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Here at HeartCry we wanted to publish a special edition of this magazine that had one great purpose – to communicate our thankfulness for all your prayers and financial support over the years!

A few months ago, we sent out an email to many of our missionaries around the globe asking for short letters of gratitude to all of you who pray for and support their ministries. The response was overwhelming. In fact, we had planned to also include letters from the U.S. staff, but there was simply no room! To paraphrase the Apostle John in John 21:25, we can say that we received so many letters from our missionaries that if they were included in detail, I suppose that even several editions would not contain the full responses that were written!

Both the staff at the U.S. office and the HeartCry missionaries around the world are indeed grateful for the prayers and sacrificial giving with which you have graced us over the years. Please understand, however, that all the "thank-you's" and articles in a thousand magazines could never communicate to you our full appreciation or admiration for your kindness. Our great joy and only confidence is that eternity will reveal both our gratitude toward you and all that has been accomplished through you. We are always aware that we are only stewards or errand boys of your generosity, and we are

always concerned that we be faithful in our stewardship before the Lord and before men.

All our missionaries and our entire staff hope and pray that this edition encourages each and every one of you with the knowledge that your great help has had an eternal impact upon the world, especially upon God's people scattered across the globe.

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

– II Corinthians 9:10-15

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A VIEW FROM THE FIELD

AFRICA

CONRAD MBEWE - ZAMBIA

Pastor Mbewe and his fellow elders at Kabwata Baptist Church are spearheading nearly all of our church-planting efforts in Zambia and throughout Africa.

Dear HeartCry partners and supporters: as we work together with HeartCry Missionary Society to further the cause of the gospel in Africa, the words of the Apostle Paul come to mind:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

It has now been about fifteen years since I first talked with Brother Paul Washer and our hearts were united to start working together in planting churches across Zambia and Africa. At that time, we only had two active church planters that our church was supporting, and they had only recently been sent out.

Since then, largely through this strategic partnership, we have seen more than twenty churches planted in Zambia – in almost all the major population centers – and we are even spilling out into neighboring countries and even further across Africa. A number of these churches are now independent and running their own affairs under the lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What excites us about this partnership with HeartCry is that we are not simply multiplying churches. KBC and HeartCry are both convinced of the importance of doctrinally sound churches with a real gospel emphasis

– churches that truly reflect the New Testament pattern. And that is where our mutual emphasis lies. I say again, that is what truly excites us!

More recently, HeartCry has begun to support our pastoral internship program. Through this, we are exposing men who want to go out and plant churches to our own church and all of its dynamics. Many of them have been to Bible college, but they have never seen a church deliberately modeling itself after the New Testament pattern, with members who are sold out to evangelism and missions. They did not think it was possible.

Pastoral interns have been streaming in from different parts of Zambia and from other countries such as Botswana, Malawi, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and even from Germany and Canada. Next year, we also expect interns from South Sudan and Kenya. This is crucial for our church-planting movement, because these men need to see a model church functioning so that they know what to work towards as they launch out into church-planting labors.

We know that our partnership with HeartCry Missionary Society has been made possible because God has moved your hearts to partner with them through prayer and financial giving. We do not take this for granted and want to thank you for your obedience to the Lord and for your generosity. Africa is in desperate need of strong pastoral ministries and strong churches. You are making that possible through your prayers and your giving. Thank you!

NAPHTALLY OGALLO - KENYA

Naphtally and his wife Helida and their two children are laboring in Grace Baptist Church in Eldoret, Kenya.

I write to express my sincere appreciation to God and to you through the HeartCry Missionary Society for the financial support that I, together with Grace Baptist Church of Eldoret, have received very faithfully. This sacrificial support of grace has sustained me in the ministry.

The Apostle Paul was prepared for and endured all manner of difficulties to the end that God's elect would hear the gospel and so be saved (II Timothy 2:10). This is both my challenge and my encouragement. I want to be like the apostle, with the ultimate aim that sinners might be saved. Ordinarily I would have suffered many needs and been limited in my ministry, but God has used many of you through HeartCry to meet my needs so that I have not experienced adverse sufferings in the course of preaching the gospel. I am deeply grateful for this.

Among many biblical expressions of God's will for me, I will mention two: first, that I may be holy as He is holy; and second, that I may obediently preach the gospel, that sinners might be saved. Once again, I am grateful to God for the part that HeartCry continues to play in standing for biblical truth and wanting this truth to be spread into all the world from our own "Jerusalem." This vision

of worldwide missions that HeartCry holds is my passion as well.

The work in Eldoret has been slow, but right now we are engaged in a building project. If the Lord enables us to complete this project (or at least bring it to a usable level), then we will relocate the church there and thus "go public."

We are also making efforts to reach university students. We travel to the various institutions to meet the students and encourage them to come to our church meetings. I am very grateful to HeartCry for the kind and sacrificial gift of funds for the purchase of a newer and stronger vehicle. This will certainly help in trips to teach at the Kisumu Reformed School of Theology and the growing ministries around our country.

Finally, I am very grateful to HeartCry for encouraging us in Kenya to see what we can do among the hundreds of thousands of refugees in our refugee camps from South Sudan, Somalia, Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. While we knew of the need all along, we felt mesmerized and overwhelmed and thought ourselves helpless. I am thankful to God that HeartCry is willing to stand with us and support us to reach these refugees with the gospel of grace that they might be saved.

May the Lord continue to bless everyone who supports HeartCry so that we can continue to preach the gospel of salvation!

MONAMETSI BAHUDI - BOTSWANA

Central Baptist Church in Gaborone, Botswana, began in 2004 with the help of Kabwata Baptist Church in Zambia. Though Monametsi was a lay-leader during the church's initial stages, he was ordained to the ministry in July 2012 by the elders at KBC to serve as Central Baptist's primary preaching pastor. Central Baptist is also overseeing two other church plants in Botswana: one in Francistown and one in Orapa. Monametsi lives with his wife Tshoganetso, their four daughters, and his nephew.

Dear Supporters of HeartCry: We always give thanks to God for the marvelous things that He continues to do in our midst through His gracious providence. In our life as a missionary family in Gaborone, Botswana, we count ourselves truly blessed of the Lord. We have enjoyed true brotherhood in the gospel with our partners, Kabwata Baptist Church in Zambia and HeartCry Missionary Society in the United States.

Since I quit my job in December 2013 to hold the church-planting plough with both hands, we have not lacked anything. Your support has always been sufficient, on time, and faithful. And we are thankful that it is not financial support alone, for we know of our partners' promise to pray for us. Through our blessed partnership in the gospel, your financial help continues to flow our way to cover the costs of our family and ministry in many different ways, including the following:

1. Your support provides my salary and helps with my children's school fees.
2. You have provided half of my tuition and transportation costs to attend Christ Seminary in Polokwane, South Africa.
3. In February, you sent \$7,000 for the purchase of a vehicle, which is a very useful and necessary tool for ministry in Gabarone and Francistown and for traveling to school in South Africa each month.
4. You purchased BibleWorks 9, a very useful Bible study program for my study and sermon preparation,

as well as other Bible materials for our church.

5. Your support covers a portion of the cost of the rent for our church meeting place, which we could never afford on our own.

I am pleased to write a personal note of appreciation for all the benefits that partnering with you has provided me. Your financial support is *always* timely. My family has *never* gone without food. Our church has not lacked anything, and I am able to serve them devotedly. My ministry is constantly enabled because of your generous, sacrificial giving. I have no excuse for failure to reach others and teach the gospel.

Your financial sacrifice gives impetus to our faithful preaching and teaching. It facilitates training, not only for myself, but also for developing leaders for the church in Botswana. We continue to see God save some, and many are reached through the gospel that we preach. Yes, many are reached. While I know that God has called me to gospel ministry among my people, I count on you, my partners, for prayer and material support. Thank you!

CURTIS CHIRWA - ZAMBIA

Curtis is a graduate of Kabwata Baptist Church's pastoral internship program (2007). Along with his wife Fanny and their children, Curtis relocated to Kabanana, a poorer district in Lusaka, just days after graduation. After years of faithful and fruitful labor, Faith Baptist Church was formally established and became financially autonomous in April 2015.

I feel blessed and honored to have been given an opportunity to thank those who financially and prayerfully support HeartCry. Allow me to thank all those brothers and sisters who sacrificially give for the purpose of establishing local churches all over the world. My church and family are living testimonies of the great work in which you are involved.

Kabanana Faith Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia was supported by HeartCry for more than eight years, from 2007 to 2015. Just recently, Kabwata Baptist Church weaned us off to autonomy. HeartCry has done so much for us to reach this point. Your commitment level has been remarkable.

Through your support, all financial restraints were taken care of, and we have been able to concentrate on the ministry without worrying so much about finances. My family and I have never gone without food because we plunged into ministry work. We realize that without you wonderful saints giving sacrificially, HeartCry would not exist to partner with us.

May the good Lord continue to work through you all! Amen!

MARSHAL KASONGO - ZAMBIA

Marshal is a church planter sent from Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Ndola to plant Mapalo Reformed Baptist Church in Chipulukusu, Zambia, a neighborhood on the eastern part of Ndola. The work commenced in 2011 and is our first Bemba-speaking Baptist church plant in Zambia.

Dear Saints: I have been given this rare opportunity to convey my gratitude to all of you who have tirelessly been supporting me in ministry. I am very eager to ex-

press how your gifts have continued to be extremely helpful to me and my family as we minister among a poor community. Your partnership financially and prayerfully has been very encouraging. Through these means, the gospel is preached with a clear conscience, and we have seen that people are responding. I am thankful to God for HeartCry and all the partners who have strengthened our hands in this work here in this part of Africa. May the good Lord continue blessing you for your faithfulness!

BRIAN MUTALE - ZAMBIA

Brian is a church planter in Monze, Zambia, and a graduate of Kabwata Baptist Church's pastoral internship program (2011). Monze Baptist Church commenced in 2009 under the leadership of KBC when Brian was sent to this small town in the Southern Province of Zambia.

Dear Partners: I am writing to all of you who support HeartCry to express my personal appreciation for all that you have done so far and will do in the future. The active support that you continue to give has helped me and my family to be established in ministry here on the mission field. You enable me to concentrate on ministry and not worry about my pay at the end of the month.

