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# ROCK STANDING



Byron Whetstone  
Executive Director

We were involved in the weekly H.I.M. resource meeting and the following quote was made, **"Tithing to the Global Church"**. The comment went unnoticed initially and then someone in the room said to the person who had made this statement, "what did you say?" The answer again **"Tithing to the Global Church"**. This idea, while not new, I think summarizes the support we receive every day from our generous donors, who are in so many ways doing just that **"Tithing to the Global Church"**.

The passage from Malachi is instruction for all of us to bring the "full tithe" into the storehouse "that there may be food in my house". God knows that many of his people need to eat, are poor and require the more fortunate to share their bounty. But in this passage, he also makes a compelling promise, he says, "put me to the test" and I will "pour down for you a blessing UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE NEED". That statement is a powerful indication that the Lord has more to give than we need. We need only ask faithfully and give generously.

The primary purpose of the H.I.M. ministry is to provide assistance to the global partners we are aligned with through, Livelihood Projects, Education, Church Planting and Disaster Relief. We offer our partners, leadership, accountability, Gospel resources, and mission guidance. We acknowledge that everything we have is from God and without his powerful Spirit working in our lives the work that we do would not produce fruit. The First Fruits.

We join with each of you, full of optimism and hope, that by growing our generosity together, "Tithing to the Global Church" will become a "full tithe". And that will bless others with our giving, and we know that in God's economy he will allow us to receive blessings as well, not a prosperity gospel but confidence in the promises of God through his Son Jesus Christ.

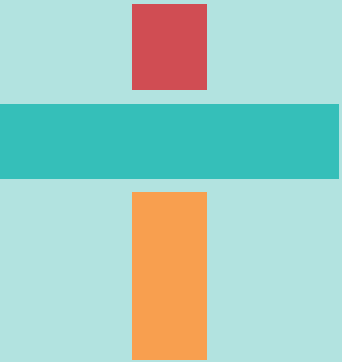
Thanks to all of you who provide the resources to serve the global church. Amen

To God Be the Glory.

Byron Whetstone, Executive Director

**"Bring the full tithe  
into the storehouse,  
that there may be  
food in my house.  
And thereby put me  
to the test, says the  
LORD of hosts, if  
I will not open the  
windows of heaven  
for you and pour  
down for you a  
blessing until there  
is no more need."**

Malachi 3:10



# GET TO KNOW OUR PARTNERS & FRIENDS

Education programs are vital to helping our partners create better futures for their communities. H.I.M. currently sends aid to 65 orphanages and schools across the globe. This support includes repairs to buildings, school supplies, feeding programs, support for teachers and construction of roofs and floors that allow a better learning environment for the children. Our partners are reaching the children that need our help. They are vulnerable, come from broken homes and some with special needs. We want to give these children the opportunity to learn and to have a better life. Assistance that we receive from our donors helps them avoid malnutrition, disease, abuse, and human trafficking. **That's why we think it's important for you to get to know some of the amazing people that we call partner and friend. Here are just a few of their stories.**



## Pastor Vashi in India

Pastor Vashi's ministry operates a school inside the "Trash Dump Village" which is on the outskirts of Delhi. He was called to start a church in the trash dump village in 2012. Of the 50,000 people living in the slum, almost half are children! He started the New Life English School which

is a literacy and Bible education program which directly impacts the lives of hundreds of children. The children are at risk of disease, malnutrition, abuse, and human traffickers. Despite the threats from neighboring Hindus and sometimes even the government, Vashi feels called to help these communities and especially the children.





## OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS & ORPHANAGES

### Christopher Mubanga in Zambia, Africa

The New Hope Christian Center and Community School is operated by Pastor Christopher. The school currently serves 140 children from first grade to third grade. They have four volunteer teachers, and the school continues to grow. Recently, H.I.M. helped provide a new concrete floor and two new classrooms and an office for the school. The children can sit at desks and on a new floor instead of a dirt floor. New Hope also provides a feeding program for the children. Their challenge is enough food for feeding the kids consistently. Most of the kids are vulnerable and their guardians are their grandparents because their parents have died due to HIV or Covid. The children come to school hungry and the meals provided by Pastor Christopher



helps a great deal. The goal is to feed the children three to five times per week.

### Prasad in India

Prasad and Susan started an orphanage for boys over 20 years ago. The H.I.M. Children's Home has grown to house between 45 and 60 children at a time. When asked why they started the orphanage, Prasad said, "We want to raise orphaned, poor, and neglected children in a Christian environment. So they find

purpose and fulfillment in their lives." Orphaned children don't have a future on the streets. The boys, ages 5 – 15, attend Sunday School, get a chance to hear the gospel and study Bible stories. To date, H.I.M. Children's Home has been able to house over 600 children.

