



GraceChapel

## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES

### February 2022

*God is on the move! He's moving in our church, our nation, and throughout the world!*

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#### **PASTOR'S PEN** – Pastor Terry Jarvis

Another busy month is behind us, and life keeps getting more exciting at Grace Chapel and around the world. I've provided updates below regarding our new local ministry, called Life Connect. Under the Global Outreach section of the newsletter, you will find updates from Sean Bresnahan in Ukraine and our partners in North Africa.

Let me turn my focus to our potential new ministry in Israel. As you know, we are in the process of developing a partnership with the country of Israel. As yet, we have no clear direction on what this might look like, so we are planning a short-term trip to Israel this fall to meet with potential partners to see which one would best line up with Grace Chapel's Core Values and Mission. This will not be a Biblical Tour trip with Pastor Josh. However, Josh might join us since he has many contacts there but, that has not been decided. My purpose is to see if any of you who receive this newsletter might be interested in joining me on this trip. I am envisioning an 8-day trip, including travel. I will provide specific dates, times, and costs to those who are interested in going. The team will be a maximum of 6 people, including myself. So, if you are interested, let me know ASAP.

Thanks for praying for all the things going on at Grace.

*Terry*  
Grace Chapel Outreach Ministry Pastor

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## LOCAL UPDATES

### Apartment Life – Alex Paniagua and Justin Blanco



We recently hosted our first Spanish-speaking bible study at the APEX apartments.

We had a time of worship, bible teaching, and a lot of interaction. Participants were very engaged with the topic and had a lot of questions. We had an opportunity to share the vision of Apartment Connect Ministry, which is to create community through social and spiritual transformation.

God is at work! All the glory to Him. Let us keep praying.

### Change for Change – Don Gibson on behalf of the P.E.P.S.I. class

In 2007 the P.E.P.S.I. class began a program of bringing our loose change and using it to fund the building of churches in developing countries. International Cooperating Ministries "ICM" does the same thing, so we chose to partner with them. Our class goal was to raise \$2500 would be matched by ICM & others.

By January 2022, we raised significantly more than our set goal. We brought our "loaves and fish," and God multiplied it greatly. God provided matching funds to help construct 19 new churches. This brings the total churches built to 126 in 39 countries over the past 14 years. It is a blessing to these brothers and sisters in Christ, who in many cases have been praying for years for a proper place of worship. We have visited some of these churches and have seen how they are growing in faith. These churches are reaching their own communities with "The Good News of Jesus."

### Life Connect – Pastor Terry Jarvis

A decision was made to convert some of the offices in the Community building available to Life Connect. This will include the establishment of a food bank/resource center initially for our Life Connect registered families. To date, we have five participating families that

meet regularly with their Life Coaches. The Deacons at Grace Chapel are excited to see where this new ministry will take us.

- Pray for the Life Connect team as they work through many logistical issues involved with implementing this new ministry at Grace Chapel.

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## GLOBAL UPDATES

### Malawi, Africa – Ron Willett on behalf of the ministry team

Dick Chiappini and Ron Willett are working with Terry Jarvis to plan a joint adult Sunday community presentation to be held in the gym on March 13. They will introduce the project, its focus, and the vision for helping with this project.

It is exciting to see what has already been done using Grace Chapel funds to build a residential impact center. This center creates a space where youth who have been living on the streets can experience the love and nurture of the Christian community. They participate in catch-up school, vocational training, and discipleship. The young men have seen their lives experience a 180-degree transformation. Once they had no homes and no hope, now they exude confidence, joy, and hope as they learn to walk in the knowledge of God and his love for them.

Check out more stories and photos at [www.brotherskeepermalawi.com](http://www.brotherskeepermalawi.com) If you are interested, please sign up online to receive their electronic updates.

- We are working to form our first short-term team with our tentative dates being the last two weeks of August. Pray for wisdom as we work out details and invite participation from the church.

### North Africa – Update provided to Pastor Terry Jarvis

The churches are healthy and growing. In the first half of 2021, we were not able to launch any new outreaches and lost a lot of momentum due to the pandemic. In the second half of the year, we launched several new churches and saw great progress. Half of the missionary team are new to the country and are making great progress in learning the language. We anticipate they will be increasingly effective in 2022. The ability to coach and partner with missionary teams from other organizations, in different parts of the country is opening new opportunities.

The national church leadership team is growing and maturing and will help pioneer new churches outside the northern capital region where we live in 2022. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support!

### **Biblical Education by Extension (BEE World) – Jim and Barb Tucker**



One of Jim's favorite BEE World responsibilities is to help with our Basic Facilitator Training Workshop that is held twice each year. The next workshop will take place February 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in our Colorado Springs office. The workshop is one of our major efforts to recruit new facilitators who will help train pastors and church leaders overseas. The training also offers opportunities to interact with people in other Christian missionary organizations who want to improve their existing teaching skills for their work overseas.

