



# Mission Update and Prayer Guide

**NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR THE LORD.....Jeremiah 32:17**  
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***FAMILY CAMP, YOUTH CAMPS AND THE LADIES' RETREAT WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL!***

**With thanksgiving** to the LORD Jeanne Rodkey, sister of Jonathan Penz, has contributed to this update on the ministry of **Kako Retreat Center**, Russian Mission, Alaska.



**The past summer** was truly amazing at Kako. We give praise to the LORD for His unmatched faithfulness in keeping us safe in every way. Jonathan and Sharon Penz have another boy as Micah David was born on June 6. While they were away in New York the camping season began with Family Camp which was a great blessing. Shortly thereafter the Youth Camps, under the direction of John and Becky Erickson, proved to each of us that the Holy Spirit is the great Comforter and Helper. Many kids, coming from hard home environments had opportunity to step into a peaceful, caring

setting designed to build them up in Jesus Christ. Our counselors and support staff were energized and focused on being promoters of God's Word, not just through words, but through actions! The Spirit of God transformed lives! Many kids ac-



**Kako from the sky. Notice the campers have spelled out KAKO!**

cepted Christ as Savior. Others made strong decisions to follow Jesus - no matter what the cost. This is what we all **pray**, work and give for. Thank you all for **praying**! Thank you for giving! Without your involvement we could not do the work necessary to give these kids a week they will never forget. God bless you all!

**Saying goodbye to these campers is hard.** Please **pray** for them as they return to their homes, communities and schools. **Pray** for their spiritual growth. **Pray** for courage and boldness. **Pray** for protection from the “wiles of the devil.” Thanks for **praying**! God is the one who can preserve the hearts and lives of these campers! Proverbs 14:27 “The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.” The follow-up now begins.

**We had an amazing** opportunity to end our camping season with our annual Ladies Blueberry Retreat. We were confident that God was ready to do amazing things in the lives of those attending. Much **prayer** went into this retreat!

**This weekend featured something new -- story ropes and small groups.** The story ropes were created by and for each lady to tell her story... including the most important events and people in her life. This tool allowed women to share things from their lives that included deep hurts. Many women said, "I've never told anyone about this" and many of those stories included the deep wound of sexual abuse. The first night the women were introduced to the concept and then invited to create their own story ropes. Then the next day, we were divided into small groups where we got to share our story ropes. I was amazed to see how these ropes were like an open door to their hearts, allowing them to tell us about their family of origin, their own children, and then those times where they had been incredibly wounded. One woman shared how she went outside into the winter cold after being sexually abused as a young child. She wanted to die there, but in the end, went elsewhere for help for her frozen legs. She's been carrying the secret of this abuse for decades and now, having shared it felt great peace. She told me, "I can't stop smiling!" Another woman told me about her story rope. It was packed away, so she had to just describe it to me, but she did. She told me the color of each piece of fabric or ribbon and what it represented. This young woman has experienced domestic violence that has been so bad that she attempted suicide twice. She now has found purpose in staying alive for her three children. The small groups were very useful for allowing the women to share their hearts with each other and to **pray** together. Each of them realized that Jesus Christ could ultimately heal their wounds and give them hope, peace and strength. **Pray** for these ladies. We want them to understand God is still writing their story. He is the great Healer and Burden-Bearer.



## YOUR STORY MATTERS

Please join us & HIS Story Ministries at  
Kako Retreat Center!

Ladies Berry Picking Retreat is doing something different this year. We are asking you to play a special part in it.

**Some women came for the first time** and were so amazed with all that they saw and heard at the retreat. I was at the plane when one lady arrived. Her best friend had told her that she would love Kako and she did. Before she took more than five steps out of the plane she said "I love it here! I know I won't want to leave!" Indeed, she was willing to be on the last plane home!

**Another gal,** a young woman told me that she had been told by several people in her village "You should go Kako!" So at the last minute she quickly packed a bag and came. She told me several times that it was 'out of the blue' that she came. I couldn't help thinking that she was one of those who had been **prayed** here! I talked to her many times over the stay and she was so glad that she came. Ultimately it became clear to me that the Lord had a special purpose for her.

**A number of elderly women came.** Our house near the lodge where we have our 'elders' stay was full, and we wished for more rooms in this house so we could house more. One dear older lady over 80 who was tiny and bent over told everyone at the meeting, speaking in "Eskimo," that she was glad she came to Kako for the first time. She was amazed how they take care of everything, "...even the food and a blanket over my head." (for sleeping of course :-)) She was loved and embraced by all of us.

### More comments from a number of the ladies about the retreat:

For me it was amazing! It's comfortable and inviting.

