

## 2016 Was A Great Year for Ministry

We have just finished our annual report for last year, and we are amazed at what God has done with these two tired, old missionaries and their wonderful team. I am only going to give a few highlights from the report here but if you want to see the full report, just send me an Email.

First, we look at our main ministry which is teaching the Bible to all people and also teaching pastors how to preach from the Bible. The size of this ministry has exploded and is now active in at least 11 African countries and India. We have at least 640 classes with over 23,000 students currently enrolled. These teachers and students are volunteers; they love God. This ministry is a work of the indigenous church.

We continue to provide physical support and spiritual training for many young people. We managed to place all our girls in homes so, we closed our girls house down. Our boys home remains very active with fourteen boys. We also still teach the children each Sunday morning at an orphanage, and Sunday afternoon we teach the Bible to between 50-60 mostly young people. We suffered a setback when the shelter we met under was destroyed by a very violent storm. However, we got a new shelter built just in time for our annual Christmas Day activities.



These next two photos are taken at the orphanage.

This little girl is trying to earn her very own Bible. We offer a Bible to each student who memorizes the books of the Bible.

She didn't manage to earn a Bible this time but we encouraged her to work on her memorization and she earned her

Bible at our next meeting.



This is a photo of three of the children who earned their very own Bibles. We are very proud of them for their efforts to earn their Bibles.

This is how we spend some of the Bible money you send us.

A relatively new ministry is our refugee relief work. We have helped refugees for many years, but last year, God led us into becoming much more active in this area. The continued genocide in South Sudan has caused hundreds of thousands of South Sudanese to flee their homes and live in inhospitable U.N. refugee camps. We help the Christian refugees as much as possible. Most of our refugee work is in Uganda, however we also help in a large refugee camp in Kenya. We work with two pastors whom we have known for about eight years. These men are Bible College graduates. Some of what we have been able to do is:

1. Visit periodically to encourage the people by bringing clothes, medical supplies, food supplements, etc. Preach an encouraging message.
2. Coordinate the installation of two much needed water taps provided by one of our supporting churches.
3. Organize and administer medical treatment for many children afflicted with flesh-eating bacteria.
4. Build and purchase houses for widows and orphans.
5. Facilitate the distribution of many Bibles. Recently we were able to furnish over 1,600 Bibles to refugees in both South Sudan and also refugee centers in Uganda. We have awesome supporters. Bible supply is an ongoing thing.

As we begin 2017 we are very encouraged by what God has been doing and we look forward to seeing what God has in store for us this year. We are very encouraged by the fact that our teaching ministry is a work of the indigenous church. Our role is one of acting as coaches. The

work and the innovative ideas are from our African and Indian partners. We just try to assist and stay out of the way as much as possible. There are hundreds of volunteers doing the work.

We need more workers to come along side us, and we need more financial resources. We need a person living in America to raise financial support and more missionaries to join us. God has given us more ministry opportunities than we want to take advantage of. We need prayers for safety for us and all the hundreds of people involved in our ministries. We need prayers for God to continue blessing these ministries.

We need prayer partners who will allow us to notify them by Email when we feel the need for urgent prayers. If you would like to be one of these prayer partners, please send me an Email to be put on the list. As our ministry continues to grow, we see increased opposition from the enemy. Spiritual warfare is very strong here.

The following photo is some evidence of the reason we need prayers. This shows the remains of a church at the Bweyale refugee camp in northern Uganda. The choir and a Sunday school class was meeting at the time when, as the pastor describes it, "a wild wind" hit the church; a girl, 7 years of age, was hurt. Nine church members had their houses destroyed.



This church was used by hundreds of people and was a place of encouragement. This would be a difficult thing for a church in the United States to experience; here it is a disaster.

The following story also shows our need for prayer partners. Recently a supporter sent us enough money to buy more than 1300 Bibles to send to South Sudan. The money was deposited into our local bank account by wire transfer. A week later, on Monday morning, MaryLee went to the bank to take the money out to buy the Bibles. Our bank told her they had frozen our account and we couldn't have our money. Their reason was that we had made too large a deposit into our account and we would need a letter from our American bank explaining where we got the money from and what it was for.



Here I am hard at work with my two assistants (-:

MaryLee spent 5 ½ hours in the bank arguing for the release of our money. She was not successful until prayers were offered to the Lord for His intervention.

I was Emailing a supporter in America as this was happening and I told her about this problem. She Emailed me back and told me she and her children were praying for the release of the money. It was during the time they were praying that the money was released.

Thanks to all our faithful prayer and financial supporters. We consider you our partners in ministry and we know we wouldn't even be here without your partnership. We want you to feel that you are part of the success that God made out of last year.

Please write to let us know what is happening in your lives and also so that we know how to pray for you.

In His Service,

Bob and MaryLee

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