Mission work needs much support, both spiritually and materially. For this reason, I want to mention that the support you have been giving has greatly helped the work here in Monze, Zambia. Monze has been a new and hard ground for the faith. So far, we have been able to hold many evangelistic meetings without struggling with finances because of the support we have received from you. These efforts have helped the church here to stabilize.

My family and I are grateful for your generosity, your trust, and your commitment to the work of missions. On behalf of our church family, I want to say thank you for your generous support, and may God continue to bless you.

MALAMULO CHINDONGO - MALAWI

Mala is pastoring Antioch Baptist Church in Blantyre, Malawi. He lives with his wife Rachel and his young daughter Amelie.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus: It is a great joy for me and my family to express our deepest gratitude for all the Lord's blessings and encouragement we receive from you.

Our church is going through a very encouraging time as we are continu-

ing to experience the Lord's faithfulness in the salvation of souls. Indeed, He is building His Church! We are thankful to be a part of what He is doing. In the last couple of months, we have seen souls come to Christ and have rejoiced to see them baptized and become part of the local body.

There is an increasing hunger and desire to grow in grace and holiness within the congregation. Two of our serious church discipline cases this year ended in repentance and resto-

ration. What a joy and comfort it was for our church and for me as a pastor!

We are busy with weekly premarital counseling sessions for two weddings planned for the end of this year and the beginning of the next. The restoration of the marriage union in our culture is crucial to the witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, so we are very excited to see the power of the gospel at work in the home.

All these things would not be possible if someone were not set apart to devote himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Because of your faithful giving to the cause of the gospel, I am able to give myself entirely to prayer, study, preaching, counseling, evangelism, and organizing our translation team that works so tirelessly to put Puritan books and

booklets into Chichewa, Malawi's national language.

While we toil day and night in the Word, we realize that there are others like you who toil in different ways. Your sacrificial giving to the work of evangelizing the nations enables pastors like me to put food on the table for our families, take care of our bills, and provide our congregation with a place to come together and hear God's Word.

Our bodily limitations might never allow myself, my family, or our congregation to thank you in person for the partnership that exists between us through HeartCry; but our sovereign Lord in His providence is setting apart a people for Himself through our joint efforts for the glory of His Name. Please be encouraged!

BILL ISSA - UGANDA

Bill is the pastor of Reconciliation Baptist Church in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. He is working in close association with HeartCry's partners in Kenya.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I greet you all in the most precious Name of our great Redeemer Jesus Christ. My hope is that you are all doing well in the Lord.

With my own words, I want to thank you all for the support that you are rendering to HeartCry, as it exists to serve the work of Christ in the world. We are very much grateful to the Lord for you. Without your giving, beloved brethren, HeartCry would not exist to partner with us. Thank you! Please, allow me to briefly let you know how your giving is helping the work of Christ in Uganda.

First, HeartCry uses the resources you give them to support me and my family so that we can be in full-time ministry. We can devote all of our time, the whole of our hearts, minds, and strength to the work of growing this church plant in Kampala, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second, the support from your



giving helps me with public transportation. Every Tuesday, I hold a Bible study with a small church at the other end of Kampala. This church sent us a "call for doctrinal help" after they heard some of the teachings of Brother Paul Washer online. Through these Bible studies, we are looking forward to having a biblical sister church in Kampala, if it is the will of the Lord.

Finally, your giving also allows us each month to pay for our church rent; this is a great blessing to us and those who are getting saved through our labors for Christ. Recently, our church was blessed with a nice projector from HeartCry, which is helping us a lot in preaching the gospel of salvation.

We love you so dearly in Christ, and we will always pray for you. Thank you, and God bless you all. ■

ASIA

CAMBODIA

CHHINHO S.

Chhinho is the pastor of Shalom Church and leader for the Shalom Mission to Cambodia, a church-planting ministry intent on reaching the native Khmer people.

Dear Supporters: I am writing to express my thanks to you for your generous support, which has released me to devote myself full-time to the ministry of Shalom Mission to Cambodia. Your commitment and generosity is sincerely appreciated. Your support has enabled our ministry to reach many souls throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Through our church-planting efforts, we have been able to bring the gospel of salvation to many men, women, and children. We have been blessed to be able to plant several new churches and associated ministries.

To this point, we have developed a faithful team of thirteen full-time workers and several volunteers; together we have started thirty-two home churches, one English school, twenty-seven kids' clubs, and other ministries among the destitute people. We thank God that we have been allowed to touch many needy souls and help them physically as well as spiritually.

Our vision is to have healthy and harvesting Shalom Mission churches in each of the twenty-five provinces of Cambodia. We intend to achieve this by encouraging and preparing all our members to spread the Kingdom of God by being salt and light in their communities. You are directly contributing to this goal that is being reached.

At present, we are seeing many Cambodian people who are open to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you again for enabling us to go further into the harvest to gather them in. I am grateful for our partnership in the gospel and look forward to seeing it continue.

JAPAN

LUIS R.

Luis and his wife Nicola have been serving the Lord in Japan since 2004. They are primarily laboring among the large Latin American community in Tokyo.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: The Lord saved me in a church that was planted in Peru by Pastor Paul Washer. Following my conversion, I was involved in biblical training, growing in my understanding of sound doctrine, preaching the gospel in a number of cities in South America, and planting churches in the Peruvian Amazon.

Later, our Lord sent me to Japan as a long-term missionary. At my de-

parture, God provided for me with prayers from my home church, sixty dollars, and a Bible. I arrived at a Bible school in western Tokyo in 2003 with a passion to preach the gospel and see people in Japan converted to Christ.

During my twelve years of service here in Japan, our Lord God has blessed me with the privilege of seeing His mercy bestowed upon the foreign and rejected minorities in Japan. What a blessing to see God's transforming power in my life and in the lives of many other people! I have had the privilege of leading to the Lord and baptizing people from many nationalities and backgrounds and of planting and strengthening churches in a nation whose population includes only 0.05% professing Christians.

After six years of serving God in Japan with the few resources we had,

God blessed us to partner with the HeartCry Missionary Society. This is why my family and I want to take the time and express our gratitude to you. We desire that through our thankful hearts and sharing of what the Lord is doing in Japan, you will be encouraged to praise God in greater ways and to thank Him for His saving work. With God's presence and your support and prayers, we are able to minister full-time in Japan.

In Japan, the concepts of God, sin, marriage, love, family, and morals are painfully distorted; and it therefore takes years to build basic biblical concepts with the people. There are no foundations already laid with regard to creation, the nature of sin, Jesus' birth, and other fundamental doctrines. Many missionaries use entertainment to try to attract people, but the moment the gospel comes, most of the people simply turn away. This is why it is a miracle to see a native Japanese person visiting a church

where the message of the gospel is the central and main focus. Nevertheless, God has blessed us to see a few Japanese people saved, baptized, and remain faithful to the Lord!

We also praise God for giving us the chance to live close to an American military base and to be involved with holding Bible studies with American military families. God has blessed me with the opportunity to co-plant a new American congregation and support and counsel other military congregations by preaching and revitalizing broken churches. We have seen many people challenged by God and His gospel and delivered from cultural Christianity to genuine salvation.

As we close this letter, we want to thank you again for joining with us in this mission. We hope that this report will lead you to join us in further worshiping God for the mercy, love, and goodness He is pouring out here and for the work He is doing.

NEPAL

SARVAJIT G.

Sarvajit graduated from a seminary in North India in 2010 and returned to Nepal in order to serve alongside his father. He has a great desire to see Nepalese believers grow in their understanding of the Scriptures. Pray for him as he ministers in the church in Nepal.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are very thankful to the Lord for the great opportunity to partner with the HeartCry Missionary Society in sharing the gospel in Nepal. The gospel is being preached in this needy land, and many lost souls are being saved. The Lord is enabling us to establish biblical churches in this part of the world.

First, we are very much thankful to the Lord and to HeartCry for helping us through sound biblical teaching. It is our great privilege to receive leadership training from HeartCry, which has been very helpful to our

ministry. We are very hungry for the deeper truths of the gospel. God has blessed us to partner with HeartCry in His timing. We are being blessed by the sound teaching, our local churches are growing biblically, and His Kingdom is advancing.

Second, we are very thankful to the donors who support us through HeartCry. We had a great burden and zeal to serve the Lord, but we were facing hard times in meeting the basic needs for our families before this partnership began. The support has helped us much with both family and ministry needs.

Third, we desire to share our gratitude to you for your constant prayers for the missionaries, their spouses, and the ministry of Nepal. May the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ shine brightly in this nation! Many people groups are still unreached because there is no witness of the gospel among them. We need your constant prayers and support for the advancement of His Kingdom. May our Almighty God be glorified in and through you and me!

CHINA

GAIUS

Gaius is married and has one child. He grew up in a Christian family and was converted as a youth while attending a summer camp. He is now working to establish a healthy church in a large urban area of China.

Brothers and Sisters of Heart-Cry: Greetings! Today is China's Mid-Autumn Festival. This day traditionally stands for the completeness and harmony of the family. So today, my family, my whole church, and I send our thanks. With your support this past year, my family and ministry have been greatly blessed. I thank God that I can have this kind of partnership with you, so that I can better serve in God's Kingdom.

I was raised in a countryside home. After college graduation, I was called by God to full-time ministry. After serving for five years, I went to study theology. Due to theological differences, I left my former church group upon graduation, in order to plant a new church. Because of this, I had no income – I relied on my wife's salary to continue ministering in the city. Then, by God's grace, we were put in connection with you; and since last June, we have been enjoying your support. Because of your help, the financial burden of our home has been greatly decreased. This has enabled me to better fulfill my role as a husband and father and has also enabled my wife to spend less time at work and more time taking care of our home and son. Also, because of your support, my family has been able to move closer to the church. This has spared us much time and energy and has helped my work to have a better impact.

With your support, we have been

able to open our home more to the brothers and sisters of the church. We invite people over about twice a week to eat at our house. This both helps us to get to know them better and provides us with an opportunity to give them personal instruction in knowing God more intimately. They also get to see us serving them and learn how to serve others in the church.

Our church has also enjoyed much blessing with your support, as I have been able to fully give myself to serving the body. When we first met as a group, there were just two families and one seeker. But now there are around thirty people meeting together each Lord's Day, seventeen of which are members. There are now five families, five single sisters, and two single brothers. Because we live close to the church, ministry has expanded quickly, which has led to the increase in our attendance. Also, because we are constantly together (formally meeting at least three times per week), our relationships are growing sweeter, which is attracting unbelievers and believers who do not have a church home. This has led to several brothers applying for membership after just a few months with us.

