



Mission Update and Prayer Guide

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR THE LORD.....Jeremiah 32:17
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"PRESSING ON IN NIGERIA. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU IN THE USA."

God is Faithful!

"To learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings."

"Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you."

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."

"If we desire our faith to be strengthened, we should not shrink from opportunities where our faith may be tried, and therefore, through trial, be strengthened."

"Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends."

George Mueller

Blessed be the name of the Lord. It is worthy of note that this past year, 2017, we also embarked on rural evangelism in Mkpaten in the local government Area. I raised a team with a strong burden to reach very rural places like this. Our visits there were very fruitful and we trust the Lord of planting a church there early this year. In order to keep the vision alive we have organized church workers' conferences, seminars for the married, youth sharpening events, revival services, women rallies and also praise and worship nights. Our desire is to remain on fire for the Lord God. We want to be aflame for Him in all areas of our lives and the work He has called us to. This short report can't be complete without expressing our gratitude first to God the Author of life and grace Who has been so faithful to His words over these years. We also owe a debt of gratitude for the way all of you reading this have prayed for us and



stood with us in various ways. God has used you to keep us going forward. It is sad to tell you that some local churches around us here have closed their doors for various reasons. By the grace of God we are growing. God has been so gracious to us. As the new year started we were on our knees in worship to the Master Builder of our lives. We continue to thank Him for all He has been doing in our lives. We continue to thank Him for each of you and the assistance rendered to us. Indeed we openly share that we keep praying for you and keep loving you as our family. Our God is so good!

2018 THOUGHTS:

Our normal meeting days will continue as usual.
We will be focusing more on Training and Evangelism.
We will be spending much time in the area of training.
We shall hold more conferences and seminars to equip the saints.
We shall embark on rugged evangelism.
We shall also see how we can reach more people through printing.
We desire to broadcast Moment by Moment programs on FM station here.

OUR CHALLENGES AND APPEALS

Outstanding in my mind is how much we need your prayers as never before that the Word of God in our mouths will go out sharp and measured with love so that the work here will grow. Please pray with us that the Lord should send laborers to work in this ministry. On our behalf we are requesting that you knock on the door to the throne room of grace and request that we should be able to start another year of studies at the John Rogers Bible Institute. It is our desire to have students coming to learn the Word and apply it to their lives. We also have a sincere desire for our teachers and lecturers have the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Pray for God's people here to catch a greater vision of financially supporting the ministry to be placed alongside what you all are doing for us. Once again, I thank you so much for allowing us be a part of your great family. God has blessed us so! Your servant in Him, brother and friend, **Rev Gideon James Ukubit**

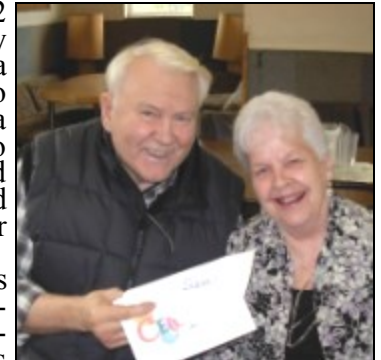


From Vera Penz.....I am thankful for your prayers and support. As some of you know I first came to Alaska in 1954 with Central Alaska Missions (now SEND of Alaska) with my first husband Al Kelley and Debbie, just 9 months old, to begin mission work in Alaska. Our first year we lived at Copper Center the first and oldest established work of Central Alaskan Missions ministering to the Ahtabaskan Native people. After Copper Center we made the move to Tatitlek and Ellamer reaching out to the Aleuts for two years before my husband Al and Tommie just 6 months old went to be with the Lord in a boating accident. God spared my life and Debbie's. After an emergency furlough I continued ministry in Glennallen for fifteen years where Deb went to the public school. I was involved in the bookkeeping for the mission, taught in the Native Bible School, led a Ladies Bible Study and helped with the Mendeltna Chapel. In 1973 Debbie left for Biola College and I moved Fairbanks for another fifteen years. There I worked with a team to plant a Native church. I was also involved in counseling and hospitality particularly with gals struggling with alcohol. I spoke at Ladies Retreats and visited villages. These years were exciting ones in which God gave me a contentment and a happy and fulfilled life as a single missionary. The trials He brought me through have drawn me closer to Him and had enlarged my capacity to minister to others.

1988 began the next chapter of my life when after being single for 32 years God in His timing and in His way brought Dave Penz, a former missionary with Inter-ACT into my life. We were married and I moved to Kako, Alaska where we established Kako Retreat Center reaching out to the Yupik Eskimo people in western Alaska. It was a joy to serve the Lord alongside Dave and be a part of this ministry and see the vision God had given to Dave many years ago now becoming a reality. On May 11, 2014 Dave went home to be with his Lord after complications with Leukemia. A Native friend said "I will always say that Dave had a heart bigger than Alaska. He was the father that I never had."



