



LOOKING BACK AS WE LOOK AHEAD ...

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The Northington Newsletter

Only 21 months have passed since our return to the U.S., and it's almost mind boggling to reflect on the amount of change that has occurred in our lives and around us during that time frame. I remember the sense of reverse culture shock as we re-acclimated into American life, the tragedy of losing an unborn child and the joy of finding out another one was on the way, the ups and downs of keeping a ministry going in the worst economic times since the depression, fumbling along as new parents while embracing the daily blessings an infant brings, and finally a 3-month ministry tour around this great country where we saw so many incredible people and places.

Now a new chapter begins as this book of our lives continues to grow in length, depth and love. These experiences have brought us much closer as a couple, closer as a family and closer to our Maker. We eagerly anticipate a return to the country, people and ministry that has so deeply impacted our view of the world, ourselves and our God.

As I look back upon the events and circumstances of these many months of preparation for our return, I see the Lord teaching and reinforcing many of the same lessons that accompanied our first term overseas. Do not fear the future, failure or finances. Trust completely in Him and seek Him



first in all we do. Learn to be content in all circumstances, both in times of plenty and in times of little. Wait on the Lord. We sense further refinement by these continued lessons.

As we start this next term, we would like to begin by sharing some of the Scripture verses that have been an encouragement to us and hope they will be an encouragement to you in whatever challenges you may be facing in your own life. Thank you for continuing with us on this journey, as we are in this together as different members of the same body of Christ (Ro 12:4-5).

2Ti 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Pr 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Mt 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Phil 4:12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Ps 27:14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

The Top Three...

Prayer Requests—Pray the Lord will provide...

FINAL APPROVAL FOR SHORT SALE OF HOME	1
FINAL APPROVAL FOR SHORT SALE OF HOME (NEED EXTRA PRAYER FOR THIS ONE)	2
APPROVAL OF OUR GRANT APPLICATIONS	3
Prayers Answered	
A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE RV TOUR	1
REACHED OUR SUPPORT GOAL THIS TERM	2
WISDOM FOR CHLOE'S MALARIAL MEDS & IMMUNIZATIONS	3

Ministry Needs:

- Partners for our "Pick a Project Campaign" (see our web site) & more MONTHLY supporters to build a financially sustainable ministry for the future
- A drill rig (Deeprook Hydra-Drill HD77)
- More workers to join God's purpose in redeeming His people and restoring His Kingdom

Ministry Praises:

- Thanks to Cotton Babies for giving WTM a cloth diaper grant!
- A small miracle occurred when our '81 RV made it back to Florida (;=

PICK-A-PROJECT CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Many opportunities still remain to join WTM's **Pick-a-Project Campaign**. We continue to seek individuals, groups and churches to select specific projects or items in the areas of water, health care or appropriate technology and specific missionary needs in the field.



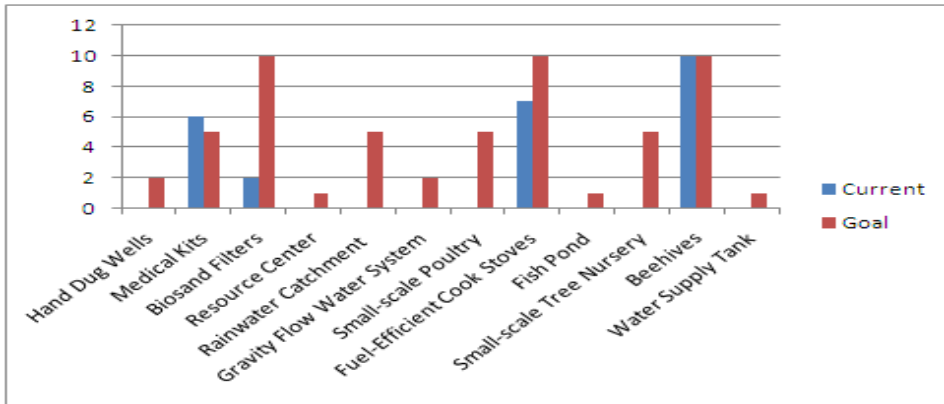
All the projects open doors and build bridges to sharing the Good News where it is unknown or misunderstood, especially among the Fulbe (or Fulani) people who occupy most of the region where we live. Other opportunities exist to assist fellow brothers and sisters who are in desperate need of basic necessities, such as our partners in the Northwest Province who care for abandoned disabled children and other missionaries who are in sub-standard living conditions and cannot focus all of their energy on their respective ministries because they lack basic needs.

