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Connecting local with global.

A Missions Newsletter by The Mission



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William Barclay, a Biblical commentator has stated “There are two great days in a person’s life: the day we are born and the day we discover why.” Purpose is essential for life to be fulfilling. As people of the Kingdom of God - those who have been born again - we should be the most fulfilled people on the planet, for our purpose, our “why”, has eternal destiny attached to it.

Our purpose for being on the earth is both a privilege and a responsibility. The privilege is found in the honor and joy we have to represent the goodness and love of God to every person within the sphere of our influence. The responsibility is to represent him accurately so everyone we come in contact with will want to meet the one we display.

As you read through the stories and the testimonies in this newsletter, please know that you have a significant part in what is written, having invested in the lives and ministries of those on these pages. Thank you for doing life on purpose. Enjoy the journey.

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Global Buzz

Sam and Iva - Sounds of the Nations Fiji

For the last couple of months, Sam and Iva have been busy with their Music Academy. They have students that are a wide variety of ages from nine years old to fifty seven years of age.

In addition to their academy, every Saturday they conduct music and worship classes for a church in Nadi. In February, they travelled to Suva where they had the opportunity to lead worship at a National Pastor's Wives Conference. And this past April, they had the honor of directing an Easter production with their local church. They had about one hundred and fifty people in the production. Sam says, "It was something new for the church, especially breaking the culture, traditions and the norm."

Over the next several months, the Sounds of the Nations Fiji Team will be recording another praise and worship album as well as filming some music videos for some of their songs. Fiji has recently come under more COVID restrictions but as soon as those lift, Iva



Sounds of the Nations Fiji Team

and Sam plan on continuing their worship training as well as music academy.

Testimony - Gloria Adopted!

One of their team members, Lusi, volunteers at an orphanage in Nadi. Her family has been trying to adopt an Indo-fijian girl named Gloria for the last couple of years. The family just received a reply that their request has finally been approved! "We have been praying with her and for her since the first time Lusi shared their plan to adopt. We are so excited for the news. Praise the Lord!"

Congratulations SOTN Team!

The Sounds of the Nations Fiji Team has two of their songs nominated for "Best Gospel Song" of 2020 with the Fiji Music Awards!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for new land to build a Sounds of the Nations building.
- Pray for new musical instruments for their growing music academy.
- Pray for the right people to partner with us as we look to expand our team.
- Pray for a car to help us with our travels.
- Pray for financial partners within our community.
- Pray for increased connections to places of authority.



Sam teaching some of their students

Jon and Marcia Tulio - Philippines

While the Philippines continue to be under strict lockdowns due to Covid and restricted travel, Deeper Philippines team members and alumni Kim and Karlo DeLeon continue working with a small community church in Kim's home town of La Carlotta. La Carlotta is a small town about an hour south of Bacolod City.

This Summer, Deeper Philippines plans to host live work shops online for the school

so that people outside of Bacolod City and in other places in the Philippines can access the program. These live workshops will also be accessible to the Deeper Philippines Alumni.

Testimonies - From Suicide to Salvation!

A man who lives in the village where the church Kim and Karlos minister was quarantined for fourteen days when he arrived from Cebu. He had worked in construction and said that since the quarantine period, he felt like he could hear everything and that it was giving him anxiety. Two months ago he wanted to commit suicide because he couldn't handle it anymore. He also used to take drugs.

One of the pastors of the church wanted to pray for him but was discouraged by people because this man could be violent sometimes, and the man's parents might not allow them to visit. He went anyway because he felt God wanted him to talk to this man.

To his surprise, he was welcomed by the parents and was able to connect with the man. He prayed for him and talked to him about God. The man was

(Philippines Testimonies continued...)

different after that first visit. As he was a relative of another member of their church, Kim and Karlo and others from the church also visited him several times to continue praying for him. Now he is back to work and has a different outlook in life and even reads the Bible now.

Also, his father, who used to make fun of the culture of the church and had said that the church was "crazy" now attends. After seeing what God had done for his son and how the church had cared about his son, he came running to the church one day asking for prayer when his son wanted to die.

His son had tied a rope, ready to kill himself. He quickly ran to ask for help from his sister but found himself crying in the church and asking the resident pastor to go and see his son. Now he is there on Sundays and has surrendered his life to Jesus. He said he didn't know why he had gone to church that day since he was supposed to go to his sister's house.

Another testimony of God's goodness!

