## SHE FOUND HOPE

***Ryan Raina, Cambodia***



Burden upon burden—that's what Satan gives as we walk as his slaves in this world. Rasmey knew this reality all too well. Her family fell into deep financial debt, and from a young age, she worked for years to pay it back entirely on her own. The weight of this responsibility kept her from marriage. And when the debt was finally cleared—by selling her house—that loss still paled in comparison to the pain of losing her father, with no money left to buy cloth to cover his body. Worn out and dust-covered, she was left wondering: What is the purpose of life?

It was during this time that her cousin, a member of our church, called her. Rasmey decided to come to Phnom Penh to look for work. The church gave her $10 for transportation and $2.50 per week for food.

When she arrived, she witnessed something she had never seen before: Christ revealed through His people. For the first time, she felt spiritually refreshed. She gave her life to Jesus and asked for a Bible.

Later, when her mother asked her to accompany her to a Buddhist temple, Rasmey realized something had changed. Standing there, she said, "In my heart, I was worshiping God."

That one phone call, that $10 for transport, that $2.50 for food, that word of encouragement—may seem small in our eyes, but not in God's.

He uses pebbles to bring down giants. Even the smallest letter in Hebrew, the Yod—just a tiny stroke—begins the most sacred name of God: YHWH (יהוה). Do you see it?

Is anything really small if God is in it?



### A TIP FOR MISSIONS

*Decide and do.*
*Don't do and decide.*

## A TALE OF TWO MEN

***Bev Speedy, Cyprus***

Pastor Matti once said, "It is a miracle that anyone walks through the Church doors and listens to us teaching and preaching the Word of God!" Well, here are 2 men who came through the doors, they heard, listened, believed, obeyed, loved, received and allowed God by His Spirit to change them from the inside out.

First is Ali from Iran, who when we first met him spoke little English and was tired of religion. After attending our Bible studies it was amazing to watch his whole life change. He became a man who completely trusted that the Bible was God's Word and was growing in his relationship with God. Please pray for him as he continues to be discipled and has a vision to reach his people through the Internet with the Gospel in Farsi.

The second young man is Marco from Venezuela but has lived in Cyprus since he was 11. As a new believer seeking God he joined our church and loved what he heard. He allowed the Holy Spirit to change him from the inside out and now has dedicated his life to reaching young people at the University he attends. He is very active in our church going to Bible college, participating in worship and preaching and teaching God's Word.

The key to both of these men is their faithfulness to participate in the ministry because that's where discipleship takes hold. The ministry is the place that young men become men of God which the world so desperately needs today.

Pastor Schaller once said, "Even if you are discipling one man in the basement – it's ok!"



PRAY FOR LAOS




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## A RIVER IN GENEVA

***Paul Lipsett, Switzerland***

*"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God..." Ps 46:4*

We thank God that there's such a river and that it also flows through Switzerland. We come to the river that never runs dry (John 4:14).

Recently, during evangelism we met Fardim, a refugee from Afghanistan. He had been a translator for the US forces but was taken captive by the Taliban after their takeover in 2021. After seven very difficult days, he managed to escape, fled the country and is now in Geneva. He turned his back on his religion following that experience. We told him that the true God loves him. Then we prayed for him right there in the square.

Please pray for Fardim to accept Christ as His personal Savior.

## WOMEN & MISSIONS

***Aline Loud, 1986 Wings of Glory***

Little brown faces with huge smiles...hot days and warm nights...children crowding to sit three or four on a chair... heads of lettuce and a bunch of carrots left at the front door... young men learning to be disciples... women struggling to raise their children without a father...beautiful, exotic flowers continually in bloom... such greet Team Ecuador in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Why would a middle-aged woman want to move to this steamy metropolis? Only the call of God could bring me thousands of miles away from my precious family and friends to this culture so completely strange to our way of thinking. Comfortable America seems a long way from a country where the word "instant" probably doesn't exist. Hours of preparation go into every meal. But you know what? I love it! I love the preparation. I love the people, the intense daytime heat, the insane bus rides that sharpen your prayer life; why, I've even learned to "tolerate" the abundant insect population!

