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INTRODUCING PASTOR ALBERT

I was born on a Friday, fifty-three years ago to a military family of Mr. Albert and Ms. Lami Pawa during the most turbulent period in Nigerian's history. My dad was in the military reserve and was called to fight in the Nigeria Civil war along the Federal troops. I am the seventh of nine children and the second son of the family. After retirement from the military, Dad built a house close to the military barracks in a small village called Ungwan Gwari, Kawo, Kaduna, Nigeria. We were poor and the community where I grew up was a place where soldiers came to



hang out after work and drink the local beer.

Life was rough and hard, but my mom stepped in to teach us and other children the Bible through her bi-weekly Bible studies and

her excellent leadership in the women fellowship of our church. Even though as a teenager I strayed from the church, my mom's moral and Christian instructions helped me to make a final decision at Hanyan Rai Baptist Church Ungwan Gwari to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Soon after I was saved in 1990, the Lord called me into the ministry in 1992 and I was ordained as a minister in 1993.

My spiritual journey was graced with many of God's blessings. I have had the blessing of serving as Assistant Pastor at Christ

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ROCK STANDING



Byron Whetstone
Executive Director

We are still basking in joy and hope from the Holy Spirit given to us through the October 20th Anniversary Celebration. It was quite an afternoon of praise and worship, and of course an amazing opportunity to share the future VISION for H.I.M. in 2022 and beyond.

This short passage of scripture from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, which ends the initial chapter of this epistle, is best summarized by saying "God created a plan for all of us in Christ Jesus." These two verses mean we have Christ's Holy Spirit dwelling within us and because of this we have a spiritual wisdom that makes us righteous (we are declared "not guilty" because Jesus makes this so and his act of grace at "the cross" takes us along with Him). The spiritual wisdom also helps us behave in a way that is sanctified (we grow and mature in our faith by focusing our thoughts and actions not on the worldly things but the things we know about Jesus). Finally, this passage says the spiritual wisdom from God allows our personal/individual redemption. We are set free from every sin of life, we have permanent freedom from guilt, anxiety, and the shortfalls of life. This my friends allows for our confidence in God's glory through Jesus Christ.

My prayers for the H.I.M. community, as we begin the Christmas Season, is that we remember our efforts to "Share the Gospel," "Build Communities" and "Do Good Works" as our way of sharing righteousness, sanctification, and redemption with people across the globe. Many who for so many reasons, (poverty, lack of education, government corruption, persecution, etc.) have never heard the powerful story of God's wisdom. And who never will, without someone to GIVE THE MESSAGE TO THEM BY "BOASTING IN THE LORD." We are so fortunate to have been called to this mission work with you. Amen.

To God Be the Glory.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron Whetstone".

Byron Whetstone, Executive Director

³⁰ *And because of
Him you are in
Christ Jesus, who
became to us
wisdom from God,
righteousness and
sanctification
and redemption,
³¹ so that, as it is
written, "Let the
one who boasts,
boast in the Lord."*

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

DIKU'S MISSION WORK IN NEPAL



result, a church was planted in their village to bring the Love of Jesus to the community. He is also providing relief materials and food supplies to the poor families in this area.

Diku and his family are gifted musicians, and they share their passion for music and soul-winning in rural villages. Diku's wife is involved in the children's ministry. The COVID pandemic shutdown most everything including church services. This has prompted her to use

Nepal is a landlocked Himalayan South Asian country that shares a border with Tibet, India, and China. It is home to Mount Everest which its peak is



and alcoholics. This is attracting people from other religions and is greatly impacting the surrounding villages.

As winter is approaching in Nepal, Diku is believing in God for the finances needed to provide winter blankets for the poor children and families in his community. He needs our prayers for the expansion of the Kingdom of God and to pray against the increasing threat of persecution of Christians in Nepal. Recently a preacher was jailed for converting Hindus and Buddhists to Christ.



between Tibet and Nepal. With a population of about 30 million people, Nepal is predominately Hindu, and Christians make up less than 2% of the population.

