# World Christian Outreach

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How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

World Christian Outreach works with indigenous pastors and evangelists to reach the lost and minister to the needs of God's people in their countries. Members of the US team travel yearly to visit and participate in outreach efforts, but our partners are active all year long. Below we provide updates on some of these efforts.



## Bishop Mulenga, Tanzania

(From Bishop Mulenga) Mkwanja is an island village off the Indian Ocean coast of Tanzania. To begin

with this is a place of the spiritual darkness and an Islamic stronghold with witchcraft and ancestral worship. These islands (Pemba and Unguja) have 3 strong tribes: the Washirazi, Makonde, and Wazigua. Their lives are so very difficult. They are fishermen, farmers, and small businesses entrepreneurs.

Our outreach efforts began there in 2021. It was unusual to hear the name of Jesus mentioned. Now the doors are open thanks to your prayers. God is in control and people



are coming to Christ. God has set them free, and a great revival is taking place. We are keeping a close look and grounded in the teachings of the word of God. Last year we baptized some of the people and



this year we have baptized others.
Nevertheless, six people who were supposed to be baptized missed baptism because they were delayed by the heavy rains. So, I will go again for baptism at the end of February.

In addition to the above, I often go to villages to serve small churches. There are many difficult situations with children needing clothes, shoes, and books. Food is available in the villages but there are many people who live without spiritual food. Many preachers love the big city but we are called to go to the villages. Luke 8:1 "After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." When we minister to the needs of the people, the love of Jesus becomes great for them.



### Pakistan

Our evangelist partner in Pakistan is very active in reaching the lost with regular outreach efforts. He was also a key responder in providing aid to the families affected by the church burning and attacks by radical Muslims last year. Thanks to your generosity, WCO provided over \$7,600 in relief aid. Our Partners in Portugal also provided over \$2,000 in aid. In addition to his outreach effort, he also supports an orphanage. Here are some very recent pictures from his outreach efforts.





#### India

Pastor Raj has been leading 50 pastors and their churches in outreach efforts in the region of Andhra

Pradesh, India. Our August 2023 newsletter highlighted my visit with Raj last year. We saw over 30 souls receive Christ during my visit. This was in part due to the seed planting his pastors have been doing. Raj has also spearheaded the construction of the "Ruth's Compassion Kids" home providing much improved shelter for over 20 orphans.

Unfortunately, Raj recently suffered a heart attack and needed a multiple bypass surgery in a city 500 km away. A generous WCO donor provided the \$8,000 needed for the surgery. God preserved Raj's life. Here is the message from his son, Sam. Please keep Pastor Raj and family in your prayers.



#### Dear all.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for the unwavering kindness and continued prayers extended towards Pastor Raj's recent surgery and subsequent recovery. Your collective support has been a source of immense strength for us, and words cannot adequately express our appreciation.

I am pleased to share the positive news that Pastor Raj is now back home, and the results of the surgery are promising. However, the journey to full recovery is ongoing, and the medical team has advised a period of three months of dedicated bed rest to ensure optimal healing. Additionally, there is a scheduled follow-up appointment with the doctor in a month to assess and review his progress.

In times like these, your support becomes a beacon of hope, and we are profoundly grateful for the solidarity you have shown. Your prayers are a precious gift, and we kindly ask you to continue uplifting Pastor Raj in your thoughts for a swift and complete recovery.



Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and the invaluable prayers that have surrounded us during this challenging time. We are deeply touched by your generosity.

### Bahati, Kenya-Report from Brother Stanton Herpick

Greetings to you in the New Year 2024! It is a joy to report to you on the progress in ministry since our return from Kenya and Tanzania in October. Stan and Damaris have been praying fervently together and the African brethren in Kenya have also been praying constantly.

Specific activities in Kenya include the following:

1. Two new families have joined our Prayer Chapel Church in Bahati, Kenya.

- 2. The Full Gospel Church Bishop and Pastors held a 2 day fasting and prayer vigil at our Missionary Guest House.
- 3. The Bahati community was invited in for a glorious Christmas celebration.
- 4. Two new full time employees have been hired at the Farm and a new large cow purchased resulting in significant increased milk income.
- 5. Pastor Eduardo Fernandes from the Riverside Church in Cascais, Portugal has confirmed that he will be staying at our Guest House for 2 weeks in May and conducting in-depth Discipleship training for a minimum of 30 Kenyan Pastors making "Fishers of Men."
- 6. Funds are in place to build our first priority item, a Ferro Cement Water Tank, to insure proper water storage for the Farm \$5,500. Additionally, 400 new Avocado Trees are also being purchased to add to our 360 growing and producing. Kenya will be sending 30% of their country-wide avocado production to India in a newly arranged agreement.
- 7. Last but not least, we have received commitments of \$55,000 in brokerage stock securities\* for the building of the International Evangelistic Outreach Center in Bahati, Kenya. We are over the one-third mark of the all-inclusive cost of \$150,000 for the building. Total securities and funds will be collected when all the proceeds needed are in place.
- 8. It is significant to note that the Kenyan shilling has risen from under 100 to \$1 US dollar to 157 to \$1 currently. This gives us added leverage in providing additional funds for a farm truck and tractor, 2 more cows, 2 Jesus Film set-ups, and additional improvements at the Missionary Guest House.

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The Vision for the International Evangelistic Outreach Center on our Farm property in Bahati has been paramount in our mind and prayers. It will be located directly across from our Missionary Guest House and within a short walking distance to the Prayer Chapel. It will be a significant outreach Ministry Center for the Nations led by different denominational Bishops and Pastors from Kenya and other countries. The brethren have been praying fervently for this in Bahati. Another Bishop just expressed interest in bringing his people to participate in the meetings when held.

"No good thing will the Lord withhold from them who walk uprightly" – Psalm 84:11.

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