

**Will Walls is a Christian counselor** to missionaries and ministers. The ministry is *A Lamp Unto My Feet*. He works out of Indianapolis. Here is a note from him:

Dear friends at Centerville,

During the time I lived in England, I spent significant time in Eastern Europe training church leaders and doing pastoral care for their families. I continue to do so by regular trips to Europe and using Skype communication medium. That part of the world is presently struggling, trying to find ways to accommodate the thousands of migrants seeking asylum and protection from their war-torn countries.

I am in frequent contact with workers in Ukraine and the Russian occupied Crimea listening to the struggles they are facing in order to live out their faith freely. I was disheartened with the news two weeks ago that Russia passed a law considered to be the country's most restrictive measures in post-Soviet history. The law will place broad limitations on missionary work, including preaching, teaching and engaging in any activity designed to win people to the Lord.

Russian Christians have been praying and fasting that their Christian freedom will not be taken away by Putin's hostile government. Please join me in prayer for our Christian brothers and sister sin Russia and Crimea.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of the missionary care ministry.

This was sent by Nick Parsons, Orchard Group, a church planting organization:

**At Orchard Group**, we have seen that God's faithfulness is often revealed over time. Some of the largest churches we have started were among the smallest at year 1. People who become key leaders in a church may take years of discipleship to develop. Neighbors, with whom the gospel is shared and demonstrated, may take a long time before they are open to Christ. We must be patient and allow God and His timing to reveal true fruitfulness. When Elmer Kyle started Orchard Group in the 1940's, I doubt he could have imagined where we would be today. In 2016, Orchard Group is launching new churches on three continents.

Here is what we can know: God's work will bear fruit. Isaiah 55:11 says, *"The word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*

Your generosity enables Orchard Group to extend the grace of God in new church in cities around the world. We rejoice at the growth of all of our churches, whether slow or fast, knowing that in His time, God's work will bear fruit. Thank you for allowing us to do the difficult and sometimes slow work of planting churches.



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# Missions News

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**Impact Ontario** has a portion of its ministry operating in Russia. Here is a bit of news from Ai LaRue of Russian Outreach Network:

Russia's new Anti-Terrorism Law went into effect June 20, 2016. It limits church 'mission work' including preaching, teaching, and any activity that recruits people into a 'religious group'. This includes private home meetings as well as any public forum and includes e-mail and any other social media. To engage a person in an evangelistic way one must have a government permit given through a registered religious organization. Even then evangelization can only be done in a church building or other recognized, by the government, religious site.

*My comment:* Governments have for centuries tried to stop God's people and God's people always win. Not always in the way we think is best, but the Church of Christ will not be stopped by politicians. Pray for our persecuted brethren in Russia and it's environment. Pray that our government does not get worse.  
Steve

**Here are a few ways you could help some of our brethren around the world.** This would be over and above your regular gifts to CCC.

**Robert Mwangala** needs some extra financial help for a planned trip to America to report to his supporters and raise additional support. Our own Markleys are involved in the direction of this ministry in Kenya. Any extra help would be very appreciated.

**Joe Lieway**, Bible Faith Christian Church, Liberia, is working to obtain land for a new church plant. An ideal property has been located and funds are being raised. \$12,000 is needed for a down payment and \$5,000 has been raised. Can/will you help with this worthwhile project?

**Don & Faith Tingle** need funds to drill a water well in Kenya to serve a ministry area near the Somalian border. Don ministers to many Muslims in this area. \$2,000 needed.

If you need any info on these projects or any other mission work contact Steve Williams, #765/966-9239 or [stewill7@comcast.net](mailto:stewill7@comcast.net).



**David Morris, South India Church of Christ Mission** writes about a part of the mission work, The Southern Asia Christian College:

Now we are yet more clear about the work to be done to double the number of students by 2020. We walked around the campus with students one time, faculty and staff another, and whoever was available several times more. There is work to be done in building the student services building for feeding the day students as well as faculty and staff and the residential students. We need to have a tar car/motorbike/ bus paved parking lot and maybe the access road(s) so we don't get swamped when it rains. But other than that, there is work to be done in recruiting the new faculty as we start the growth.