In Lenox, after praying daily (a prayer assignment from Pastor Stevens' morning class) for three months for men and women to respond to God's call to become pastors and missionaries, God spoke to my heart about going to Ecuador. What a shock! After all, I was praying for others to answer the call. Then, He told me to get my TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) certificate. "God, how can you do this to me? Am I not too old? Isn't it going to be boring just teaching English? Is there any way I can get out of this?" When thoughts of my age kept popping into my mind, I soon realized who was the source — the accuser of the brethren. "Okay, Lord," I said, "I'll do it; I'm willing to go."

The mission field has been a blessing to me far beyond what could be imagined. Fulfillment, joy, and peace accompany my every step. Teaching English has turned out to be not only interesting and fun, but a great source of income. My own family doesn't live here, but the team provides the love and warmth that a single person needs. The two beautiful Hadley children are ever willing to receive the attention a grandmother needs to share. I am so glad to be here, a part of God's perfect plan, getting to know and to understand Him better.

There is a great need for women on the mission field. (Can you picture Pastor Hadley sewing curtains for the team house windows?) In addition to lending our wonderful feminine skills, we have the awesome opportunity to be solid prayer warriors while the men preach, do radio programs, and visit prisons. We can be fervent soul-winners and a source of comfort and strength to other women.

*Listen to God... Is He calling you to Bible school and the mission field? It is a step of faith you will never regret.*

## ECUADOR 40 YEARS

***John Hadley***



Nancy and I attended the 40th anniversary of the church in Guayaquil, Ecuador in May. When we reflect on those early days of preparation and planning, team building, legal paperwork, support and finances, prayer meetings, and yes, sometimes fear of the unknown, Nancy and I marvel at God's faithfulness.



Hadley children in Ecuador in 1985

During this trip it became apparent to us that when one responds in faith to God's call, He is the one that will give fruit that remains. He will complete what He has begun. We see this truth lived out in the lives of Pastor Alfredo and Gloria Barriga, in their son Pastor Emanuel, as well as in Rafael and Gladys, and in many others.

The joy we experienced at seeing familiar faces (especially for Nancy, who hadn't been back for close to 20 years), was like heaven! The fellowship, the love poured out so lavishly by those there, the worship, and the word preached by many, all contributed to a very strong sense of God's presence among us. Yes, it was a Psalm 133 experience all week long.

What I just mentioned would not be a reality if not for the couples that continued in the work after our return to Baltimore; Pastor Glen and Karen Sawtelle, Pastor Gary and Nora Smith, Pastor Mark and Shelly Fellows, and Pastor Mike and Sue Stevens. Heaven rejoices in the fruit of their labors. We are thankful for their selfless service to the church in Guayaquil and beyond!

We would also like to praise God for all the team members who gave of themselves to see Christ magnified in our midst. A bright and shining star on the team was Aline Loud. She was on the team in Guayaquil for some 10 years - a selfless servant, always encouraging, and constantly being a blessing to others. We especially think of her now as she just recently departed for her heavenly home. Great is her reward!

***Testimony from Emanuel Barriga***

In May, a group of us Ecuadorians traveled to Lima, Peru, to attend the LAMCON with Pastor Scibelli. A Peruvian church member named Mary hosted four of us at her house for the conference. She had only been in the church for less than a year but she had already learned a lot. Daily at breakfast, her unsaved parents would ask questions which encouraged us to share the love of God with them. We also invited them to the church, and finally the mother named Rene came. On that day she received Jesus as her Savior. We sowed simple truth and reaped simple joy. Please pray for Mary and Rene, and for the father Arnulfo to come to the Lord.