With your support, I have fewer concerns for my family, and I have thus been able to spend more time and energy in the church. Over the last year, I have invested a lot into counseling and discipleship, and I now have four co-workers in the church. Several brothers have been eager to help with ministry. Their families have also been very willing to show hospitality and to fellowship with others.

This grace given us has all been of God, and He has used your hands to give it. My family and I will continue to serve diligently in the grace of God and for the glory of His Name. May God remember your generosity!



BHUTAN

RAPHU & REBEKAH

After graduating from Delhi University, Raphu worked for seven years as an evangelist with India's Campus Crusade for Christ. Afterwards, he began praying that the Lord would lead him to do church planting among an unreached people group in South Asia. Providentially, he met HeartCry missionary Rebekah, and the two have recently been married and are now working in Bhutan.

Dear HeartCry Supporters: First of all, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for your regular support and prayers for us. We are so very thankful for your invaluable sacrifice and generous support in our lives and ministries. We often pray for you and thank God for your part in our work. You are a continual source of joy and encouragement to us as you pray and give so faithfully.

Your support and prayers do make a difference in many ways in our lives and work, especially since God has now blessed us with one son (two years old) and one daughter (seven months old). You are supporting our family needs such as house rent, food, clothing, and travels.

You are also supporting a small house fellowship going on every Sunday with an average of fifteen people attending regularly. Every Wednesday, we are having Bible studies with our fellowship members, and our family is visiting them regularly for prayer and encouragement. We also visit non-Christian families two or three times each week and share the gospel with them.

We cannot openly worship here or build a church. Missionaries are not allowed in our country. We are doing our best to keep our work unknown to the authorities, while taking the

gospel to the different corners of the country. Our ministry is growing in the love and grace of the Lord. You know that the most important message we can bring to our country is the message of Jesus Christ. God is bringing more and more people to know about Jesus through our work of evangelizing and training other Christians to teach the truth of the gospel.

Through your prayers and support, we have been serving God in this country for more than six years. Through our partnership with HeartCry and another ministry, we have been able to plant one church, which is now fully established, and to start another house fellowship. We have also conducted three conferences, which were attended by many pastors and church leaders. They were challenged and encouraged to be faithful and grow in the knowledge of the Word. The brother who has been coming to teach in these conferences is a great blessing to all of us who are serving the living God.

We are so glad that the Lord brought you into our lives. Without your support, it would be difficult to serve Him in this task. We love you and are so grateful for your loving help. May the Lord richly repay you for your generous part in His ministry!

Please know that God is producing lasting fruit through your giving. In heaven you will meet many dear people who will have come to Christ partly because of our partnership in taking the gospel to them. As Hebrews 6:10 says, "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints."

We know that you are sacrificing to give so generously to our work, and we deeply appreciate it. Thank you so much, and may God bless you abundantly!



INDIA

SAMUEL B.

Samuel is a pastor and missionary leader in South India with whom HeartCry began partnering in February 2013. He is married and has two children. Together with his father, Samuel oversees a missionary organization that is currently supporting and training several pastors who labor in the villages surrounding his city.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

We know we have only one mission this side of eternity, and that is to glorify our God through our lives, our families, and our churches. God's Kingdom cannot be spread unless the Church remains strong and faithful to the Scriptures (I Timothy 3:15). Ultimately, God's Name is glorified through the Church of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:6-7), a group of people whose lives have been washed, cleansed, and purified in the blood of Jesus Christ, and through whose lives the gospel message radiates (Colossians 3:13-17; Matthew 5:14-16).

I remember what my principal, Mr. Philip Eveson, used to say: "We are all like a chain in God's Kingdom.

We are linked to one another in an inseparable way." God does not call everyone to be elders or missionaries, but God does call each one of us to be faithful to His Son and also to our individual callings as members of our local churches (Ephesians 4:1, Acts 2:42). God, in His divine providence, placed us in various countries and in various situations to move toward one goal: the spread of His Kingdom.

I just want you to know that your sacrificial giving is helping us to focus on ministering to God's people in many ways, including preaching, teaching, counseling, distributing Bibles, training village pastors, and translating good books into the vernacular. We recently translated into Telugu three chapters from Brother Paul Washer's book, *The Gospel Call & True Conversion*, and published it as a booklet. Understanding the needs of the local village pastors, we know that these small booklets will be great learning tools. We also published the same booklet in English. Solid books in English will be of great help to the English-speaking congregations across India.

Last year, with the help of HeartCry, we were able to conduct a pastor's conference. It proved to be a great blessing to many pastors who attended. I have personally been witness to a few pastors whose preaching has dramatically changed since they attended the conference.

Brothers and sisters, I thank God for your love, prayers, and sacrificial giving for missionaries like us. It means a lot to us. In everything, we serve with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to our glorious God.

SUNDER R.

After graduating from Grace Bible College, Sunder primarily was involved with planting a church in Gujarat, India. In 2004, he moved back to his native state in South India, where God has graciously used him to plant another church.

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your support through the years to Lighthouse Church. Words cannot express how much we appreciate your prayers and financial sacrifices on our behalf. Simply stated, if it were

not for the generous gifts provided by you, we could not continue our mission work. Your sacrifices make an eternal difference.

With your faithful financial contribution over the years, you have demonstrated your deep commitment to our work here for church planting, evangelism, and the training of men and women. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success with the following things:

CHURCH PLANTING

Through your help, we were able to plant a church in a suburb of a well-populated metro city. This area was in dire need of the gospel. By His grace, many precious souls have been saved and added to the local body. This includes both many young people and adults. Even though we are still a work in progress, the Lord has been gracious in helping us establish a Sunday school for the children.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

Because of your help, we were able to build a small church building for the body of Christ to gather for prayer and fellowship. We are also using this facility for the training of many local pastors. This may not seem like a grand thing, but please understand that this place used to be an area where Hindu fanatics attacked Christians and burned Bibles. It is a great miracle what God has done in establishing His Church even in this area. Though the enemy tried his best

to discourage and drive us away from here, God has strengthened us to remain and to pursue His work.

TRAINING FOR PASTORS

Because of your help, we have been training pastors, who are laboring for the Lord. These pastors have had no opportunity to go to seminary and receive a formal education. It has been our burden to help equip them with sound doctrine. In turn, they also teach their flock in a more biblical manner. It is our desire to see healthy, biblical churches established. Lack of sound theological training and resources is the biggest challenge in third-world countries – the need is enormous. Thank you for your provision and standing with us through this journey.

EVANGELISM

Because of your support, we are able to go to several remote villages where there is not even one Christian or church. In these villages, we preach the gospel, pass out tracts, and conduct open-air gospel meetings. We also are always involved in personal evangelism throughout the various towns, cities, by-ways, and highways.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. We at Lighthouse Church are continually inspired by your dedication and generosity. Thank you for answering the call again and again. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the advancing of the gospel.

Below: Sunder teaching Right: Sunder & family



RANJIT K. AND TEAM

After working for seven years to plant a church in Nepal, Ranjit returned to his native state in North India to plant churches where there is very little gospel light. He is now working in five villages and has seen the Lord open many doors. He has built many relationships as a result of his willingness to serve the people around him. Ranjit also occasionally teaches in a seminary nearby.

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: Greetings in Christ Jesus' Name! On behalf of our brethren here in North India, I am writing to you to express how very thankful we are for your prayerful support. It is such a joy to be in the ministry of the Lord together with you all. The Word of God says that we are "God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9). It is true. We want to thank you for your love for the mission work here and your care for the lives of the Lord's servants in different villages.

Your support has allowed us to serve the Lord without worrying about our family needs. Our daily needs, such as food, children's education, utility bills, and even house

rent, have been met through your support. We can go to the villages to visit, teach, pray, and preach in our small congregations without tension about our family. Your financial support comes on time every month, which is also a great relief for us.

The souls (both saved ones and visitors) in our congregations, the ongoing work of evangelism and Bible teaching, and proper care for our wives and children – these are just some of the major achievements due to your support via HeartCry.

We do continue to ask you to pray for us regularly and continue to support us as we seek to spread the Word of God in different villages in the hills and plains of North India. May the Lord bless you richly in your personal, family, and church lives. The Word of the Lord says in Hebrews 6:10: "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

May the Lord bless and use you, so that "His Name might be great among the nations" (Malachi 1:11).

VIJAY S.

Vijay, sent back to India by Bethlehem Baptist Church after finishing seminary in the United States, has started an indigenous missionary organization which aims at equipping and supporting church planters among South Asia's least reached people. In many ways, his ministry is built upon the foundation that his father laid after thirty years of faithful ministry in rural parts of South India. Please pray for him as he labors in this work.

Greetings in Jesus' Name! I just wanted to thank you for the numerous ways you have supported our ministry of training and church planting. I thank God for each of you and for your faithfulness in giving. Your support has been a great

source of blessing and encouragement in the Lord. The Lord has used you in many ways to be a blessing to this ministry.

Thank you for supporting the HeartCry conferences. Through these conferences, we have been able to bring both HeartCry-supported church planters and other pastors in the ministry together for a dedicated time of hearing God's Word, praying together, and fellowship.



Through these conferences, we have examined the true gospel, true conversion, and the life and holiness of the gospel minister. This has helped us grow and evaluate our lives and ministries in light of the Scriptures. Thank you for enabling HeartCry to give their time, energy, resources, and knowledge to equip us and our missionaries.

Thank you also for providing us with sound theological resources.

The knowledge of biblical truth is the greatest need of the hour in India. Each time a HeartCry staff member comes to visit us in India, they always bring good books and other theological resources. This means a lot to us. It shows that you are interested in our spiritual health, our walk with the Lord, the study of the Scriptures, and our personal relationship with God. Thank you for giving so that we can have these resources.

I have personally been blessed by *How Readest Thou* by J.C. Ryle, *The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones* by Iain Murray, and *Gospel Assurance and Warnings* by Paul Washer. One of the best resources I received was the Accordance Bible Software. It has been a huge blessing in my personal study and understanding of God's Word and in my sermon preparation. Thank you for sponsoring this very important resource. This is a huge blessing.

Thank you also for the "Gospel in Telugu" sermon series. During one of my visits to the HeartCry office, the Lord opened a door to translate many gospel sermons by Brother Paul Washer into Telugu. This is an amazing blessing to have as a resource. I have had Telugu-speaking people from across India and the world contact me to express their thanks for providing a right understanding of the gospel. We regularly use these sermons as one of the courses in our Bible training programs and Bible study gatherings.

