

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Praying for you to have a wonder-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas from Laurie and me!

“Thank you” for your prayers, words of encouragement, and for your financial support in 2021!

2021 was a remarkable year with hundreds of new believers in Jesus, pastors from around the world being mentored, supplying clean water to thousands of families, families being evacuated from Afghanistan, and along the way, our own personal spiritual growth in trusting Jesus!

Even during this pandemic, God has proven He is capable to see His Kingdom grow! It's an honor and a privilege to be His servants!

A few highlights about GCA over the past couple of years:

- GCA has trained 12,403 believers in 30 countries with tools and resources to share Jesus Christ in the past four years.
- 2,902 people have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior!
- Our One-Year Discipleship tool is available in 25 languages!
- 3 new water wells in Uganda have been completed and helping 8,000 villagers to have clean water.

Your support and prayers are making an impact for the Kingdom of God! We are so grateful for you!

Remembering 2021

Great Commission Academy

Our first online Academy ran from March 3rd to November 30th with a graduation ceremony.

154 pastors and leaders graduated from our first online academy!

One graduate shared this: *“Am still teaching and preaching the good news **we baptized 40 people just this week end**”*. While another wrote, *“20 people I trained around **7 people accepted the Jesus Christ.**”*

Disciples making disciples!

Pastoral Counseling & Father2Father

During this year, I was able to provide counseling to couples, individuals and pastors.

It feels good to help couples overcome their communication problems and see them “fall in love again”.

Helping individuals with depression or trauma in their lives takes time but is essential in getting them back up on their feet.

Training fathers to be the best dads they can be is so rewarding.

Mentoring pastors is not only helping them but their churches are benefiting as well.

Uganda Conference



The conference in Uganda was outstanding; **300** were equipped with evangelism and discipleship training and tools. As they went out into the villages to share their new training, **202 people made decisions for Christ!** Now the local churches will be following up on these decisions!

Uganda Clean Water

Through your support we were able to dig three new borehole wells that brought clean water to over 8,000 villagers!



We have another borehole scheduled to be dug in the rocky hill area of Uganda! After this well is dug, the area ministers will hold a two-day conference to share about the Living Water -

Jesus! Many lives will be changed from having clean drinking water and hearing about salvation in Jesus!



Middle East Meeting

We met with leaders in the Middle East on our trip to Uganda, to share about our training and tools (including our Arabic discipleship tool). They were very encouraged and plans are being made to return for a conference soon.

Afghanistan Update:

Thank you for praying and giving to help Afghan believers. Because of you, we've been able to



send more than \$115,000 to help over 45 Christian families get safely out of Afghanistan. Another 30 Christian families and 100 Muslim

families in the country are now being provided for too.

Assam, India Update

The ministry in Assam, India has been growing numerically and spiritually all year!



Pastor Johny is discipling leaders who are leading whole households to the Lord even with persecution in the area!

Bro. Solomon has been teaching 50+ young adults daily through the Bible in Zoom classes and having other pastors and leaders like myself help teach weekly.

Through Crossroads Impact Church, a new church building was built and over 250 people attended Dedication Sunday with 18 people being baptized the following week!



What will 2022 bring?

We are planning a trip to India by spring. We will train leaders in evangelism/discipleship and conduct outreach in their communities for Christ.

Bishop Kamanzi invited me to return to Uganda to conduct a Marriage Conference in 2022.

New Seeds of Grace Ministries asked me to provide a monthly message on their radio program in Uganda - 10,000 listeners.

I will continue to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in my counseling & teaching.

Love, Richard & Laurie Godsil