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Jan 2007 – November 2023 Africa Praise Report **Crusades: 4,108- Salvations: 419,263**

The fact that Linda and I were legally married on December 29th, 47 years ago came to the surface the other day. While in and of itself there is truth in that statement it doesn't define our Godly marriage. "Haven't you read," Jesus replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate.'" (Matthew 19:4-6) Linda and I met in September, Labor Day weekend, and shared our testimonies and our desire to help others in the bondage of addiction. We agreed that during that week, while I went back to the peninsula to work, we would pray and do whatever God told us to do. On Sunday, of the next weekend, we committed ourselves to God and whatever work that He had prepared for us. She loaded up the little that she had in my car and we traveled to the motel on the peninsula we would now be living in totally committed to God and each other.

As much as we knew that God put us together to help people that are broken hearted and crushed in spirit from the moment we met – nothing could have prepared us for the incredible journey that He is taking us on and everyone one of you that we have been privileged to know and journey with. We thank each of you for being a part of this journey and thank God for the hundreds of thousands of souls that we have witnessed the Father sweep up into His eternal arms of joy. We have been blessed at home in the streets, rehabs, jails, prisons, hospitals, migrant camps, reservations, schools and convalescent centers, trips to fellowship with the First Nations in BC, Canada and our brothers and sisters on the Navajo Reservation and almost 200 trips and mission teams to Mexico and now into south Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras. The partnership with you and other co-laborers has allowed us the privilege of watching the Holy Spirit at work in the Body to witness salvations, church planting, bible schools started, fresh water wells drilled and schools built for vulnerable children in Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda and the DR Congo. We are not boasting because it is only God that produces the good fruit and chose us to be born and live in a nation that allows us the privilege to worship the one true God and fellowship with other like-minded believers that are willing to use their "rights and privileges" to fulfill their "duties and responsibilities" to God who has entrusted us with His mission. "And this gospel will be preached to all the nations of the world and then the end will come."

Biblical marriage is the recognition of the work God has done to bring a man and a woman together to bring Him the glory and honor He deserves for making you One. We praise God and celebrate every heartbeat, every breath

and every moment since we became His and seen as One in Christ. We do not celebrate Labor Day weekend or December 29th any more than any other day and plan on living everyday as bread broken and wine poured out to seek and save those that are lost – broken hearted and crushed in spirit.

Now, prayerfully consider this truth.

IF WE LOVE EACH OTHER MORE THAN ANYTHING OR ANYONE AND CAN NOT IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT EACH OTHER, WE NO LONGER HAVE A GODLY MARRIAGE.

Many thanks to the adults and young people that attended our Harvest Kid's and Child's Evangelism Christmas meetings at the Garden of Eden family ministry this month. We were able to crush lots of cans and counted enough money to purchase the last 100 chairs needed for the 300 children from the slums that are now attending the Kibuli Harvest church family in Kampala, Uganda. We also have \$310 toward the \$1,800 needed for their uniforms for the kids so they can be dressed alike when they come to their fellowship.

Thanks to Mama Odette we enjoyed a great time of inter-active worship and added some ASL (American Sign Language) to expand the kingdom a little further. Many thanks to Jeanette and Jeremy from CEF for bringing a wonderful message about Christmas and the gift of God's forgiveness that was paid through Jesus Christ sacrifice on the cross for our sin. Our "Word Up" for the day was "God keeps His promises" and the memorization verse was "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) As always, the kids are given the opportunity to ask Jesus to come into their hearts and begin their new journey of faith. We were blessed to watch a video made in Africa when we visited the two schools that Harvest Kids have supported the last ten years and then were able to travel to South Sudan to introduce the kids there to the program and even have them crush some aluminum cans that we brought from America. We also shared about the birth of Jesus and how Jesus becoming flesh was the way in which our salvation was made possible.

Mama Linda made an African meal for us to enjoy and the kids were able to experience sitting on the floor and eating alongside their Africa brothers and sisters eating with their hands with no utensils. We enjoyed singing the Christmas carols we later sang when we visited the residents at the "Where the Heart Is" assisted care home in Burlington. The lives of these young people and the precious residents being blended together for that short time we were given with them in their "home" was the best "Presence" God could have ever blessed us with and it was hard not to imagine we were all standing together at the manger on that special night so many years ago when the baby Jesus was born.

Mexico and Central America

As the cold weather begins to be more prevalent here in the northwest, it would seem natural to have a yearning to go and visit our friends and co-laborers in the sunny south and this year is no exception. Actually for our first many years taking teams from northwest Washington, the school winter breaks were always the season when we would sometimes send teams that over-lapped because of the two weeks the kids and youth were out of school. It obviously was always easier to create interest because different than the summer when kids are more scattered the young people generated a lot of interest with their school friends which made it easier for the teams to come together. Always a challenge, because to keep the mission trips affordable we always drove, which gave team members the opportunity to get to know each other before we crossed into Mexico but required us being careful about the mountain pass conditions and restrictions. Lots of fond memories and lifetime friendships were started. We have been blessed to receive some very nice photos of the Ciudad Arce church fellowship in El Salvador that Pr. Sergio started just two years ago and we always blessed to see it's growth and hear the testimonies of how they are growing and making a difference in their community. We have a few local people here in Skagit Valley who are considering making a mission to visit and support the work there this year and also to visit Miguel and Olivia in San Luis, Mexico.