This series of gospel messages was also aired on television in India.

Through this medium, it was viewed in many parts of the world. We have had many phone calls from viewers who testified of the blessing it has had on their lives. One of the calls came from a Maoist. It was such a surprise for me! He said it was the first Christian program he watched where there was a clear understanding of the gospel, without someone asking for money. I was able to share with him further, and ended up praying with him on the phone. Praise the Lord for such a good resource!

Thank you also for the finances to support our native missionaries.

One of our primary focuses is church planting in the unreached regions of India. After they go through the Bible training program, brothers are sent to remote areas of the mission field to plant churches. In the early stages of the church-planting work, it is difficult for the missionary to financially support his family. So, with the support you provide, they are aided in their ministry. It is because of God's grace through you that these brothers are able stay on the mission field. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

We are very grateful for your support of HeartCry, a faithful example to us in serving Christ. There is much going on in the world in the name of Christ. Many question what is truth, what to follow, and how to be a faithful minister of the gospel. In such a time as this, through your support, the Lord has allowed HeartCry to be a light in the darkness. It is not an overstatement to say that the Lord has lifted that ministry to be a model and example for many individuals, churches, and ministries across the globe. I am thankful to the Lord for connecting us with you and with HeartCry for the sake of His glory and purposes.

I pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Thank you!

CONNOR H.

Connor H. is working with a group of HeartCry missionaries in a very unreached part of North India. His ministry involves church planting and leadership training.

Dear Saints in Christ: I pray that you are near the Son of God, trusting in Him, and growing into His likeness day by day. Our journey is so short, and each day given to us is an opportunity to know and become more and more like Him. My prayer for you is that you would strive by His Spirit in this journey to Christ-likeness.

I'm writing to you from North India, and it's likely that you're reading this from North America. While I am your brother in Christ, in one sense of the word, I'm a stranger to you. We may never meet face to face, and you may not even know my real name. But the incredible thing is that through your earnest prayers and sacrificial giving we have become "fellow workers for the truth" (III John 5-6). You and I are partners in one of the greatest endeavors—the spreading of His great Name among the nations. And for your partnership I am exceedingly grateful.

I want to use this short letter to thank you and to share one way that your prayers and giving have helped us in this last year.

Over one year ago I moved to North India with my family for the purpose of establishing biblical churches. My involvement is two-fold: (1) the direct planting of a church with a small team of indigenous brothers, and (2) the training of men across North India who are already pastoring or planting churches.

For both of these tasks, the abil-

ity to speak Hindi is vital. The Apostle Paul says, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?" Could we not also say, "And how are they to preach without knowing the language?" Apart from a miracle like we see in Acts 2, I need to learn Hindi in order to evangelize, disciple believers, and train men. Therefore, my first two-and-a-half years are being given primarily to learning this new language. And it is this very thing that I am being enabled to do.

Recently, I was in the city, and in far-from-perfect Hindi I was able to share the gospel with about ten Muslims who were gathered together. We talked for about fifteen minutes, and I felt freedom and help from God to communicate various vital, yet simple truths about Christ's life, His death for the sins of men, His resurrection, and the need for us to respond with repentance and faith. Afterwards, on my way home, in addition to praying for the gospel to take root by the Spirit, I was praising and thanking God that I was able to communicate the greatest of messages in Hindi to a people who have probably never heard it. What a privilege! I'm eager for greater freedom and fluency to minister the gospel in Hindi—to the lost, to the church, and to pastors in North India. All of these opportunities, this year of learning Hindi, and the times of sharing the truth in Hindi would not be possible without you. I thank God for you.

I do request your prayers. It is through your prayers that any open doors for the Word or any fruit from ministry will come. Pray for me, my wife, and my three children as we continue to adjust. Pray that we learn



Hindi well, that God would use us for the establishment of biblical churches in North India, that His Name would be great in this dark land. Pray also that God would strengthen my relationships with other pastors and that He would bring the right Indian co-laborers for future efforts in establishing a new church in our city.

May God guide us.

I look forward to the day when we will meet before the Lamb and have an eternity of immortal fellowship. In the meantime, let us continue to strive to become like our Savior and continue to labor in sending the victorious Word abroad, that God would bring the true strangers home.

HARSHIT S.

Harshit is currently the preaching pastor of a strong church in a major city in North India. He is not supported by HeartCry, but he is responsible for overseeing fifteen missionaries supported by HeartCry.

Dear Brother and Sisters: Greetings from North India! We trust that you are continuing to grow in the love and knowledge of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful to Him for His love and grace that continues to sustain us in ministry in this part of the world.

Through this letter, we want to take an opportunity to thank you for all your support in ministry through our partners and friends at HeartCry. We are grateful for your prayers and sacrificial giving; they allow us to serve the Lord in one of the least-reached, neediest places on this planet.

It is because of your partnership in the gospel that we have been able to provide support for over a dozen church planters and pastors who are endeavoring to plant and shepherd churches that are in this region. This year we were able to see *four* church planters/pastors become self-supported, by God's grace. These four men were formerly supported by you through HeartCry, but now their local churches are able to financially bear their burden. This is a testimony of God's faithfulness to this work.

Please continue to hold these men and churches up in prayer.

Additionally, we have seen *two* new churches planted in the last few months. We are praying

that the Lord will sustain these new church plants and that, by His grace, many more churches will be planted in the next few years. We have also sent two young men, who were pastoral interns at our church, to a seminary in South India. We are hoping that these men will come back to the church to serve and that eventually they will go out and plant a new church or revitalize existing ones. A third intern was appointed as an elder at the church last year. You supported all three of these men through HeartCry for two years during their internship. Humanly speaking, all of this would not have happened without your support.

I must not forget to mention the gospel conferences that are organized every few months. These continue to prove to be of great benefit to all who attend. These conferences, which are sponsored by HeartCry, are of tremendous encouragement. They challenge and spur us to serve the Lord with a renewed commitment and vigor every time we attend them.

We have so much for which to be grateful. The Lord has continued to bless the church: we are seeing conversions, lives changing, new churches being planted, existing churches growing, church planters and pastors being challenged, and young men being prepared and trained for the ministry of the gospel. Thank you for investing in North India!

Please continue to pray for us, and please know that your partnership in the gospel is tremendously appreciated by us. It is bearing much fruit by God's grace. ■



EURASIA

BELARUS

SLAVA V.

Slava is a pastor of a Baptist church in Belarus and the director of Gospel and Reformation, a ministry that translates and publishes sound theological resources into Russian. HeartCry began supporting Slava in November of 2011. Belarus is a 'restricted' nation with regard to the gospel and church planting. As a result, the Church there faces many obstacles.

As the head of a Russian Christian publishing house, I can firmly say that it is difficult to overestimate HeartCry's involvement in the Russian-speaking world.

In the past five years, HeartCry has helped to publish ten substantial books containing 3,000 pages of the best Reformed theology of the past and the present. These include Louis Berkhof's 900-page *Systematic Theology* (which was published in Russian for the very first time in 2014) and five of Paul Washer's books. HeartCry also supported the publication of books by Sinclair Ferguson, D. A. Carson, Edmund Clowney, and Paul Helm.

We do not give away books for free (though HeartCry gives books freely to the pastors they support). We sell them. Too often in the past we saw people getting free copies and never reading! We do not charge the full price, but we expect Russian believers to pay something, which will motivate them to read.

Paul Washer's book, *The Gospel's Power and Message*, gave us a surprise. It was the first book in my fifteen-year experience of publication ministry which sold out in only ten months! Usually it takes two years in our slow Russian market for a good book to sell out.

You may wonder what we do with the money which we get from sales. We do not get bonuses! The staff salaries, including my own, are fixed. And they are not high. The sales money is used to sustain the ministry: to pay overheads and make sure that the new books are being translated, printed, and distributed.

Let's look at HeartCry's involvement from another angle:

1. In Russian-speaking nations, most pastors are not fully supported by the churches and are expected to have a job. I am one such pastor. When you donate money to HeartCry and HeartCry passes it on to us to translate and publish books, this provides a job for me. And what a job! One of my pastor-friends is a plumber. After hard, physical work he has to switch to his pastoral studies and duties. I get to translate Reformed books, and this work is far from distracting me from my pastoral ministry!
2. There are two more pastors who work in our publishing house. One, like me, is a translator; the other is the sales manager. So the same HeartCry funds are used twice: they pay for both the production of books and the pastors' salaries. And, by the way, no one can do the job of the sales manager better than a pastor who loves Reformed books!

I, of course, have personal reasons to be extremely grateful to HeartCry and their supporters. They supported me through my doctoral studies in theology, which I completed in September 2014. These academic credentials open more doors for me to preach the gospel in Russia, Ukraine, and my own country of Belarus. HeartCry now continues to invest in the theological education

of my fellow pastor Anatoly, who is a student in the Reformed Theological Seminary.

I must add that I do not merely translate books and then try to distribute them to others. I also use them in my own pastoral ministry. In the past two years in our church's

home groups, we have studied *The One True God* and *The Truth about Man* by Paul Washer, as well as *The Holy Spirit* by Sinclair Ferguson. This year, we are going to read together *The Church* by Edmund Clowney. These are all books published in partnership with HeartCry.

ANATOLY C.

Anatoly is a gifted pastor and translator in Belarus. He used to teach English at a linguistic university in Minsk and now is working with Gospel and Reformation to translate much-needed theological books into Russian. He is also currently taking classes by extension through Reformed Theological Seminary. HeartCry began supporting Anatoly (and his schooling efforts) in August of 2014. He is married to Anya, and they have two children: Vita (daughter) and Vladislav (son).



In the fall of 2014, HeartCry began to sponsor my studies as a distant student at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, USA. That opened up a whole new chapter in my life and ministry. HeartCry not only committed to cover my tuition, but also to release me from one of my two jobs and to pay for all the books I needed for my studies. In fact, I received not only those books required for my courses, but also many other books that are useful for my personal growth and practical ministry! Even within just one year, and after taking four courses, my theological horizons were broadened immensely.

However, as time went on, I realized that I had too many things to juggle. My work sometimes took me away from the church on weekends, and deadlines at the seminary lurked in my mind every time I tried to relax. I had been a writer for quite some time, but I had to put writing aside. Additionally, there were many other things that had to be cut out, and there still was not sufficient time for all my responsibilities. I prayed to the Lord for some kind of resolution

of the tension that was building up, both within me and within my family.

