

From Gospel Broadcasting Mission, a radio and media ministry:

Radio Project Update:

In our last LISTEN, we announced a new project to purchase and distribute ImpaX, solar-powered radios for use overseas with our broadcasters and village listeners. This new technology uses solar power not batteries - so every where the sun shines, it plays - for years. It includes a local language Bible (example, a Lisu Bible.) This is a fix-tuned type of receiver - it will only receive the stations that broadcast our programs. It has other excellent teaching features including local music, Bible studies, etc. We have purchased several and sent them to some of our broadcasters to test. If successful, we plan to order more. If for some reason they are not, funds already given will be used to purchase more of the battery-operated short wave radios we have been using. Cost of ImpaX units with shipping, is about \$35 each. So far, we have received just over 1,000 dollars for this project.

Several years ago we sponsored, through Am. Rehabilitation Ministry, a baptistry for the Connersville, Indiana jail. Don Miller, a Connersville resident and minister at the Bentonville Christian Church, has a Bible study and acts as a Christian counselor there. Over the years, Don has told me of a number of prisoners he has baptized in that baptistry. I saw him several weeks ago and he told me there were going to be four more baptisms the next day and wanted us to know our investment in this tool for the church was still paying dividends for the Lord.

Our prayer is that God may be given the glory for this baptistry and its use to build the Kingdom of Christ almost in our backyard. We give thanks for Don, a faithful proclaimer of the truth and for our ability to provide for this ministry.



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It is with both grief and joy we announce the death of Tim Bright of *Bright Outreach*. We have helped the Brights since they went to the mission field some 30+ years ago. Grief because the Kingdom of God lost a faithful servant, and joy, because we know Tim is in the presence of His Lord, Jesus.

All Nations Christian Church

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

This first quarter of 2017 we will focus your attention on our church family who remain incarcerated. Currently seven of our men are in prisons throughout Michigan. With our letter writing ministry, these men receive encouragement from our body. We would appreciate your prayers for them, especially for their safety. Two weeks ago one of them was released, having served his full term. He and his family returned to us that Sunday. What a joyous time of welcome with all of us lining up to hug him!

This first quarter also saw five make the most important decision of their lives, to follow the Lord! Jade, Alvin, April, Red and Jacoby were baptized into the family of Christ Jesus!

While many support missions in far away lands, ours is a mission right here in our state capital of Michigan! We are truly a lighthouse to those in need. There is no other Christian Church in our church of Christ family that meets the needs of so many representing such a diversity.

Serving our Savior,

Art Foster, Minister and Elders (Henry Motley, Mitch Rice & Derrick Walker)



Dear Centerville Christian Church,
“. . . most people have to either carry their loved one to the a bus stop, use an expensive taxi, or most often use pick-up truck beds”. These medical transport

alternatives are used by Honduran people near our partner in Central America. This clinic repeatedly has critical patients that arrive and then need immediate transportation to the area hospital which is many miles away. Your gift helped us meet this need of our partner in Tegucigalpa, Honduras by helping to provide \$17,5000 for them to purchase an ambulance. *His Eyes Missionaries*, Felipe & Valerie Colby, have ordered a used 4x4 Land Cruiser Hardtop Ambulance because of your generosity. Too many times clinic staff had taken the risk to transport patients in personal vehicles without any of the needed transport equipment. You helped change that risk!

Felipe recently wrote us this note: “*We could not ask for a better medical partner than FAME. They are always there when we need them, and show how much they care for what God is doing here and around the world.*

Whatever we need, if they can help, they do: prayers, medicines, equipment, supplies, advice, answers, connections, medical scholarships, shipping containers of ministry supplies, clinic construction funds, ambulance needs. . . And more! They strive to do what they do not just for missions or peoples, which they do very well, but to honor and glorify Christ above all things . . . and it shows.”

That note is about FAME because of our partners like you. Thank you for your generous gift to FAME, you are bringing help and hope in the name of Christ to the world through medical evangelism.

Blessings, Bill Warren, Executive Director

Orchard Group- a church planting mission:

Dear Centerville Christian Church,

Even though I am only 34 years old, I recently experienced the joy of becoming a grandparent. Ok . . .before you start doing the math on the ages of my wife and daughter, know that I am talking about being a “church planting grandparent”, not a physical grandparent! Let me explain. . .

Seven years ago, I had the joy of starting Mustard Seed Christian Church in Nagoya, Japan. Five years ago, this church planted a new “daughter church” in Osaka, Japan, also called Mustard Seed. Both are churches supported by Orchard Group. In the past year, this “daughter church” helped start another new church in Kobe, Japan, making it in some ways the “granddaughter church” of the original church in Nagoya. Are you confused yet? Let me add this: The Nagoya church and the Osaka church are working together to plant another new church in Kyoto, Japan. I don’t even know what to call that one!

This reproduction is one of the best things about investing in dynamic new churches with a built-in vision for planting future churches.

These initial investments will continue to bear fruit for generations; churches that will start churches, disciples that will make disciples. Often investments in new churches will continue to bear fruit much longer, and much wider than we could ever imagine.

Recently, two churches started by Orchard Group, Renaissance Church in Harlem (2014) and Mosaic Christian Church outside of Baltimore (2008) are working together with other partnering churches to start Pro Deo Church in Cape town, South Africa. I doubt people who invested in these two churches in Harlem and Baltimore ever imagined that their investment would be making a difference in South Africa. However, I am sure they are pleased it is!

Here at Orchard Group, we are incredibly grateful for your financial support and contributions to new church planting. While we can track many of the results of investing in church planting, we know that we are barely scratching the surface. We won’t know until Heaven just how far our investments went. Thank you for helping make this ministry possible!

Sincerely,

Nick Parsons, Director of Recruitment, Orchard Group