Everyone at home is struggling. We don't show it on our faces, but we are struggling. We leave feeling close to God, knowing He is writing our story. All things work together for good!

Kako is safe.... sober and drug free. So thankful for the fellowship... we don't have this back home.

The blueberries are so important for us to take back to our villages.

**Thank you all for your prayers** for God's work at Kako this past summer. It was amazing to see hearts being touched and transformed by the Lord. God bless you! **Jeanne Rodkey**



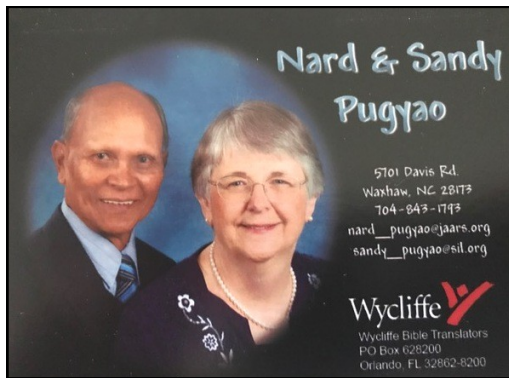
**ISRAEL** - **Sylvia Fruit** recently wrote: "I want to thank you so much for allowing me to speak and to share my heart for the Arab students at Jerusalem School of Bethlehem. It was a great honor for me. Thank you for your faithfulness and service to the Lord in all you do in New York State. Thank you for your timely and generous support which makes it possible for me to teach. (It's amazing to me that the Lord's sovereignty is on such display.) I am excited to walk with the Lord in this journey and see what He will do! Please keep me in your **prayers**. I desire for God to use me in the lives of the students."

**COSTA RICA** - **Alayna Rockefeller** writes: *Praise God that He is providing for me in amazing ways. As I prepare for Costa Rica I am learning to trust Him more and to follow the Lord's leading in my life. I am thankful for all the people He is using to fulfill His purpose in my life. Alayna will be leaving in late August.* She is asking us to **pray** for the following:

\*That my family would adjust to me being far from home.

\*That I would: 1) Let God work in me and through me; 2) Not get homesick; 3) Grow in my relationship with God; 4) Do well in classes; 5) Adjust well to the culture; 6) Serve God faithfully in the ministry I am placed in; and 7) Form meaningful relationships with those around me.

**THE UNITED STATES** - **The Pugyao's** It was great to have Nard with us to share his testimony and encourage us with the work the LORD has been doing in and through he and his wife. Recently he wrote: "Greetings in the Jesus our Lord! I'm sitting here at the Harrisburg airport waiting for my flight. I am thinking about you all and how God orchestrated our trails to merge together for the cause of Christ! I just want you to know how blessed I was to be with all of you. Thank you for being an awesome group of Christ followers, in love with Him and His mandate for missions. Thank you for allowing me to share with you all. Thank you for your generous love gift. I am truly humbled to have met you all. You made me feel part of your family! The Psalmist says, *Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to You; were I to speak of the, they would be too many to declare.*



Yes!...too many to recount indeed! Please **pray** for us!"

**MALAYSIA** - **Lori Miller** Lori has safely arrived in Malaysia and has completed her teacher orientation. She is settling in to her new environment and is thankful for the Lord's help and provision. Please pray for Lori. She desires to have a lasting impact with the students and other staff members.

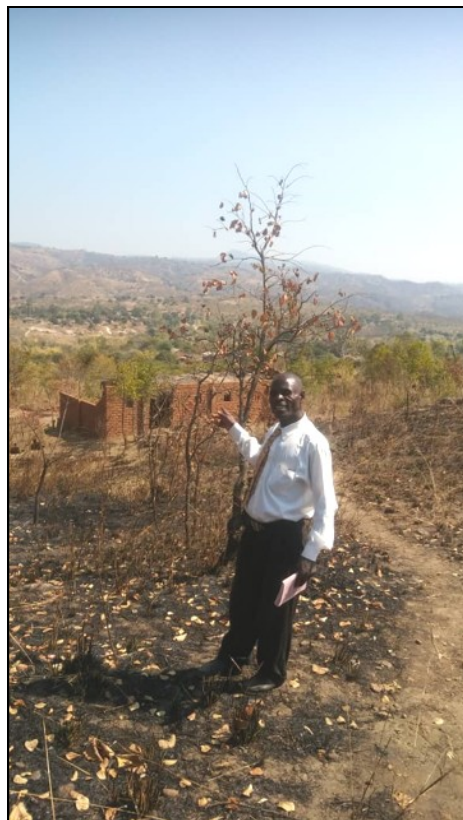
**INDIA** - In **Daisy's home state of Tamil Nadu** the New Testament is being translated into Tamil Sign Language for the benefit of those who can't hear. Wycliffe Associates is working hard to reach out to one of the largest unreached groups in the world. Over 400 unique sign languages are recognized worldwide, but there is not a single sign language that has a complete Bible. We are grateful for the opportunity to financially and **prayerfully** support Wycliffe as they seek to work hard to bring about change.