The thing that I loved most about HeartCry was that they appreciated me as a person (with weaknesses and inabilities) rather than as a project that had to produce a certain 'output.' I was deeply thankful for the support I received and the schooling provided, and I would not dare to expect more. However, this summer HeartCry proposed to set me free from my job. This way, I can fully focus on my seminary education and my church. It also gives me a 'normal' week, where there is actually one day that I can fully give to my wife and children.

I am also thankful for the wonderful friendship that I have developed with Holden Barry, the HeartCry Coordinator for Eurasia. I am thankful for consistent prayer support. I am particularly thankful for all those who use their financial means to advance the gospel and strengthen churches in countries where they have never been and for the good of people they have never seen. May the Lord multiply the fruits of your love and generosity and fulfill all your needs!

SIBERIA

VLADIMIR RADZIOVSKI

HeartCry has been privileged to partner with Brother Vladimir since 2003. He and his family labor among the peoples of Siberia. Physically and spiritually, this is a very difficult place both to live and to work due to the harshness of climate as well as the vast and rugged landscape. It is an undesirable place in almost every way, and only a small percentage of the world's population calls it their home; nevertheless, the need is great!

My wife and I moved to Siberia from Ukraine over twenty-three years ago to establish a biblical church in an area where there was none. At first, we thought it would only take a few short years to help build a church and train others to be leaders. Our plan was to accomplish this and return home to Ukraine.

However, we remain in Siberia to this day. We never imagined the difficulty of ministering in a place such as this, but we know that the Lord has called us here for His purpose and glory, and we have no plans to leave. HeartCry has made it possible for me to continue on in the work that God has given me here. We sincerely thank you, the donors and supporters, for your continued prayers and all your financial help for our service to the Lord.

We also thank the Lord for two newly baptized brothers who learned obedience to Christ in our church community. And we thank the Lord for the return of one sister who, several years ago, broke fellowship with us because of conflict. Recently, she has been restored to our church! Please continue to pray for us, especially that we will always: (1) see God's guidance in our lives; (2) shine the light of Christ's love; (3) use every opportunity to serve the needy in the name of Christ; and (4) be faithful to Christ and serve Him to the end of life.

MAXIM MANAKOV

Maxim Manakov is an evangelist/church planter working in the Irkutsk region of Siberia. He is a part of the fellowship of pastors led by Sergey M. He is married to Vera, and they have one son.

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters! I want to thank everyone who has invested resources into the HeartCry Missionary Society. I know that the mission would not be able to maintain a large number of supported missionaries if no one sacrificed. Thanks to your support, my work and service and that of many others becomes easier.

Let me give you an example from my own life. I have been supported by HeartCry for more than two years. My family lives only by the mission – I do not have another permanent job. This enables me to devote more time to the ministry. As a result, I have some time to engage in self-

education, using the resources of good books and the internet. I am able to devote a lot of time preparing sermons and growing spiritually. I have the wonderful opportunity to visit towns and villages each week to preach the gospel! Through this work, and with the Lord's help, there has formed an autonomous church in the city Cheremhovo, a group of believers in the village of Haratirgen, and a group of believers in Tulun.



Earlier this year, the group in Tulun invited me to be their pastor.

In order to live and work in Tulun, we had to reconstruct an old house that my grandmother gave me. HeartCry helped us financially to start this process. Praise God! Because of HeartCry, I am able to serve unhindered in the church in Tulun, continue with the construction of the house, and raise my two sons alongside my wife. Without your sac-

rifice and the continued support of HeartCry, our situation would have been worse, and there would not be the same amount of fruit here. Therefore, we thank the Lord for your contribution and participation in our life and ministry. Thanks be to God, who put in your hearts the desire to pray and donate! We ask the Lord to bless all who sacrifice for His work. May He reward you and bless you abundantly!

EUGENE M.

Eugene is a graduate of Samara Center for Biblical Training. He is a pastor of a church in Isil'kul, Siberia. HeartCry began supporting Eugene in October of 2012. He is married and has four sons.

My name is Eugene M. I am a pastor in a small Russian town in western Siberia, near the border of Kazakhstan. Though it is not far to the north, the climate here is still harsh. The summer went by in the blink of an eye. It is almost the end of September as I write this, and the temperature has not been above nine degrees Celsius for several days. However, I thank God that in this place, which is said to be "forgotten by God," Christ's Church yet thrives!

I am writing to you, dear friends, because I sincerely want to thank you for your sacrificial service. There is a great distance between us – thousands of kilometers. Perhaps I will never (at least in this life) see your faces. Yet, it seems that I know you. I know about your sacrificial service because of your love for our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Only those who really love God can unselfishly donate their resources to God's work. Our family can clearly see God's hand in your assistance to us; it is the grace that the Father has granted us through His children. This is a great encouragement and support for us, as we realize that He approves our

humble ministry in this way.

Previously, in order to provide for my family, I had to work hard as a construction worker; and it took a lot of time and effort. I had to search for work for long periods of time, because my work was seasonal. Our small church's assistance was not enough for us. Now, thanks to your help, it has become much easier for me to plan my time and to serve the Lord. I now have the opportunity to devote more time to study the Scriptures, to read spiritual literature, to preach, and to evangelize. My sermons have become deeper, and the ministry of the Word more effective. The blessings of your service have affected not only the ministry but also my whole family. I have more time to spend with my children. Every day in the morning and almost every evening, we read Bible stories and pray together.

Unfortunately, I cannot see your faces, shake your hands, and hug you. This short letter is not able to convey all the gratitude I feel in my heart. But I believe that in eternity we will meet and share the prize for our joint effort for the sake of the gospel. It is a great honor to be your co-worker!



KAZAKHSTAN

BAKHID N.



Bakhid labors in southern Kazakhstan. He is a graduate of the Samara Center for Biblical Training and is a part of their fellowship of pastors. In addition to his regular preaching activities, Bakhid is very active in evangelism among the Muslim Kazakhs, who make up the majority of the population in his area. Due to new laws and regulations imposed by the government, Christians in Kazakhstan are now losing their religious freedom.

Greetings to you all who are involved in supporting me and my family. For me personally, it is a manifestation of the indescribable grace of God. For this reason, I thank God and those Christians whose hearts are disposed to sacrifice in this way. Thanks to your ministry, my dream about which I prayed to God has become a reality. I asked the Lord to give me the opportunity to participate in the work of the Church in southern Kazakhstan, so that the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ might be proclaimed in my native Kazakh language.

I myself am a Kazakh, but I have lived in northern Kazakhstan (populated mostly with Russian-speaking people) most of my life. I also was a pastor of a Russian-speaking church there, and I definitely saw the grace of God in all that we did. Realizing

this, I rejoiced and thanked Jesus. Yet in my heart I had the desire to minister to Kazakhs, to share the gospel in their own language. For a small church like ours in the north, where I was one of the pastors, to send out a missionary would be an impossible task.

But now the Lord has answered our prayers and given us the opportunity to begin the work among Kazakhs. At the end of the summer, I moved with my family to southern Kazakhstan. Here I see a completely different context. The people are truly Kazakh and need to hear the gospel in their own language. Now I am realizing my dream, and I am very pleased!

If I ask the question, “How could I have such an opportunity?” I can only give two answers:

1. Due to the glory of God, manifested in His omnipotence – God does what seems humanly impossible.
2. Due to the diligence of Christians like you, through whom this glory has been manifested – Christians seeking to live for Christ, sacrificing time, energy, and money for His gospel.

Therefore, I sincerely thank you for your diligence and kindness. Through your lives, the Name of our Lord is glorified. And here in our city, the Name of the Lord is glorified not only through me, but also by others who live here. They thank the Lord that He has given me the opportunity to come to their city. As they praise God, they also thank Him for you, because the Lord has given this opportunity through your prayers and giving.

I pray, my friends, that the good hand of the Lord will always be on you all! Amen. ■

EUROPE

SPAIN

RUBEN VIDEIRA

In September of 2014, Ruben and his family were sent out by Grace Ministries International to begin training pastors in Ruben's home country of Spain through the Berea Bible Seminary in Leon. The seminary focuses on training pastors, elders, and other men in leadership in expository preaching through seminars and conferences. Through Grace Ministries International, HeartCry is helping Ruben and his family with a portion of their monthly support.

It is a blessing to write and thank you for your generosity toward the Lord's ministry in Leon, Spain. My name is Ruben Videira, and after completing my studies at the Master's Seminary, I was sent with my family by Grace Community Church (Sun Valley, CA, USA) to serve in northern Spain at the Evangelical Church of Leon and at Berea Seminary. It is an absolute joy for us to be here, especially for me, since I grew up in Galicia, in northern Spain. I never expected that in God's providence I would be serving Him in my own country. It truly is a privilege to see the Lord's faithfulness to provide for our every need through His people all over the world, including you, in order that we may minister to His Church.

The Lord's abundant grace and generosity has allowed us to be part of the faithful teaching of God's Word in our church in Leon, helping to spread Christ's glorious Name and a desire to know Him through the Scriptures among people from all over Spain and even in some neighboring countries. It has been incredible to see the Lord's work in the lives of the men whom the other professors and I at Berea Seminary have had the privilege of teaching. These men

are either elders or serve in a form of leadership in their churches, and they desire to be better equipped to teach the Word faithfully to their congregations. Many of them have testified that understanding the sufficiency, inerrancy, and efficiency of the Word has changed not only their personal lives but also the lives of their families and churches. Because they have all become more faithful to preach Scripture literally and in its context, they have seen spiritual growth in some of the people of their congregations. Unfortunately, another result of the difference in their preaching of the Scriptures has been rebellion toward the authoritative teaching of the living Word of God. Still, they are encouraged and desire to stand firm on Scripture, and this is a great incentive to continue studying and growing in Christlikeness ourselves.

We praise the Lord for His work through the seminary. He is good! Among the students who are studying, there is even an American missionary to Morocco who travels to Leon to be better equipped – even though he has been in the ministry for twenty-five years! Your giving has also provided the funds for an entire library for Berea. The students will be able to use those resources to further deepen their study of the Word, and for this we are greatly thankful.

