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Letter from Dr. Chacha

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our God, the God of hope, the great Provider. Our August conference in Nakuru was exciting as we saw a diverse team from South Africa, the Middle East and America come together to minister to all ages. The unity among the team was incredible and unprecedented. You can read some of their comments later in this newsletter.

Missions Transformation A New Paradigm

I strongly believe that God is doing a new thing in our generation. He is raising up a new standard on the mission field. He is equipping believers with a new sense of expectation; where the believers are waking up to new challenges. We believe that this is a time to believe God for great things. More people are coming into the Kingdom today than at any other time in history. Christians are going to the nations. Not only are those from the developed nations going to the developing nations, but Christians are being sent from the developing nations to those in developed nations who have left the truth of the Gospel. Barriers are being broken. The spirit of poverty is being confronted. Many believers are not satisfied with only preaching the gospel but they are also out to change economies and the political landscapes of nations. This is a wonderful time to be alive and to see the body of Christ rising up. We were born for such a time as this.

Teamwork is taking new territories

A paradigm shift in missionary thinking is bringing fresh excitement. We are not only preaching the Gospel of Salvation but are teaching and practicing the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Gospel of the Kingdom involves taking new territory for God and establishing Kingdom thinking for both spiritual and practical solutions that transform whole communities for the Lord. This is what Teamwork is all about; integrating practical programs that minister to the whole person and share the love of God; opening hearts to receive the Good News. We are doing our part to rise up and meet the crisis in our generation. We are bringing life by meeting practical needs as well as spiritual needs.

Throughout the history of the Church there are those who have impacted their generation and future generations for the Lord. William Carey became known as the "Father of Modern Missions" because he was a forerunner with a strategy and philosophy of missions that still has influence today.

Believing God for Great Things

Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. **Isaiah 54:2,3**



Part of the August 2007 Mission Team

William Carey used this verse to develop the great missionary motto, "**Expect great things from God: attempt great things for God.**" He truly followed this motto and, as a result, established a Christian stronghold in India. At the time of his death, there were at least 30 missionaries, 40 native teachers, 45 stations and substations, and approximately 600 church members. He also was behind the forming of the English Baptist Missionary Society which sent out thousands of missionaries.

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Mission Team Reports

The August mission team members were excited to share from their experiences. We couldn't include everyone, but here are a few sample reports.

Rich and **Missy Murray** and their three children will be moving in March to manage the City of Hope. Missy and her son, Josiah, were able to come to The City of Hope in August. She shares: "Last year there was nothing on this land, and one year later there are two large-size buildings that will bring life into a community. I know that 20 or 30 years from now, peoples' lives will be changed in ways that we can't even imagine. We will be affecting a whole people group and they will never be the same again; neither will I."



Missy and Josiah



Danielle Anderson: "The trip this year was fantastic. This year was even better than last year. I can see growth and development taking place in the people of Kenya, not just in the church but around the city as well. I know this is stemming from the prayers and the work being done by Team-work Ministries. As I tell everyone who asks, the trip is life-changing. The people in Kenya really make you think about what is important in life. They are such servants. There was not a day that I ever heard one of the workers at the hotel or at the church complain. They smiled and it seemed as though it blessed them to serve us.

The team was wonderful. We all blended together like family with no one person trying to outshine the other person but everyone complimented each other. You couldn't have asked for a better team.

I am also excited about *The City of Hope*. I see it expanding the people of Tanzania, allowing them to see that there is hope for them and they can do anything they put their minds to as long as they put God first. I can see *The City of Hope* really becoming a predominate city in Tanzania and allowing others around them to step up and do what they are called to do. I thank God for Dr. Chacha having the vision for the people of Kenya and Tanzania. Thank you for the opportunity to go and see a nation grow and become what God has called them to be.



Don Carty: I thoroughly enjoyed the "team" concept of ministry. It was very effective. The Kenyan people were very motivated to activate the word received. They were ready to share with their countrymen and to cause change in their society there.

On one of the days during a break I was able to take a walk and had opportunity to share the salvation plan with some people there. I was able to pray for healing for a young man, and the next day, he reported improvement. The exciting part of ministry in Kenya is their willingness to listen and respond to the Word.

Jim Johnston - building team member:

Thank you Teamwork Ministries for opening up the opportunity to serve the Lord in Tanzania. One of the highlights for me was to meet some of the local people that work with Teamwork. Peter and Lucy treated us royally. Jackson was a good interpreter and a great friend. Solomon helped with transportation and told encouraging stories. There are many others who are also a vital part of what God is doing in Ntagacha and I consider it a privilege to have been able to spend time with such wonderful people.

I was encouraged with the forward progress on the buildings at *The City of Hope* and enjoyed working with the African men, learning how to build with very few power tools and lumber that gave new meaning to the term "rough cut". It was great traveling, working and spending leisure time with the team.

Although my part in the completion of the whole project seemed small, I was able to be involved in a work that will make a significant difference in bringing hope to many people in Ntagacha and the surrounding area. I carry a small piece of Tanzania, Africa in my heart. God has amazing plans for that place. Praise His Name!



David Clark, a local man and Jim Johnston resting on the trusses they made.