### A TIP FOR MISSIONS

*God is the objective.*
*People are the opportunity.*

## BEAUTIFUL BOLIVIANS

***Mat Gehret***

This short-term mission trip was a milestone for my family (Jamille, Ellie, Samuel, and Hannah). It was the first time all five of us have traveled outside the U.S. with the sole purpose of being part of a church-planting team led by P. Stan and Karen Collins. We didn't know what to expect, how much we would be able to participate, or really what God had planned for our time there, but one thing we can confidently say about God is that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Eph. 3:20).

God's power worked through the whole team mightily throughout the week. The team of 17 people ranged in age from as young as a 7-month-old to a couple celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary. It was particularly special for me not only to share this experience with my family, but five Bible college students as well. Seeing them out of the classroom and literally walking by faith was a joy unspeakable. We had devotional times every morning and evening, ate meals and got to know each other better, and got even closer as we packed into a 15-passenger-van everyday to go visit the city center of Santa Cruz and evangelize the beautifully sweet people of Bolivia. Their ears were open to the gospel message, and many people prayed to receive Christ throughout the week.

Pastor Stan was able to set up a Bible study at a local man's home in the city whom he met previously, and we held two more Bible studies at Burger King just outside the city square. New and previous contacts showed up each time, some by circumstances no one could ever orchestrate except for God. I am blessed to say that my family was able to take part in every trip out to the city, even if there were a few toddler meltdowns along the way. By faith, we believe there will be a church in Santa Cruz in the very near future. Pray with us that God will do it, and be on the lookout for details of another trip in November 2025.



## MALAWI NEWS

***Chris Arman***

People gathered from DR Congo, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and from all over Malawi to attend the Southern African Regional Conference in Lilongwe. For the first time, the conference was completely planned and ran by the Malawian churches. Seeing them operate and function in their gifts was incredible. Watching their maturity in leadership and service really encouraged me. They ministered and were ministered in great unity.



## NAMIBIA NEWS

In Namibia, we visited Pastor O'Brien, his wife Tlhoki, and a new church there. It was amazing to see their faith and people whose hearts God had touched.

A few years ago, Jesse and Kaylee Feyers had gone to Namibia on a harvest trip with Pastor Renaldo. There they met Patience walking home from work. She was going through something tough. They gave her a tract and shared the Gospel.

She came to their meetings. When my wife and I, Pastor Matt, Lisa, and Alina went a couple of months later, Patience was there to meet us. "This is my church," she said. She heard the Word, and it touched her.

A year later, we took another trip there. She invited Janet, her best friend. She asked for prayer for her husband—he had had a kidney failure. We prayed. That week, he was healed. She said, "This is my church, too."

Janet's husband Augustino wasn't walking with God, but he came to the meeting when one of our pastors, Pastor Bernard Ntlasha visited there. The husband experienced the fellowship, and said, "This is incredible." He rode a bus for 32 hours from Namibia to Malawi for the conference. "I thought Namibia was amazing. Now I've seen Malawi—I'm mind-blown," he said.



JULIE, PATIENCE, TLHOKI, LISA

At the barbecue, as we sat in a circle in the twilight I heard those two ladies say how thankful they were for this church in Namibia.

## TURNED AROUND

I mentioned earlier about the maturing of the work in Malawi. Here is another great example of that. Juma, a Sudanese believer owned the largest nightclub in Lilongwe called Fresh Air. But his wife warned him, "This isn't glorifying God."

Juma was conflicted but remained a night club owner. After his wife passed away, he felt like his life was broken. A student at the Bible college invited him to attend. He came and started learning the Bible. And later, he sold the nightclub, and started helping in the church. He got ordained and is now coordinating missions for us in Malawi.

This is why we do what we do. This is why we give. This is why we come to church. This is why we're here. We never know where the cup of water you give will take a person.

## FAITH PROMISE

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- Supporting Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Would you pray, consider, and commit to giving monthly to Faith Promise above your regular tithes and offerings to your local church?