### Pastor Caleb in Pakistan

He and his wife run a Christian school to reach the Bheel Tribe. The New Dawn School is the foundation of a wider community outreach based around education. Without these schools, the local government would not tolerate the Gospel in this region. It is vital that through the school, they reach the parents and extended families as the love of Christ is displayed and put to work in the community. They have recently constructed two new rooms on the one room school. This will help greatly make room for all the students.



## CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF EDUCATION

### Celtina & Misael in Nicaragua

They operate a feeding program that supports 30+ poor and homeless children every day. Most of the children walk two miles each way to go to school. Celtina feeds them before they start their journey home. They also provide dental supplies and other necessities to the children. She and her husband have a Foster Program as well. They



since the loss of Nancy last year due to Covid. Nancy was an incredible champion of God, and the children. Sella is continuing that legacy. H.I.M. has been supporting the orphanage and the girls since it opened. Most recently, they have had to find a new home. They will be moving soon to their new location. The children have a daily regimen

of Bible study, songs, school, and chores. They also learn musical instruments and care for a vegetable garden to help sustain themselves. The home is under constant threats from Hindu neighbors and the girls face persecution at school. The orphanage houses 25 to 30 children, including some with special needs.

have cared for more than 60 children in their home. Unlike the US, they don't receive any financial support for the children that they provide care for. They rely on the generosity of others.

### Compassion Mercy Orphanage in India

Compassion Mercy (previously Love In Action) has been in operation for 17 years. Sella has been operating the orphanage





## BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO THE CHILDREN

### Beauty Poya & Billy Zulu in Zambia, Africa

The Mountain Fire Church and Ministries operates two schools and one orphanage in the rural communities in Zambia. Their focus has always been on serving the young people from broken families. The first school was created after J. Zulu, founder of Mountain Fire Church and Ministries, recognized the need for affordable schools in rural areas. It was a small one room school and now has grown to serve 60-70 children in each school. The orphanage currently serves 12-15 young girls. After the untimely death of J. Zulu, his wife Beauty and his son Billy are continuing his legacy of helping the vulnerable children in need.



### Erly in the Philippines

Her ministry includes a Feeding Program that brings the Gospel to children and their families which helps them establish a relationship with Jesus. Most of the ministry workers that help with the food program are

parents. If families are unable to come to the church for food, the ministry has a House-to-House extension that brings the church and gospel to them. The Feeding Ministry also provides clothes, shoes, and Christmas gifts for the children.



## REBUILDING AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS

He is determined to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others during times of crisis. Sending relief to those in undeveloped or underserved areas of the world is one of our most immediate priorities. Many items such as medical, dental, and hygiene supplies, clothes, and food have been distributed. During the global pandemic our work has been essential in the small villages where it has devastated those living in remote areas. Christians face discrimination and often do not receive aid or medical help from their government. Disasters like typhoons and glacier flooding have destroyed many villages and killed hundreds of people. We are helping them rebuild.

In many countries, Christians are persecuted and live in daily fear of being killed just for being a Christian. It's critical that we provide immediate and practical relief to create a humanitarian impact around the world. Our partners have incredible courage as they are rebuilding



houses, providing supplies, and sharing the gospel.

Courage transforms fear into determination. It is doing what must be done even when it is difficult or risky. It allows us to face adversity with confidence.

**Our hope is that these stories of determination and courage from our partners and friends will inspire you to also be courageous.**

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Deuteronomy 31:6

### Pastor Edwin in the Himalayan Region of North India

Pastor Edwin was called to the unreached people of the Himalayan Region to plant churches, strengthen believers and raise leaders. The Glacier Floods in this region have been devastating. He has reached out to help 15 villages that were affected by the floods. More than 400 people were killed and more than 200 missing. Many isolated villages were only accessible by mules and on foot and seven villages were cut off completely by the flood and no one could reach them. He has been able to help 80 families with food and supplies that includes rice, sugar, oil, tea, spices, and milk.



## RELIEF FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

### Pastor Suraraj in Odisha, India

Pastor Suraraj has a ministry called Agape Ministry. He shares God's love through education and sharing the Gospel. He leads this ministry to plant churches and operates several children's ministries including a children's education center where he employs 3 teachers. He has a heart for helping widows and those with Leprosy. The Leprosy patients are given food, supplies and clothing since they are forced to be separate from their families by the government. But perhaps the most heartbreaking, is his work to help the Christians that are being persecuted.

