

Nehemiah 2:18

Come, Let Us Rise Up and Build!

When Nehemiah saw that the gates of Jerusalem were in ruin he was burdened to the point of action. He decided that no matter what the cost he had to go and build. In verse 17 he calls on the Jewish people to help him. Hearing how the hand of God had been upon him for good they responded, "Come let us rise up and build." The hand of God has certainly been upon us for good these past couple of years. We have launched over a dozen churches, seen many people come to Christ, and experienced God's leading and favor at every turn. This year we plan to launch more churches as well as working to build on what has been established! We want to see strong, thriving churches being planted around the world!

Recently I returned from an awesome trip to two Asian countries where we have planted several churches and have been working to rescue young girls from sexual slavery. Not only has God allowed us to launch 11 churches in one of these countries, but some of those churches have already multiplied! Our team spent a few days with our church planters there training them, casting vision, and encouraging unity among the pastors. It was an incredibly fruitful time and the church planters were all encouraged and excited for the future! Nehemiah 2:20 says, "The God of Heaven will make us prosper, and we His servants will arise and build." As we continue building we know that God will make us prosper!

We also spent a few days with the girls who have been rescued from trafficking. I felt that the Lord wanted us to go and simply treat them like princesses. We sponsored a special dinner for them where they could get dressed up and have a great meal. After dinner we all played games, danced, and laughed into the evening. It was amazing to see the smiles on their faces and to know that even after the most horrific childhoods imaginable, they still experience joy in Christ. We also did healing ministry with them and in the prevention program in the slums. God moved powerfully in all our ministry times and many were healed and had powerful encounters with the Holy Spirit. We are so excited about this ministry and are actively planning to develop it further and rescue more girls! We will keep you updated as this ministry develops.



Feeding our rescued girls



Training our pastors



Team picture

A vision for the masses, a heart for the one.

Testimony

During this last trip we stayed for several days in a very religious Hindu square. There were idols and temples everywhere we looked. One night they brought in over 100 massive Buddha Idols for a festival and we watched as thousands came and worshipped at each idol. Each morning we would have our prayer and worship time outside in this square, surrounded by idols. One morning I had an opportunity to share Christ with a Buddhist man walking through the square. While the team worshipped I shared the Gospel with this man. He gave his life to Jesus, and I was able to connect him with someone to disciple him! This is an excellent reminder that the light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!

CoVid-19 Update

Much has changed since I originally wrote the text for this newsletter less than two weeks ago. Already I have had to cancel two international trips due to travel restrictions. I have also had services cancel as churches close around the country. Although my calendar has changed, I am working as hard as ever. This is not the time for the church to go to sleep. We have started hosting several small prayer meetings in our home each week. We are also actively reaching out to the community offering grocery delivery for the vulnerable, prayer, and counseling. This is an incredible opportunity to show the love of Jesus in a unique way! God is still on the throne and we are continuing to build!

A large portion of our income comes from visiting churches and sharing what God is doing. As many churches temporarily shut their doors, we are asking our partners to help in any way they can with an extra donation at this time. Thank you all for your help in this season!

Trip Opportunities

This year we have open spots on two team trips to Uganda. We want to offer these free spots first to all of you, our partners! Both trips will be evangelistic church planting trips. We will have open air services, prayer for the sick, and time for personal evangelism. Assuming travel restrictions are lifted, the first trip will be to the Muslim city of Koboko from June 15th-26th. The second trip will be to the booming town of Hoima from September 14th-25th. Both trips will cost less than \$3,000 per person. Please let us know if you are interested and we can send you all the details!

Thank You

As we have gone to the nations to build His church these last couple of years, we are so thankful for all of you who, like the Israelites, have responded, "come let us rise up and build." In the book of Nehemiah the unity of the Jews was incredibly important to completing the work. Each one had a part to play and they all executed their role for a common goal. In this same way many of you have built with us through your prayers, giving, and even coming along with us on team trips. Nehemiah never could have rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem alone, and we can't accomplish the work without each one of you!

Thank you for building with us!



Jesse & Hilary Comrie



A Muslim worker in the hotel who accepted Christ



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