By God's grace, He is using our church and the ministry here to spread His fame throughout Spain. Through members of our church who contended for years with the government, public school students can now attend Evangelical classes, which are being offered in the place of classes on Catholicism and Judaism. The government has also given free land to our church to build a new church building, which is a historical event in this country! The church in Leon also hosts camps and conferences year-round. Additionally, we hold the Berea Conferences, where

godly preachers come to expound the Word, thereby giving others the opportunity to experience expository preaching, which even gives some the desire to study at Berea Seminary.

These are definitely historical times for us and it truly is a privilege to be a part of it. Our greatest desire

is that we could serve here until our last breath. The Lord has been very merciful to use your giving through HeartCry to spread the good news of the gospel throughout Spain, and we pray that you would continue to do so in order to shine the light of His glory even brighter.

SWEDEN

DANIEL NOREN

Daniel is a native Swede living and ministering in Bergsjön, which is a suburb of Gothenburg. This is an immigrant area with 144 nationalities and many unreached people groups represented. Daniel is passionate to reach out both to immigrants and his fellow Swedes. He also serves as an elder of Gothenburg International Baptist Church (<http://gibk.se>). Daniel's ministry includes preaching and teaching the Word of God, evangelism, counseling, and discipling. He also helps oversee HeartCry's work in Sweden. Additionally, he serves as a board member of Reformedia (<http://www.reformedia.se>) and works closely with Daniel Lundgren and Ola Nilsson in their translation and publishing work. He and his American wife Hannah have three children: Lydia, Markus, and Elizabeth.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: From those of us who are serving in Sweden, we want to say a heartfelt "thank you." Sweden might seem like a cushy place to do ministry, but the tide is surely strong against Christians here!

Again and again we meet fellow believers who are very hungry for fellowship and solid teaching; and, thanks to HeartCry's initiative, we have been able to put solid Christian Swedish literature into their hands. Some examples of the books that have been published are *What Is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert, *What Is a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever, *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die* by John Piper, *The Gospel's Power and Message* by Paul

Washer, and *Family Worship* by Don Whitney. Many times in the past year we have heard of Swedish churches getting their hands on these books and starting to implement changes as they seek to become more biblical. One traveling evangelist was out in the countryside and spontaneously decided to participate in a Bible study at a local church, only to find that they all had *What Is the Gospel?* in their hands as their study text!

We have also hosted several conferences, and many believers who are hungry for a greater understanding of the gospel have been able to take part. There have even been a few people who have moved their families closer to our local fellowship in order to be a part of the life and body of the church plant in Gothenburg. Through certain sermons on our website that we have translated and given subtitles, several believers with whom we now have fellowship and who come from very difficult backgrounds have had their lives completely changed as they have heard the true gospel. Many people in Sweden are able to watch weekly sermons from our church plant, and we regularly hear feedback from people who are encouraged by the consistently Bible-based and expository preaching.

We are working to plant a church in a suburb of Gothenburg. In our area there are more than 144 nationalities represented, and many of



the immigrants are from unreached people groups. We are planting a church, but we are only scratching the surface when it comes to the possibilities of outreach in our area. So many refugees, so many unreached people, and while sometimes at our evangelistic meetings we have more than fifteen nationalities represented, it is still just a drop in the bucket. Pray that the Lord would place people in our path whom He is drawing to Himself and that our church would be a foretaste of Revelation 7:9.

We have regularly seen good fruit from inviting people in our church to join us in doing book table evangelism at a local international market. Thanks again to our partnership with HeartCry, we can give out portions of the Bible in more than sixty different languages; and in the process, we are able to train up believers in our church in how to evangelize the lost. An especially joyful experience for us has been the opportunity to give out Arabic New Testaments to the many Syrian refugees that we meet.

FRANCE

DOMINGOS R.

After graduating from Bible school in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Domingos and his wife were called to France. Domingos is currently helping to pastor a new church plant in one of France's major cities. By focusing on the development of the local church he is pastoring, his desire is to see native French pastors raised up and sent out for the establishment of more biblical churches throughout the country.

Dear HeartCry partners: We believe that one great way to honor God and to love our neighbors is to seek the conversion of the lost. On the cross, Christ showed us that there is no price too high to be invested in this cause. Through the many challenges we have faced, this conviction has sustained us and encouraged us to continue to fulfill our calling.

For this reason, I cannot fully express our gratitude to God and our admiration for the lives of those who have generously and faithfully contributed toward the progress of the gospel in France, in an area that is extremely resistant to the gospel. Your faithful generosity has allowed us to better serve our Lord here.

In a very practical way, we are happy to point out some of the ef-

fects of your help in our lives. From the time we arrived in France in 2011, we depended considerably on my wife's employment, both financially and for our visas. It was a hard time for us as a family, since she had to work as a consultant ten to twelve hours a day, and she hardly had time to be with our two young daughters, both of whom have been born since we arrived on the mission field.

We had been praying and waiting for her to obtain her French citizenship so that she would be able to quit her job. We had been waiting eagerly for this since we arrived, and it just became a reality in recent days! However, since our need was also financial, it was only through your support that she has finally been able to leave her job.

Your support has been a tremendous blessing, and we are now experiencing the best season as a family that we have had since we arrived in France. Now that Mayra has left her job, she can spend more time taking care of our family, and she is able to be more involved in church activities. Your support has also enabled me to be more dedicated to the demands of our church, which is growing by the grace of God. We are now better able to balance our time as a family with the requirements of ministry, and we can serve in peace and joy. For this, we will be forever grateful for you.

GERMANY

PETER SCHILD

Peter Schild is planting a church in the city of Frankfurt, Germany. Throughout the week, he is teaching, preaching, discipling, counseling, and evangelizing. Peter is married to Priscilla and the father of Josiah and Elijah.

Dear highly esteemed partners in the gospel: I am writing to you to express my deepest gratitude to those who make it possible for me to live and to serve full-time in the ministry in Frankfurt, Germany.

My little family and I (Peter, Priscilla, Josiah, and Elijah) cannot thank you enough for your generous and faithful financial contributions over the years, as well as all of your

prayers and encouragement. Because of your compassionate giving, I am now able to serve as a church planter and to reach numerous people for Christ in this godless city.

Thanks to you all, I can concentrate completely on praying, studying, preaching, teaching, counseling, training, and evangelizing. Be assured that we as a church plant greatly appreciate our partnership in the gospel with you. Eternity will reveal what God has done through your loving assistance.

There is no way to fully express my gratitude for your loyalty, but I trust my Lord will reward you abundantly for all the good you have done for my family and our church.



NATHANAEL ARMISEN

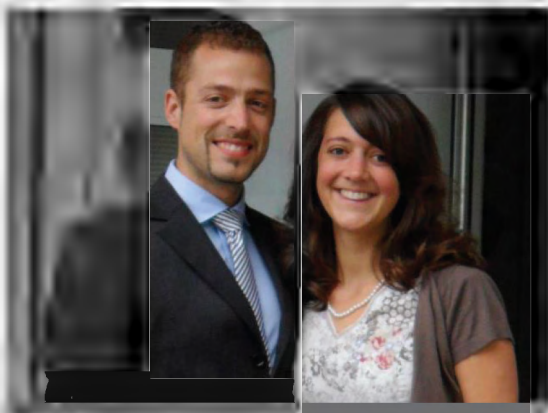
Nathanael is a pastor in the Evangelical-Reformed Baptist Church in Wetzlar, Germany. His outreach includes teaching, preaching, and evangelism. He is married to Dominique and the father of Jael.

As a missionary and pastor in Wetzlar, Germany, I thank God for using His faithful ones. I thank God for your generosity, for your support, for your most valuable prayers, and for your devotion in the ministry of the gospel. As a young church (planted in 2009), we had to withstand strong storms that could have easily destroyed the tender church plant. Only through the support of God's faithful people providing for the ministry could the church continue in regular worship, in preaching the Word of God, in evangelizing, and in moving forward once the storms had quieted. God has granted the church provision through your support, and He has also granted us spiritual fruit and the wonder of conversion.

Now, years later, we are beginning the process of planting a new

church in Frankfurt, and we are seeing once again the gracious hand of God in granting repentance and faith to more people and adding to the number of His faithful.

I thank God for your service. I thank God for your faith. I thank God for your partnership in the gospel. I thank God for His wisdom in using and blessing His faithful ones for the glory of His great Name. May His praise spread wide in this barren country and cause overflowing thanksgiving to the One to whom belongs the earth and all that is in it!



ROMANIA

SORIN PRODAN

Sorin serves as the HeartCry Director in Eastern Europe. He directs ministries in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine. His responsibilities include overseeing and training our missionaries in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Sorin is also planting a church in the Romanian city of Brasov.

It has now been more than fifteen years since HeartCry started to support church planters in Eastern Europe under a sound biblical teaching and a healthy vision of investing in indigenous missionaries. We can only deeply thank the Lord and the HeartCry partners who have been used by God to support for such a long time all the missionaries and their families to labor on the mission field. During these years, things have changed dramatically in Europe, as the European Union extended its borders in the East, which opened new doors for the gospel.

The key focus ever since HeartCry established a new mission field in Eastern Europe was to plant solid, biblical churches that would impact more communities of people and even the entire nations of Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Serbia, Hungary, and others. Over fifty church plants have been established in these countries as a result of this vision. We especially focused on some of the most needy areas, but at the same time we did not neglect some of the major cities, which could ultimately have great influence at a regional and even global level. The uniqueness of this vision is the establishment of mission *teams* who work to plant churches, instead of *individuals* who would labor in isolation.

A second focal point, in addition to the support and care for these missionary families is biblical training. Ever since the mid-1990's, HeartCry has annually held two major training conferences, along with some other

local conferences. The goal of these conferences is to equip the HeartCry missionary families, their disciples, and their churches with a good and sound biblical doctrine. Thus, some of the best teachers and theologians were sent from the United States to Romania to train our men both in theology and in living a holy life and walking with the Lord. The conferences stay in close connection with the Theological Training by Extension program, which is now getting close to marking a decade of existence. HeartCry has provided every year at least five fundamental works of Reformed theology, Christian history, counseling, biographies, etc., with the purpose of connecting the sixty students in a network of consistent training and mutual encouragement in knowing the Lord better and serving His Kingdom.

Not of less importance is the ministry among the Gypsy people in Romania. This ministry comprises of the church plants and literacy schools in the Bucharest area. The campus ministry in some of the major universities in Romania must also be mentioned, as this is one of the most needy and difficult ministries that has been supported all these years.

