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Thailand Team Anticipates Breakthrough

Over the past year, as our team prepared for the move to Thailand, we kept coming across prophetic declarations about Thailand. It seemed that everyone from former missionaries to national Christian leaders had the same thing to say about this beautiful country, that it is "Thailand's time." Perhaps we were simply more attuned to everything Thailand-related, we thought.

Now that we are here, we know it is more than that. God is setting the stage for his love and power to be displayed. Our specific calling focuses on the unreached Isaan people, and we are already seeing divine encounters with influential Isaan people. There is the university professor, a connection made through exploring teaching possibilities. And there is the government official who likes to

cook and shares her recipes around the fellowship table after church. We are building a friendship with our landlord, an Isaan man from a prestigious family. None of these people are Christ-followers. Yet.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of laborers. It no longer surprises us when we meet fellow missionaries and they tell us they are called to Isaan-land. God is preparing workers for the harvest to come. We don't know when or how the breakthrough will come...but it is indeed "Thailand's time!"

By Carol Hershey, Thailand Missionary



Sara Miller and Keith Hershey with friends in Thailand.

Ministry Exploring Relationship—Bread of Life, Maryland

Wes and Julie Myers and their church and ministry center are the latest of three recent additions to the Hopewell Network. Wes, Julie, and Jonathan, their son, began Bread of Life Family Worship Center in 2004 with a word from the Lord to "build a lighthouse" on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The meetings began in an outlet center on Kent Island, but eventually moved from house to house. Since 2008, they have been meeting in Wes and Julie's home in Centreville, MD.

With a Kingdom mindset—focusing on intimacy in worship, teaching the Word, and relational ministry—Bread of Life seeks to raise up strong, effective leaders in the body of Christ. In 2008, the Lord broadened their emphasis and prompted them to "adopt churches and ministries," opening up several doors for ministry both locally and abroad.

The first door was in India, where they began supporting an indigenous pastor who is also helping other churches and ministries in his

region. The second was in Quakertown, PA, where they adopted a remnant group of believers from a broken church, and founded Bread of Life Church of Quakertown. After commuting from 2009 to 2011, they turned the church over to a pastor who is now successfully serving there. The third door opened as they changed their meetings in Maryland to Thursday evenings. As a result, the Lord began to bring in leaders from various churches in the region, most exercising some form of ministry. What was mainly a house fellowship has evolved into a small Kingdom network.

Today they maintain a focus on building the Kingdom of God, and being submitted to the Lord as he builds His church. They are excited to be his servants in these last days, and look forward to the new things he will accomplish both in their lives and in their connection with the Hopewell Network.

By Pastor Curt Malizzi and Pastor Wes Myers

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Ministry Exploring Relationship—Florida



Ralph and Mildred Estrada with some of their church family.

After moving to Lakeland, FL, from Reading, PA, and having been a part of Hope of the Nations as a youth pastor, Ralph and Mildred Estrada started a church in their home with just their family in September, 2011. As the congregation began to grow, the Lord started opening doors for them.

In April of 2012, they were blessed with a building in which to hold services. After praying and thinking about what they were going to call their church, God put in their hearts to name it Second Chance Ministry Center RTR. They believe that God has given all people a Second Chance and that the purpose for their church is to **Restore, Train, and Release** the members to what God has called them to

do for his kingdom.

The congregation is comprised mainly of youth and young adults that number between 25 to 30 each service. Their mission is to help each of their members find and develop the spiritual gifts that God has put in them so that they will be able to build a strong relationship with the Lord and be able to walk on the right path with Christ.

They have grown into a great center of worship that uses both worship and intercessory teams. Their church services are every Monday and Thursday, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. They are excited to be connected again with the Hopewell Network and expand the Network borders to Florida.

By Pastor Curt Malizzi
and Pastor Ralph Estrada

Ministry Exploring Relationship—India



Pastor Mark and Francine. Today Pastor Mark and his wife are blessed with five daughters—Jennifer, Jessica, Janet, Joyce, and Elizabeth.

Blessed with a dedicated team of seven members, he has a passion towards orphans and destitute children, so he has established four orphanages, one each in Chennai and Orissa and two in Bangalore rural.

Around 150 children are provided shelter, clothing and education, and are nurtured in the word of God. His passion for planting churches has led him to start a training program to train local pastors and evangelists. He has a vision to build a conference center.

Pastor Mark Jayakumar was brought up in a Christian orphanage. While growing up in the orphanage, he accepted the Lord as his personal savior and wanted to serve the Lord. After finishing high school, he went to Grace Bible College. While studying in college and waiting upon the Lord and praying, the Lord's anointing came strongly on him. The Holy Spirit showed him in a vision and told him to go to Karnataka South-India and start the work of God in Bangalore (Chellikere Village). But he did not know where this village was located.

After finishing his B.Th. (Bachelor of Theology) in April, 1987, Pastor Mark, in the middle of the night, set out to find this unknown village called Chellikere as the Lord had spoken to him in the Bible College. When he started this ministry he was able to gain only two souls that first year. His first believer was an older lady of the village and the second was his beloved wife, Francine, whom he married in 1988. Francine is very much supportive to this day.

In his early days of ministry, he was not able to afford to buy food, so he ate onions and drank water for his meals. As days passed, the Lord blessed him with groceries from the villagers. Many times Pastor Mark was beaten

up by the other villagers and was asked to leave the village. During this time of ministry, the Lord used him to cast out many evil spirits that possessed people in the village. And he was led by the Lord to travel to many villages in and around Bangalore to share the Gospel. Many times he was persecuted and beaten, but even with much suffering, Pastor Mark took on the challenge to gain more souls in Karnataka.