Our PALS Diku and his wife are operating a Christian School in a Muslim village. The parents of most of the children are Muslim but have a deep desire for their children to learn the English language. This has opened a door for Diku to share the Gospel with the children and their parents. The Bethel Children's School provides a high-quality education and as a

technology, and she regularly teaches the young people via Zoom through cell phones.

They have recently started a prayer ministry for drug addicts



SURENDRA'S LOVE FOR CHRIST PROVIDES

Heartland International Ministries is very fortunate to have a Partner and Leader Servant (PALS) like Surendra. His ministry in Nepal is an amazing testament of his Love for Christ and his compassion for those in need. Here is his testimony.

"My name is Surendra, I was born and brought up in a very staunch Hindi family. I was saved 20 plus years ago through a teacher in high school who taught me English. I did not know he was a Christian until I met him outside the school. After hearing his extraordinary testimony of how he was a hooligan, and then was drastically changed because of Jesus' love, I myself was touched and decided to receive Him as my Savior. The decision was costly as I had to go through a hard path of being misunderstood and detached from my relatives.

In 2004, I got an opportunity to go to the United States for



further study. I stayed seven and half years in Kansas, Oklahoma City and North Carolina. I was privileged to know men and women of God encouraging, loving, and nurturing me in the love of God. I was encouraged to take a Perspectives course and got an opportunity to attend Urbana Conference in St. Louis that inspired me to reach the unreached in my own country. In 2012, I came back to Nepal with

a burden to serve my Lord.

I started working with an NGO in Nepal that monitored the India-Nepal borders looking for the trafficking signs to rescue the naive and vulnerable girls from being trafficked to Indian brothels and leading them to Christ. In the meantime, I got an opportunity to meet Bro. Fred from Heartland International Ministries who encouraged me and supported my ministries in Nepal.

After working for 4 years there with the NGO, I felt led to change my direction. I was burdened to translate good Christian books into Nepali language for the education of Nepali churches. I translated more than a dozen of English books into Nepali and some of my favorites are Kingstone's 12 Volumes of THE BIBLE, Roy Hession's We Would See Jesus and When I saw Him.



FUEL FOR HIS MINISTRY IN NEPAL



H.I.M. helped me to publish Hession's books. They are the most powerful Christian books ever published in Nepal and I have been getting tremendous feedback from the readers.

Thankfully, I came across Lucky P., an evangelist reaching

the unreached. He has been supported by H.I.M. in all his evangelistic efforts thus far. Then I came across Prakash K., a man of God who has been actively working in community health with a vision to reach the sick people on the verge of death due to the lack of medical facilities in villages. He has been able to help save hundreds of Covid patients during lock downs. It is believed that community health evangelism is the most effective means of reaching out to people in Nepal with the Gospel and being good Samaritans.

We are a team reaching out to the people of Nepal with the gospel, publishing deeper Christian books for Nepali churches and caring for the sick people with the tender love of Jesus."



Ministry Challenges:

Opposition to Christianity is increasing in Nepal as Hindu supremacists confront the gospel workers and try to bring forth allegations against them of forceful conversion. Traveling difficulties due to rugged mountains with no good roads pose problems and dangers to ministry workers. It causes problems to market the books as well. Most importantly, it is life-threatening to many people in far-flung villages who, in their sickness, have to travel far to get to hospitals.

Please, pray for us!



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you for making our day by attending and/or supporting our 20th Anniversary Celebration! We hope you enjoyed the worship, the music, and our wonderful speaker, Shannon Bream, as

much as we did. The occasion was marked with excitement in meeting and reminiscing with friends and celebrating the work and future vision for H.I.M. Through God's compassion and provision, H.I.M. will continue

our global work of Sharing the Gospel, Building Communities and Doing Good Work. As we look forward with hope for the future, we are beyond thankful for your kindness and partnership with us!



FROM FRED'S HEART

Even as I write this letter to you, I'm excited to get your "thumbs up" and feedback. You are reading this because YOU and I share together in a high and holy calling. I am super aware that all of us are flooded with a great deal of information daily. I don't want to add to the overflow, but I'm compelled to share the unbelievable narrative regarding the unreached and less fortunate of our world at this moment. It's a spiritual scandal. H.I.M. is more and more focusing, prioritizing, and involved with beloved saints and workers in parts of the world that literally have the least of everything. Without exaggeration, I know

that Byron and myself receive many pleas and requests every week that we cannot respond to without your help!

