

June 2016

## GBC Library Ceiling Poured in 12 Hour Marathon



INDIA - Because of God's faithfulness and your prayers, the Grace Bible College library and classroom building ground floor now has a ceiling and the second floor is going up even as you read this! Monsoons have not arrived which allowed workers to complete a massive 12 hour pour on the ceiling/floor.

The funding needed to complete the project is \$55,509; which we trust the Lord to bring the rest in as the work continues. Thank you for your generous donations which have brought us to this point; we ask for your continued partnership to prepare the building for the students.

To be part of raising the next generation of Christian servants in India, would you consider making an investment in this project? To donate please go to our website, [www.IndigenousMinistries.org](http://www.IndigenousMinistries.org) and select the GBC Building Fund in the drop down menu, or you may wish to mail your check with the form on page four. Thank you very much.

- Dr. John Cook, CEO

### Capital Funding Update:

40' x 60' Two Story Library/Classroom Building

Projected Expense: \$98,000 (Furnishings not included)

Funds received: -42,491

Amount needed: \$55,509 (as of June 13)

## Middle East Exciting News Bulletins #1-4 (You won't want to miss these)

Inside:

- \* Egypt Child Sponsorship Program update with 22 children enrolled
- \* One of our Egyptian church plants has just acquired a building
- \* Meet the newest pastor in IM's Global Church Planting Initiative
- \* Government donates an acre of land to IM GBCPI church plant in Iraq

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## Middle East Exciting News Bulletins #1-4

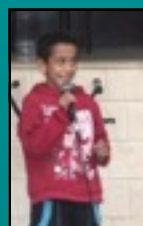
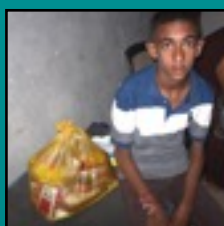
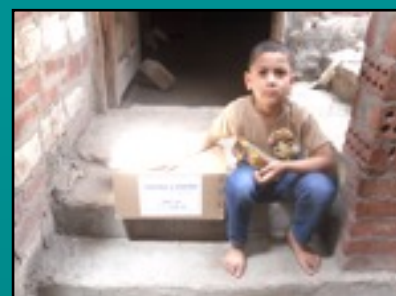
At the very core of Indigenous Ministries, our heart beats to establish the Church in limited-access countries through our Global Church Planting Initiative (GCPI). Jesus Christ is our only hope and stability in this world, against the backdrop of the difficulties and challenges people are facing world-wide.

The support of a local, national pastor is most needed as the church plant begins in order that he can be unencumbered as he brings the message of Christ, which in turn brings stability and the hope and love of Christ to very troubled and needy communities.

Earlier in June several exciting developments took place in the Middle East; two in Egypt and two in Iraq:

**1 Our Egypt Child Sponsorship Program** for half and full orphans continues to be an overwhelming blessing to families in very needy situations. What an incredible team the Lord has given to us in Egypt who care for these children and their families through the church. These 22 children in our program are truly receiving the care they need and are thriving. All of the children are from a single parent home where the mother is a widow - in most cases the father died from Hepatitis C or other illness.

Weekly the children and families are checked on by the pastoral staff and ministry team (pictured right and below with the children) and the children are taught Bible lessons and helped to memorize passages of Scripture. They are also given the ability to go to school and receive healthy food that the entire family enjoys. This is made possible by our generous child sponsors. Our goal is to have 50 children sponsored by the end of August.



*Scenes from Egypt - These are the faces of some of the children in our sponsorship program and ministry team members who weekly work with the kids. Left school supplies purchased for the kids. The bags and boxes are dry goods for the family of the sponsored children. Above and right, one of the weekly meetings with the sponsored kids which they LOVE. Some siblings tagged along. . . looking forward to the stories, songs, snacks and some attention.*

## Egypt Church Plant Finds a Building

**2** Secondly, one of our church plants in Egypt has put funds down on a building for a permanent home. This is a house that has already been transformed into a church auditorium on the ground floor and will soon have accommodations for Sunday School in the second and third floors. Over 40 families are now Christ followers as result of this church plant and are excited to be able to use this space soon. One of our partnering churches in Arizona generously made these funds possible, for which we praise the Lord.

