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Prayers & Praises

Praises:

- **Train-The-Trainer event in Kenya** - We trained 16 Kenyan trainers (all are experienced ministry workers) to lead cross-cultural mission training events for other Kenyans. See article pg 1-2.
- **Cross-Cultural training in Kenya -** We led a 5-day cross-cultural mission training event for 48 mission workers and pastors in Kenya. See article on pg 1-2.
- **Christ Church visit in College Station** - Mission Emphasis Week see article pg 3 for more information.
- Billy led a Spiritual Formation Retreat on the Camino de Santiago for a group from A&M UMC
- Billy and a group of 13 men completed a 790km spiritual formation trek on the Camino. This was the culmination of a 4-year commitment they had to each other to walk together in discipleship and deep community.

Prayers:

- **Rest -** Our work is often cyclical and seasonal. We are currently finishing a season of lots of travel, training, and ministry. It is now time for a much needed slower season with less travel and fewer events. We will have a few weeks of time at home, time to take care of some local ministry and relationships in Spain, and time to pick up some pieces of things that have been neglected or put on the back burner at our house (home repairs, firewood for the winter, finishing the work on a ministry guest apartment that we started a couple of months ago, etc). We would like to have some time to take care of ourselves, our home, and our reconnect with relationships in our community.

Reaching the Least-Reached and Unreached in Kenya and beyond

A couple of years ago, as we were about to begin leading a two-week cross-cultural training for mission and ministry workers, I received a message. “Nancy is missing. We need to go find Nancy.” I thought, you have got to be kidding me! It had taken years for Nancy, Isaac, and Faith to secure visas and the opportunity to travel to the USA and take this training course. Visas from Kenya to the USA are not easy to procure, and many are turned away. Every year, we have several people who want to attend our training, but their visas are denied. And now, Nancy has gotten a visa and traveled to the USA only to get lost riding a Greyhound bus in Kentucky! Lord – help us find Nancy!

That was how my relationship with Nancy, Isaac, and Faith began. We did eventually find Nancy at a bus station in Lexington, and the three young trainees from Kenya participated and completed our training course with flying colors. Their presence was a gift to everyone in the room! They were already leaders in ministry and mission in Kenya and serving in different ways, but there was something about each of them that told us that they were destined for even more.

Last year, we went to Kenya to lead the cross-cultural training course there. This was an answer to so many things! We no longer had to fight the USA visa process to get people trained. We could train even more people because of the location and cost. And we had an international ministry partner in Kenya who could host and handle many of the details. We trained 45 pastors and mission workers last year, many of whom were equally as amazing in their leadership as Nancy, Isaac, and Faith. Several rose to the top as promising prospects for future training and leadership.

Fast forward to this year – 2025. Sixteen of those mission and ministry leaders came together in Kenya for a Train-the-Trainer course. We led them through a curriculum designed to prepare facilitators in adult learning theory and best practices in facilitation and training. We spent a week with them, working on theory and practicing skills. Nancy and Isaac and Faith were among them. We were seeing the ripple effect in action: We trained mission workers – they went out and practiced and put the training into action and gained experience – they then came back to become trainers so that they can continue the process with others.

After the Train-the-Trainer course was completed, we helped mentor and coach the new trainers as they led their first Kenyan cross-cultural mission training event. Thirty mission and ministry workers came to attend the training, representing nine different tribes. At least six different languages were spoken in the room. It was amazing! Watching our new trainers adapt and contextualize the curriculum so that it best fit the needs of this audience was a dream come true! This is what we need in missions today… not more North American curriculum being overlaid onto Afri-

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can or Latin American cultures, but we need indigenous trainers who can contextualize and make the concepts come alive and work for the culture in which they serve! I was in heaven watching this happen and hearing it taught in Swahili and Kikuyu and other tribal languages. This is how the Kingdom will advance to all tribes and all nations and all tongues. God's people being equipped and mobilized to go out and equip and mobilize others.

Who are these people? Nancy is a wife and mother. Her husband, Julius, is also one of our new trainers. Together, they serve in the Samburu tribal areas, a formerly unreached people group who has been recently removed from the Unreached People Group list due to the efforts of people like Nancy and Julius and Simon and others. Julius has a vibrant outreach to men who need freedom from addiction. Nancy serves women in many ways. She was recently recognized by the First Lady of Kenya for her work in training women and families to plant and tend their own kitchen gardens - something that had never before happened for Samburu people who are nomadic herders and not farmers. Today, there are so many kitchen gardens that there is almost too much produce. The families are eating well, the animals are eating well, and the household economics are improving due to being self-sustaining and being able to sell or use what is excess.



Isaac is a young man with a huge passion for pastoring and church planting and missions. Isaac is now pastoring a thriving church plant in Kenya that has hundreds of congregants. He sent me a message and photos yesterday of a training he was doing with his church leadership. His new training skills are being put to use!

Faith is a single young mother. She is a lawyer by vocation, but her heart is missions. She uses her mission training to reach out to other young single women and to help them find their identity in Jesus. Faith became a powerful trainer in our group and is already planning to put on a full cross-cultural training event in December for other mission and ministry workers.



