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A Message From Our Director



I'm so stinking excited I can hardly stand it! Grab yourself a cup of java and enjoy as you hear how God's hand is at work among us! First I'd like to say "thank you" for making these Kingdom advances possible! As the holidays approach, please keep "the least of these" in your prayers and on your gift list, for it is eternal fruit that remains!

Brazil continues to grow like wildfire! Tom returned to Fortaleza in August with our pastor, Jake J. Thornhill Jr. In April, earthquakes rattled our people in **Nicaragua**. **Pastor Manuel & Odily** braved danger to carry food, water and The Jesus Film to thousands. While writing this I received an urgent message from **Pastor Alfred** in **Kitale, Kenya** needing more Swahili Bibles & study books for leaders to multiply. The Gideon's are trying to help, but until then, will you partner with us to bring God's word to those who need it most by donating online?

Praise God, here in **America** excitement mounts in anticipation of **The Nehemiah Project-A Plan for Family Restoration**, to be released in March 2015. Tom & I are collaborating together to issue the battle cry for men and women to take back their families for Christ!

Save the date for our International Missions Christmas Gala on December 1! You don't want to miss this incredible night at beautiful Castle McCulloch! WFMV News2 anchor and brother in Christ, **Frank Mickens**, will be our host for the evening. More information inside...I hope to see you there!



Graduates in Kitale, Kenya. Want to empower women with biblical principles? Help us send them books. Go to www.zookeepersministries.com/donate.

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PRAYER

JOIN US ON MISSION!

- G** - Go on a mission with us.
- I** - Invite ZMI to your church.
- V** - Vision! Pray God will fulfill His Vision for ZMI
- E** - Equip ZMI to carry out the Great Commission with your financial support

PRAYER FOCUS

For God to bring many souls to Himself
 Family restoration through The Nehemiah Project
 Multiplication of international groups.
 A hedge of protection for our leaders & families
 Finances to fulfill the vision God has given us
 For the upcoming Gala & new partners for 2015

BRAZIL: Multiplying from North to South!

Ministry in Brazil continues to grow like wildfire as group leaders multiply all across the country! In August, Tom returned to Fortaleza with our pastor, Jake J. Thornhill Jr (pictured top left). Excitement was high as 10 people accepted Christ in one night, along with many other decisions. Others came to Christ as Pastor Jake also preached a 3 day revival in Maceio. Our team member Carrie Alston led in partnership with The Luz Project for two weeks. They shared *The Nehemiah Project* and *Taking Back the Family* with women, also establishing 3 new leaders.

Thanks to our Brazilian sponsor who donated airline tickets for National Director Adrianna Marques and Janete Santos to fly into Maceio and Fortaleza to train the new leaders. She reports, "There are now 6 new leaders. Celiene Petronio will be our Regional Director, and Karla will be the Regional Director in Fortaleza. Both are natural-born leaders with lots of enthusiasm and are gifted in motivating others for Kingdom work."

Adrianna concludes, "Janete will serve as Director of all states in Northern Brazil. She was very well received and I am sure that she will do a great job working with these women." All the new leaders are excited to take the study to new churches in their regions and states.

Plans are in progress for our trip to Brazil in September 2015.

HONDURAS WOMEN ON THE MOVE!

"Dear Brenda, God bless you, I hope all is well and that the ministry is moving forward successfully. In Honduras we are very excited about what God is doing! We now have 13 groups in different communities and we have 3 new assistants! I would like to ask you your help because I don't have anymore books."



Fanny Lopez (pictured), our National Director in Choluteca, Honduras recently sent me the above email. In our mission there in February, she had six groups, and over 200 women at our conference. Many husbands attended with their wives and wanted to thank us for bringing the ZMI Bible study to them. "I can't believe the difference in my wife and in my marriage," one husband shared. "Now we really need material for the men!" What a joy it was to share *The Nehemiah Project* with men and women. The study will be available to them in early 2015! Go Honduras!



Meet Manuel and Odily Hernandez

Pastor Manuel and his wife Odily Hernandez are leading the way for Zookeepers in Nicaragua. As Pastor of the church built by **YOU**, Manuel reports the church is “overflowing and on fire for God.”

Manuel oversees the newest branch of ministry: the baseball ministry. He reports that it has quadrupled in size with members attending weekly Bible studies!

Odily, living the call of a Titus 2 woman, spends her time leading Bible studies and equipping other women to do the same. This family working together is making a difference in the lives of their neighbors and their love for Jesus overflows.



Top: Pastor Manuel and Odily Hernandez

Left: Residents watching *The Jesus Film* in the streets

Right: Food distribution during earthquake aftermath

This past spring, Nicaragua was rocked by earthquakes. Grocery stores locked their doors leaving residents without food and water. Unable to go inside their homes, the streets were overflowing with people day and night. Armed with food, water, and *The Jesus Film*, Manuel and Odily traveled to those areas to meet their physical and spiritual needs. We are grateful for their love of God and their commitment to changing lives.

They want to meet **YOU**. If you have air miles that you would consider donating to help offset the cost for their flight to join us at the International Missions Gala, please email Debra Spagh at debra@zookeepersministries.com.

Up Next: Nicaragua 2015

It's hard to believe that preparations are already underway for our 2015 Nicaragua trip! Our team will be there serving February 24- March 3, 2015. Women, men, children, and teens will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and receive valuable teaching and humanitarian aid.

Although ZMI is only physically present once a year, the Lord continues to use the ministry to impact lives year

round. We receive countless stories telling of changed lives, redeemed families, and eternities secured in Heaven.

On our 2014 trip we collected 1300 pounds of hygiene items, clothing, shoes, and baseball equipment! We need your help again.

Will you prayerfully consider how you can partner with us?

We are ready to begin collecting items and are in need of the following:

- Hygiene items
- Baseball equipment, including shoes
- Monetary donations for Bible study books and food baskets

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The logo features the text "ZOOKEEPERS MINISTRIES" in a dark teal, serif, all-caps font. Below the text is a large, white, stylized script flourish that curves across the bottom of the teal square.

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