Miguel and Olivia are busy but moreso during the holiday season when many people that live in the USA return to visit their families in San Luis. Also, there are church families from the USA that do ministry outreach during the Christmas holidays when their kids are not in school and they are available to help coordinate and translate where needed. We are blessed that their oldest son, Yvonne, lives with them and is available to help with the over-all ministry as well as a new ministry partner, Maria, who coordinates her evangelistic ministry out of the mission home. They are still working with some ministry partners that have purchased and are starting a ministry in the cardboard city perimeter at the outskirts of the main city. We are praying for a great harvest in that area. They are working with local church families on building projects, evangelism in the local parks and visitation to hospitals and convalescent centers. Olivia continues to meet with the group of women pastors and leaders that gather every month to pray for unity in the church families and support for outreach to those that are hurt, broken hearted and crushed in spirit in their community and surrounding villages and smaller towns. We are also thankful they are aware and can help some of the home church fellowships that are beginning to be started. We are hoping to make a trip there the first quarter of this year. We are also thankful for the testimonies of the faithfulness of Pr. Obed and his family that coordinate the ministry in a small community across the border of the state of Michoacan in the state of Guerrero in south Mexico. They over-see three small church fellowships throughout the year.

Africa

We are so thankful for the opportunity, responsibility and privilege to be co-laborers with the Harvest Vision coordinators that serve the Body of Christ in their own spheres of influence in the countries of central Africa. These areas include the eastern DR Congo, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya and South Sudan. The sacrifices each one makes, along with their families, to reach those that are broken hearted and crushed in spirit in these areas are an inspiration to everyone that chooses to follow Jesus as He has asked us to do by "denying ourselves and picking up our cross daily and following Him". We appreciate the efforts of our co-laborers in the harvest fields that find the time to share and send these testimonies, not boasting of themselves, but to give God the glory for what He is able to accomplish in concert with the faithful prayers and giving of our co-laborers here in the USA. We are thankful that they were just now able to get their combined testimonies to us for November when they coordinated 25 multi-day outreaches that included door-to-door evangelism, seminars and discipleship training and 1,290 people were saved. From our first visit to Africa in November 2005, the Holy Spirit convicted us to support the workers in the harvest fields in these nations around Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River. Our days and nights were filled with prayer, ministering and seeking direction from the Holy Spirit on how we could best help the laborers in these harvest fields. Ironically, wherever we went there was always time for the kids. Linda would gather them and spend an hour or longer teaching "Jesus Loves Me" in English complete with the hand signs. Always time for balloons or just kicking a ball of rags they used for a soccer ball. Along with the outreaches, crusades, healing, deliverances, Bible schools, church planting and helping meet basic needs were the delight of spending time with the children.

We are blessed to report that many of the new believers are devoting themselves to evangelism. Many of them are young people that are choosing to go to the streets and out to the villages in the rural areas. We are praying for smaller handheld, solar powered megaphones to equip them with and now the numbers are so many that a special training school is being set up for them to attend starting in January. Even as the advancing of the kingdom is increasing so are the spiritual attacks against these faithful and spirit-led believers and their families. In Kaliro, north of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda there was a first time crusade earlier in the year where the witchdoctors had a crusade and many people committed their lives to serve demons. No one had heard of anything like this happening before but the changes in the communities were quick and evil. Kennedy, who coordinated outreaches in Kampala was led to focus solely on this area and began to gather believers to rebuke the witchcraft. It has started an actual revival in the area and the believers and the new converts have been having ongoing prayer meetings seeking the help of the Holy Spirit to counter the evil. It has been reported that 17 shrines have caught on fire and been destroyed with no human involvement. Sadly, witchdoctors in ten different areas have charged believers for setting the fires and now they have to fight those charges with local leaders. We have been blessed to have Joseph, a new coordinator, take responsibility for the ministry in Kampala since Kennedy is now been called to that area.

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Take a moment to look at yourself through the eyes of your Father. He looks down at you through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus who was sent by and for Him to be the Lamb that was slain for your sin so you could see the value He has given to you. PRICELESS! He will love you and be proud of you forever and ever.

How do you respond to a God that would rather die than live with out you?

Live every second, heartbeat and breath bathing in His unconditional love filled with grace and mercy, esteeming even the air we breathe as a precious gift from Him. Our mission is to share the truth of that look from our Father in heaven with everyone He puts in our path.

The **Garden of Eden Family Ministry & Fellowship Center** located at 14799 Avon Allen Rd, Mt. Vernon, WA.

Fellowship Center - Open noon-4pm every Monday - Friday.

Every Monday - Spanish speaking fellowship, 6pm, Fellowship Center. Noe (360) 909-8506, Janine (360) 540-9122

Every Wednesday, worship 6-7pm, prayer 7-8pm, Jesus said, "Can't you watch with Me one hour?" Fellowship center

Every Thursday - Home fellowship, 6pm potluck, 7pm Christian movie & discussion, Fellowship Center.

