Ministry Update

We are so thrilled with what our LORD has done in less than two years. This February will mark the second year of our ministry in the new South Central District. There are now three separate ministry sites, Houston, Tulsa and Lowell (Northwest Arkansas) with regularly meeting congregations in each location. Although all of these congregations are self-supporting, two congregations, Lowell and Houston, will be recognized as independent congregations starting in January. It is hoped that the Tulsa congregation might be independent as well in the coming months.

The method of our ministry is simple and we are convinced, Biblically based. The goal is to serve the Kingdom of God. We begin with our family, friends and regular acquaintances, what the Book of Acts refers to as our oikos, usually translated as household. Casual fellowship and visits are opportunities for each of us to share and disciple. This work with individuals grows into small cell groups or home fellowships. When there are enough folks in various cell groups who desire worshiping together, we begin to have regular services. The missionary pastor keeps alert to recognize special needs and opportunities to serve the community, also noting those who are ready to serve, helping them follow their call and minister to their household and community.

Projects for 2019

Our District certainly is not done. We have some projects on our radar, which we hope to initiate in the coming months.

Northwest Arkansas Hindi Outreach

There are about 8,000 residents from India and Pakistan living and working in Northwest Arkansas. Many have jobs in hospitals and clinics in this area as well as with the various businesses associated with Walmart's headquarters. Very few are Christians. But there is an openness to the Gospel that would not be typical in India or Pakistan. The Paul's are both medical doctors who have served on the Global Mission field since 2000. In India they both taught at a medical school and through their service there they now have contacts around the world. With the LORD's confirmation and support, they will begin to serve early in 2019, with small groups in Fort Smith and Bentonville, Arkansas. We are praying for $2,000 per month for their support for the next five years.

South Fork, Colorado

For over a year, we have been aware of a large group of folks from Guatemala working near South Fork, Colorado. Our goal is to promote an evangelistic campaign in this area in late Spring 2019. The goal will be to establish a permanent ministry there. We will try to rent a facility for the week of meetings or possibly use a tent. Further details will follow. Services may be bi-lingual. Keep this outreach in your prayers. This campaign might be a great time to join us on the field. A five-day, out of state, Colorado fishing license is $21.

North Carolina

Rafael Vicente will be visiting us during the holidays. He and his family live in North Carolina. They visited our mini-conference this past May and are sensing a call to initiate one or more ministries in North Carolina. He was the youth pastor at Eben-Ezer, our home church in Chichicastenango. Be in prayer as he and his wife consider a call to this ministry.
Texas

Pastor Abraham and Leslie Hernandez  Pastor Harold and Evelyn Hernandez
We have three sites that we are considering in Texas for new works, Dallas, Beaumont and Brownsville. We have an excellent team of pastors serving in Houston as well as other leaders to help in these projects. Pastor Abraham Hernandez serves as the pastor in Houston and is completing his training for local pastor ordination. Pastor Harold Hernandez, who is also completing local pastor training, has helped in the ministry in Houston as well. Both Harold and Abraham have filled in preaching in Northwest Arkansas and Tulsa as needed. Pray that the LORD leads the right servants and coworkers to us as we reach out in the coming months in these new areas.

Pastor Gus and Sharon Carns
Gus and Sharon have been indispensable in the English speaking Northwest Arkansas ministry. They lead a small group and are active in discipleship. Their discipleship ministry is phenomenal. Pastor Gus will be received as an ordained elder at the Conference this May. Keep them in prayer as they continue to faithfully serve and bear fruit.

Pastor Nelson and Jill Perkinson
Jill and I hope to continue cultivating these and other ministries as your national missionaries. Please keep us in your prayers as we follow Him together with you and our co-laborers in His Kingdom. Our goal is to have $2,000 per month in support for the next five years of ministry. These faith-promise pledges would cover our personal and ministry expenses. Pray that the LORD will lead us and those team-members he has called to serve with us, as we see these opportunities through to completion. May we all contribute our part faithfully.