Much of your support has also been directed to ministry resources, such as Bibles, books, and tracts, which are of great need in the evangelistic outreach of hundreds of communities. Some construction projects were also assisted by HeartCry, as new churches were planted and needed a place for worship. A significant number of missionaries were helped in acquiring reliable vehicles or other means of transportation. HeartCry also did not forget men who were sick and could not serve for a while, continuing to faithfully support their families and even provide for their medical services. Much more could be added to all these ways of ministry investment, but space and time do not allow.

I wish I could give you the number of all those who were saved over this last period of fifteen years, but

that is something that we will all hear and celebrate in heaven. I can only say that we have seen the hand of God in using HeartCry in a unique way to bless Eastern Europe with many good and healthy churches that were established and in influencing perhaps hundreds of other churches in getting a better view of sound doctrine and a passionate life for God.

On behalf of all of the HeartCry missionaries and their families from Eastern Europe, I want to thank

you and honor you for playing a significant role through financially supporting and prayerfully assisting the work that is done in Eastern Europe and in so many other areas across the globe. We are deeply thankful for you and your families, who sacrifice with joy for the sake of the gospel. We pray for you, and we look forward to meeting you on that Day, when we will all celebrate the fruit of Christ's suffering and rejoice over the reward of all those who were faithful in serving the Savior!

ADRIAN AUGUSTIN

Adrian, who is called Adi by his friends and colleagues, lives in the city of Brasov, Romania. He and his wife Paula have three daughters. Adi serves Providence Church in Brasov as an evangelist. His bold preaching and his powerful presentation of the gospel have given him a unique ministry in the community.

My beloved brothers and sisters: It has already been four years since we were received into the HeartCry family. During these years, it has been beautiful to watch how Christ has been and is being exalted in places that are difficult to reach with the gospel. It is truly a privilege to see the Lord working through us and to see how He has used the HeartCry family to support us on the mission field.

As we minister in Brasov, we have witnessed people being converted and turning to God with all their hearts. Sadly, we have also seen many who refuse to listen to the voice of God as He speaks through His Word. This has shown us that the gospel draws a response from people, whether negative or positive. In either case, we find our joy in exalting Jesus Christ.

Our brothers in HeartCry have continually encouraged us to look to Christ and the gospel, even though many times we have been discouraged and tempted to grow weary. The perseverance with which you have shown your love to us in Christ through prayer and giving has encour-



Adrian and Paula, with daughters Sarah, Adriana and Haniela, and son Augustin.

aged us, knowing that thousands of hearts are praying for the advancement of the Kingdom of Heaven in Romania. Eternity will reveal the great joy with which you will be received at the gates of glory when you hear the Master's voice saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21). Through your sacrificial giving, thousands of people have heard the gospel and received a strong witness to the fact that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near to them.

During our time here, we have observed people from all social classes being exposed to the beauty of grace. The Lord has saved homeless people, whom society would have never given a second chance. We have seen alcoholics converted, some of whom now

have families and are members in local churches. Others, despite rejection from their families, have continued to keep the faith. It is a joy to see wondrous things such as a man who once persecuted his wife because of her faith now praying together with her that the Lord would restore their marriage! I feel like a little child that the Father takes into His bosom and says, "Look, son. Look at My beauty, and look how My Spirit changes lives as I use you, a weak vessel which carries the great treasure of the gospel!"

It has been amazing to witness the works of God. Though for a short time we faced persecution, in it we saw the Lord's saving hand. Even when Sorin and I were arrested back in the summer of 2012 and retained for a short time by the police under the pretext of disturbing the public peace, we saw the hand of God.

Grace was given to us, and shortly after those events, the court in Brasov canceled the fine due to a lack of evidence. This encouraged us to continue proclaiming the gospel on the streets and in crowded places, no matter the consequences.

Let me close this letter with a prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for your glorious gospel. I acknowledge my unworthiness, and I am sorry for each and every time that I do not rise to the height of Your call or I am afraid when people reject the Good News. I thank you for all the brethren who support the ministry of HeartCry. Please reward them and bless their families and the churches where they worship in Your Name. Keep them strong in the faith, and help us all to love You more so that your glory may be manifested through your Church. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray. Amen!*

COSTEL GHIOANCA

Constantin, known as Costel to his friends and fellow workers, is a church planter in the capital city of Bucharest, Romania. He recently founded Adonai Baptist Church of Bucharest and is serving as its pastor. He is married and has two children. Costel speaks English very well and is an excellent translator. He has a great gift of sharing the gospel with the people of Bucharest.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: My name is Costel Ghioanca, and I serve as pastor at Adonai Baptist Church of Bucharest. I am married to Christiana, and we have been blessed by God with two children: Theophilus, who is six years old, and Elias, who is four years old.

In 2013, our family moved to Bucharest, the capital city of Romania, in order to plant a new church. It was challenging for us, as moving to a new place always is, but we are thankful to God for providing us with all the resources we needed. Also, we would like to express our gratitude to all of you, brothers and sisters in Christ, who support us in

the ministry with your prayers and donations, even though you do not know us personally. We know that you do it out of love for God and for us, and we are very thankful for that!

The support that you provide has helped us with our daily needs as a family, and it has also helped us carry out the different ministries of our newly established little church. We have been able to pay the rent for the place where we meet for worship and to develop some evangelistic projects using these resources. We even bought fifty new chairs and a keyboard piano for our church. Other money has gone to Christian literature, which we offer to people during street evangelism. We understand that we need to show love to others as well, so we have also helped those who are in need: poor people, orphans, widows, and the elderly.

Our desire is to continue with these ministries, and we pray that through them God will save more and more people in Bucharest. Please pray for us as a family and for Adonai Church. May God continue to bless you all! ■

MIDDLE EAST

DR. ANDREW (PROTECTED)

Dr. Andrew is a church planter in the Middle East. He and his wife have been called to build up and equip the Arabic-speaking churches in the Muslim world by teaching them the Bible and mobilizing them to plant indigenous churches among difficult-to-reach Arab communities.

Dear brothers and sisters: A quick look at the situation in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) reveals a diverse picture of countries that abide in devastating civil war and violence, like Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Libya. Other countries are experiencing political challenges after the fall of their ruling governments during the “Arab Spring” and the rise of the Muslim brotherhood. On top of that, the population of Christians has been greatly diminishing, as many Christians have fled their homes because of violence and persecution. These factors and many others have made MENA one of the most challenging areas in the world for missionaries to serve.

Despite the struggling economy and the growing violence in MENA, the Church continues to be God’s

light in the midst of darkness. All reports from the field show that the Church in MENA is continually advancing. We have experienced people from a variety of backgrounds coming to faith, resulting in a shift in the previous trends – more new believers are now coming from a Muslim background. Instead of seeing new church buildings being built, we see more and more underground churches being planted. Believers are meeting in secret all across the Muslim world.

Today, I am writing this letter on behalf of the HeartCry team in the Middle East to personally thank you for your love, prayers, and sacrificial giving. Your generous gifts have helped the Arabic-speaking Church to impact the lives of Muslims and spread the true gospel of Christ among unreached groups. This year, the Lord has been faithful to help us in planting new churches, teaching the Bible to many new believers, sharing Christ with many Muslims, helping many refugee families, empowering the faith community in various restricted and hostile nations, and baptizing many new believers.

Thank you again for your love and support, and please know that we will keep lifting you before the throne of our Father.

TURKEY

FIKRET BOCEK

Brother Fikret pastors a growing congregation in a major city in Turkey. He also works to translate sound literature into the Turkish language; this is the project that HeartCry supports in Turkey.

Dear HeartCry: We are so thrilled to be able to work with you in the translation ministry for the nation of Turkey. Most of the sound theological books that are available

here have been made available because of your support.

The country of Turkey, with its 99.9% Muslim population, is still one of the largest unevangelized nations on earth. Though there are now five thousand visible Muslim-background believers in Turkey, there is still very little sound theological teaching. But with HeartCry’s help, we have been able to translate dozens of books and articles that are helping believers to grow in the knowledge of the Scriptures and thereby to know God intimately. Your work has been invaluable in the growth of these resources.

We have a huge task before us: to make the gospel known in Turkey and to nurture new converts into strong and mature believers. The availability of the resources we have translated is a huge part of this task. We believe that the future advance of the

gospel and of solid, biblical teaching in Turkey will one day be traced back to the significant work of HeartCry in translating these books. Assuredly, these resources will have long-lasting consequences in the lives of many churches and individual believers.

ISRAEL

SAMUIL L.

Samuel is a Jewish Christian from Ukraine who ministers to the Russian-Jewish Christian population in Israel. He also serves as the pastor of Light of Life Congregation.

Dear friends: *Shalom*, peace to you in our Lord Jesus! Kind greetings from Israel! We thank you sincerely for your prayers for our nation and for the Israelis, specifically “for their salvation” (Romans 10:1). God is faithful, and He answers prayer! We can testify that the Body of the Messiah is growing in our country. The Lord opens new hearts to His grace in Jesus.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for our ministry, for participating in our needs, and for your care. The love of God is seen in you, and this encourages us all.

Though there remains opposition from rabbinical Judaism and anti-missionary organizations, the Lord is blessing the gospel in our land and is

revealing new opportunities for us to reach people.

The budget of our church is modest. However, the Lord sent you to us to help meet our needs. You are wonderful friends, whose support helps us in many ways. One of these ways is by enabling us to publish and distribute gospel literature and books for discipleship. This is a wonderful way for us to make new contacts with unbelievers whom we meet in the streets. We invite them to our meetings and visit them. We see that your financial help is a direct response to God’s call of “contributing to the needs of the saints” (Romans 12:13). Thank you! Praise the Lord for you!

Please pray for the spiritual growth of believers in Israel, for the training and preparation of leaders for ministry, for the planting of new churches, and for the salvation of the lost. We need your prayers!

Our dear friends, we also continue to pray for you, your churches, your ministry, and the salvation of those who are near you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (I Thes. 5:28). Amen.

LEONID B.

Leonid has planted two small churches among Russian-Jewish Christians in a city in Israel. He also leads an evangelistic tour ministry and performs Evangelical music concerts in cities throughout Israel. Additionally, he is a published writer.

Dear brothers and sisters! I am warmly grateful to you for the financial help that you give to HeartCry. I can truthfully say that “I thank my God in all my remem-

brance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all” (Philippians 1:3-4).