Every Sunday, Salt & Light fellowship, 3pm- potluck, worship, sharing and praying, Fellowship Center.

Jan 11 - Child's Evangelism Fellowship prayer luncheon, 12:30-2pm, Fellowship Center.

Jan 13 - Harvest Kids (CEF), 11am-1:30pm, 2nd & 4th Saturday, Fellowship Center.

Jan 27 - Harvest Kids, 11am-1:30pm, 2nd & 4th Saturday, Fellowship Center.

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If you would like to make a donation, they can be made on line through the "electronic giving" on the home page of the www.harvestvisionministries.org website. You can also mail donations to Harvest Vision Ministries, 14799 Avon Allen Rd, Mt. Vernon, WA, 98273. All donations are tax-deductible and help advance the gospel of Jesus Christ and build His Kingdom. We operate totally on a volunteer basis and no one receives any compensation for the labor that is required to over-see the ministry. All monies go to our co-laborers that are actively reaching the lost and teaching new believers to be true disciples in the various harvest fields He has called us to.

<p>Garden of Eden Family Ministry 14799 Avon Allen Rd, Mt. Vernon Fellowship Center (open Mon-Fri, noon-4pm), Garden, Playground, Picnic Area</p>	<p>Prayer and Praise Calendar JANUARY 2024</p> <p>Salt and Light: Sun. 3pm, Potluck / Sharing 14799 Avon Allen Rd, MV</p>	<p>Home Fellowship at Fellowship Center Monday, 6pm, Spanish speaking Fellowship Thursday-6pm Potluck/7pm Fellowship Harvest Kids 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11am-1:30pm</p>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 4 That believers of all ages would not be ashamed to use the Spiritual Gifts that God instilled in us.  Salt & Light-3pm	1 David & Carolyn HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator Gulu, N. Uganda {Women's Group 10am} Spanish Speaking 6pm	2 Prayer and financial support for our co-laborers in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo, South Sudan, Mexico and Central America	3 John & Lena Seaman Harvest Vision Fellowship Curlew, WA Worship & Prayer 6pm	4 Simon & Rose HV/Africa Outreach coordinator Northern Kenya {Fellowship-6pm}	5 That we of the flesh allow Him to take control of All situations of our lives	6 May we walk in your goodness knowing your gentle hand will guide us in the ways that you would lead us
7 Jarett & Brianna HV Blue Creek Chewelah/Colville, WA Salt & Light-3pm	8 Titus & Lorna HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator Nomaingo E. Uganda {Women's Group 10am} Spanish Speaking 6pm	9 Isaac & Jose HV Liaison to DR Congo Living in Australia	10 Remember your First Love and that through His death and resurrection we have Life through Him Worship & Prayer 6pm	11 Pray for Childs Evangelism Fellowship and the children they share the Gospel with {Fellowship-6pm}	12 Cecelia Navajo Indian Reservation And other Native American Ministries	13 Harvest Kids and other children's ministries {Harvest Kids 11am}
14 Patrick & Stella Nalidi Grace Orphan School in E. Uganda Salt & Light - 3pm	15 Nelson & Martha HV/Africa Bible School Coordinator Uganda {Women's Group 10am} Spanish Speaking 6pm	16 Obed Garcia Pineda & Zury HVMexico Outreach Coordinator Guerrero	17 Martin & Beatrice Over-all Directors of Ministry for HV/Africa Worship & Prayer 6pm	18 Rashida Nazziwa HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator Kayunga Central Uganda {Fellowship-6pm}	19 Sergio & Gloria HV Coordinators El Salvador	20 Uganda Comfort Africa That many children and families would be touched by the Love of God
21 Evariste & Adele HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator Burundi Salt & Light - 3pm	22 A fresh anointing to fall on those that are willing to deny themselves for Christ {Women's Group 10am} Spanish Speaking 6pm	23 David & Susan Office coordinator HV/Africa Director of Comfort Africa	24 Olivia & Miguel HVMexico Directors of Ministry San Luis, Mexico Worship & Prayer 6pm	25 Christian Community in Alert Bay, Canada {Fellowship-6pm}	26 Jonathan & Eunice Canaan Foundation Primary School (Madilyn's House) in Mukono, Uganda	27 Children and Youth outreaches throughout the world {Harvest Kids 11am}
28 Zakaria & Joyce HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator South Sudan Salt & Light - 2 pm	29 The Body of Christ to use what we have to reach a lost and dying world {Women's Group 10am} Spanish Speaking 6pm	30 Harvest Doves Primary School Kayunga Central Uganda	31 Augustine & Rachel HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator DRCongo Worship & Prayer 6pm	Feb 1 That we would remember that we need Jesus in the good times and the hard times {Fellowship-6pm}	Feb 2 Christopher & Sharon HV/Africa Outreach Coordinator Nebbi, NW Uganda Fountains of Hope Primary School	Feb 3 Kennedy & Joan coordinator Kaliro, central Uganda and over-sight of HVA sound and video equipment

Notes: ** - Events please bathe in prayer a couple of days prior to the event and throughout its duration.