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Connecting local with global

A Missions Newsletter by The Mission



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Participation in missions is not optional for those who have been born again. Missions – the presenting of Jesus to the world around us – is in our DNA. To not partner with God in going into all the world is like a dog not barking or a fish not swimming. It would be contrary to how we are made and violate the purpose of our anointing and calling.

At The Mission, we have many strong prophetic words that we agree with and activate. They help guide our mission outreach. However, if we did not have a single prophetic word, we still could not ignore the directive of Scripture. From the book of Genesis through the Revelation of the last book in the Bible, it is the purpose of the people of God to bless the nations, be salt and light, and love people into the Kingdom of God.

By the way – this is all good news! We get to fulfill our destiny, and carry out our calling. As you read through this edition of Purpose you will be blessed to witness those who are doing the stuff they were created to do. Let their stories inspire you to discover a new level of purpose in 2021. Enjoy the journey.

What's happening globally?

Global Buzz

Sam and Iva Koliloa - Sounds of the Nations Fiji

This past Fall, Sam and Iva along with their Sounds of the Nation Team were busy ministering at various places outside their city of Lautoka. During the month of November, they had an opportunity to speak and minister at a youth camp as well as sing carols at local business houses. This was the first time their team had been invited by any business house, and they had felt like they had released and experienced major breakthrough, releasing song strongly feeling the presence of God. In December the team was invited to train and lead worship at a church in the capitol. They ended the month singing and leading people into the presence of God at a public "Christmas in the Park" event that also took place in their capitol.



SOTN Ministering at a local church.

On January 18, Sam and Iva are kicking off the new year with their Sounds of the Nation Music Academy, beginning this new semester with thirty students. They also are really trying to connect and engage their city this year as they continue their monthly worship "Encounter" nights as well as continuing to train and provide workshops for various churches and ministries. They will be recording a Praise and Worship and Christmas Album this year.

Testimony:

On Christmas Eve, they were in the capital for "Christmas in the Park." They were told that they would be singing during the pre-show and that the main artists would take the main show which would go live on national television. Towards the end of the main show, they were invited back and ended up leading worship!



SOTN Fiji Worshipping at "Christmas in the Park."

Sam said, "God was all over. There were so many people in the park from all walks of life. When we were told to lead worship, we were a bit hesitant because we thought that people would start leaving the park; but, wow, God's presence was so thick that no one moved from their seats! They actually participated until it was over. God encountered people in His own way. We had people coming over to us saying that they could literally feel God embracing them and that they had never felt that feeling before. We had a bunch of people rededicate their lives and others gave their lives to the Lord. God is awesome!"

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Prayer Points:

- Pray for the SOTN Music Academy as they begin their new semester this year. Pray for the team, the students, and for continued resources.
- Pray for strategies and for continued divine connections for Sam, Iva, and SOTN.

Jon and Marcia Tulio - Philippines

The Deeper Team, led by Karlo and Kim DeLeon, continues to minister at a church south of Bacolod. Jon says, "We are excited that their commitment to work with the church's leadership is really bearing fruit and has been valued with the congregation." The Deeper Philippines team has also been hosting virtual alumni

gatherings. Fellow Missionary Mark Crawford has been able to partner virtually with the team and has been speaking on the prophetic and connecting with former Deeper Philippines students.

Jon and Marcia, along with their team, will be launching a series of virtual Deeper workshops. Some of the teachings will include, "God View," "Self View/Identity," as well as topics such as "Discovering your passions and how they relate to your destiny." Their hope is that these workshops can be a resource for Deeper Alumni, as well as prepare future Deeper students for the next season of the Deeper curriculum. Jon says, "Our goal is to add and improve the Deeper platform so we can share with people who logistically haven't been able to participate in our previous traditional schedule."



Karlo, Kim and Team

Due to Covid-19, not knowing exactly when Jon and Marcia can return to the Philippines has been a huge challenge for them. This past Fall they attended an event where Dano shared something that really hit home for them about "feeding on and fighting with our prophetic words." These last several months they have been going back into processing some of the most significant prophetic words and revisiting some books that have impacted them over the years and had encouraged and inspired them to move the Philippines many years ago. Jon adds, "And of course since our Father is always so faithful, we have started to see many new layers of meaning and significance in His words to us. This has brought us a ton of encouragement, confirmation, and life for the vision we have for Deeper School as well as our other ministries in the Philippines. Things that were spoken in the past have come to pass and are continuing to come to pass in even greater measure. We are energized, excited and truly believe that a new season with greater impact on the nation is ahead and that we are going to see a great harvest."

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Testimony:

One of their team members, Ana Liza Torremoro, has a business where she sells fruits, vegetables, and other groceries from her motorcycle and sidecar. She has a passion for praying for the sick and seeing God heal. One of her customers had been sick but didn't want to go to the hospital because of the pandemic. Ana Liza said, "The Holy Spirit stirred me to pray for healing, so I asked her if I could pray for her and she said yes. The next week when I went to her place, she thanked me for praying for her, She said, 'I was healed because you prayed for me.' I told her **God is the healer** not me, I'm just an instrument. Glory to God!"