Jonathan, Dave's son has stepped into his father's footsteps as CEO. He has cared for the operational needs of Kako and is dedicated to the vision Dave held so strong. His wife Sharon shares the same heart. God has blessed them with a son, Merrick Joshua, born January 14, 2016. The transition after Dave's death has been a challenge but our God, Emmanuel, has been with us meeting our needs and I rejoice that the various ministries of Kako have continued. My desire was to stay on a Kako and be a part of the ongoing ministry as long as I was able.



I remained at Kako for three more years making my time of serving the Lord there a total of 29 years. As I retire from my residential position at Kako I will still stay closely involved as Kako's ambassador and consultant. With mixed emotions I made this move to Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood, Washington. I look forward to returning to camp

on occasion for special events, family camp, the Kids' camping program and the Ladies' Berry Picking Retreat.

Much prayer is needed for the Kako Ministry. As you are no doubt aware, Kyle Stevens, the director of our Youth ministries, went to be with Jesus on October 16 in a plane crash on the Yukon River near Russian Mission as he was flying to Bethel to pick up volunteers for Kako. Pray for his wife Ella and their two small children. They have made a move to California to be with family. His passing leaves a tremendous void as well within our Kako family and the ministry. A memorial service was held for Kyle November 19 at Crosspoint Church in Huntington Beach, CA. The church was packed as Kyle's friends and family members gathered to celebrate his life and grieve its shortness. Pray for Jonathan and Sharon as they carry on the ministry. Pray that God will provide the much needed staff and finances to continue the ministry.

We are thankful that John and Becky Erickson have arrived at Kako for a short time to work alongside Jonathan and Sharon. They have covered for them allowing them to get a break and visit family for Christmas. Pray for John and Becky as they seek God's direction for future ministry at Kako. We are also thankful for Joshua and Alice Mathlaw, an Eskimo couple from our area who are certified counselors. They have a passion to bring Christ and healing to their own people. The Board welcomed them as staff at our February 2017 meeting. We are also thankful for John and Margaret Lewls, who have a heart for the folks in the village of Marshall. They have returned to this village for short visits and have kept in close touch with the people there. Pray for God's direction for their continuing ministry. We are also thankful for other couples, pilots, and work teams that have come alongside to meet the needs of the Kako ministry. Pray for Jonathan and the board as they seek God's leading in the important decisions that need to be made about next summer's schedule, personnel and continuing ministry.

I am so thankful for people like you that are continuing to support Kako and me as well. I am so thankful for God's provision for you! You are in my prayers. I am grateful for your friendship and love.



Emmanuel Graduates continue to serve the Lord faithfully in India and other countries....



My name is Paolien Hoakip. I want to thank all of you for praying for us as we serve in the State of Tripura. The work here is often difficult and full of opposition but our God is faithful. We are grateful for the land owner that has had shown us grace and given us a good building to start Emmanuel Nursery School. First of all I want to tell you that we have established the school not to run for a business, but to help the poor and needy. We believe that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We must have and teach the reverential fear of God to our young. We are hoping to take in children of Hindu background so that we can lovingly communicate and share the gospel to their entire family. We are also looking to take in orphans and give them an opportunity to receive an education that can provide hope for the future. We are also asking the Lord to bring our students good discipline and the desire to chose to follow Jesus. On a recent mission trip to Burma I found two children that had no father or mother. We are asking the authorities to permit Mercy and I to take care of them. We are requesting your prayers for the school and for these two children.



I am thankful for the successful mission trip I had to Burma. I am originally from the State of Manipur which on the border of Burma. Over the past several years I have had many opportunities to preach the Gospel to our neighbors to the East. Burma has been going through much change. Many people have turned from religions and philosophies. They are repenting of sin and trusting Jesus as their Savior. I praise God for the several individuals that made that decision while I was there. Two were baptized. Praise the Lord! Please pray they will stay in the church and grow in their faith. May God bless you all. Thank you for supporting us here in Tripura, India.



From Pastor Bhaskar, Andaman Islands, India How are you all? We are praying for you all with much gratitude to the Lord. Our ministry here is going very well by God's wonderful grace and by your sincere, generous prayers and support. This month we baptized three people and with great joy we also had one child dedication. As we look to going through 2018 it is our desire to introduce many more souls to Jesus in our main church and our branch ministries as well. We praise God for the opportunity to have Christmas programs in three villages last month. 1. On Little Andaman we had over 80 children in this village. 2. In Middle Andaman we saw over 50 children come. 3. On the main Island here in Port Blair we shared with over 60 children excluding our own. We are so thankful for your prayers. We can do nothing without the power and presence of God.



