

Great news from Mission Services Reggie Hundly concerning a relatively new part of their ministry to missions works:

In February, I asked our supporters to join in specific prayer for God to use the missions network for His glory. My personal prayer since we dreamed of employing the power of the internet for world missions has been, “God you know the people around the world who need Your stories. You know who needs to see lives changed by Your grace. You know who is hungering to join Your mission, but they do not know who needs their talents. God, please use the missions network to accomplish more than I could ever dream, think, or ask.”

I waited until today to write, because God is doing just that! We began to see a new round of growth in February, and in March God exceeded all our imaginations. The number of people spending time on the missions network increased 445% over 2015. The number of “page views” (an internet measurement) increased 215%, and the bandwidth increased by 1283%! When our Board of Directors met earlier this month, they asked, “To what do you attribute this TEN FOLD increase in band width?” Our answer is, “God is answering our prayer. He is bringing people we do not know and with whom we have no connection to watch, read and hear His stories.”

The amazing thing is, this is just the beginning! We know this is all made possible by your generous support! We have no idea how God will continue to use this work, but we know our prayer is, “God keep bringing the people to the network, and help us to be your instrument for telling these stories. Help the faithful missionaries who are an integral part of these stories. Use this work to encourage them. Bring people to the network who should be involved in world missions but need to know more about what You are doing and where their talents may be used.”

Thank you again . . . and continue praying with us!

From Restoration House Ministries comes these facts concerning church planting efforts in New England:

From a list of the top ‘churchless’ cities in the UAE, 5 are in New England. Of the 15 new churches RHM planted since 2009 there were 313 reported baptisms in 2015. PTL.

In the last 10 years the churches planted by RHM have seen over 10,000 people come to Christ in these New England congregations.

Our investment in church planting works.



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Recently we were able to donate some medical supplies to **FAME**. This was arranged by one of our members who works for a hospital. Here is a thank You note we received:

Dear Centerville Christian Church,

When a shower begins, it never starts with a bucketful of water. Usually, a drop or two hits the ground near you and it may take a few more drops to hit you to get your attention that something big is coming.

Your gift in kind donations to FAME are like those initial raindrops. A box of Band-Aids or a pair of crutches may not seem too significant, but combined with so many similar donations, they become a shower of blessings to a clinic in a remote part of our world!

Thank you for your donation of miscellaneous medical supplies.

So far this year, we have shipped forty-foot containers of much needed medical supplies and equipment to Haiti, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Uganda. By the end of the year, we hope to ship additional containers of supplies to Ethiopia and Kenya. Thank you for making all of this possible through your generous donations.

May you be equally blessed in kind,

Andy Schamerloh
Director of Mission Resources.



Here is part of a letter received from Robert Mwangala showing how he uses the resources available to him in Voi, Kenya to change the community:

If there was anything that was weighing heavily on me, it was fulfilling my promise to the late Clemence Mshai that I would make sure that her daughters do not suffer, especially that they would continue with their education. This was particularly important with the soon to be high schooler, Marcella. After doing her KCPE exams, she did very well, especially considering the circumstances she was in, by scoring 331 out of a possible 500 marks. We had hoped that she scored above 350 marks, which would have placed her in a better position of getting a scholarship from different organizations which put their minimum requirement that the student must have scored above 350 marks. Having not achieved the 350 marks, the onus was on me to make sure that she joins high school. I didn't expect much from her family, since they did not help much during her mother's illness and eventual demise.

So I started talking to different people and friends both local and abroad. While trusting God that He would make a way even where there was no way, it was surely turning out not to be an easy task, just like I had expected. Then God showed up. During one of our meetings at my Rotary Club in Voi, we were discussing on how to cut down on our projects because it was noted that we were taking on more projects than we could handle. So we cut or downsized a few before getting to the education fund we have. A suggestion was fronted that we add another student to the one student we were sponsoring. Another member suggested we take two so we don't have to struggle with the gender issue. Being the director of projects I reminded them that the direction the conversation was taking was opposite the initial intention. I was overruled as the members were eager to sponsor more students. Eventually we settled on sponsoring one female student. The job now was how to identify the beneficiary.

To make the story short, Marcella was picked as the beneficiary of the Rotary Club of Voi Education fund program. I could not even believe it, that just like that, Marcella was going to go through high school without any problems. Surely God works in miraculous ways. By this time she had received a calling letter from the school she had selected to join, a Christ-based, disciplined school with good academic results.

Our desire as a church has been to 'make sure' that all of our kids go through high school. I put the words 'make sure' in quotations because it's what we hope would happen although we may not have the resources to actually make it happen. So we say, it may be that the parents are able, or they get scholarships or we raise money as a church. Our faith in God is that we see all our children going through high school.

So far so good!

This is from an article in *Prayer Connect*, a magazine from Harvest Prayer Ministries. It is written/compiled by Dave Earley and contains many great points for our prayer life:

Too many Christian leaders pray too little- and too many Christian leaders pray too little for others. This must change. Intercessory prayer is a primary tool used by effective spiritual leaders.

Missionary leader Wesley Duewel writes in *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*, "You have no greater ministry or no leadership more influential than intercession." It was E.M. Bounds who said, "Talk to men for God is a great thing. But talking to God for men is greater still." S.D. Gordon wrote, "True prayer never stops in petition for one's self. It reaches out for others. Intercession is the climax of prayer."

Intercession was a major part of the leadership ministry of Moses. Again and again in Exodus and Numbers, we hear Moses effectively crying out to God on behalf of His followers (Exodus 17:4; Numbers 11:2, 14:13-19).

Samuel, the great leader and prophet, believes it was sinful to fail to pray for his people. He said, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

The Apostle Paul was a major league difference-maker. Note that his letters are washed in mention of his intercessory prayers for his followers.

*"God...is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times" (Romans 1:9-10).

*"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:16).

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy" (Philippians 1:3-4).

*"Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers" (1 Thessalonians 1:2).

*"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you" (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

*"Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers" (2 Timothy 1:3).

Jesus lived out intercession. His entire ministry identified with us, standing in our stead, and going to God the Father on our behalf. As a leader, He prayed for His followers. In speaking of His 12 disciples, He said, "I pray for them" (John 17:9). In speaking of His future followers (including us), He said, "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" (John 17:20). Even now in His exalted home in heaven, Jesus in the One "who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Romans 8:34, NKJV), and "He always lives to make intercessions" for us (Hebrews 7:25, NKJV).

If we want to lead like Moses, Samuel, Paul, and Jesus, we need to pray like Moses, Samuel, Paul and Jesus. Like them, we must pray for our followers.

~Dave Easley