Life is certainly messy. Fifty years ago, I was doing all my spiritual discipleship and growth in Vietnam! The shock of war, that triggers such rage, exhaustion, pain, wounds, scars, failures, and sometimes death, is REAL. Ephesians chapter 6 paints the picture of a true warrior, dressed for warfare. Increasingly, the Lord has been pulling my heart into a mysterious world of intercession. (Romans 8:26) The greater the needs and helplessness of our world, the greater the need for radical PRAYER! (Matthew 6:6) You should be aware that

every week the H.I.M. staff and team STOP and pray over every donor, request, project, and partners around the world. We are also praying for God's great release of HIS resources for His Kingdom business.

Have you counted the blessings from God in your life? PRAISE THE LORD we can invest and be involved in ETERNITY now! (Psalm 24:1) Thanks for reading between the lines of these stories and being part of His story with us!

By the way, I would love to send a free copy of George Verwer's classic book "MESSIOLOGY" to anyone who requests it and gives a gift toward HIM's livelihood projects.

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Resurrection Church and State Pastor at International Christian Assembly. Between 1996 and 2002 I had the honor of coordinating mission activities in Nigeria, Niger Republic, and Cameroun as National Coordinator of Mission Support Agency International, all in Kaduna, Nigeria.

In 1999 I got married to an amazing and beautiful woman, Mary, and we are blessed with five children, Blessing, Nathanael, Livingstone, Emmanuela and Hephzibah. Also that year, Mary and I started a Church in our living room with three brothers. Now, the King Worship Chapel and Ministry Inc. is headquartered in Kaduna and has two branches in the villages of Kebbi and Niger States. In 2016 I had the privilege to serve as Kaduna State Secretary of Christians United for Israel Prayer Outreach in Nigeria.



About four years ago, I moved to Kansas City to study at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In May of 2021 I graduated with my Master of Divinity. I will be completing my Master of Arts in Theological Studies in May 2022. During my MDiv courses, I was a part of a mentorship program. My mentor suggested that I meet a friend of his, Fred Kornis. After meeting Fred, he introduced me to the H.I.M. staff and Byron. What an amazing blessing from God, to put these people in my path. Once I graduated, I became more familiar with the work of Heartland International Ministries and how they are impacting the globe in world missions. Now, I have the privilege to work with Heartland International Ministries as their Country Director for Nigeria. I have a vision to establish a

Bi-vocational Bible School in Kaduna-Nigeria to train the next generation of gospel ministers. The Lord gave me the opportunity to work with H.I.M. to raise support for the church in Nigeria and expand into other areas of Africa.

At H.I.M. we are poised to make a difference, as New Stories Start Here!



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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We have mission partners around the world that are dedicated to helping the poor, sick and unreached. As we look toward the future, our vision is to build on our network of connected partners and donors.

The Pillar of Promise Fund was created to ensure the financial stability of Heartland International Ministries. Our goal of \$1,000,000 to sustain the commitment to our pillars of Sharing the Gospel, Building Communities, and Doing Good Work will allow the work of H.I.M. to carry on for decades to come.

Our Special Program Giving provides immediate and critical funding around the world. The four main areas of giving illustrates our desire to help the believers that are building schools, educating young people, starting businesses, repairing broken homes, and showing people the love of Christ.

Education - Education programs are vital to helping our partners create better futures for their communities. Support for education will help schools, orphanages, and scholarships across the globe.

Livelihood – Support for our livelihood program often helps start businesses that support our partners ministries, families, and the needs of their community.

Mission and Church Planting - Donations to support Mission and Church planting helps advance the Gospel in the unreached and impoverished nations around the world.

Disaster Relief - Donations to support disaster relief help our efforts to meet the needs of those in undeveloped or underserved areas of the world. We are determined to meet the physical needs of others during times of crisis.



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