Please pray for the 3 missionaries working for the Lord. They are working hard to evangelize and grow solid churches. We are especially asking you to pray with us for a new vehicle for the Children's Home. We have outgrown our present one. We need the Lord's wisdom in this matter. Always we are requesting prayer for the children's health and ours as well. The building program is going forward. We are distributing Bibles here on the Islands. Your prayers for these matters are seeing us through. We pray that all of you will have God's presence resting on you, your families and your ministry. Let's live worthy of the Name we bear, the mighty name of Jesus our Savior. This is the Bible verse the Lord laid on my heart for 2018 - **Jeremiah 33:6 - I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.**



From Phil Cohn, Christ for All Peoples - I am full of wonder and awe. I have much to tell you! I want to report back to you the fruit of your partnership....how God is working through your faithful intercession and giving, by giving immigrants among us a DVD of 'JESUS'! Here is what one co-laborer is reporting: *"Phil, we gave a young immigrant man a DVD of 'JESUS'. He was so very excited, and said he had watched the DVD, and gave his life to Christ! He asked if he could have enough DVDs to give one to every immigrant family in his apartment building. We told him our volunteers had already done that! So he asked for DVDs to give to his co-workers at his place of work. He also joined us last Saturday, beaming a volunteer as we reached thousands of homes with the Gospel."*

He also said this, *"I have been using the internet to train a new believer from a Muslim background in how to share the Gospel."* He texted me that he and his fellow Christians dedicated an entire month to evangelism using DVDs of 'JESUS' and Gospel tracts. He said that so far they had counted 800 new believers, mostly from immigrant backgrounds. This believer is on fire for the Lord, himself a former Muslim. We have so many more testimonies coming in. Truly these DVDs are a great tool to get the Gospel out here in America to people of many language and cultural backgrounds. Thank you for helping us!

Our commitment is to:

- **Bring vision for the Church to reach these unreached millions as a new mission field**
- **Train Christians to reach across cultural lines into immigrant communities**
- **Provide the tools of evangelism and discipleship**
- **Develop regional and national networks to accomplish the task**
- **Find opportunities and assist locals for outreaches**

Christ for All Peoples was established in 2007 by a group of mission minded Christians who developed a ministry to reach out to immigrants with the message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ in their native languages. This has resulted in a primary effort to distribute the Jesus Film DVD translated into the heart language of the recipients. As the ministry has grown, it has spread overseas to the recipients home countries. As a result, Christ For All Peoples now partners with many ministries across North America, Europe and around the world. We provide vision, training and effective tools for our many partners who have thousands of volunteers in more than 25 countries. Christ For All Peoples partnered with the Jesus Film organization (an affiliate of Campus Crusade for Christ) to create multiple DVDs with 8-24 languages for different regions of the world. Our estimate is that each DVD is often viewed by as many as 10 or more people with a typical average of 5 viewers. Historically, averages indicate that about one in ten viewers make a decision to follow Jesus.

Heritage AFlame is happy to stand with Christ for All Peoples. By the grace of God in 2018 we will continue purchasing DVDs of 'JESUS' for distribution here locally, throughout our nation and many other countries around the world. Please pray for those engaged in this good work. Like the **Gideons** they are having contact with thousands of people on a daily basis. Pray that God's Spirit will equip and enable these soldiers of the Cross. Pray that the eyes and hearts of people in our area and beyond will be open to the Gospel message. Pray for believers to look past their own lives and dreams and see this world as the Lord sees it. *"Let me see this world dear Lord as though I was looking through Your eyes. A world of men who don't want You Lord, but a world for which You died. Let me kneel with You in the garden. Blur my eyes with tears of agony. For if once I could see this world the way You see, I just know I'd serve You more faithfully. Let me see this world dear Lord through Your eyes when men mock Your holy name. When they beat You and spat upon You Lord. Help me love them as You loved them just the same. Let me stand high above my petty problems - and grieve for men hell-bound eternally. For if once I could see this world the way You see I just know I'd serve You more faithfully. Help see this world!"*

FROM TANTOR JOSEPH, CAMEROON - By the grace of God Almighty, the ministry in Cameroon is taking a different face in the history of our partnership. Greater thanks be to God for His grace and faithfulness and to you for making yourself available to be used by God to be very instrumental in your generous supports. God enabled us to host a successful market outreach on December 31, 2017. Thank you for



the prayers, materials and support to make this possible. Praise God we baptized 13 young disciples on January, 2 2018 and they joined the membership of Lassin church. My family was officially sent forth from Lassin on Sunday. We will now be located in Nkambe to do ministry at a higher but difficult and demanding level. Please pray for Pastor Leonard and people at Lassin. We praise God for the strength in the church. The Holy Spirit has done such a marvelous and miraculous work in the church. We are humbled to know that God used us. As you know when we came to the church a little over a year ago there were just over 70 people. There was much discouragement. To the

glory of God today there are over 250 people, most with a great heart for evangelism. What a great God we serve.