**This past year**, sign language Bible translation events were held for the Tamil Nadu people of India. A dozen local translators collaborated with four interpreters to complete 12 chapters of Luke in the first week alone. Praise God! To date, the books of Mark, Jonah and all three books of John have been translated into Tamil Sign Language - and the team continues to forge ahead.

**One of the many fruits** of this labor is the opening of the first Deaf Church in Tamil Nadu where 20 people now gather every week to worship. How exciting it will be to see this tiny church blossom as God's word is revealed through sign language. Let's **pray** with **urgency** for the people who **urgently** need God's Word in their own unique language.

**The UNITED STATES** - **Faith Bible Church** FBC, located on Route 417 in Little Genesee, NY, celebrated 50 years of ministry on August 11. Dave had the privilege of attending and sharing words of encouragement with the congregation and guests. Dave was Pastor at Faith Bible from 1987 to 1991. Many people from Faith Bible serve as volunteers at the **Solid Rock** and **Treasure Chest** in Bolivar. We are grateful for the working relationship we have had through the years. We are thankful for the **many local churches** that exist here in Western New York and Pennsylvania. Let us always remember to see the "big picture" and maintain a willingness to work alongside our brothers and sisters. **United we stand - Divided we fall.**

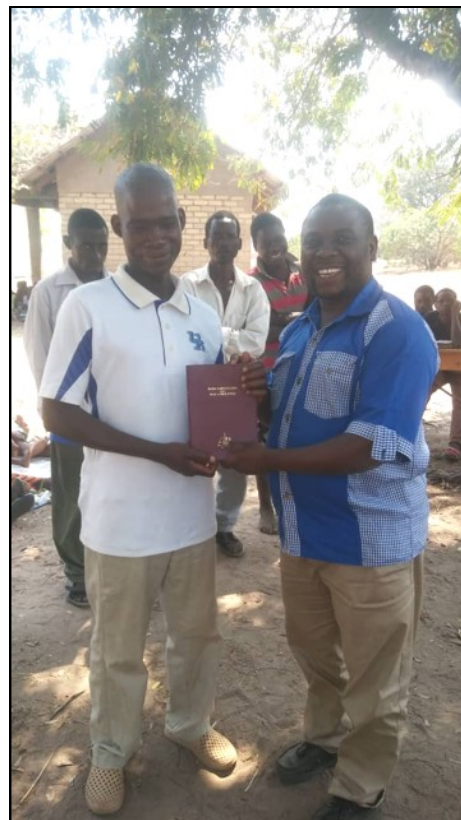
**During the first week** of August Enock Dimba and his team in Malawi were visiting several churches in a predominantly Muslim region that has been an area of turmoil and tension. As they arrived in Majawa village Enock contacted Dave to ask for **prayer** as they prepared to show the Jesus film. All went well. Praise the Lord! The team continued on visiting many other churches. Please continue to **pray** for Enock, Clara and the entire Christian Resource Ministry team of evangelists, pastors and church planters.



*Pastor Walker is pointing to his church building in the background. The roof was set on fire. The fire also destroyed the toilet area and washing room.*



**Enock is going hut to hut handing out materials and inviting people to the Jesus Film showing. He calls this “door-to-door” evangelism. Many people accepted Christ as their Savior!**



*Pastors have been excited to receive a new copy of God's Word in their tribal language. Please continue to **pray** for funds to purchase more Bibles this year.*



**We praise the Lord** for this congregation at Majawa Village. Their church building, similar to the house construction seen in this picture, was burned to ashes. They are not discouraged. They are **asking God** to help them rebuild with brick and mortar that will assist them against such attacks. *“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”*



## FROM TANTOR JOSEPH IN CAMEROON

**Praise the Lord! Thank you for your unending prayers for us.** My brothers and sisters it is with great pleasure to be awake right now this night while others are sleeping just thanking God for the way He is using you to bless our ministry. I have funds with me now to send-off the student pastors on assignment in 17 ministry stations as they roundup on Sunday August 12 to begin school the next day. The old Toyota service vehicle has been wonderfully refurbished. This has been a great blessing for us. No matter how I am hailed in ministry that story can never go through without the input of my Heritage AFlame family in the USA. Thank you immensely. **Pray** for me as I join a national minister's conference not as a speaker again but with a deep determination to be refreshed by others. *Saints of God we must all beware. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Holiness is not an option. It is not right for us to presume on God's grace after all that Jesus did for us on that rugged cross where God's wrath was poured out on His Son for us!*