We have met our goals for both medical kits and beehives. Our greatest need currently is sponsors for various water projects, from hand dug well and rainwater catchment systems to gravity flow water systems and a water supply tank.

More information regarding specific partnering opportunities in the campaign is available on the WTM web site at:

http://www.transformationalministries.com/pick_a_project.html

Partner today and change a life or entire community!



PRESENTATION AT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH'S UNREACHED PEOPLES NIGHT

Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola is where Tiffany both grew up in her faith and came to know her calling to the mission field. WTM recently had a great opportunity to present at their unreached people



groups night, where 20 different presenters shared with small rotating groups on their particular people. Of course we shared about the nomadic Muslim Fulbe (a.k.a. Fulani) we minister to in Cameroon. After 3 minutes of brief introduction to the Fulbe, the next 3 min-

utes were spent in prayer for them by the group. We would ask that you would continue this prayer effort for the Fulbe and other unreached peoples. We have a daily people group listed on our website homepage for daily prayer opportunities.

Partners in Missions with Chad & Tiffany & Chloe!

We are in need of both monthly supporters as well as project-related gifts.

One-time contributions or monthly "subscriptions" for various gift amounts can be done securely through PayPal on our web page. A receipt is generated electronically for your tax-deductible gift when done in this matter. Visit our home page at www.transformationalministries.com and click on the "Donate" tab at the top.

If you would like to support a specific project or missionary need, please peruse our "Pick a Project" page with descriptions of specific projects, their geographic location, people group and required funding amount.

If you have any problems with submitting your gift online or prefer not to do it this way, gifts can be sent to the following address: **P.O. 9691 Tampa, Florida 33674**

Thank you for partnering with us!

We frequently receive questions in regards to how we raise support, what our budget looks like, and if we met our support goal. The short answer to the latter question is “yes”. The longer response, for those of you who would like to better understand the “mechanics of ministry”, ensues. Our dual desire is to be both transparent on these questions and to help existing and potential supporters better understand how their generous gifts are utilized.

WTM is a small organization, but we are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit, meaning your gifts are tax-deductible and we are potentially eligible for a greater pool of

federal resources. Although we function as any large 501(c)(3), our small size allows us to keep our administrative costs to a bare minimum, which covers things like our web site and annual filing with the State of Florida and IRS. Additionally, thanks to the generosity of another ministry we partner with, Three Strand Cord (www.3strandcord.org), we receive administrative support that we would otherwise lack due to our size. Three Strand Cord also now serves as a central location for the receipt of donations, correspondence, etc. in Tampa, Florida.

Our support-raising methods to date have been very “grassroots” in the sense that is carried out by face-to-face encounters

with friends, families and churches. There is no large organization or church that fully funds our ministry; we operate on a combination of regular monthly gifts, one-time contributions and faith! Our current total annual operating budget is \$29,280, or about \$2,400 monthly. This includes operating costs, living expenses, medical evacuation insurance, VISAs, immunizations, etc. (see the link at www.transformationalministries.com/about_us.html for a break down), which allows us to get to, remain on and return from the field. However, what this does not include is ministry projects monies which are above and beyond these costs.

With all that being said, allow me to explain why answering the question, “Have

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you met your support goal?” is not a simple “yes” or “no”. For the 2010-2012 Term, we have raised enough support in monthly gifts, one-time contributions and future pledges to project out that we will be able to go overseas and live there the next 18 months. There are assumptions here that our monthly gifts will remain constant, pledge commitments will come through and no major costs or changes in budgeted items will show up on the financial radar. Ultimately we would like all of our support needs to be met by monthly donations so that we can better plan, whereas the dependence on one-

time gifts adds a level of uncertainty (and of course faith) when trying to budget and determine time frames.

