, and our church elders.






## AFRICA

*Isabelle Palmieri*

**Why do I believe in Christian schools?**

Because all day long, in an amazing environment, children are encouraged, edified, and influenced by godly teachers. They learn the Bible and grow in faith.

*Hasn't the Lord commanded us in Deuteronomy 6:7: "You shall teach them diligently to your children," (impressing God's precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths)?*

We witnessed this in **Togo** when God gave us the idea to open a Christian day school in 1994. But where could we find godly teachers when starting a new mission? This question was answered when God put on the hearts of some of our third-year Bible school students to become teachers.

The Lord showed us how to take care of very poor kids. We integrated them in classrooms with other children. We made efforts to follow up with each child, not only in academic and spiritual development, but also with their families.

The mission that began in Togo spread to other French-speaking African countries. We saw the same results in Burkina Faso and Benin.

Christian schools are an amazing tool to touch thousands of people with love and the Gospel. The work has continued up to this day for 28 years and it goes on!

*"A school without the Bible is a decapitated school, or to put it another way, a materialized school and deprived of its most effective means of influence and education. It is necessary that the evangelical churches have their own schools, and do not shrink back from sacrifice for it."*
Edmond de Pressense, a 18th century French politician, pastor and theologian.

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WISDOM FROM ABOVE IS FIRST PURE, THEN PEACEABLE, GENTLE, EASY TO BE ENTREATED, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS, WITHOUT PARTIALITY AND WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. JAMES 3:17

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## NEW WAY OF LEARNING

*Binyamin - Israel*

As we consider education in general, and education from above in particular, we are pressed to consider the following factors. The Messiah Himself stated: "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you heavenly things?" John 3:12. This leads us to conclude that the Lord will begin to educate us in simple things first, and if we follow Him even in elementary things, we will receive more light.

The twelve learned directly from Him, and then He would surprise them by stating that He will go away, and send them another teacher, even the Spirit of Truth.

Enoch, or Hanoch, really means education. This man was educated by walking with God, Genesis 5:24.

The meek He will teach, Psalm 25:9. John 16:13 promises: "He (The Spirit) will guide you into all truth." This kind of learning is experienced in the context of assembly, the Body life, Bible college, in family settings, and even in workplaces.

Someone has said that an average man learns from his own mistakes.
A wise man learns from others' mistakes.
A fool learns from nobody's mistakes.

**In everything, we want to learn His heartbeat, which is our river of grace.** Thank you Lord that your cross and resurrection initiates us to this new way of learning.

## MISSIONS MONDAY

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## CHILDREN OF GRACE

*Duane George*

"*My son hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother," Proverbs 1:8.* Unfortunately, this verse is not understood by most of our students as they are orphans.

One thing that we understood concerning the care of orphans was that we would be their parents, teachers, guardians and caretakers. We would have the privilege of raising orphans as our own children.

Many of our orphans in Africa are in foster home settings so this is somewhat easier than those that are in orphanages. Either way, all of **our 346 orphans in 13 African countries** go to school whether it is private or public. Most of our orphanages have schools connected to them. This gives us a great opportunity to instruct Christian values as a father and godly law as a mother.





*"Heartfelt thanks to Greater Grace for your kind hearts, for all the support you've rendered to us, both seen and unseen. It gives us great joy and hope knowing people from far away are thinking about us.*
*We enjoy the privilege of school, we are eager to learn new things. The Karis School Mega Festival is around the corner; we can't wait to minister with songs, dance, and many fun activities.*
*We are also looking forward to holidays and our Christmas party.*
*It will be an awesome time."*
*-Karis Orphanage Children, Uganda*




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