## SHALOM FROM ISRAEL

***Binyamin T.***

In the Middle East, the idea of a cup of cold water carries with it a deeper meaning than we might realize. In a hot desert climate, what could be a greater gesture of love, but to offer a cup of cold water to a weary traveler or to a visiting friend. Yet, for the water to be cold, you may have to push yourself out of your comfort zone to make an extra journey to the well.

We are not just talking of any water, but cold water, the best water! That's an act of love. Even a poor person can offer such a gift; and the value of it won't be forgotten. Best of all, it is rewarded by God Himself, who gives us the best water, the Water of Life.

We remember Rebecca, who offered water to Eliezer, Abraham's servant, and ten thirsty camels on top of that! And her reward? She inherited everything with Isaac (Yitzhaq) and became one of the mothers of the Messiah. We have David's mighty men, who broke through the enemy lines to bring him water from the well of Beth Lehem, David's home well. Their reward? Many of them got to serve in his kingdom.

Then, the woman of Samaria; she had to first receive Living Water from the Messiah. The water she could offer to the Messiah was to bring her circle of friends to Him. She was rewarded with the deepest revelation of the Living Water! Can't wait to see her in the Kingdom!

Let us love, serve, pour out. The Lord Himself and closeness to Him is our chief reward. All this, because He first loved us and gave Himself for us.



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## TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD

***Thomas Schaller // Senior Pastor***

Recently Pastor Ryan Raina and Steve Peragallo sent me a video of a Vietnamese refugee village of 300 people who live along a river in Cambodia. "They don't have a church in the village, we are praying for this to happen."

This simple story embodies the whole reason for why we are here. It is in our hearts for people to know Christ, walk with Him and trust Him.

The meetings in Baltimore, our affiliation, our prayers, our Bibles and Bible school, our sending out laborers, our tithing and faith all result in reaching people we don't know, who live far away and have not yet discovered who Jesus Christ is.

Let's not stop bringing the Gospel to the ends of the world.

### PRAY FOR HARVEST '25

SUMMER ALIVE BALTIMORE | JULY 2-17
FINLAND, SWEDEN , NORWAY | JULY 4-19
COLOMBIA | JULY 9-22
MONGOLIA | JULY 14-26
CALIFORNIA | JULY 17-24
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA | JUL 26 - AUG 6
UGANDA & KENYA | AUG 4 - 18
MONTENEGRO | AUG 18 - 23
ITALY | SEPT 13-21

## FOUND BY THE GOSPEL

***Fred Ellis***

Tashi lived in remote, demon-infested village in Nepal where there were no Christians but the Gospel found him and he believed. Later, his family believed. It is an amazing testimony of the effect of salvation in a family.

An Indian pastor from Gujarat in an idol-worshiping family grew up seeing his father pound his hand in order to sacrifice blood to his pagan gods. Later in life, after a broken marriage and a life without purpose he found a small church and got saved. His wife returned and the family was restored. Now, he is pastoring with four children and six grandchildren, all walking with the Lord.



There is a Gypsy family in Bangalore. In the family the husband was dying with stage 4 cancer but the wife heard the good news of the Great Physician. God healed her husband and the entire family got saved.



## GOING AND GROWING IN NEPAL

***Norm Pazda***

We had the first-ever Western Nepal conference in Accham on top of a 4000-foot mountain. It was touching to see people get off the bus and walk up a narrow road to the church in the pitch black night, only their cell phone flashlights showing the way. Their bus should have arrived earlier in the day, but a tourist bus was stuck ahead of them, making the dirt road impassable. The messages, sweet fellowship, and hospitality made the trip worth it all. One of the highlights were people from outreach coming to the meetings. Even the Mayor of Accham came with a couple of his friends.

The conference was sandwiched between my two months spent with the vibrant and growing Pokhara church led by Pastor Niraj and Elder Raj. I enjoyed home fellowships, outreaches, church services, and Sunday prayer meetings. I also enjoyed a youth barbecue on the Annapurna mountain range.