Your gifts and prayers help me very much in my service to Jesus in two different congregations. I feel support from your prayers daily. I conduct tours of evangelism in areas where there are often trials, but I know that you pray for me and that God is always with me! In answer to your prayers, the Lord has given me safety and strength in service. ■

LATINAMERICA

PERU

IVAN TASSARA

Ivan graduated from a Bible academy in the Dominican Republic and is now serving as the pastor of "Jesus Is the Only Hope" Church in Sullana, Peru.

We are very grateful for your support. We thank God for putting in your heart the desire to give; and we also thank each of you, because you have given according to your ability and, in some cases, even beyond your ability. It has been a great help for us! Your support has provided for our needs, and as a result I have been able to devote more time to the ministry of the Word of God. In an indirect way, you have been an example for our own local church, which has learned to follow the pattern you have given them of love for and generosity toward the work of the Lord.

- We must praise God for His provision, and you are the channel through which we receive His provision. One example of the support that we have received is the library given to us for

the church. It was something that our church could not afford, but it was given to us in order that our church might be nourished in sound doctrine and teaching.

The time that I now can devote to the ministry is invaluable. In addition to our church services, I visit the brothers and sisters from church almost daily, I preach in homes every Friday, we travel to visit other churches around us that need to be strengthened, I am able to have quality time in my own personal study of the Word, and I am able to spend quality time with my wife. All of that would not be possible without your support.

Thanks be to God for allowing your eyes to be opened to the need in missions. Though we do not know you, we love you, and we know that you also love us with the love of our Lord. The Scriptures are true in showing us the cooperation that there ought to be among believers. God has united us for the gospel and for the benefit of His Kingdom. I am deeply thankful in Christ.

WALTER ISSE

Walter is a native of Argentina and is currently pastoring La Iglesia del Salvador ("The Church of the Savior") in Barranco, Lima, Peru.

One of my primary responsibilities is to preach the Word of God every Sunday. Some years ago, I carried out this responsibility while at the same time working a full-time job. The job was located far from my home, and between the two-and-a-half hour commute and a nine-hour workday, it required much of my time. I devoted the additional time that I had to serving and being with my wife Gabriela and our two

children, visiting the brothers and sisters of the church, preparing sermons each week, nourishing my own soul through personal times of devotion with our Lord Jesus Christ, and developing my own personal studies with the goal of growing in the knowledge of Christ and the Scriptures. I also tried to find time to spend with other pastors and friends in the faith to mutually edify one another and hold one another accountable in our lives before the Lord.

Perhaps at this point some of you are wondering why I am giving so many details about my life in the past, when I worked a full-time job. I do so to show that a life of ministry has many demands and responsibilities,



and with a full-time job, a pastor is often left without the necessary time to devote to the study of God's Word, sermon preparation, and service to the members of the local church. While being a bi-vocational pastor or missionary can be a wonderful (and at times necessary) experience, it is also very difficult and even stressful to try to balance our responsibilities with family, friends, work, and ministry. But two years ago, through all those who are faithfully part of HeartCry's ministry, the Lord began to give me the financial support I needed to be able to carry out my ministerial responsibilities full-time.

We do not cease to bless the Lord for this incredible mercy toward us! As a family, we now find ourselves in a substantially different situation than what we had some time ago. Our time together has increased, and many of our financial concerns have been dispelled. Because of the monthly support that we receive, I can spend my time each day fulfilling my ministerial responsibilities before the Lord and to the church, and my wife is able to spend the day taking care of our children and our home. We have been enormously blessed through your offerings and sacrificial donations.

Being completely dedicated to the work of the ministry has had an impact on me, as I am now able to spend more time in the study of God's Word. As a result, it has also had an impact on the church that I serve, since they are being taught and nourished through the Word, and their lives are being conformed to godliness. The time that I have to prepare to preach the Word with power and effectiveness is very important and even crucial. We do know

that our sufficiency does not come from ourselves but from God, and we understand that we do not preach in words of human wisdom but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Nevertheless, the time that we spend preparing to preach in hope and belief that our sermons will be used by the Lord Jesus Christ for the edification of His body is extremely important.

For an effective ministry and powerful preaching, it is important that the minister spend time preparing himself before God. The work that we carry out is done first of all before God, and to seek to rightly handle the Word of truth is a serious duty! We are not teaching our own ideas, but the Word that God Himself inspired in order for His people to know His will!

For all of the reasons that I have mentioned, I give thanks to God that I am now able to spend the necessary time carrying out the important ministry of studying the Scriptures in order to faithfully teach them. I must say that I would not be able to do so without the support that my good God and Father provides through those who give sacrificially. I finish by profoundly thanking the Lord for all the brothers and sisters that contribute through HeartCry in order that I might devote myself full-time in service to God.

May the words of the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15:58 be a continual encouragement for all those who participate in the Great Commission by means of giving and praying for those who go: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

JOSE LUIS SIANCAS

Jose Luis is the co-pastor of Jesús Es la Puerta ("Jesus Is the Door") Baptist Church in Sullana, Peru. He also teaches and leads the theological education by extension program in several rural locations.

Beloved brothers and sisters: I thank God for the way He has used each of you in the extension of the kingdom of God in all the world. Your prayers, donations, and love for God's work have caused the gospel to run forward in our country. Churches have been edified, mission-

aries have been supported in the ministry, laborers have been equipped, missionary families have been sustained through sickness, pastors have received constant biblical training, and church buildings have been constructed and improved.

Allow me to report a few specific areas in which HeartCry has been present and we have been supported.

One of the ways that I have seen HeartCry help the work in Peru is in the construction and improvement of church buildings where the people of God meet. Our own building in Mallaritos was constructed in part through the support of HeartCry, and others in Sullana were made more suitable through the donations that you kindly gave. It is certain, beloved brothers and sisters, that your offerings have made these construction projects possible.

HeartCry has also supplied us with pastoral libraries as well as libraries for local churches. Personally, I have benefited from the books that HeartCry generously gave me in order to deepen my understanding of the Scriptures and of everything related to the Church. My brothers and sisters, I have been profoundly edified through these books. I love to read – especially the books that HeartCry puts in my hands, for I recognize that the literature we are given is God-centered. Our own local church in Mallaritos was also blessed with a library so that the members of the church could deepen their study of the Word. I will add that I have also been a witness of the many libraries that HeartCry has placed in the hands of pastors in the mountains, plus the distribution of Bibles for believers that do not have one.

Oh, beloved brothers and sisters, thank you very much! Thank you for your collaboration in putting into our hands resources of the highest quality. I must confess once again that my personal study through the Scriptures and the books that I have been given have changed and enriched my life and the lives of others as well.

I want to thank HeartCry and all those who partner with us, because not only have you provided us with

good books, but you have also provided me personally with a laptop and a projector to use for the training of pastors in the mountains. Many of the pastors in the mountains learn more effectively if they are able to observe diagrams and presentations that allow them to visualize the information that they receive. Technology is good when used for the glory of God.

Another way in which HeartCry has worked together closely with us has been through the provision of needed resources to travel and visit churches in the mountains, far from the city. Personally, I have been supported with all that I need for such trips. For a long time now, your support has allowed me to be involved in strengthening the churches and encouraging pastors, and this is something that I will continue to do by the grace of God.

HeartCry has also supported the other missionaries and me when there have been health needs. I would like to share a personal testimony of this in my own family. Some years ago, my youngest daughter became seriously ill, and the doctors in the north of Peru where we live could not determine the cause of her high and constant fevers. We decided to take her to Lima, where specialists in child illnesses could study her case, and we ended up spending almost an entire week there. God used HeartCry to help us with the expenses of our daughter's treatment. Our daughter is now healthy, and my wife and I always remember how God provided for us through HeartCry, and we pray to God in thankfulness for that.

When I think about those who support HeartCry, all that I feel is gratitude, love, and humility. I realize that, rather than investing in other things, you have decided to invest in the ministry of the Word in missions. I want you to know that our work together in the Lord is not in vain.

Dear brothers and sisters who are reading these lines, "Thank you!" Thank you for helping in the work of missions in Peru and in the rest of the world. May the grace and peace of our God be with you all!

WEHRNER PANCORBO

Wehrner is the pastor of Iglesia Cristiana de Gracia ("Grace Christian Church") in Cuzco, Peru.

My name is Wehrner Pancorbo, and I am forty-three years old. I have been serving our God as a missionary and pastor for twenty-three years. My wife Lupita and I have been married for eighteen years, and we have been blessed with three children. My oldest son is named Wehrner Josué, and he is seventeen years old. We also have twins, Eleazar and Eliseo, who are ten years old.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in the work of the ministry and to be part of the group of believers that serve Him in all the world. At the same time, I give many thanks to all of the brothers and sisters who support HeartCry and who, month after month, are faithful stewards in the use of the money that God has given them. Your support provides for my family's needs, and it also gives me the ability to devote myself full-time in service to our Lord. Through your donations, we are working together in service to the Almighty God. My family and I are very grateful, and we pray for all those who contribute to this ministry.

Truly, beloved brothers and sisters, I feel toward you the same way that Paul felt toward the Philippians (4:10-20). From the time HeartCry began to participate with me in the work of the gospel, I have been able to serve the Lord without much concern about financially providing for my family. Before I had received

HeartCry's support, I had to work a part-time job in addition to my responsibilities as pastor. As a result, I had less time to spend studying the Scriptures, because I had to provide for my family's needs.

When I began receiving support in 2008, I was pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. After serving with that church, I was then sent out to plant another church in a Quechua community in Chiclayo, which we gave the name Ebenezer Baptist Church of Sinchihual. We praise God for those two churches, and I believe that without your financial support, your prayers, and God's care for us through you, it would not have been possible to serve the Lord in those ministries in the same way.

By the grace of God, I now live in Cuzco, and I am planting a new church called Grace Christian Church. Because of HeartCry's help, I can devote myself full-time to service to the Lord by evangelizing, discipling, studying the Scriptures, preparing sermons, and discipling my family.

Brothers and sisters, we are very grateful for all of the effort that you show on behalf of the servants of God around the world. We encourage you to continue serving the Lord with us and being a part of the service that we give to our God here. As you do, you will all be co-laborers with us in the ministry. I consider you to be my partners in the work that is beginning here in Cuzco.

May the Lord keep and bless all the co-laborers and donors of the HeartCry Missionary Society! ■



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