**This past week** I was speaking at a two day women's rally on this caption "ARISE AND BE INFLUENTIAL BEYOND HORIZON." I am writing right now from Bamenda in the same room Dave slept at the Baptist Center. I went there for the wedding of one of our head Deacons from Lassin taking place today. Once again I need to acknowledge that your timely support has changed the face of this ministry in so many ways. Praise God, I will be installing the Laptop, a 3 in one printer/photocopier/scanner with some furniture at the counseling center in less than a week now. This is all a result of your giant support. You all are such a blessing to us. May God Almighty continue to bless and keep you.

**This past Sunday** I preached in Mbanka Church for my first time as they launched the construction of a church house. Drawing inspiration from 1 Chronicles 22:7-16, I challenged those present to know that "IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE BUILD A BEFITTING STRUCTURE FOR WORSHIP BUT IT SHOULD COME FROM THOSE WHO ARE IN RIGHT STANDING WITH HIM." The work in Cameroon is hard, but we are pressing on with full force. We are confident that the Holy Spirit will keep us moving in the right direction. The church of Jesus Christ is alive and well. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against it.



*"Let me see this world, dear Lord, as though I were 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 the world the way You see, I just know I'd serve You more faithfully."*

*Let me see this world through Your eyes when men mock Your holy name. When they beat You and spat upon You Lord. Help me love them - as You love 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."*

*"Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves, Jesus saves; Let the nations now rejoice. Jesus saves, Jesus saves; Shout salvation full and free, Highest hills and deepest caves, This our song of victory, Jesus saves, Jesus saves."*



**INDIA - Paolien Haokip** Dear David Uncle! Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We begin this month with God's blessing. We have a wonderful testimony to share. For the last three years I have sharing the gospel with a man here who works with Indian railway service. He came our house yesterday night at 8:00 pm and said he was helpless because his wife had been admitted in the hospital for delivery but there have been complications? I said "Do you believe that Jesus can help you?" He said "Yes!" Immediately we **prayed**



together. We **prayed** specifically for a safe delivery. Praise God. Mr. Kumar came and said "Paolien, truly your God is real. I believe in Him." Honestly I am humbled before God. He receives all the glory and praise. Alleluia! I'm so excited. We also praise God that we could register the school without any complications. Your **prayers** for us are useful and have eternal value. We are also happy that we were able to purchase 3 large tables and 6 benches. We have many purposes for these.



**INDIA - Bhaskar Joseph** Greetings from the Andaman Islands. We are grateful to God for your support and encouragement. We are pressing on here with the construction of the Children's home. We have recently been able to add iron grills to three of the windows. Step by step we are working hard to complete this project. We are praising God for those that have recently accepted Christ. Thank you all for **praying** for us and helping us as you can.

**CAMEROON - Nwesco Flavious** Shalom! The National Minister's Fellowship of the Cameron Baptist Convention just ended successfully yesterday under the theme: **FINISHING WELL**. It was taking from 2 Timothy 4:7. We are praying that the God who brought you people to His service and connected us should help us to finish well in His service indeed. We are blessed to be in partnership with you. Please **pray** for us! **Pray** for revival. **Pray** for new churches to be planted and for God's people to live with urgency.



**UNITED STATES/LIBERIA - Karen Williams** I am so grateful to God for the time I had to spend with my American family in Bolivar and Olean. Thank you for your gracious welcome and hospitality. I enjoyed spending time with the Ladies at sister Daisy's home. You all were a blessing to me. I enjoyed my time with Susan. Thank you for the clothing and pizza. Daisy shared some Indian clothes with me. Oh I am blessed. Sunday morning service was a wonderful time of worship, praise and encouragement. The fellowship was sweet. I was humbled by your generous love offering. Your steadfastness is commendable. Thank you for **praying** over me. We have a most excellent God!!

**Ebenezer Brown** I want to use this time to say a big thank you to all the wonderful people of the ministry family there for standing with us in helping to provide funds to help with Thelma's medication while we were away in Ghana for cancer treatment. Words are inadequate to express how grateful we are. School has officially closed for Academic 2017/2018. Almost all of the students received promotions to the next classes. Twenty -three kids graduated from the Kindergarten Class to the 1st Grade. Nine students of the 9th Grade took the West African Examination. Amazingly, all of them passed successfully - with flying colors. Thank you for **praying** with intensity. We are impressed with the sincerity of your **prayers**. Never give up. The living God is doing something new all around the world. We praise His name!