One sad news item I wish to share is that I noticed the pioneer missionary of this area has very bad health as some things keep erupting in his body giving him much pain. He has never visited a good hospital due to lack of finances. We are planning to extend a helping hand to him. Please pray for God's touch that healing will come to this brother.

Praiseworthy is the handiwork work of God through you. We were blessed yesterday to receive a parcel containing many DVD Jesus films in 24 languages and countless pencils and colour pencils for nursery and primary schools. Victory and Gracious really jubilate with this. May God richly bless you. I will be on my first mission outing tomorrow and the Jesus films will be of great use.



Dear Saints, I cannot not readily find the words to thank you for everything you are doing through your supports and prayers. My country is in turmoil and the people are hurting. But we are confident that the Lord is more than able to transform lives and bring new hope to Cameroon. Please pray that I will not fall into any prideful trap. Let us pray for each other that we will always humble ourselves before God knowing He alone is the One that brings revival, renewal and success. Thank you so much for your example. God bless you! We are praying for Rev. Dave's next trip to encourage and challenge us.



THANK YOU FOR BEING SENSITIVE TO GOD'S CALL TO HELP US HERE IN KENYA!

The first week of 2018 is now in the past and we are already seeing God's hand move in some pretty amazing ways. We now have the entire roof back on the school and the children are once again reporting for class. All schools in Kenya officially resumed this week so it will



take until the end of the next week for all of the children to actually report. As of yesterday we had around 50 kids show up but when all the children are there we will have over 150 in attendance in total. The next thing that we need to start thinking about is



food for the children to eat. We will need to buy 90kg bags of beans and maize so they can have traditional 'Githari' (*boiled beans and corn*) for lunch. If there is no food for the children to eat parents will not allow them to attend class, and it is very difficult to concentrate on lessons if their stomachs are growling. We will need approximately 20 bags of maize and 10 bags of beans. The price of Ugali flour in Kenya has just raised twenty five shillings for a one kg bag so no doubt maize and beans will be going up too in the next week or so. This time of year prices traditionally rise. **Please keep this in mind when praying for us.**

We have now officially broke ground to build the new and much larger permanent church at our village Reretiang. This will be our **fifth** church that by God's incredible grace we have been able to build in Pokot territory. It is important for me to say that these churches are *not* the traditional mud and stick type buildings that are commonly seen throughout this region but are permanent brick and cement structures large enough to accommodate a two hundred or more people *each* for many years to come. *We are grateful to the Lord for we have received all the funds needed to complete this project so work will be ongoing until completion.* Because of the roof blowing off of our school and some other unforeseen things we have now pushed back the grand opening of the church at Kalas village until a later date. *You people there in NY and PA are so encouraging to us. Thank you for giving to the Lord's work here.*



We had a good time sitting around in a circle with the men talking about the Lord and things that only men talk about. Well that only Pokot men talk about! The women brought us freshly made camel milk chai to drink and some left over goat to eat from the night before. The women all sat on the ground around thirty feet away next to a nearby hut where they talked about women things. Pokot women do not associate with the men in public and their main function is to serve the men food and drink, raise children and take care of the boma, etc. In Reretiang Village things are starting to change some and men will actually have short conversations with the women and even include them at times in some of the discussion. However it is still not acceptable for them to sit and join the men in public. It is difficult for me to remember everything at times and I forgot to talk to the men and Doctor Solomon about the cleanliness of the clinic and the need to continue keeping things sanitary. Cleanliness is not an important issue for the Pokot people since they live in mud huts, share their compound with goats and chickens and sit on the dirt ground. Because water is such a precious resource daily bathing and washing clothes does not come as a first priority. *I did telephone Pastor Nicholas this morning and he has told me that one of the ladies of the church is now overseeing the cleaning of the clinic. Praise God for this.*

It is almost impossible for us to visit all four villages when traveling to Pokot unless we stay for three or four days at a time. *Case in point:* We have not visited Adatat nor Chemitachor village in over two months. Our new village of Kalas has been getting most of our attention and now with the school roof repair and constructing the new church at Reretiang our efforts are there most of the time. I am not really sure what the solution to this is, but the people do need to feel they are still an active and ongoing part of our ministry efforts. Manpower and transportation is our main challenge. Pastor Nicholas travels to Pokot *at least* two times every week and really works hard to disciple the people. However he is only one man and can not be everywhere at once. He also has the responsibility of overseeing our three pastors at Reretiang, Adatat and Chemitachor villages. So I am sincerely asking you to pray for Pastor Nicholas and for more laborers in this field that is ripe unto harvest. **Ron Pinkerton**