We can always use more monthly supporters.

Certainly we want to do more than just get to and live in Cameroon, and that’s where ministry project support comes in. This takes on various forms as we pursue creative and effective ways for others to join us in reaching the Unreached. Our “Pick-a-Project Campaign” has been an effort to promote tangible projects in specific places with specific peo-

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

- Ghandi

ple groups (see page 2). Recently we have begun grant applications for bigger projects (discussed below). We will continue to seek innovative and exciting ways to bring project supporters on board to make the best use of our time while in country and the best use of donor dollars.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding these matters. This ministry does not exist without the support and encouragement of people like you. We’re in this together as members of the body of Christ.

GRANT PROJECTS—THE BIG ONES

In addition to our Pick-a-Project efforts, WTM has singled out 3 large projects for grant support. These included:

1. *Installation of a deep, drilled well at the Center for the Empowerment of Females with disabilities in support of a Cameroonian Christian ministry run by Cameroonians*

2. *Continued refugee outreach among Fulbe refugees through the installation of water wells and health clinics in order to build bridges to sharing the Gospel*

3. *Construction of a Resource Center to provide demonstrations of appropriate technologies, educate the community on public health issues, offer up resources for microfinancing opportunities, and create a platform for sharing Gospel materials*



WTM has partnered with the Center for the Empowerment of Females with Disabilities to provide water to 37+ disabled children.

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***Reaching the Unreached one need
at a time...***

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide for the material, spiritual, and social needs of those who need it most through sustainable, transformational development. The Gospel is the source of lasting transformation and offers a plan for a holistic and integrated approach to community development and world change.



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WHAT PERSECUTION CAN LOOK LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY

We've often had people ask us if there is persecution among the Fulbe or ourselves while we are overseas for publicly announcing our faith. For ourselves, there is a fine line between the fact that it is known we are Christians and the fact that we are offering the community various services in the area of water, health, etc. However, for those who are perhaps not of Western origin, the situation is much more dire. Those who are known or suspected of practicing Christianity in this environment face the very real threat of being ostracized by their family and community. In some cases, possessions such as land are taken and individuals are forced to work where they can be observed and ensure they are adhering to the Islamic faith.

Persecution can come in various forms as the following examples will demonstrate. This excerpt was sent to us by a colleague. The story is about a Nigerian man who has endured persecution in all its forms and persevered in his faith. His testimony is an incredible witness to the rest of us who have never endured such

trials as a consequence of practicing our faith. He is also a friend of ours that we ask you pray for as it is certain he will continue to face future trials. Names have been removed to protect identities.

"Y is a young man who was born in a Muslim home in Nigeria and lived there until about three years ago when he fled to Cameroon to save his life. When he became a follower of Jesus his family and those in his neighborhood were so disturbed by this that they sought to take his life. Since being in Bxxxx he has spent much time talking to others about his faith in Jesus and how they too could follow Jesus.

One he recently talked to is a young woman, R, who had a vision of Jesus inviting her to follow him, Jesus. When R's family learned that R was talking to Y they became very distressed and caused Y to be taken before the government authorities as well as the Laamido, the tribal king and himself a Muslim, accusing Y of trying to marry R. They said that he was using conversion to Christianity as a means of causing her to marry him.

As Y and I were talking before he saw the authorities he said that two things were important to him, the first was that he only tell the truth and the second was that he must continue to tell people about Jesus because the Lord Jesus had told him, in the scriptures, that he must do this. To Y it is very clear, if the Lord says so then Y must do so. I pray that I, and each of you, can be so attentive to the word of the Lord as it comes to us.

After Y and R both independently testified that they had not consummated nor discussed marriage they were released with the advice that Y not talk to women about Jesus. Y had to pay a month's salary in court costs. He intends to continue to testify of Jesus' love for him and all people."