The resident pastor went to pray for another man, who had been paralyzed for years, bedridden and so thin. He had a rare disease which was believed to be hereditary. On the pastor's second visit, the man was sitting down. He had not been able to sit in a long time!

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Deeper Philippines Team Member

Randy's testimony:

"Last night when Ana Liza and I were about to go home, she said she forgot something that she needed to buy at the pharmacy. I made a U-turn because we had already passed the store. I was waiting in the parking lot in front of the different stores that were all closing when I heard a voice in my head that said, *What if you'll find money or a package right now, what are you gonna do with it?* I had no response at that time, but I turned my head to my right and saw a thick black object shining from the light's reflection, and no doubt, it was a wallet. I picked it up, and I remembered the voice that I had heard.

When Ana Liza came back, I told her that I had found a wallet. We finished up our ice cream, and we were both hoping that the owner would be looking for the wallet, but no one asked or looked for it. We decided to go home.

When we arrived, we decided to check the

wallet to see if there was anything we could use to contact the owner. We found credit cards, a seaman's ID, cash, an ATM card, and a driver's license where I found a contact number.

I called and it was the owner's wife who came and it picked up. She sighed with relief and thanked us for having an initiative to try and contact them. This guy was a seaman, a good guy. But because of this pandemic, he had spent his time working as motorcycle taxi driver.

I met him this morning at our place. We talked together with my wife, sharing good things, and I shared our Father to him. He had a seed of faith because his wife was a Christian, too. Thankfulness flowed out from his heart, and we gave it back to God.

We are praying for him to be able to go back to work by June or July. It feels great to do good to others and to give honor and praise to our God.



The wallet found by Randy and Ana Liza.



Randy and the owner of the lost wallet.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for continued strategy and wisdom as Jon, Marcia, and the team plan for the next season.
- Pray for the country of the Philippines that Coronavirus cases will go down and that it will start to open back up.

Caleb Byerly- Global

Caleb and his team continue to find creative ways to minister around the globe. "This past year, we've been seeing the importance of staying connected and encouraging one another in our faith. I've taken the initiative to really make this happen in our team in different nations. So we've been intentional to use all forms of communication to stay connected, share prophetic vision and the word of God to build each other up."

Caleb and his team just finished a big mission to the Tinonanon and Kulamanon tribes.



Caleb says, "I'm so thankful for all of the amazing people in the Philippines who have taken and run with it to advance His love and Kingdom to the unreached areas! I wasn't there in person so it was a real blessing for me to stand with them from afar and see what the Holy Spirit did through them!"

Caleb is starting an apprenticeship for instrument making and discipleship this summer at his farm in North Carolina. They have one person who will be living with them full-time for the whole summer and others who will drop in now and then. It will be teaching discipleship on a real-life basis while they also learn real life skills in craftsmanship.



Caleb and friends.

Living with a thankful heart - Caleb

"We are thankful that we are finally making our final steps of moving. It's been a nine-month process of selling our home, living in a camper with the whole family (three kids), and closing on fifty acres of land and a house in Moravian Falls, NC. And now, finally making the official move! This also included moving our instrument making shop and Evergreen Missions' base. Gladys and I are very thankful but ready for some rest. We look back at the past 9 nine months with amazement at God's faithfulness and provision to take care of our little kids and us. I am more awakened to the reality of the closeness of God than ever before. His breath is my life and without it, I am nothing. So I've come to a place of continuously laying myself down at His feet in worship and delight in His goodness."

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the team as they step into new unreached territories in the Philippines.
- Pray for Davao de Oro, the new church that is being built.
- Pray for Caleb's health. He has been diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis. Let's declare healing over his body!
- Pray for Caleb, Gladys and their boys.

Missionary Highlight: Mission Fiji

Mission Fiji School Director - Onny

This year 2021 has been a unique year so far in the Ministry, The Prophetic School as well as the Staff. We have registered thirty-five (our highest number) students in our building this year. Students have been sitting without a desk as we have run out of desk and our space is no longer containing the number. For the first time, we have to run a separate class for late comers, beginning from Introduction till week four. During the fourth week (Father Heart of God & God Nature), five students were convicted to get baptized. The staff witnessed a powerful and joyful moment as these students were baptized at Saweni beach outside Lautoka town.

Place of Influence:

Our local church, Mount Zion Cathedral, Saru Heights, Lautoka is the largest church in the Pacific. We thank our Lord that we have been very much involved with Sam and Iva in the Music Department and Onny in the Children's Ministry. During the Palm Sunday celebration, the Sunday School Department presented a powerful presentation which was influenced by five prominent students of the Prophetic School.



