

Macedonian Ministries

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Greetings Co Laborers with Jesus,

The first couple months of 2017 have been challenging but fruitful. We have had some ongoing financial challenges which by the grace of God are being worked out. Praising God for helping us work through those challenges. We still need additional donations that are not designated for a person or project so we have the funds to cover things like a yearly accountant bill and various other administrative



costs. It is our desire not to take an administrative fee from any donations. We desire your prayers as we seek God's wisdom on how to position Macedonian Ministries to be efficient and effective in fulfilling the Great Commission. Even with the challenges, God has allowed us to make a difference in people's lives around the world.

In March, a team from Westminster Baptist Church went to Cap Hatien for a pastors, conference which was attended by about 75 pastors and church leaders.



I (Steve) was able to spend time in Kupang, Indonesia where I had the opportunity to minister to many young people as well as get some rest and relaxation. Five mornings each week I led devotions with the staff of a school that was being formed. They had a great desire to make the school as much about the Gospel as the education. They were very grateful to have God's word shared in such a way that would help them personally and also for running the school. I also taught in Trinity Fellowship weekly as well as worked with them as they moved towards their registration with the Indonesian government. I also preached in churches and youth groups. I had the opportunity to minister to many college age young people on an individual basis. One day I went to the beach with seven college students and while there they asked me to give them advice for life. Another time I spoke at Let's Talk a fellowship devoted to learning English better. They usually had 25 people but because they advertised that an American would be there about 65 people came. After asking a couple questions about culture they asked what I did and then some began to ask spiritual questions so I was able to share the Gospel to this group of Muslims, Hindus as well as Christians. God is amazing.



I then went to the Philippines where I worked with Pastor Ed Mejia and Global Harvest Church. While there I started the week by teaching Sunday School, preaching in the main service, doing a radio program in the afternoon and then preaching in the evening service at his church. Monday was an off day then each evening through Friday I taught a home bible study. On Saturday I did another radio program. I also had the opportunity to minister to individuals between times and especially to the young people who made up the music team. The one day we did a beach all-nighter which was much fun. It is our desire to bring Pastor Ed and Global Harvest Church under the umbrella of Macedonian Ministries. We would also like to raise support for Pastor Ed and especially for the radio ministry. His church is poor and can't support him fully. He and his family make many sacrifices for the ministry. The radio ministry is vital because the radio station is the only Christian station in a three province area where two to three million people live. The cost is \$100 a month for two programs a week. They also live stream the programs and when I was there we received a response from Kuwait.



My most recent trip was to Uganda and my friend Donald Myers went with me. During the 2 weeks that we were there, he shared his testimony and words of encouragement many times. I was able to teach in several conferences, preach in two jails, preach in church both Sundays and also preach to a youth group. In each place we were very well received, at two places, we were the only Americans to have ever been there. We are getting reports of what I taught already being put into practice. The one village church recorded my sessions and held a conference the following week and just used the recordings.

I have observed that even where there are many Christians, the need for solid bible teaching is great. There are many false doctrines being taught and many false teachers preying on these people who are so hungry for the word. I praise God for the favor He has given me and the ability to travel to these places. Also, even at home, I daily talk to people from these places to pray, encourage and give advice and especially to people in their 20's.

Terry's last trip was in February to Sierra Leone. The next scheduled trip was to be in early May. However due to a later school opening date, the trip was moved to May 30. A short time later Terry developed "floaters" in his left eye and was told that happens a lot to "old people". Two weeks later there was a dark crescent at the bottom of his eye. He called the eye doctor at 8:30, was told his appointment was 9:10 and at 10:45 was seeing a retina specialist. Terry had laser surgery done on a tear that day. The following day he had surgery to repair a detached retina. We praise the Lord's timing. A detached retina in a developing country would not be easy to deal with. As it is now Terry can fly to Zimbabwe May 30th. He will return June 20th.

While in Zimbabwe he will once again work with the Brethren In Christ (BIC) schools. His cousin Carol McDonald, a retired teacher also, will accompany him. They will work with the BIC schools in Siwazi and Khumbula. This is their third visit working with the teachers in the six different BIC Schools.

God has been very good to us but we do have few financial needs as we move forward:

- Steve needs about another \$300/month to cover living and travel expenses
- Pastor Ed needs \$100/month for living and \$100/month for the radio program
- MM needs \$250/month for the operating fund to cover all expenses

But, our biggest need is prayer for wisdom and discernment

We thank you for your past support and ask you to prayerfully consider helping with these other needs. Use the giving slip enclosed or go online to www.macedonianministries.org to give online

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