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PICTURE THIS! REACHING CHILDREN FOR 100 YEARS!

By Jodey Hutchings

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of MAK! As I write this, my heart is full, and my excitement can hardly be contained. 2019 marks one hundred years of reaching children; a celebration that continues to ring out as we commemorate God's call to thousands and the incredible eternal impact that spans across the globe!

Each Spring, we take the time to focus on the 4-14 initiative. Studies show that individuals are the most open and receptive to making a personal commitment to Christ between the ages of 4 and 14 and that those who do so at this early stage of life are most likely to continue in their faith commitment. This is true for many of us. I was 14 years old when I accepted Jesus into my heart as my Lord and Saviour. There are countless stories of Pentecostals who were not only saved as a young child, but who also felt a strong call to serve God as pastors, evangelists, teachers, and even missionaries! There are those serving on the field today who knew they would be missionaries one day because of that call. As we reflect on this milestone anniversary and 4-14, I am delighted to share a few testimonies by our very own PAOC Global Workers about God's call to their young hearts.

HEARING GOD'S CALL

Valerie was raised in a solid Christian home and felt a strong clear call to missions at the age of 15, not knowing how or when it would unfold. She saw a vision at that time which was fulfilled perfectly 30 years later in Ethiopia. In her vision she saw an open field of grass stretching a long way back into the trees. The field was full of thousands of brown people sitting on the grass with white cloths over their heads. She did not know where it was. When we arrived in Ethiopia the church that had been underground for many years, was now able to meet publicly. In many rural areas churches of all denominations

would gather together for large rallies called "Mehabers" to celebrate, worship, preach and teach the Word. We were invited to speak and teach at many of these amazing gatherings. The crowds would be from 5 thousand at the smaller ones to several hundred thousand at the largest. The people would come from long distances, mostly by foot carrying their traditional travelling food with them. They would camp in the area for several days to enjoy the meetings. It was always a wonder to see so many sitting on the grass for long hours each day, so hungry for the word and worship.

At one of these meetings in Warancha, south Ethiopia, the crowd grew to past 25,000. They were seated on the grass filling the field and stretching back into the trees. Ethiopian traditional dress includes a 'Gabi' or white multipurpose cloth also used to cover their heads in the bright sunshine. Val was asked to sing, which surprised her but she agreed. When she stood to sing, looking out at the crowd, she was overwhelmed to see the very thing she had seen as a child in her vision. **Valerie Rutten, Global Worker in Ethiopia**



From the time I became a Christian at age 17 I wanted to make a difference in the world and was actively seeking

God's will for my life. I remember being in youth camp at age 18 where God distinctly spoke to me about being in ministry. **Darren McCrea, Global Worker in Colombia**



In my younger years I always had a desire to serve the Lord. I grew up in "church" and remember very vividly when missionaries would come and share their stories of God's work around the world. I remember...even as young as eight, sitting in the pew with tears streaming down my face. That would happen each time someone would share about overseas missions work. I was 19 years old when I made the decision to pursue full-time missions. I am now keenly aware that God was moving my life in that direction as a young child. His plans for me were written on my young heart and I'm so thankful. **Tiffanie Rowley, Global Worker in Cambodia**



I remember as a child our Sunday School would have a monthly competition between the boys and girls to give towards MAK. I had a pink egg that I would jam-pack with coins so that the girls would win. I enjoyed when missionaries would come to visit and share their stories, dress up in traditional clothes from their country and show pictures. I thought to myself, 'One day I want to do that.' When I was a teenager I attended youth camp at Braeside and I vividly remember one altar prayer time I felt God calling me to missions. I had no idea what that meant for me at the time, but it led me to go to bible college and receive a bachelor's degree in missions. I served as a children's pastor for 17 years and wondered when that 'call' was going to happen. It wasn't until the fall of 2013 that God started my journey to Honduras. All those years God was preparing me for where I am today. I get to do what I love and share Jesus with children. **Kathy Mizen, Global Worker in Honduras**



My family went to the mission field when I was nine and my parents made it clear that God wasn't just sending them, but the whole family. My baby sister, (Global Worker Danielle in Southeast Asia) was only 3 months old at the time.

Now we are both serving with our own families. **Renata Joseph, Global Worker to Belize (fundraising)**



When I was a little girl, God placed a dream and passion in my heart to go to Africa to help children there. This calling was so strong that it never left me throughout my life and is still there just as strong today. God planted a seed in me as a child that He nurtured and grew for many years. I always tried my best to follow God and His plans all through my growing up years. In my heart, I believed that God had a special plan for my life as He does for each of you reading this article today! **Misty Duggan, Global Worker in Tanzania**



These are just a few stories of how God has worked in the lives of children and youth among our global workers. As you read through this issue, you'll read some powerful testimonies of what God is doing in the lives of children in Zimbabwe, Thailand, Honduras, Colombia, Haiti, the Philippines and more. There are so many more yet to be told. You and I are part of God's story. God is still calling His children today. As parents, children's ministry workers, pastors and community influencers, may we continue to pray for the children He has brought into our path. Our prayer is that all children will come to know His love, become missionally-minded and know God's call to their own hearts and lives. Together, let's believe for this and picture what the Lord will do in the days and years to come!



