

2020 Summer Update Stateside Travels Continue



We are happy to announce that GCIM has been able to continue traveling to State-side pre-scheduled meetings. In June,

we ministered at Victory Church in Decatur, TX and Real Life Church in Bettendorf, IA. In July, we travelled to Fairbanks, AK to speak at Harvest Church. We appreciate the pastors and leadership teams of these churches who made it possible to keep our scheduled meetings or who have gone out of their way to reschedule previously postponed meetings.

Please keep our International contacts in your prayers as they continue to have challenges with travel restrictions



and scheduling. We will keep you updated about future international travel opportunities through our website and our monthly e-updates as we continue to gain clarity and are able to confirm our schedule. If you're not already on our e-update list, we encourage you to sign up at our website:

www.gcinternational.org/connect

Providing Food for Pastors and Church Members in India

In May, GCIM helped to provide food packets to 98 pastors, and 148 needy families in India. Pastor Tom Harrington from



Living River Church in Lafayette, Colorado and our contact in Delhi, India informed us that many pastors and church families were running short on food due to the coronavirus lockdown. GCIM was able to send a portion of the money necessary to purchase these much-needed supplies. Your generous and continued support has made it possible for us to help our brothers and sisters in India.

Reaching Albania Through Technology

In May, we were privileged to speak three Wednesday evenings to pastors and church members in Albania through a conferencing platform.



We addressed many of the issues currently affecting our world, namely the global pandemic. We shared from God's Word concerning why this type of event is taking place and what our spiritual response should be to this and any other challenges we face in life.

Our host informed us that approximately 2000 individuals joined us either live or by listening to the archived messages online. We greatly appreciate Pastor Fatmir Spahiu for inviting us to speak to the beautiful people of Albania; to help strengthen pastors and church members in that great nation.

We Can Translate Your Materials Into the Chinese Language

One of GCIM's primary outreaches into the Chinese-speaking community worldwide is the continued translation of faith-building books and materials. We believe the printed page, either in book form or digital form, is the most effective way to make a lasting impact in someone's life. A book will continue to teach when we are not able.

I remember hearing stories of believers in the early days of the Church in China valuing the Bible so much that they would separate pages and distribute them to several people to memorize the scriptures. Fortunately, the Bible can now be easily downloaded through electronic means.

We continue to have a passion for making materials available to Chinese-speaking people. That is why we have partnered with a team of excellent translators in China and the US to make the most accurate and doctrinally correct translations.

In this newsletter, I want to introduce that team to you. If you desire to have any of your teachings, whether in video format or book format, translated into Mandarin Chinese, you can do so by contacting Glory Translation Services. You can visit their website at www.glorytranslations.com.



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A Personal Word from the Crowl's

As I write this newsletter, the World is still feeling the effects of the coronavirus. International travel continues to be limited, as does the work of missionaries who travel from nation to nation. This is a remarkable time in the history of the World and the history of the Church.

We live in the most technically advanced period of human history, especially when it comes to the ease and availability of global travel. This situation has caused me to think about how often I have taken the freedom to travel and live and work in other nations of the World for granted.



Most recently, I have been challenged by two scriptures that speak to me of keeping my focus on those things that matter. One of those scriptures is John 9:5, Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is Day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the World, I am the light of the World."

There is an apparent reference in this statement to something that would happen in the life of Jesus, pointing to the fact that He would be crucified about three months from the time He said these words.

But I also believe there is also a profound principle that applies to us today. That is this: We should seek opportunities to do good and suffer none to pass without improving it. We go but once through the World, and we cannot return to correct errors, and recall neglected opportunities of doing our duty. (Albert Barnes Commentary) To me, Day represents opportunities, and Night represents lost opportunities.

The second scripture is in Ephesians 5:16 – "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. In this short verse, there is a powerful message." There are two ancient Greek words used for time. One has the idea of the Day upon Day and hour upon hour. The other has the idea of a definite portion of time, a time where something should happen. It is the difference between time and the time. The idea here is of the time; it is a definite season of opportunity that Christians must redeem. (David Guzik Commentary)



Let me encourage you to look for opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. Don't let this time we are living in distract you from seeing those opportunities. Make the most of the time you have right now. Life can be different when we decide to look at the right things.

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