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THE LIAISON

Middle East Pastors' Conference



Since 2007, IM has been holding pastors' conferences in Egypt with the purpose of edifying, encouraging and challenging these men of God. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel which once again has been a

huge blessing to these men this month. Our US Team and Pastor M. brought deep, Biblical teaching and messages that were an encouragement and help. Heartfelt praise and worship, prayer sessions, great fellowship and meals also made this conference exactly what these pastors needed.



US Team: Pastor Steve Alexander of Smith River Baptist Church, CA, Pastor Rick Finney of Calvary Baptist Church, Show Low, AZ, IM Staff, Dr, Dan Iles and IM CEO, Dr, John Cook and Dee Cook.



Comments from some of the 47 Egyptian Pastors who attended this conference:

"When I attend IM's Pastors' Conference I am able to bring all my heavy burdens and leave them there when I go home. I'm very glad for the encouragement and rest I receive. Thank you for this conference."

"Take home with me new materials to use in my sermons."

"The team opened many things in my mind."

"The teaching is very strong and instructive; I am very refreshed at IM's conference."

"This has helped me with my storms in my ministry."

"You came all this way to preach and teach us and we felt your passion and heart for God."

GBC Library Building Nears Completion

With the finish work begun in the classrooms downstairs, the building's interior is taking on a clean, fresh look. We're still a ways from the finish line, yet, we are trusting the Lord for the completion of this. (see Page 2)

GBC Library Building Nearing Completion (from Page 1)



(Cont'd from Page 1) building very soon. With \$33,040 needed to finish this project, we are asking the Lord for those who will join in with this opportunity to invest into the lives of young Biblical scholars in India.

Still to be completed: plumbing, electrical, windows, screens, doors, roof sealing, interior and exterior plastering and painting and tiling of the floors.

Our GBC girls will soon be out of a rented apartment and onto the campus, as we are using one of the classrooms as a temporary dorm for a few years until we can build their dormitory. Bringing the Library, more classrooms and study areas, this building will take the campus light years forward.



The Lord has used your prayers and gifts to bring us to this point. With only 33% to go, together let's complete this building soon for these students. Donate online on our website or join us in CA in January.

Capital Funding Update: Library/Classroom building

Projected Expense:	\$98,000
(Furnishings not included)	
Funds received:	-\$64,960
Amount needed:	\$33,040

Volunteers Needed for Short Term Ministry Trip in CA - Jan 2017

Move books, enter data on laptops, apply tape and labels on books

As the building nears completion, the anticipation is growing! We have a fantastic group of volunteers from all over the US signed up to prepare 10,000+ books for shipment to the Grace Bible College library in India. There are still 20 spaces open for more volunteers in January. **Good news:** you don't need to be a librarian!

Each one of these books you handle and prepare to go to India will be used by the young men and women at Grace Bible College in India to train for ministry to reach their own people with the Gospel. Many will be church planters multiplying these efforts many times over! What a great opportunity to invest in India's future.

This will cost something for this project, but in terms of being worth it; and a great Kingdom investment, you won't find a better way to spend two weeks. Join us!

You can find an information sheet on our website, www.IndigenousMinistries.org on the right hand panel. You can also easily register there as well. Call Jan at our office for church bulletin inserts to print off.

When: January 16-28, 2017; we prefer that you volunteer for one or two full weeks, but if you can make it for a few days, we certainly can use your help!

Where: Red Bluff, CA at the Community Baptist Church

Project: Move 100's of boxes of books, sort the books, enter book data, attach spine labels, scan labels, re-pack books into boxes and load them onto a shipping container. You will be placed on a team depending on what job you would like to do.

Other info: Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners. Lunches will be provided onsite free of charge.

May 1-12, 2017

ISRAEL TOUR



Your Bible will come alive as you tour Israel with Indigenous Ministries for 12 days in 2017. Your hosts are John and Dee Cook, and Amer, is our Israeli guide with his expertise. The cost is \$4,395. Register at www.IndigenousMinistries.org on the righthand side. The complete itinerary is on the website as well. Let our office know this month if you are planning on joining us.

Esmeralda's Story

We are rejoicing in the success of the Micro Finance Entrepreneurship Loans and Savings program in the Philippines. Participants are not only working hard to earn, but they are also learning to participate in God's hope.