Because of your support for the Global Church Planting Initiative, this Egyptian national church has been established and more people are trusting Jesus Christ as Savior in many areas in Egypt. I cannot stress to you enough the importance of this GCP Initiative. Because of a church planting pastor within this village, people are being won out of Islam's confusion and being introduced to the good news that is only found in Jesus Christ. Thank you for caring and making a difference in lives for eternity! - Dr. John Cook



## Global Church Planting Initiative New Church Plant - Iraq

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The third exciting piece of news is that another servant of the Lord, Pastor M. is our next church planting pastor in Iraq. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry this month in Baghdad.

He's a new ministry partner the Lord has brought to us, and will be part of our Global Church Planting Initiative. We are asking the Lord for the next \$500 a month for his support. Would you pray with us that there would be those who will join with us in supporting the GCPI and Pastor M.? Our prayer is to have 100 church planting national pastors supported through this ministry in the next two years. The first level of support is at \$50 a month, and we're asking the Lord for ten who will join with us in this project.



*Ordination service of Pastor M. which was held in the Baptist Church in Baghdad, which IM was part of establishing in 2004*

## Government Donates Land for Church in Iraq

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The fourth exciting piece of news is that the Kurdish government in northern Iraq has given an acre of property for our church plant. We are very excited about this and rejoice in the Lord for all He has done - but can you imagine how thrilled the pastor and church members are?

As we look ahead, we are also praying for the upcoming opportunity to be able to put together a facility which at this point will include a church building with Sunday school rooms as well as a Christian School, preschool through 12th grade. The vision is that the Lord will use this campus to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We will share more in months to come about this incredible and historic opportunity.

I'm sure you, like I, grow weary of listening to the evening news, with the "if it bleeds, it leads" motto, but when you hear about what is taking place within the ministry and scope of Indigenous Ministries, I trust that your heart will rejoice with mine. We continue to reach people for Christ in the midst of crisis, confusion and tragedy. He alone can heal and forgive, and He is our rock, our anchor, and our hope.

This last week was an amazing week as we saw these new projects come to light. Yes, the Middle East is embroiled with many difficulties, however, there are also unprecedented opportunities to shine as Christ-followers. Don't let the headlines discourage you, rather, join us as we engage in reaching many including Kurds, Iraqis, Assyrians, Arabs, Syriacs, Chaldeans and others with the hope and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.



*This Kurdish couple we met in Northern Iraq are the new face of Kurdistan. Both professionals, their families have fled the area, yet they are committed to staying where they are. They are also looking for fellowship and community - a unique opportunity for the Church to show the love of Christ.*



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**Enguerra Update from the Philippines**

**The Entrepreneurship Program** - Micro Loans coupled with a Savings and Loan Program extended towards scavenger (formerly scavenging for a living in dumps) parents have given them a new perspective and hope on who Christ is in their lives: the God of possibilities in the midst of impossibilities. They are no longer afraid to trust Him completely because they have experienced how God gives them back their dignity and self respect. "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" - Psalm 147:3



**Thank you** for your continued prayers and needed financial support for this very effective (and locally sustainable) outreach in Southeast Asia which Resty and Mel Enguerra faithfully lead. To read their complete newsletter go to [www.IndigenousMinistries.org](http://www.IndigenousMinistries.org) and enter *Enguerra Bamboo Journey* in the search box.

**Middle East Backpack Project**

School will begin soon, and since last year's backpacks were a big hit with the refugee children in Iraq, we are once again raising funds for backpacks for children whose families had to leave all behind when they fled ISIS. This year we're also including our Egyptian kids in our new program. The backpacks we provide through our national teams are brand new and filled with pencils, pens, paper, glue, and other supplies the kids need.

Donate to this project at [www.IndigenousMinistries.org](http://www.IndigenousMinistries.org) and you won't miss the dropdown...it's the first one! **Any amount will help** - it's a great project for US kids!!!

**Israel tour in 2017** - We will lead a tour group to Israel in May of 2017. Please contact our office for details.

**India June 2017** - College age ministry trip to India to lead VBS with children.

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