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and
suddenly
there was with
the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill toward
men
Luke 2
13-14

This season Jeanne and I are thinking about travels more than we usually do. Our Lord Jesus made his glorious trip to earth to take up residence among us. Joseph and Mary hitched a donkey to Bethlehem for the census and Jesus' birth. Families all over the world get in cars and board planes to be able to celebrate Christmas together. Though we won't be traveling this month, we are preparing to make a trip soon, one which we trust will position us to invest our lives more effectively in serving the One who traveled so far to reach us with his saving love. Lord enabling, in March we will move our home and office from Florida to California.

Following prayer and consultation with Proclaim leadership we are embarking on a new phase of our journey with Jesus.

—**AS PROCLAIM MISSIONARIES**, we believe this move will enable us to directly influence an area full of potential in terms of the Harvest, as well as in the mobilization of potential workers. Unlike Jacksonville, the Sacramento area where we plan to live has no resident Proclaim workers. That is soon going to change. We are pulling up stakes here to go there in obedience to the Lord's Great Commission:

- 1 -- To mobilize believers in global missions. So many in this country need God's vision for the world.
- 2 -- To develop a commitment to local evangelism. More believers here need to see God use their "beautiful feet."
- 3 -- To cultivate in the US cooperation between churches like we are in South America and other continents.

—**AS PETERSONS** our new location will allow us to love and support Kim's parents. Kim's father has been diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimers. We want to serve him and Kim's mom during this time and savor the days the Lord would grant us to share together. We don't know how much time we will have. All we know is that God is calling us to redeem it for his glory.

From our new California office Kim, as Proclaim's Latin America Ministry Coordinator, will continue developing the Proclaim network in South America. This year we plan to enhance ongoing ministry in the **Dominican Republic** and **Peru** and pioneer new work in **Paraguay** and **Chile**. As we publicly proclaim the gospel with S.A. partners, our goal will be to educate, challenge and inspire every believer to put Jesus on display 24/7.

GROUNDBREAKING 2015 MINISTRY DESTINATIONS FOR PROCLAIM

CHILE -- Public evangelism in the coastal town of Papudo and in Santiago, the capital. We'll be partnering with Caleb and Tracy Godoy with whom we served in Spain at Camp L'Arcada for many years. According to Operation World, Chile has 17 million inhabitants of which 18% claim to be evangelical. If these figures are accurate, that means there are approximately 14 million who are without Christ. Although there are 3,060,000 believers who can share the life-giving message, most find themselves occupied with other concerns. Therefore, the nature of our work in Chile must be evangelistic for the lost and enabling for the church. Possible dates for Proclaim ministry are Easter week (April) or September 2015, January 2016 or any holiday break.

PARAGUAY -- We plan to begin in the capital Asunción (2 million inhabitants) by partnering with a church that is rich in resources. They have the largest Christian radio station in the country, a church in the main prison, a Bible school and 2 elementary schools. Their weakness, as is the case with so many churches, is a strong tendency to stay in their comfort zone and neglect the "going" part of the Great Commission. Our objective is to work together to publicly proclaim the gospel and to inspire the church to continue reaching out after we leave.



Proclaim's international focus is a very wide angle lens that reaches beyond destinations on a map. Often God splashes his blessings right off the charts of our imaginations and into areas that only he can conceive. Recently he exhibited some of his unique ability *to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine . . .* Eph.3:20.

In the last couple years the Lord has stirred our hearts for China. Several mission trips have convinced us of God's intention to use us there. Additionally, my friend and co-Proclaimer John Bowers organized a concert tour in America for the university orchestra that we have been developing a relationship with. His hope was that the musicians would experience the reality of Christ's love during their visit, but God's plan was even broader. Much to John's amazement (but not surprise) the Lord reached out to a young Chinese atheist living in America, a person not even connected to the tour, except for receiving an invitation to come listen by one of the professors of the university. He attended a concert and heard more than just a performance as he discussed questions about life and God with John. Eight months later he sent this thrilling message:



Hello Mr. Bowers, How are you? It's been a while since we were in touch. Do you remember me? I think you will be happy to know that I was baptized last Sunday and became a born again Christian. Since meeting with good Christians like you, I join many services and gatherings of Chinese Bible Church [in my area]. In the past few months, I learned much from God's words and eventually made the decision to repent my past sins and accept Jesus Christ as my savior. Our conversation [in March] made me start to rethink many of my past decisions. I wouldn't make it this far without the beginning. Thank you so much for your help and support. In Him, "P"

What an exciting reminder of how God blesses when those he sends respond in faith. Because the same Lord has sent all of us to carry the same message to our world we can expect him to bring fruit in ways that are equally astounding. Jeanne and I are excited about the Lord's plans for us in 2015. As we look forward to the months ahead we enthusiastically invite you to join us in this work by giving toward our ministry as a sender. We really do need help. Presently our monthly gifts are averaging \$800 below our support quota. Until resources allow, we can't respond to our calling to assist in Paraguay and Chile or elsewhere. To develop a South American international ministry network requires travel, and we need a complete salary to do it. God has always called others to fill in the gap. If you aren't already involved we invite you to stand in the gap for us and be one of our senders.

Since Jeanne and I were first sent as career missionaries in 1983 the Lord has supported us through many senders. Some partnered with us for a few months, some for a year and others have continued to this day. Regardless of whether you can help send us for a month or for a year or more it is all part of God's design to provide for his workers.

As the Lord sends us out we **go**, whether near or far, continually looking to the One who

came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross our debt to pay.

—Lord I Lift Your Name On High.

Love always,

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