Some of the Deeper Philippines Team

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the Bacolod Team - Karlo, Kim, Ana Liza, Ray and May.
- Pray for the people and economy in Bacolod City.
- Pray for open doors for Jon and Marcia to be able to return.
- Pray for creativity and new strategies for the Deeper Philippines Team.

Caleb Byerly- Global

Caleb and team have been busy with their continued humanitarian support in the Philippines. "We have been so thankful as we look back at the past year, the goodness of His love to us, and our extended friends and family throughout the world." They have kept their outreach and church planting in the Tinonanon area, now at four church plants. Their main focus right now is to get spiritual support from churches in nearby cities to continue to visit the Tinonanon missionaries and communities of believers in the tribal region. Recently, a group of ten pastors from different churches in the cities travelled to the Tinonanon tribe to visit our church plants. Caleb said, "It was so good to see them connect with the local believers, to encourage and lift them up!" This past year, Caleb and his wife Gladys purchased fifty acres of land in North Carolina. They are creating a place of prayer there where people can come to hear from the Lord and a place where strategies will be released from heaven.



Caleb, Gladys and Family

Testimony

There was a big step in the Bible translation for the Tinonanon language group. Caleb and his team were able to do a "Orthography Workshop" at the beginning of December 2020. This is still the beginning stages of language development, but it's a big step! They also had the opportunity to reconnect with the chiefs of the Tinonanon tribe and hand out Bibles to many unbelieving but interested Tinonanon.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for continued strength over Caleb and Gladys as they keep busy with their ministry and raising three young boys.
- Pray for their International Ministry and instrument business.



Christian Iverson - Mexico

While Christian has been in the United States working this past fall, one of his ministry partners Darrell has been overseeing School of Dreams and continuing to minister to the people and children in Guadalajara, Mexico. Darrell has also been assisting the YWAM base down in Zarahembla with house builds and loving on the families in that community as well. In December, the Mission Church Warchest Offering was able to bless several children and families--Christian is still handing out presents to the community.

This next year Christian will spend his time here in the US as well as in Mexico. He is actively seeking another ministry partner to come and partner with School of Dreams in Mexico. He would love the help of a younger couple who is love and grace-minded that has a passion to be the Kingdom and show the community love. If you are interested in finding out more information about how you can get involved with School of Dreams in Mexico, please contact Paris Jurado at pjurado@imissionchurch.com.

Testimony

Christian says that the most significant impact in this past season has been the provision of bicycles for the children at School of Dreams. The local kids are able to come somewhere safe, be kids, have fun, and feel loved and nurtured.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the right team members to come alongside Christian and School of Dreams.
- Pray for the people and children of Guadalajara Mexico to continue to encounter God's love and presence,



Christian Iverson purchasing Christmas Gifts for the children.

Missionary Highlight: Mission Fiji Team

The Mission Fiji Team is excited for 2021 and can already feel, "the goodness of God" as they prepare for the year. As the team reflects on 2020, they are grateful for the ways that it allowed them to be pushed out of their comfort zones and into new heights and experiences.



Members of the Yasawa Women's Team Praying

One of the highlights for Mission Fiji in 2020 was to be invited to minister to over twenty-seven Senior Pastors and their offices--all from different denominations. They were able to speak and pray into what they felt God had for the body of Christ in Fiji. The team also got involved with a local rugby team. The rugby union consist of a men's senior team, men's under nineteen team, and a women's team. Mission Fiji was able to be involved with their social life skills as well as their spiritual life skills by providing them Bible studies. "Players were coming back to the Lord and experiencing signs and wonders,"

said Onny, who is one of the Mission Fiji Teachers and Leaders. "It was a great testimony of it's own as the Yasawa people started talking about the women's team and the spiritual upbringing rendered to them." The Mission Fiji team praises God for the opportunity and is excited for the influence in the sports and entertainment arena.

For 2021, the Fiji Team is currently preparing for the new semester of the Prophetic School which begins in March. They are also hosting prayer sessions in office every Friday and a live Facebook broadcast every Wednesday.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for continued creative strategies as the team prepares for the new school year.
- Pray for people of Fiji that they continue to encounter and experience the love of Jesus.



Kili preaching to the mens rugby team.

Upcoming Warchest:

February: Deeper Fiji School

Sunday, February 7th

March: Deeper Philippines

Sunday, March 7th

April: In-House Video/Media Department

Sunday, April 11th



Want to get involved?

*Check out some ways you can play an important part in Missions.
We'd love to have you partner with us.*

- **PRAY**

Pray with us for our missionaries and mission endeavours. You can pick up prayer cards at our Warchest table every first Sunday of the month.

- **GIVE**

Every first Sunday of the month, we provide a time of giving to our Warchest Offering. You can also give toward Warchest anytime via our *imissionchurch.com* website.

- **GO**

Every year we send out teams of people to minister abroad. We would love for you to join us.

- **SEND**

If you can't go on a missions trip but would like to be a part of someone else's missions trip, we have ways for you to partner in that.

- **HOST**

Throughout the year, we host many people from other nations that are in need of a host home, transportation, or just personal encouragement while they are here.

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