(The photo shows Jim leading a facilitation training with Sam R. in the background.)

- Pray for the people who attend this workshop that God would make His will abundantly clear to each of them.
- Pray for those giving the workshop that they would faithfully serve the Lord in this capacity.
- Pray for Sam R., who will be traveling to Kenya in late February to coach our students through the first half of Mark's gospel. Pray he will be allowed to travel at that time.

### **China Partner – Erik Burklin**

Below are prayer requests and updates extracted from China Partner's newsletter:

Let's pray for all the believers in China as they will be using this Spring Festival (Chinese New Year – Year of the Tiger), which starts February 1, to share the Good News of Jesus with their respective family members. This is China's version of Thanksgiving, when everyone travels to their hometowns to spend time with family and friends, eating and sharing gifts.

The Winter Olympics start on February 8. The world will be watching how Beijing will handle this event during Omicron cases that are surging. The government has announced that local Beijing residents are now NOT allowed to attend any of the sporting events. The athletes will be competing in empty stadiums and venues. Beijing churches and Christians will be ministering to athletes and media personnel during the two-week event. God is at work in China.

### **Latin America Connecting with North Africa – Craig Wilson with Operation Mobilization**

We continue to find Latinos whose hearts are turned toward contacting the least reached in North Africa with the gospel. One family, Frank, Libni, and their daughter Ameli, from El Salvador is now making plans and preparing to move to the city of Ceuta on the north coast of Morocco this coming April or May.

They will continue with cultural and language training, as well as investigate opportunities for work and business in Tunisia or Morocco. They will be the hub of the Bridge, connecting Latinos with ministry opportunities and employment in North Africa. We are expecting another Salvadorian couple to join them next year.

This is our second time sponsoring a 12-week training seminar called, “Encountering the World of Islam.” The current session has eight participants looking forward to being missionaries in North Africa. The last session had ten participants. May God touch the hearts of those who are attending.

Please pray

- Frank and Libni will see how God is unfolding his plan for their lives and step into it with faith. Please pray that they will be able to understand, discern, and organize all the information received.
- Pray that Ameli (Frank and Libni’s daughter) will be at peace and have a joyful expectation as they begin their transition to Cueta, North Africa.
- Pray for those attending the 12-week training that they will see more clearly God’s heart for the Muslim world and that they would say, “Here I am, send me.”

### **Lighthouse Arab World – Neil Holsteen**

While most of the evangelistic media produced by Lighthouse Arab World has been created in the Middle East and North Africa, recently one of our team members based here in the U.S., in fact a member of Grace Chapel has started producing evangelistic content focused on the Arab World. While Reese joined Lighthouse back in Sept of 2021, he created and launched his first video on YouTube in a channel called *Give Light*. This first video, telling the story of his decision to follow Jesus after being raised Muslim, has now been seen by over 420,000 people globally, many of them seeking insight into why he made this decision and how they can learn more.

Since December, Reese has released 4 more videos with almost 160,000 total views, and another video on the way. Here’s a link to his channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf3MI-BmhNRFISa2eN9SH0w>

Below is an example of the kinds of emails he has received:

"Hi... It's semina here. I also share a similar story..i belong to a muslim family and I was introduced to Christ through a senior at college...i researched and more than that my own heart falls for Christ...but then my mind keeps going back to my previous faith in fear of family or society as I belong to a very Orthodox family..... I am really looking for few answers that still bother me... Looking for a guidance"

### Sichuan, China – Ron Willett



February 1 was the first day of the lunar new year in China. Along with strings of firecrackers going off, the giving of red envelopes of "lucky money" is given to children, one of the customs for families is to paste door blessings on either side of their entry door and one across the top. These door blessings always use red paper and then have Chinese words written in either gold or black. Non-religious blessings contain words expressing the family's desire for prosperity and health.

Christian families may use this as an opportunity to express their faith that it is the Lord who gives a true blessing, or that the Lord's love lasts forever. Some contain the words of Psalm 121:7 - 8, "May the Lord bless you and keep you from all harm. May he watch out over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

- Pray for believers in China as new laws further restrict their ability to use the internet for any religious purpose. Over recent years, churches have widely used the internet to share resources for Christian training. Pray for the Lord to give church leaders wisdom in how to live out their faith in light of these new restrictions.

### Ukraine – Sean Bresnahan

"I will be headed to Lviv, a city in the far western region of Ukraine that is on the border of Poland. I'll be there for two weeks while I wait for SEND to assess the situation. Pray please that I hear God speak clearly as to where I should go. Sadly, I cannot stay in Kyiv, but I'll possibly be able to stay in Lviv. Thank you for the care and encouragement!"

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***John 20:21 "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."***