

2024 Fall Newsletter:



As we enter this season of Thanksgiving and joy, Connie and I want to express our gratitude for your support in spreading the message of faith to many nations. We continue extending God's Word and influence to countries that need a spiritual harvest before Jesus' return. Your partnership, financial support, and prayers are essential for making this expansion possible.

Connie and I are looking forward to the new year. We have already scheduled several 2025 church conferences, many of which have requested that we specifically teach on prayer. We have also planned two leadership retreats along with three international trips to various nations.

We urgently need to bring the message of faith to as many nations as possible and influence as many pastors and church leaders as possible. We will also continue to reach into China and other Asian countries through our online platforms and book translation projects. Will you join us?

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A New Season: Returning to Full-time Itinerate Missions

For the past 44 years, Connie and I have dedicated our lives to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I vividly recall the moment we committed to following God's instructions and fulfilling His plan for our lives. That original commitment has led us to more than 30 countries. Over the years, we have lived in six of those nations, established numerous churches and Bible schools, and trained hundreds of individuals in some of the world's most populous nations.

Today, we have a renewed passion to accomplish what the Lord instructed us to do more than 44 years ago. **Kingdom Building International, the ministry we helped launch in 2023 that will now be operating in conjunction with GCIM**, was born out of a time of intentional prayer and planning. Over the past year, GCIM has been strategically partnering with KBI to further its vision and mission. Our GCIM mission has remained unchanged: we continue providing training and resources for national leaders who can influence their cities and nations with the Gospel and the message of faith. We never dreamed, however, that in such a very short time, that KBI would be having the impact it is making.



In the past year, KBI has held six retreats, impacting 71 leaders representing 12 nations and 134 churches. We have translated materials into Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, and Urdu, and we are currently in the process of translating our Discipleship Manual into Thai, Khmer, Vietnamese, Greek, Albanian, Arabic, and Farsi.

KBI's ministry focuses are to:

1. Provide **specialized retreats** for missionaries and Christian leaders.
2. Provide a **Discipleship Resource Center** offering free resources to pastors and churches.
3. Develop a **Global Prayer Network** that connects real-time prayer needs in targeted nations with churches and prayer partners.

For the past three years, Connie and I have helped plant and pastor a church in San Antonio, Texas. By God's grace, while pioneering this church, we have also continued to maintain our GCIM ministry, traveling State-side and internationally. **Beginning in 2025, however, we will be transitioning back to serving as full-time itinerant missionaries.** Along with Kingdom Building International, GCIM will continue its mission of training leaders in critical nations ready for a spiritual harvest.



To our Partners and Friends – thank you for your tremendous support over these many years. Your support is the reason we can continue to impact nations. To those of you who want to partner with us for the first time or who may wish to return as partners, prayerfully consider what you can do to help us relaunch our international focus.



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Whether you want to make a one-time donation or become a monthly partner, you may contribute to GCIM in the following ways:

1. **Give Online!**

Contributing to GCIM online is simple and secure. You have the option of using your credit or debit card, setting up a direct bank transfer, or using PayPal. You may also opt to set up automatic payments as a convenient way of partnering financially with us. gcinternational.org/connect/give/



2. **Give by text.**

We've partnered with MoGiv to provide you a text-to-give option. Text the amount you would like to give to **918-992-2009**. For example, to donate \$10, text "10" (without the quotes) to **918-992-2009**.



3. **Send gifts directly to GCIM.**

Make your check payable to GCIM and send it to:

P.O. Box 1648
Broken Arrow, OK 74013



You may also communicate with us personally using this address, or by calling or e-mailing our office:

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International Impact for His Kingdom—

Thailand/South Asia In October, GCIM and KBI hosted a Missions Reimagined Retreat for 11 leaders from India, one from Thailand, and one from Vietnam. The retreat is designed to reignite passion and purpose in these Christian leaders so that, when they return to their respective fields of service, they remain refreshed and refocused on their mission. We had a wonderful week of sharing, prayer, planning, and goal-setting. All our attendees expressed their appreciation for GCIM and KBI's generosity in providing a unique environment for them to connect with God and with each other.



These leaders represented hundreds of churches in several nations, and we were thrilled to hear how this conference impacted them. Here is one testimony from a pastor in India – *"I want to thank the entire team for making it such a wonderful way of learning. I never learned in this manner which has a life-long impact. My perspective has changed. The way I think has been changed. I have been impacted so that I can impact many."*

In addition to our Missions Reimagined Retreat, I traveled to South Asia to host a conference for around 150 pastors. We witnessed some unique healings. One example was a young boy born with an incurable blood condition who was explicitly called out and ministered to. Another young man broke his wrist a few days before I arrived. We prayed for his wrist, and the next day he cut off the cast because his wrist was completely healed. He also had a cracked vertebra that was healed. We had several other healings and an exceptional service during which we laid hands on over 150 pastors.



Charmaine's wedding in 2023

Singapore In November, Connie and I will return to Singapore to officiate at a wedding for Joel, the son of Amos and Doris Wong. We have known Joel for most of his life. Amos and Doris, along with their children Charmaine and Joel, were part of our team in Thailand in 1999. We are incredibly honored to be a part of this special time in the lives of Joel, his fiancée, and Amos and Doris. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates on our ministry and missions focuses!

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