In another vision, the Lord showed him three rings: the first ring encompassed a few people; the second, a few more; and the third was the ring breaking out, expanding, and multiplying. Today the church is filled with 300 people and Rays of Peace is the mother church of four branch churches. The Lord is bringing new souls every Sunday into Rays of Peace-Divine Gospel Church.

Pastor Mark is also a prayer warrior and always seeks to be in the presence of God, interceding for the people of Karnataka. His only desire is to glorify God through his life and win souls for the Lord. Praise God for what He is doing through Rays of Peace Ministries. Mark looks forward to connections with the Hopewell Network, and to visits.

By Pastor Curt Malizzi
and Pastor Mark Jayakumar

ACTS Pastoral Transition

Almost four years ago, the Lord brought Bruce and Ruthie Lengeman as the Senior Pastoral couple to ACTS Covenant Fellowship in Lancaster, PA. This has been a season of healing and growth for our body, as well as investing in and raising new leaders. As time went on, Bruce realized the nudge toward laying down the everyday demands of the church to continue to coach and raise up leaders within the body of Christ, as well as giving himself more fully to the purity initiative and writing.

As we shared this vision with our congregation and prayed into it, God raised up Shawn and Tami Weaver from within our midst to lead as

pastors for this next season. They have walked with Bruce, Ruthie, and leadership as our Senior Associate Pastor for the past 11 months, and have had the extreme blessing of being mentored by Henry Buckwalter, the founding Pastor of ACTS.

Sunday evening, October 14, Shawn Weaver was installed as Senior Pastor at ACTS, with Allan Yoder preaching and Pat Wilson giving the charge.



Shawn Weaver being installed as Senior Pastor at ACTS. Shawn and his wife Tami live in Lancaster city with their sons Andre (5) and Micah (3).

By Sandy Lapp, ACTS Covenant Fellowship

Living Truth Fellowship's 40th Anniversary

Living Truth Fellowship was humming with excitement about its 40th Anniversary Celebration held Sunday morning, September 16, during the 10 a.m. service. This year is a significant milestone for a church that has withstood many struggles yet remains a place where God's presence is felt.

The opportunity to tell the unique story of God's faithfulness to this work was given to several individuals from the past and present. Two former pastors greeted the congregation and shared their testimony of what Living Truth Fellowship meant in their lives: Melville

Nafziger and Pastor Dean. They told the story of where the church came from and how it has impacted the community and the families who have been—and are currently part of—it.

The purpose in planning this celebration was to honor the great history of Living Truth Fellowship, as well as the accomplishments of the men and women who give their lives in service to it. Thank you to everyone who made our 40th Anniversary Celebration one for the memory books.

By Pastor Patrick Wilson, Living Truth Fellowship

A highlight of the anniversary celebration at Living Truth Fellowship was a message given by Pastor Lester Zimmerman entitled *Old and New Wineskins*, from Matthew 9:17, where Jesus was teaching about handling transitions. Pastor Lester encouraged the people to "Respect what God did in the previous generations and then build upon it."

2012 Hopewell Network Leadership Conference

We had a refreshing and inspirational time at our summer leader's conference in August. It was good to have some quality time together as leaders. I came away encouraged and with renewed appreciation for the relationships we have together as a network of leaders. It's always a blessing to reconnect with our international brothers and sisters as well, and to hear how God is moving in their countries. In addition to Haiti, Kenya, and Mexico, we had leaders from Taiwan and India with us this year.

Pastor Dave Hess from Christ Community Church in Camp Hill, PA, was our guest speaker for the conference. His stories and insight into Scripture were powerful and practical. At our Tuesday evening session, when the elders from each church joined us, we had a special

commissioning for the Hopewell Network Mission Team going to Thailand. That was a powerful time in the Spirit as we prayed and prophesied over them.

Next year our plans are to move the conference to October 7-9, and to Petra Christian Fellowship. This will allow us more flexibility in inviting more people from our churches to the conference. We also plan to close the conference next year with a Jubilee Service where we invite all the churches together for an awesome night of worship, celebration, and the final address by our guest speaker. Make plans now to attend.

By Pastor Lester Zimmerman, Apostolic Leader, Hopewell Network of Churches



Pastor Dave Hess sharing insight from the Scripture at the Leader's conference.

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Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches	Port-au-Prince	Haiti
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Hopewell Happenings

- ☐ Hopewell Network **Spring Breakfast for Pastors and Leaders will be held on May 4, 2013**, at Shady Maple in East Earl.
- ☐ "The **Dove Hopewell Leadership Training School** is running well this year. Well, actually it is soaring. There was an average of 50 students per module during the first two months of this year. The school seems to be bursting with enthusiasm. Brian Sauder, the Director of the school, said this is his largest school in his almost twenty years of running this school. The school focuses on very practical tools that every believer needs to be effective as we minister to the Lord. These tools can be used in the marketplace as well as the church. I believe that many Christians shy away from ministering for the Lord because they feel inadequate. Therefore this school exists to eliminate that excuse and to empower believers to be equipped and effective in their ministry. There is a main topic what carries through each of the ten hours of training per module. The **January 11-12, 2013 theme is Missions and Practical Ministry Skills**. For further information about the school see www.hopewellnetwork.org under the school of ministry tab or contact me, Pastor Patrick Wilson, at (610) 593-2212 or livingtruthfellowship@gmail.org."

**The Hopewell Network of Churches extends greetings to every individual and ministry.
May our Lord and Savior bless you with his Presence this Christmas Season!**