Some of the Mission Fiji students and teachers

More than eight hundred children were involved in powerful declaration and singing as we worshiped King Jesus. There is a shift of programs and activities as we allow the Holy Spirit to do new things in the children's church and testimonies of God's healing as the children pray for the sick. We praise God for giving us the opportunity to be used in our local church.



Some of the children from local church

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Testimony:

At the beginning of the month of March we lost our dear brother Max at the age of 38 years old. Max graduated from our School of the Prophetic in 2017. After he went through the School, Max was a changed man with powerful testimonies of miracles, encounters, and great insights of the word. His family, relatives, church family, and friends all marveled and were amazed by his faith and how he lived his life, solely depending on the Holy Spirit. In 2017, he also met his wife, a New Zealand national, who attended our Leadership Conference here in Fiji. They got married and settled in our village in the Island of Yasawa I Rara and were involved in children ministry and ministering to the widows in the island.

When Max died, we prayed for resurrection straight after he was pronounced dead by the doctors. Nothing happened, so we took his body to the mortuary. After three nights in the mortuary, my two sisters and his wife Sarah went back to the mortuary and to ask the doctor if they could pray for Max. They were allowed to do so. I couldn't go as I was teaching in the Prophetic School that morning. Nothing happened at the mortuary;



Max who was also a graduate of Mission Fiji School of Prophetic

still we continue to believe in his resurrection power.

Before Max's body was taken to the island to be buried and after six nights of being dead, his body was brought home for sleep over before burial the next day. We tried praying again; this time we opened the casket and challenged our relatives to pray for resurrection. This time it was not only us siblings but other ladies and our children as young as six years old to teenagers who partnered with us as we prayed and declared the power of God over Max's body. Max didn't get resurrected, but we were encouraged to know that we have taught our family and the next generation that we can pray and believe that God can raise the dead. We have shown the body of Christ YES we will do greater things than

Missionary Highlight: Mission Fiji

what Jesus did as he says in his word. (John 14:12) A veil has opened for them to know that death isn't the end of miracles and the power of Jesus Christ. Even three to six nights in the mortuary is still a platform of miracles and resurrection power of Jesus to be manifested. "We have decided that it is better to fail while reaching the impossible that God has planned for us than to succeed settling for less."

After Max's funeral, five of our nephews have joined the Prophetic School this year as they begin their own journey with God. Our younger sister as well has join the school with our nephews. It has been a roller coaster ride for my family and I, but one thing is for sure, our unshakeable God is faithful to the end. (1 Corinthians 2:9) As it is written, "Things which eyes have not seen and ear have not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love him".

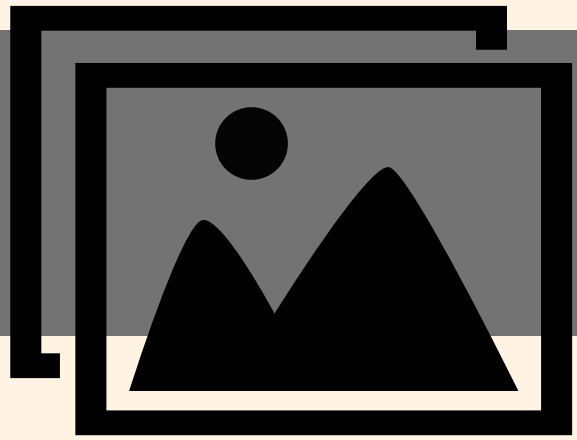
We will continue to pray for resurrection whenever opportunity arise and are anticipating seeing the dead to become alive! AMEN.

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Prayer Points:

- Pray for continued strategy and wisdom as the Mission Fiji team plan for the next season.
- Pray for the country of the Fiji that Coronavirus cases will go down and that it will start to open back up.
- Pray for increased connections to places of authority.
- Pray for a building. They need one for their growing school and team members.

MORE PHOTOS!



Kili baptizing a Mission Fiji student



Some of the students from the Prophetic School



Some of the students from Prophetic School listening to Kili teach



Some of the Mission Fiji students that were baptized

Upcoming Warchest:

**June: Mission Video
Department: Upgraded
Video Equipment**

**July: Vacaville Police
Officer's Association**

**July: Ebenezer Outreach
Ministry and Alpha
Pregnancy Center**



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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