



**“Jesus did not say to make disciples of all literate people groups...He said to make disciples of all people groups.”**

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Dear Friends,

Just as God issued a call to Abram over 4000 years ago, God still CALLS today! In 2009 God issued a call to Sharon and I that has radically altered our lives. Having both retired from public school teaching, God said to us “I am inviting you to join ME in taking the truth to the people of the world that have not heard the correct gospel.” We simply said yes! Just as God extended an invitation to us, so we extend an invitation to you to join God with us!

**FIELD REPORT FROM ZAMBIA**

Iwell Phiri, director of EPI African ministry, has been busy during December planting indigenous missionary family #10 in the Kacholola District of the Eastern Province of Zambia. You may be wondering why we operate through indigenous missionaries. The answer is simple...we can reach more people with the gospel, do it more efficiently and spend less money. These indigenous pastors already know the language, customs and lifestyle of the people in their mission field. They know where the un-reached villages are and even though many of the remotest villages are filled with people who cannot read or write, because EPI’s missionaries are equipped with the Jesus film in the heart language of the people...these precious but illiterate people can see and hear **GOD’S STORY** of redemption and come to faith in Christ. Iwell had this to say about the Jesus film backpacks:

***“We are so thankful to have the Jesus film projector in a backpack. Our missionaries are able to transport the complete Jesus film system on their motorcycles and reach even the most remote villages with the good news of the gospel and plant churches.”***

**FIELD REPORT FROM PAKISTAN**



In November of 2016 EPI provided Mumtaz Mukhtar and his team of evangelists with 2 Jesus film projectors and 2 motorcycles. In the past 12 months the Jesus film has been shown 252 times in and around Failasabad to almost 13,000 people (mostly Muslims). 9000 have indicated a desire to receive Christ and over 300 house churches have been planted. In mid-December this year, Mumtaz distributed \$50 each to 15 orphans and widows. He sent us the following testimony: ***“Orphans and widows are so many in our city. These persons are very needy and have nothing to buy anything for living.”***

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### FIELD REPORT FROM UGANDA

2017 has been an expansion year for EPI. God continues to expand our vision and consequently our mission field is growing. Through the EPI website, we receive inquiries from pastors and church planters around the world wanting to join our ministry. We received an inquiry from Patrick Malingha, a church planter in Uganda, Africa around the first of the year. We began corresponding with him via email and invited him to come for our June project this year in Zambia. This was a four day bus ride for him but he wanted to come and we wanted to meet him. We had been wanting to experiment with using a computer for showing the Jesus film to small groups and decided to send him home with a donated computer. Much to our surprise, not only did he go right to work with the computer, but God had a bigger plan for Patrick's ministry. The following testimony was sent to us by Patrick: ***"I have been using the computer donated by EPI to show the Jesus film to small groups, usually during my door to door witnessing, to groups of 10-50 people. As I was moving one day, God brought a man my way who took notice that I was struggling to show the Jesus film using my laptop. That person asked me if I would consider renting his Jesus film system to show the film to larger crowds? We negotiated with him until we came into agreement with him on a price for renting his equipment. God has graciously provided people to help me with the rental fees."***



**Report from Patrick Malingha**  
Using my laptop and the rented Jesus film system, I have shown the film 33 times to over 16,000 people with 6800 decisions for Christ in 6 months. We have baptized almost 2000 people. This crippled lady had to be carried to the water and was so happy to follow her Lord in baptism as her public declaration.



### FIELD REPORT FROM MYANMAR

God's plan always seems to be bigger than our plan! We received two inquiries during the month of January this year. In fact, **WE ONLY RECEIVED TWO**. But they were both from the same country...**MYANMAR**. As we began to correspond with these men, we began to sense that God was up to something, but then God is always up to something and that **SOMETHING** always revolves around making **HIMSELF KNOWN**. What Sharon and I are learning is that you cannot **"OUT-FAITH"** God. God made a way for EPI to provide Jesus film backpacks for both of these church planters in N.W. Myanmar. In this very dark place that is 95% Buddhist, James Lain sent this testimony:

***We recently traveled to the borders of Rakhine and Chin states for 11 days and visited 4 remote villages doing personal evangelism and group evangelism using the Jesus film projector. By His grace all works went well. Many thought that Jesus is a western God. One of the blessings was one man who hated Christians watched the Jesus film from beginning to end. Thank God for all these fruits. At one village more than 200 people watched the Jesus film. This was a huge number of people, more than I ever thought would gather to watch the film. I am so happy to see how many unbelievers are gathering to watch the film.*** James Lain- evangelist