Train-the-Trainer for 16 Kenyan mission workers.

There are so many stories that I could tell you about this training. At the end of the event, one tribal leader came to me and asked, "When is the next training? I need to bring others to this." When I explained that there would be other trainings coming up and that the new trainers would be handling that, he was pleased. I told him that we would come back in a year to follow-up and help the trainers, and he said, "I am currently raising up 80 disciples in the Samburu. By next year, I will have 80 people ready for this training."

Another elder came up and asked if his son could attend a training. His son is a young adult. He said, "I now see why our children are having so much conflict and trouble adapting to other tribes and areas of Kenya. Our children need to understand cross-cultural life. This training is the future for our children."

Please praise God for all that He is doing in Kenya through the people that we have been working with! And please pray for continued growth and continued ripples for this training. This is generational transformation! Disciples, making disciple-makers, making disciples… and the Kingdom grows and the love spreads.



Cross-Cultural Training for 48 Kenyan mission workers and pastors



Grateful for a full 2025, Hopeful for a vibrant 2026



2025 Year in Review

Well, friends… what a year! Looking back, it feels like 2025 took us on a whirlwind tour of God's goodness. From the very first week, we were off and running—literally—starting with an all-hands gathering and training in Turkey with TMS Global workers from around the world. Nothing like kicking off January with 200 teammates, strong Turkish coffee, and a whole lot of worship and learning.



Spring brought its own mix of joy and holy chaos. We led a week-long donor vision and learning trip in Spain—a beautiful time of watching people experience firsthand what God has been doing here throughout history. Laurie's mom stayed with us for three sweet months, and Ryan and his partner, Sara Jane, made their first-ever trip to Spain! We also taught at the Europe Refugee Highway Partnership conference, leading sessions and connecting with those serving displaced peoples across the continent.



Our home stayed busy too. We welcomed two long-term guests—one ministry worker recovering from burnout, and another woman spending three months nearby as her daughter took vows in a local cloister. What a gift to walk alongside each of them. And Billy kicked off the first of several pilgrimage retreats—this one extra special because he baptized one of his best friends in a river along the Portuguese route of the Camino de Santiago.



Summer took us across the ocean. First stop: Panama, where we led a two-week training for cross-cultural workers, pastors, and ministry leaders from *14 countries.* From there, we went to Peru to visit the ministries we launched 18 years ago. It's been 13 years since we stood on that soil, and our hearts were overflowing seeing old friends, witnessing the fruit, and realizing how much continues to thrive.



Fall didn't slow down. Billy led two more pilgrimage groups, clocking almost 500 miles of hiking and spiritual formation this year. We then headed to Kenya to lead two significant training events—one for 16 Kenyan trainers, and another for 30 mission leaders from 9 tribes who are taking the Gospel into least-reached tribal areas of Kenya and East Africa. After that, we made a quick swing through the U.S.—Billy visited Miles, our granddaughter Lily, his mom, and his 99-year-old grandmother, while Laurie tackled meetings in Atlanta before rejoining him to teach and speak at missions events at Christ Church in College Station.



And through it all, our table stayed full at our home in Spain. Countless dinners, conversations, tears, laughter, prayers. Our home continues to be a place of peace for neighbors and friends—a quiet ministry all its own.





Looking ahead, 2026 is already filling up with training events, retreats, and a few new opportunities we're prayerfully considering. And on a personal note… Laurie hits a "big birthday," and we celebrate 40 years of marriage this June! A year of gratitude, celebration, and hope awaits.



Thank you for walking with us, praying for us, and investing in God's work through us. We couldn't do this without you. Your financial support and prayers have helped us to share the gift of training, care, and love with people like Faith, Jenaide, Micah, Isaac, Joseph, Nancy, Julius, Simon, Tim, Francisco, Haniele, John, Miguel, Emilio, Saul, Elva, Rocio, Darwin, Allan, Orbin, Milton, Elizabeth, Peter, Jack, Shelly, Lucy, Henry, Samuel, Sarah, Luciano, James, Wilfredo, Isaias, Pedro, Areli, Guy, Angelica, Hector, Yerri, Raisa, Yaribeth, Victoria, Nilhem, Keyri, Julia, Jazir, Sonyelli, Harry, Eyvar, Axel, Becky, Clarito, Jesus Enrique, Karla, Merychell, Bryan, Samueli, Esther, and many more! There could easily be hundreds more names here— names of people who we have had the pleasure of caring for, training, and walking alongside in their spiritual journey this year.





Thank you for your generosity and love and for being a part of the mission to reach the least-reached, share Christ's love, and advance the Kingdom around the world.

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- Our greatest desire is to see people become who God created them to be and to live into their purpose. We believe that everyone has value. Everyone has talents, skills, and unique abilities. We want to see that come alive!
- Nurturing and developing people to be healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally, and relationally - because "care" is not just an emotional feeling word, "care" is a verb - an action. That's what we're about - developing and caring for people so they can live into their unique design and God-given purpose.



The end of a great day of training in Kenya.

Become a Partner! We would love to have you on our team!

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