How is this Working?

Once again, our goal is to serve the Kingdom of the LORD, not build buildings, promote a church or denomination. We will accomplish this by following orders. The LORD gave us precise directions concerning His Kingdom. So it should not be too difficult to follow them.

All of the key ministry members in our projects are folks that knew us, met us or had heard of us in our previous ministries. They were part of our sphere of influence. They were also people who
understood what I was talking about when I emphasized the importance of keeping "the main thing the main thing". They also saw the key role of personal work in serving the Kingdom of God. The miracle is, they did exactly what the LORD told them to do. Here are but a few examples of what followed.

In Houston, folks became aware of those struggling around them. They reached out to them and tried to help them. One family had a little girl named Genesis. She was quite ill. She couldn't go to school or even leave the house. We visited her regularly and prayed with the family. At the last visit we made to pray for Genesis, she was in Children's Hospital in Houston. The doctors had just told the family that there was nothing more they could do and Genesis had only days, possibly a week or two to live. We prayed for a miracle. Specifically we prayed for a miracle that would proclaim the LORD's love and the healing power of our God. Later that day, a Saturday, she began to show signs of improvement. On Monday, she seemed to be symptom free. She returned home on Wednesday and started back to school the following week. The reason the visit I described was the last is because now Genesis comes to us. The congregation has purchased a building, remodeled it and is hoping to start more outreaches in Texas where they have friends and family members. But for them, the building is not the main thing. The lives changed and miracles of renewal are the main thing.

In Tulsa the youth group fasted, took the money they saved, purchased meals and distributed them among the homeless. One man had recently left a drug treatment program and had nowhere to live. The church arranged housing and helped him get a job. Come to find out, this man is a fairly well known professional musician and performer. He has started using his musical talents for the LORD and is reaching out to serve others.

One of the most thrilling testimonies for me is one from Pastor Gus' ministry. He became friends with a fellow and that fellow made a profession of faith and is now beginning a walk with the LORD. It sounds so simple. It is simple. Most of the life-changing moments I have witnessed recently have been in hospitals. But wherever it happens, when the LORD's folks meet the needs of those around them in His name, He is exalted. Those receiving the aid see grace in action. They meet Him. And then they can't let Him go.

Following this way, this pattern, over the past 21 months, our team members have witnessed over 150 first time professions of faith, over 100 baptisms and 65 believers complete new members' classes. These numbers are not the goal. Service to the LORD's Kingdom is. We hold it as an honor that we may share in the ministry of His Kingdom. If you are called to do so, we pray you may accept the honor of serving His Kingdom with us.

**Becoming a Ministry Team Member with Us**

1. Please contact us. Whether you are going to pray for these ministries, promote them in your church, share them with others, financially support them or all of these things, please let us know. Your contact will be a blessing in and of itself. But it will also help us discern the Lord's path for us. Through your participation we may best see how the LORD would have us proceed. Your interest and support will play a critical role in the process of discerning the LORD's will. So let us know if you are interested, concerned and if you want to be an active part of our ministry team by sending us an email, letter, text or phone message at:

   Email - globalnely@gmail.com   Mail - 2105 Shadow Lake Dr., Greenwood, AR 72936
   Phone call or text - 479-629-1667.

   In the future, we will include you in all our regular ministry updates. Label your support for the Paul's, the Perkinson's or another specific project. Support may be sent to either:

   Lowell Bible Church or National Mission Board
   2105 Shadow Lake Dr.   1229 Main St
   Greenwood, AR 72936   Avoca, PA 18641-1721

   Tax receipts will be provided at the end of each year. Annual audits will be performed on all accounts.

2. Consider inviting us to visit your church, small group or other fellowship. We might be able to help your ministry by sharing our stories. And we are certain you would be a blessing to us.

3. Why not visit us on the field. If you’re on vacation or just need to see what we’re up to, come and visit. We are regularly having regional fellowships and we will be having more and more outreaches in more and more areas. Come and help us and see for yourself what the LORD is doing.