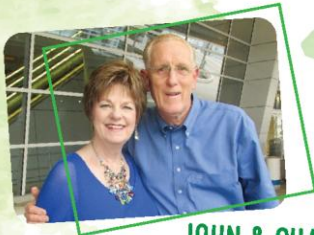


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"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." Revelations 7:9

Dear Partners in the Lord,

As we approach our departure date for the May/June Project (May 20th) we are grateful for those of you who have stepped up to help get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Zambia, Mozambique, and Pakistan. It is amazing how God stretches the monetary gifts of His people. He is blessed and honored as we **EACH** do our part to carry out His Great Commission to go into all the world. As the world situation heats up, we see and feel the growing urgency for getting the gospel into every nation.

After returning from Dubai and delivering two Jesus Film projectors to Pastor Mumtaz Mukhtar from Pakistan, staring at his world map, John was overcome with the "lostness" of our WORLD. He prayed a simple prayer, "God, you have an Iwell and a Mumtaz in every country. Will you bring us together with the those whom YOU want EPI to work?" Within just a matter of weeks, inquiries began coming in from Myanmar, Uganda, Tanzania, South India, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. It was then the light bulb came on! God really did have a bigger picture for **EPI** and was waiting for **US** to step up and say, **"Here am I, send me."**

The first quarterly report from Mumtaz was astounding! He and his team had established 250 house churches in just 3 months using the Jesus Film. It had taken Mumtaz and his team of 35 workers 15 years to plant the first 250 churches and now in 3 months' time, the number of churches had doubled.. The **Jesus Film Project Ministry** donated one of the projectors that had been given to Mumtaz. When I sent the first quarterly report to Dave Briggs, his opening comment was... **WOW!**

At the same time, we are witnessing an exponential growth in the number of churches being planted in the most rural areas of Zambia and Mozambique through using the Jesus Film. Our **18 indigenous missionaries** are reaching into villages that have never heard of Jesus. EPI's missionaries are planting and overseeing churches, providing discipleship for new believers and sharing the gospel in hundreds of **SCHOOLS**.

Why are so many coming to faith in Christ through these methods? Because **70%** of the world **CANNOT READ** and they learn orally and visually. The Bible is about 75% stories which appeals to oral learners and Matthew 13:34 says that Jesus did not say anything without telling a **STORY**. Using the Jesus Film is also one of the most cost effective ways of reaching people with the gospel. For every **DOLLAR** invested in **EPI**... **THREE** people hear the gospel and **TWO** people receive Christ.

We can't slow down. There is so much left to do. We must get behind the Iwell's and Mumtaz's of the world and **PARTNER** with them to reach as many as possible with the **GOOD NEWS!** So, with our hand to the plow and the **GREAT COMMISSION** leading us forward, we want to be standing before the throne and before the **LAMB** with a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language crying, **"Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy! Worthy!"**



House Church - Pakistan



Baptism - Zambia



Jesus Film - Pakistan

Prayer Guide May 20 – June 9, 2017

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- John and Sharon's **AIRFARE**...\$1,500 received- still need \$1,500
- Remaining funds for the **PROJECT**...\$2,000 received- still needed \$4,300
- **FIVE Jesus Film Projectors**- \$2800 each. (We need to PLANT 2 more missionaries in the Eastern Province of Zambia and 3 missionaries in western Mozambique)
- Travel safety and protection of equipment.
- Divine appointments along the way.
- Travel safety for **25 missionaries** traveling to Sinda for training. Two pastors from **UGANDA** and **TANZANIA** (our first two Inquiries) will be becoming our IWELL'S in their respective countries! **Pray for them please!**
- Opportunity to visit Family Legacy orphanage and meet with Susan and Kevin Kendall.
- That every venue (school programs, baptisms, and Jesus Film shows) will be completed to the Glory of God.
- For sensitive and obedient hearts; oneness and unity of mind. Planning, praying, and working together.

Because we do not return from Zambia until June 9th, we will not be mailing out a newsletter for June. We are including TWO OFFERING ENVELOPES. Please remember our missionaries work every month of the year and your support is vital.



G.A.L.S. Lead the Way for House of Promise Fund Raising

An orphan is any child who has lost one or more parents through death or abandonment. However, there is more than just one kind of orphan. A double orphan has lost both parents and a single orphan has lost just one parent. Social orphans are abandoned by their parents, family members, or care givers. These children are orphaned by society and often left to fend for themselves.

When a child is orphaned, they usually become the responsibility of a family member or neighbor. Because they are another mouth to feed, these children are usually not welcomed and considered a burden. Many are forced to find their own food and sleep outside.

Theft, rape, and ritual witchcraft are very prevalent in the slums and rural areas of Zambia where these children live. They will most often tell you they fear the night most. That is when they are most vulnerable.

Zambia has one of the highest orphan rates in Africa. With a mandate from God to care for the widows and orphans, the G.A.L.S. (God's Amazing Love Storyteller's) have accepted the challenge to lead the way in fund raising for the future House of Promise. This home will be for widows and orphans in the eastern region. Widows are often left destitute as the husband's property and possessions go to the husband's family upon his death. The widow is left with nothing. **It is our goal to recreate family units.** Widows will be trained to become house parents for the orphans. In this way, a home for both the widow and the orphan will be provided. **The House of Promise** will be built on the same property as the current Training Center /Victory Baptist Church. The property was donated to EPI by the King of the Region (The Mambo). A water well was recently drilled to facilitate construction for a guard house. It also will provide water for surrounding villages and is a necessity for people to live on the property. We are trusting the Lord for direction, wisdom and **PROVISION** as we step through each door to provide a place of rescue and hope for the orphans and widows of eastern Zambia.