More than sixty Christians, from four different villages, were forced to flee their homes and take shelter in the jungles of eastern India. The Christians belong to 24 families and are now stranded in the jungle without



proper shelter, food, water, and electricity. Many of their houses have been burned. Eleven of the families fled their village after receiving serious threats. The villagers who ran them out of their homes, practice the traditional religion in Sikarpai, about twenty miles away. They destroyed the roofs of their homes, looted their belongings, and beat them. The villagers have threatened assault on the

Christian families and prevented them from rebuilding their roofs. Opposition was so fierce, that the Christians had to flee to the jungle to avoid attack and joined the other Christians who were already sheltering there. It's now the rainy season in India. They are very fearful of sickness due to the rain, poisonous insects, and the unhygienic conditions they are living in. You can imagine the many needs including stable houses, toilets, water, household items, beds, etc. Please pray for their survival and that they will continue to be strong in their beliefs.

### Pastor PK in India

Pastor PK has started and oversees numerous vital areas of ministry. He has a learning center for children, a sewing school for women, a computer class for young people, a feeding program



## MINISTRIES ARE CRITICAL FOR SURVIVAL

for widows and lepers, and an orphanage called The New Hope Orphanage that currently houses 25 children. His church is in the slum section of Hyderabad. His leadership and Ministry are irreplaceable in his community. Without him these families would not be able to survive. His desire to help others is remarkable.

This is evident in his desire to help Christians, many miles from his village, rebuild their homes that were burned due to persecution. They have lost everything. It has been months since their homes were burned and no one has come to help them. PK has been able to give support to help these families with rice and clothes as well as



helping rebuild three houses. There are three or four families living in each small house with a kitchen and a bedroom. They are struggling to rebuild and survive. Please pray for these families that they will endure and be able to rebuild.



### Shona in Bangladesh

Shona works with the Rohingya Christian Assembly. The Rohingya people are refugees from Myanmar. The Rohingya community in Cox's Bazaar Refugee Camp is where more than 900,000 refugees live in crowded sprawling settlements, after fleeing violent ethnic cleansing in 2017. There are Christians among the Rohingya people. They have opened 3 literacy centers in various parts of the refugee camp in Bangladesh. Even though they must employ

Muslim teachers, they are continuing to share the Gospel. Believers are often kidnapped, beaten, and intimidated. The women are harassed and face twice the persecution. They are persecuted for being a Christian and also from the government for their ethnicity. They are considered illegal by the government, so they don't have any official documents and are unable to get a job to survive. HIM has sent support for food, supplies and Bibles for these Christian believers. Please help us support the Rohingya refugees.





## SO MUCH DEVASTATION — MORE HELP IS



### Pastor Naeem in Pakistan

**N**aeem and his wife Ruby are sharing the Gospel through their ministry, Bethel Evangelistic Organization (BEO) located in Pakistan. They have many on-going projects through their ministry including Bible/Literature distribution, a sewing training center, Relief Projects (Covid, flood, persecution), Marwari Children Project, Marwari Pastor Training and more. There are currently 15 Christian Pastors working through BEO. They face extreme challenges and persecution daily. Naeem battles to help the believers even as their country is in political turmoil once again. During Easter weekend, ten Marwari families were attacked by an angry mob of Hindus for their faith in Christ. The mob set their mud and straw houses on fire that burnt everything to ashes. These families are now living under open sky because they have no homes, bedding, kitchen supplies, or other necessities to live. They

need help to build new mud homes, get bedding, crockery, groceries, and other necessities of daily life. Please prayerfully consider helping these poor, helpless Marwari believers.

He and Ruby are also helping Afghan believers. Hundreds of Afghan refugees have managed to cross over into Pakistan after the Taliban took over. Even though many managed to escape to other countries, hundreds are still living in various parts of Pakistan. Unfortunately, they are living in very poor conditions. Despite all that is being done to help them, their needs are so overwhelming that more and more help is required. Most of them are living in a province that is very remote. Naeem and Ruby are raising support for 150 families to provide blankets, food, bedding, clothing, etc. for them to survive. **As we pray and look for ways to be kind, thankful, and forgiving please pray for these beautiful people that are struggling for survival.**



### Noe in the Philippines

**N**oe is a ministry and community leader that has faithfully and boldly stood for Christ while reaching those in need. **For over 25 years Noe has worked hard to build a network of churches and outreaches throughout all the islands of the Philippines.** He has planted churches, directed Bible schools, taught many seminars and discipleship programs. He has a special gift for developing many livelihood projects for local pastors and leaders to support their family and create opportunity for others in their community.

