

2018 Fall Updates



First...Our New Website is LIVE!

You've waited patiently and now we encourage you to visit our newly-designed website at www.gcinternational.org!

Six Weeks... Four Nations...



In early October, we began a six-week international trip that, when complete, will take us to four different nations –

Albania, Greece, India and Hong Kong. We have the opportunity to teach at five different RHEMA Bible Training College campuses, share with at least two local churches, and meet with graduates from our Hong Kong campus. We are so grateful to all of our friends and partners who through your prayers and financial support have made this trip possible. For details about the progress of our journey, we encourage you to explore the Ministry Updates area of our website.

Albania and Greece This is our fifth time traveling to the wonderful nation of Albania. Once again, we had the opportunity to teach 55 students at the Tirana campus, many of who are either pastors or leaders in their churches.



This trip we focused our teaching on identifying what it means to be called by God into full-time Christian service. We have been so blessed to see God's Word make a significant impact in this nation that was once the most oppressive communist nation in the Baltic region.

After the fall of communism in 1991, Albania was transformed into a totally new nation, which allowed the spread of Christianity and the birth of numerous churches within a short period of time. RHEMA has come to Albania at the right time. This teaching and training is strengthening pastors and churches, which



will lead to even greater growth among the Christian communities. As always, our time in Greece provided some wonderful opportunities to impact lives as well. We were able to share at the Logos churches and RBTCs in both Athens and Thessaloniki. It has been a great delight to us to have watched the ministries pioneered by Rev. Spyros Voulgaris be birthed, thrive and grow through our many years of coming here....and we look forward to returning!

We look forward to sharing about our times in India and Hong Kong, as well!

Negotiating Transition At some time or another, every person will experience transition in his or her life or ministry. Sometimes the transition is simply making changes or adjustments to what God has called us to do. At other times, transition can mean a complete change of ministry direction or life-focus, moving from one phase of life to another. Either way, transitions have their own unique challenges that must be identified and addressed if we are to successfully follow God's plan for our lives.



Regardless of why we are in the midst of a transition, there are several things that can help us negotiate the challenges associated with change. Always remember:

- God has a master plan for your life
- Keep yourself spiritually healthy
- Prayer is not optional
- Stay Practical
- Don't give in to Peer Pressure
- Focus on what you are called to do
- Know your own company
- Timing is everything

We expound further on each of these areas in the GCIM Teaching Resources page of our new website. We invite you to be encouraged and equipped as you explore our various articles there. We anticipate adding more in the future as well.



Partner with GCIM

Whether you want to make a one-time donation, become a monthly partner, or give a special gift toward our translation or online projects, there are a few

options available for how you can give:

1- If you would like to arrange a monthly auto-deduct gift from your credit or check card, contact the RHEMA Ministerial Association Office at (918)258-1588 ext. 2349.

2- You may send your contribution to:
RHEMA Bible Church, P.O. Box 50126
Tulsa, OK 74150-0126

NOTE: If you choose to send your donation to RHEMA Bible Church (making your check out to RBC), please be sure to write "Gary Crowl" on the memo line of your check.

3- If you still prefer sending an offering directly to GCIM, you may give via our website, or by making your check payable to GCIM. Send to:

Gary Crowl International, P.O. Box 1648
Broken Arrow, OK 74013

To communicate with us personally, please direct all written correspondence to our State-side office in Oklahoma:

GCIM - P.O. Box 1648
Broken Arrow, OK 74013

You may also e-mail us at:
office@gcinternational.org

Or call our State-side office at
(918)254-7160

www.gcinternational.org

T.E.A.M. As we worked on preparing content for our new website, Connie and I were amazed to look back on the various seasons we've had in ministry...from pastoring in Iowa, to missions work in Haiti, to serving at Kenneth Hagin Ministries and RBTC USA, to pioneering works in Thailand and Singapore, and our most recent work in connection with RHEMA China and Hong



Kong, where we have been putting our primary focus for the past twelve years. Yet we recognize that in

every season, we have not accomplished what we have on our own.

Certainly, our faithful partners in prayer and financial support have played a major part, but we've had a team of key helpers alongside of us in each season as well. In this newsletter, we wanted to introduce you to our current team: Sarah Van Dreesse, Hannah Hinton, Ronda Swords, RG Conlee, and Wayne Li. Although we have numerous people who give of their time as they are able to help with certain short-term projects, these five people play key roles in keeping the vision moving forward as Connie and I go forth to shape leaders and reach nations around the world.

So as part of our e-updates over the next few months, in addition to sharing updates from our travels and encouraging resources designed with you in mind, we will be highlighting different team members as well. If you have not yet signed up to receive these updates, we encourage you to visit our website and fill out a brief request form.

For now, we asked our team members what they thought our partners and friends should know about GCIM. Here were their responses:

"...That the partners are supporting a world-class organization that has the heart, drive and call of God for reaching people for Christ. ... Where Gary, Connie and the GCIM Team go, the partners go, too! ... The Crowls are committed to the call and to excellence in their preaching the uncompromised Word. ... The Crowls are leaders that are dedicated but also compassionate. That also spreads to the rest of the team and makes us work well together to be a blessing to the people that we serve. ... The Crowls are truly reaching nations, which means our partners are reaching nations, too. ... They should know about the compassion of the Crowls. Just as Jesus was moved with compassion and it caused Him to act, I have seen the compassion that the Crowls have for others and how it moves them to action. ... I truly believe that the ministry has been built out of compassion to see the unsaved saved, to see believers trained, and to see pastors supported and built up. I am convinced that it is that love of God and people that move the Crowls to do all that they do. ... The Crowls do everything with excellence. It's been said that ministries take on the personality of its head and I believe that all of us at GCIM try to emulate that same compassion and excellence."

Partners, you are an important part of the TEAM, too! And in 2019, we will be having another Partner Meeting to celebrate YOU! Come meet the GCIM team in person, hear our latest updates and enjoy what is always a wonderful time of fellowship in Tulsa. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, February 19th! RSVP info will be sent soon!