Crisis turned into Victory

Reuben Stoltzfuz was a member of the building team from Giving Light Christian Fellowship in Elizabethville, Pennsylvania that went to *The City of Hope* in May. God took what seemed like a major crisis (forgetting his prosthesis) and turned it into a wonderful victory. He was such an inspiration to the people of Ntagacha village. We had people coming from far to see this “man with one arm” who could work so hard. We had mother’s telling their children, “Look how this man can work. Follow his example.” We had people telling beggars they don’t need to beg anymore but need to work. We asked him to share his testimony.

Everything I do is a challenge to me as I set out to do it, especially physical challenges. God has given me a strong body, and by His grace it is not “if” I can but “how” can I accomplish this task. I ask God, and He faithfully shows me how it can be done.

Going to the mission field

That morning as I left for the airport, we were about 30 minutes away from our destination and I realized that I had left my prosthesis back at the house. I told my wife that I ought to go back, but it would have taken almost an hour back and another hour to get to the airport and I would not have time to do it. She said that she was glad that I forgot it, because when I don't wear it all the time it is like putting on a new shoe and it can be very sore. However, I also knew that what was going to be expected of me in Africa was going to challenge me to my very core; especially having only one arm.

Reuban loses his arm

I lost my arm in a farming accident when I was 12 years old. I grew up Amish and worked hard with my hands and learned farming and landscaping. Many times people (even my Dad) would say “Reuban, I don’t think that you can do this.” In my first real job, I had a boss who was very negative. He would tell my supervisor. “Don’t have Reuban do this or don’t have Reuban do that because he can’t do it.” Well, each time I heard I couldn’t do something, that made me determined to prove them wrong. I learned to go and do it, not to ask someone else, and to never say I can’t. I would ask the Lord to show me how to do it, knowing that if my left arm was unable, the rest of my body could do it with the wisdom and grace of God.

All of this made me a stronger Christian as well. I had a dream when I gave my heart to the Lord, where I saw my Dad speaking to me and he said: “Reuban, serve God with all your heart, mind, soul

and body.” So, I asked the Lord to show me how to do this and He has always been faithful. I was nine years in full-time ministry and then I felt the Lord was leading me to the market place to be an influence. That is when I started this landscaping business. We are experiencing tremendous blessing and growth. Apostle Melodye Hylton (my co-pastor) has come in and actually done training with my workers.

New Challenges

Just last weekend, we had a ropes course to encourage working together as teams. My brother Jake set the record for the course. When I saw that, I took it as a challenge. Romans 8:11 is my verse:

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

I went up and did the high ropes, the zip line - the whole course - and set a new course record. As I was up on the ropes, the men on the ground were shouting encouragement to me, just as I had for them. Encouragement builds one’s faith. It is very important to encourage those who are facing real challenges in their lives. Encouragement helps to eliminate doubt, gives you courage and makes you determined. Cheering people on makes a big difference. Caring for one another builds trust, and helps us to function more as a team.



Reuban with his pastor, Steve Hylton building a roof at The City of Hope

In Tanzania I was put in a place out of my comfort zone. I worked with the natives building a foundation and wall from stones. I had to learn to do things in a new way. But, once again, God was faithful to show me. Africa was a wonderful experience and a great blessing of God. I showed the slides to the men at my business, as they also sacrificed to allow me and one of my key people to go on this trip at the busiest time of the year. I hoped to encourage them that they could go on a team as well.

Facing obstacles

When Carey answered the call to the mission field in India, he battled many Christians with contrary opinions who did not even think missions were important. Even his wife, at first, refused to go, but later changed her mind. Through it all, Carey never gave up.

We also face opposition when we decide to move out into what God has called us to do. We have people who bring up all the negative points and all the limitations. We hear from people who don't even believe that it is necessary to be concerned with people "halfway around the world." Many of these people are actually scared of sharing the Gospel and of getting involved with the poor. They try to project that fear onto others.

Carey had much more to "worry about" than we do today. Just our advances in communication and transportation have made missions much less difficult than in Carey's day. He was truly a pioneer, reaching out into unknown areas and bringing great transformation. He was not afraid to get involved with the social issues affecting that culture. For example, he was able to influence the government to ban the custom of burning widows alive on top of their dead husbands during cremation.

He formed partnerships between community members and community leaders and the church, maximizing resources. He developed sustainable programs that addressed the issues that kept the people in bondage to cyclical poverty and hindered the move of God in an area. While respecting and appreciating the help of partners from the "sending nation," he also stated that missions should become self-sustaining. This is what we also believe we will see for *The City of Hope*.

Teamwork

Like William Carey, I believe in a God who does great things. We are raising our standard of ministry expectations to meet people in relevant ways. For instance, we are not only housing orphans, we are training them with life skills to prepare them to become leaders with Kingdom principles who can transform the economy of an entire area. We are building a hospital to provide health and hygiene training as well as treat illnesses. After building, we are developing a 500-acre farm in order to empower this community to not only feed themselves, but to sell and preserve the food.

Join us

There are many special challenges with building in a remote area and transportation is one of them. One of our urgent needs is for own truck and mini-bus. Having our own vehicles would simplify getting supplies and transporting people, and it would save us much money.

Please pray for my wife and I who will be at *The City of Hope* by the time you read this letter. This is truly an exciting time as we see this vision being fulfilled.

The greatest way you can help us is to share this vision with others at your work or in your church. We appreciate those of you who are supporting us financially. Please continue. We have come a very long way but we still have a great distance to cover. Please help.

Yours in His Service,

Dr. John N. Chacha



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