Eight years ago, Typhoon Yolanda hit the Philippines which caused thousands of deaths. It was then that Noe started Operation Build Up. They focused on helping families rebuild their houses, churches, and community. Over the last year Noe has seen much devastation, not only from the pandemic but also from Typhoon Goni.

## NEEDED FOR THOSE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE



The typhoon barreled across the Philippines in November and brought catastrophic winds (140mph) and rain. Many people have died amid the storm surge, flash floods, and power outages. He and his staff have continued Operation Build Up to help the victims of the Typhoon rebuild their houses. Some of the people have been without housing for months. Even with

the typhoon, his Covid Relief project has helped hundreds of people that are less fortunate, especially those tribes that are in rural areas. Many areas are only accessible by horse. During these extremely hard times, he has been able to bring many people to Christ and held large Baptisms. Please pray for Noe and the people in need in the Philippines.

## FROM FRED'S HEART

**T**his is work for me, to put my heart into print. Being made in the image of God gives me such unimaginable thoughts, dreams, feelings, burdens, desires, delights, and challenges. To open up and be honest and transparent with you is a serious part of our relationship. A precious widow friend of ours saved all our prayer letters since the 1970s. That is well over 1,000 prayer 'epistles' from our hearts and circumstances. Truly God uses broken and imperfect people like me. Only PRAYER from people like you can explain our ministry! Our network of influence and relationships is still spreading across the USA and around the world.

The birth of H.I.M., and the passion in our hearts to start it, was to be a conduit and channel of love, inspiration, training,

evangelism, church planting, and generous PROVISIONS for places often untouched, neglected financially and spiritually. Barb and I were on the phone this week with one of our PALS (Partners) in Austria/Croatia who have already taken in Ukrainian refugees, with more coming daily. The needs around the world are shocking and serious. But many are just distracted with trivial daily things. 'Nero fiddled – while Rome burned!?' In some ways that may be happening in our day also. But some of us, and the whole church in general, are called to be watchmen on the wall. (Ezekiel 33:1-7) This is our calling.

H.I.M. has many vetted and strategic partners on the ground around the world. Please PRAY for these partners, their courage, and the challenges they are

facing now. The many projects of church planting, education, livelihood and disaster relief, ALL need generous donors and prayers who realize life is short, but eternity is endless.

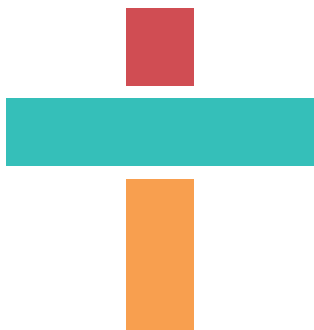
"...with GOD all things are possible" (Luke 1:37)

To be quite honest, you would have to read first and second Thessalonians and first and second Timothy to really "hear" and feel my heart at this time. I have been pondering and meditating on those four letters from Paul for many weeks now. So, I hope you'll also go read them. Remember the Scripture is super-supernatural! (Heb 4:12) Thank you for listening.

Love, FK



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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### The Pillar of Promise Fund

This 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.

### Funding Initiatives

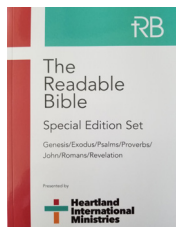
We provide immediate and critical funding around the world. Our funding mainly centers around assistance to orphanages and schools, delivering emergency aid, support for livelihood projects, and help with mission/church planting, to make an impact and advocate for human dignity.

**Education** – Support for education will help schools, orphanages, and scholarships across the globe. It is vital to building better communities.

**Livelihood** – Support for livelihoods will help start businesses that support ministries, families, and the needs of the global community.

**Mission and Church Planting** – Support for Mission/Church Planting advances the Gospel in the unreached and impoverished nations around the world.

**Disaster Relief** – Support for disaster relief helps meet the physical & spiritual needs of others during times of crisis. It is one of our most immediate priorities.



**H.I.M., with donor collaboration, is proud to present *The Readable Bible: Special Edition Set*. Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, Proverbs, John, Romans, and Revelation are presented in this uniquely formatted Bible. It's intended to help you experience God's Word in a fresh new way that's easy to read and understand. With a \$40 donation, we will send you a copy of the H.I.M. Readable Bible. Your support allows us to provide humanitarian relief and critical aid around the world to save lives and relieve suffering.**



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