One such success story is Esmeralda. Along with her husband and six children, they once depended heavily on scavenging in the local dumpsite. On a good day, their earnings were \$1.50. However, Esmeralda participated in IM's skills development program, becoming a manicurist/pedicurist, allowing her to earn an income and feed her family. But most importantly, it deepened her faith that God is active in her family's life.



Her newfound hope led her to attend a government-funded cosmetology course. She was quickly hired by a hair salon and soon promoted to manager. But Esmeralda didn't stop there! As a parent of one of our sponsored children***, she was able to participate in our Micro-finance Business Loan and Savings program. She and her husband opened a small home retail store; the family no longer has to scavenge.

Esmeralda is now president of the Loans and Savings program, teaching financial accountability and stewardship. She also leads Bible studies and participates in outreach. She, and other program participants, are role-models in the church and community encouraging and supporting one another in the Lord.

Esmeralda before and after she found Jesus Christ and started her businesses. What an amazing transformation! Praise God for his grace and hope. Pray for these parents of the supported children that their faith and businesses would grow.

Become a catalyst for hope and help more families like Esmeralda's by donating to the **Southeast Asia** fund; hope blooms into transformed lives for Christ. Thank you.

- Resty and Mel Enguerra

*** In January 2017 we are launching a brand new child sponsorship program in the Philippines with Resty and Mel Enguerra to support 50 children in the Payates Dumpsite they have been working with faithfully for four years. \$35/month is the cost to sponsor one child.

Beautiful International Update

I'm looking at the rolling waves of the Mediterranean Sea as I edit this month's *The Liaison*. John and our US team are sharing all week with the Egyptian pastors Bible study methods, encouragement and challenges from the Word. The beautiful, albeit pounding surf reminds me of the relentless issues and troubles women here face. Funny, but I don't hear the phrase, "I'm so busy" very much as I inquire how I can pray for them. They do ask for prayer for courage in abusive marriages, or, prayer for their family's safety with the Muslim Brotherhood and a possible 11/11 new offensive. Others ask for prayer for deeper faith, some for health issues, others simply wonder how they can buy some of the essentials. Oh sure, there are busy and bored women in the Middle East too, but with the majority I spend time with, life is nuts and bolts, tough with few frills, very much LIFE IN THE NOW. Like you and me, our Sisters here value encouragement, especially from the Word of God.

One pastor's wife who leads their church's women's ministry asked for prayers. I asked her what materials she has available to her to use with the women in Bible study, she shrugged her shoulders, "very little."

I've had it on my heart for several years to make quality Bible study materials from the conferences I teach available in Arabic, Hindi as well as English online to women globally. Now that I am blessed to have Jennifer Cunningham as my new assistant, this is becoming a reality. We plan to post these materials on BI's Facebook (most women or their teens here are on FB) and website, www.BeautifulInternational.org (which is re-launching next month). I'm asking for continued prayers and support to prepare and translate the material. Women here are very much looking forward to them.

This month as I am privileged to minister to women throughout the Middle East, I ask for your prayers that we might lift up the Lord to their hearts. We will especially be focusing on women in church leadership, refugees and women with the Miriam Project. Many thanks to our Beautiful Partners who are financially supporting this vital work! - Dee



I'm touched with this sister's servant heart



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Dennis & Vicki Snyder

New IM Ambassadors: We are very excited to introduce Rev. Dennis and Vicki Snyder who have joined Indigenous Ministries in the ministry with a heart to reach nationals with the Gospel.

Recently retired from fruitful ministry in the pastorate, Dennis is on IM's international teaching staff to national pastors, and they represent IM in churches in the Midwest, with a focus on Michigan. Vicki is a Beautiful International Partner with Dee.

Please pray for this great couple who I know to truly love serving the Lord. As they raise their support and expense package, I want to encourage you to engage monthly or with a generous one time gift, which you can do on our website in the Donate drop down menu. Contact the office to schedule them in your church. - John W. Cook, CEO

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Year End Giving - This Fall in our Year End campaign, we're asking the Lord for \$29,000 for the general fund. We praise God that \$20,000 has already come in for this need!

The second goal is to raise \$33,040 to complete the Grace Bible College library building before the end of the year.

Pray with me that both of these important needs will be met. If you haven't before, join with the many who have made Indigenous Ministries their mission to work through, and we will do our best to first honor the Lord with all our efforts, and then honor your commitment as well.

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