All within our budget, which means having to think long and hard about the details of what to do when, so that we get the growth done both prudently and boldly. We praise Jesus that we are able to move ahead with these plans while still in the third year of this Second Persecution. God has sown confusion in the ranks of the enemy but the enemy is still dangerous as we head into another series of elections in key north Indian battle states. The focus is on Gujarat itself, as well as Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, heartland states for the ruling party.

**More news from Impact Canada**, this time from Jim Tune:

In Canada, our Moncton, New Brunswick church plant, *The River*, continues to build relationships in their community. Lead Planter, Joel Bridges, his wife, Kia, and their team, recently hosted a free family movie event and they are planning BBQ's and Family Fun Day events during the summer months leading up to their fall launch in October. In addition, Joel & Kia are also excited to welcome Joshua Stevenson, and his wife, Katie, to *The River* team. A graduate of the Maritime Christian College in Prince Edward Island, Canada, Josh will be joining as Associate Pastor & worship Director. It is exciting to see how God's hand is working to provide opportunities to share the Gospel in the Moncton, New Brunswick area. Please continue to keep Joel & Kia Bridges and their team in your prayers!

Our campus ministries are a valuable asset to the church. Here is a note from **Davis Wesner, a student at Indiana University**: When I was thinking about what to include in this letter, one thing kept popping into my head: *abiding in Christ*. Let me give some context. . .

John 15 verse four and five state: *"Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."*

This summer I have had the great opportunity to work as a counselor at a summer camp for underprivileged, inner-city children of the greater South Bend area. When the boys that I would interact with for a week would come in and I could begin to converse with them, it was clear they were missing something. Some of it was the instability of not having an nuclear family, some was the lack of emotional and psychological support from their teachers and peers, and some was the deficiency of moral and ethical truth in their communities. But, there was one thing that rose above all these: the absence of having the solid rock of Jesus Christ in their lives; to trust when there is no stability; to lean on when everything else is pressing in.

The concept is not unique to inner-city South Bend, but has permeated our entire American society. IU is no exception. The only thing that can completely satisfy our souls is to abide in Jesus. This is the mission of CSF: to build intentional communities and pursue authentic faith. We want to engage in the joint pursuit of chasing Jesus with our hearts, minds, and souls, and encourage others along the way. We are a community of broken people, aiming to point to a perfect Savior. CSF attempts to stabilize the unstable, support the unsupported, and fill the deficient, all with the saving power of the gospel.

As a student who needs these things as much as anyone, I want to say thank you. Without your support, this ministry would not be accomplishing so much for the kingdom. I have experienced first-hand the benefits of your prayers and gifts.

Please pray for us this upcoming month, semester and year. Pray that the student leaders would be bold in inviting new students, that the staff would be energized for yet another year of service, and that all of the students would be compelled to pursue Jesus like never before. We covet your prayers, are thankful for your support, and are thrilled to link arms with you in making Jesus known.

Here is some information from **Bill McClure, Gospel Broadcasting Mission**, concerning the importance of Christian Radio:

### ***Stand Your Ground***

Lorene and I have a member of our family who is hard at work, planning to receive his law degree in the not-to-distance future. In a recent conversation he told of being given a class writing assignment dealing with the "Stand Your Ground" Law, also known as the "No Duty to Retreat" Law.

I don't know much about that law or laws in general, but I do know that in today's mixed-up world every Christian must stand their ground and never retreat from the hard work of being a Christian. Our work is to share the Word of God with the lost and present Jesus to the entire world as the one and only Savior. That's why radio programs are so important - and why I believe in Christian radio. With your support and encouragement, we produce and broadcast every day (at home in English, overseas in fourteen languages). We are doing our best to help fulfill the great commission of Jesus and reach the remote areas of the world with the gospel. Growing populations, closed borders and changing times means our work is never out-of-date.

I love this grand old song: "In times like these, we need a Savior. In times like these, we need an anchor . . . Be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the solid Rock . . . This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One - the only One."

Thank you for standing together with us. Thank you too for any support gift you can send today - it is really needed and would be a great help!

Bill