

2020 Fall Update

Reaching the World Through Zoom

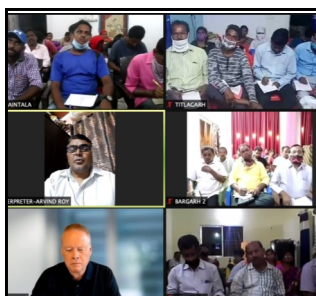


Due to 2020 travel restrictions, GCIM has set up a portable studio designed explicitly for Zoom ministry.

Why Zoom? During a minister's conference

this year, one of the speakers said, "Use any and every available means to preach the Gospel." We prefer having the opportunity to be physically present with the people groups we feel called to reach, but I had to make an internal adjustment, stop complaining about not having opportunities to "go", and to take advantage of what is available to us right now.

Since making that commitment, we have received many invitations to minister through video-conferencing. As a result of the demand for this type of ministry, we are now scheduling well into 2021.



During 2020, GCIM will have had 12 live Zoom conferences ministering to individuals in the US, Thailand, India, and Albania. Thanks to your support, we have ministered to local churches, Bible schools, prayer groups, and church workers around the world.

Reigniting a Movement of Prayer

We are still planning to continue our International ministry and regularly return physically overseas as soon as possible. However, until that opportunity comes, our goal is to use any available means to preach the Gospel.

Zoom has been one avenue, but GCIM has also expanded our Stateside ministry this year through holding conferences that focus on the present needs of the local church and the Body of Christ. In 2020, GCIM has held three prayer conferences in three different locations in the US as well as four virtual prayer seminars internationally.

Our focus in these conferences is to reignite a prayer movement within the local church that will help facilitate a move of God's Spirit in cities and nations. We discuss the importance and the need for various kinds of prayer, specifically intercession and supplication. Our goal is to help people experience a dynamic and powerful prayer life through both teaching and application.

In the month of November, we are releasing two new teaching sessions on the subject of prayer that will be available on our website under the free resources and downloads sections. We encourage you to take advantage of these teachings and to share all of our resources with your friends.

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What's Going On In China?

In light of all that has been taking place this year, you may be wondering if we have been continuing to reach into Northeast Asia. And yes! We are still vitally connected with the ministry that is taking place in China!

Over the past several months, Rev. Amos Wong, RBTC China Director, has been faithfully teaching approximately 50 students through a video conferencing platform. We have received outstanding reports of how God's Word is changing their lives and helping them to successfully stand firm during challenging times. We are so thankful for Rev. Amos and Doris Wong's love and commitment to the Chinese people.



We are also continuing to translate and publish faith-building books into the Chinese language. We plan to upload video teaching with Chinese voiceovers as an added resource on our www.flpchinese.com webpage in the near future as well.

The nation of China was placed on our hearts over 14 years ago, and after living and ministering in China for over ten years, we continue to do our part in reaching that nation and the Chinese people with the Gospel.

Remember to visit www.flpchinese.com for our free downloadable Chinese resources!

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Whether you want to make a one-time donation, become a monthly partner, or give a special gift toward our translation or online projects, here's how you can give:

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and give via PayPal–



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P.O. Box 50126

Tulsa, OK 74150-0126



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A Personal Word from the Crowl's

As I was doing my devotional Bible reading a few weeks ago, I was impressed with a passage of scripture found in *1 Thessalonians 2:18* - *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.* History tells us that after Paul planted this church, he had to leave this city after only three weeks due to the persecution he experienced.

The Holy Spirit caught my attention while reading this verse. Paul intended to return to this city, but Paul couldn't travel there due to the persecution. Paul said, "Satan hindered us..." Interestingly, the word Paul chose to describe his inability to travel to Thessalonica was a word that means "to make a road impassable." As I read those words, I thought of our present situation with travel restrictions. Interestingly, even the Apostle Paul had travel restrictions for some time, although it was due to a different issue.

Another interesting fact is that most Bible scholars believe this letter, *1 Thessalonians*, was the very first epistle Paul wrote. I am not saying Paul's travel restrictions prompted him to begin writing letters. Still, I find it interesting that this physical limitation opened a door of opportunity that Paul used to communicate with his new church plant.

I was encouraged by this story and how God can open new opportunities for communicating the Gospel that we may never have thought about. I am glad that Paul began writing letters. We have all of the letters he wrote in our possession today, and they continue to be a source of revelation and inspiration.

We are determined that we will not stop teaching and preaching, regardless of the natural restrictions we face. We are determined to use everything available to us, technology-wise, to stay connected with our ministry contacts and with the amazing people groups the Lord has called us to reach.

Connie and I want to thank you for your amazing support! We continue to be able to minister and to travel due to your prayers and financial contributions! As Paul said in *Philippians 4:17* – *"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."* Your investment in this ministry is not only producing fruit right now, but we believe it is also producing an eternal reward that you will experience throughout eternity.



Gary & Connie