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GLOBAL WORKER FAMILY FEATURES

THE WYLIE FAMILY

Zach & Megan, Ella, Azaiah, and Izra in Thailand

ELLA AND AZAIAH: OUR LIFE AND PRAYER



Hi my name is Ella. I'm 6.5 years old and I live in Bangkok, Thailand.

What's your favourite thing about Thailand?

My favourite thing is my house because it is my house and we do lots of fun things, like host birthday parties and play fun games.

What's your least favourite thing about Thailand?

My least favourite thing about Thailand is that there is pollution in the air. Pollution is bad dust and it can make you sick. We need to tell people not to drive cars all the time. We need to ride our bikes more.

What are some of the differences between Thailand and Canada?

Canada has less people than Thailand and it is a bigger country. Thailand is a small country but it has more people. When I'm in Canada, I hear people speaking English but in Thailand people speak Thai.

Are you learning Thai?

Yes. *Khop khun ka* (thank you). *Nit noy* (a little bit). *Sawatdee Ka* (hello/goodbye). I take classes and sometimes my dad teaches me. My dad can speak Thai.

Do you go to school?

Yes! I eat lunch, a snack and another snack. My teacher's name is Mr. Jay. I like my friends because they share with me and we take care of each other. We need

to take care of each other because school would feel really scary without each other.

What's your favourite thing about school?

My favourite thing about school is snack time because we always have yummy treats to eat. I like learning about Math because we sometime use a 'crocodile friend' to help us learn. My crocodile friend is on the white board and sometimes when we get math problems wrong, we can correct it with 'Mr. Crocodile'.

What's your least favourite thing about school?

My least favourite thing about school is lunch time because sometimes we eat unhealthy things.

Why do we live in Thailand?

We live in Thailand because it's our home.

What is God teaching you right now?

God is teaching me kindness. I need to learn to be more kind because if I'm not kind I won't have any friends.

What is your prayer for 2019?

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for our food, thank you for the workshop that made our bread and thank you for the hen that laid the egg. Can you please help the people in Thailand get almost rich but not poor. Thank you for our food, thank you for Adam and Eve, thank you for you and thank you for



everyone. But thank you for mostly you. Amen.

Hi! My name is Azaiah. I am 4 years old and I can run faster now.

What's your favourite thing about Thailand?

My favourite thing to do in Thailand is going to the 'Funarium'. The funarium is a place where babies and big kids can play. I like to go down the big slide. It's really, really fast.

What's your least favourite thing about Thailand?

I don't like giants. There are giants in caves in Thailand. When I was a little boy I saw one in a cave.

Do you go to school?

Yes. I'm in 'nursery' and my teacher's name is Ms. Charlotte. I like playing with my teacher.

What's your favourite thing about school?

My favourite thing to do at school is to play in the 'garden' (playground area).

Are you learning to speak Thai?

Yes. I take Thai classes. Sometimes I like my Thai classes and sometimes I don't. My favourite Thai word is 'sawatdee pee may' that means 'Happy New Year'.

Do you have any Thai friends?

So many! Arthur, Eton, Kin, Aston and Dillan.

What is God teaching you right now?

Run really, really, really fast. I've learned about praying. About Jesus helping me.

(Prayed while speaking into the Oreo microphone)

What is your prayer for 2019?

Dear Jesus, I hope my mom and daddy didn't die when we are alive. And dear Jesus, I pray that no bad guys will come here to steal our money. I'm thankful for you helping us. (Prayed while praying into the Oreo microphone).

We are the Wylies and there are 5 of us! Our parent's names are Zach and Megan and they are super-mega old.

Our dad is the leader of Imagine Thailand. He works really hard and people really like him. Our mom works with families and helps moms when they're having babies. Sometimes she gets called in the middle of the night to go helps moms at the hospital.

This year was exciting because we got a baby brother. His name is Izra but Thai people call him 'It'sara'. His name means freedom. He is so chubby and he is always wiggly.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that we stay healthy. We are sick a lot and sometimes we have wiggly worms. Then we have to take strong medicine.
- Please pray that we stay safe
- Please pray for our parents, that they will have lots of energy to take care of us and to do their work.
- Please pray for patience for our whole family.

Please join us in praying for the Wylie family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE MCCREA FAMILY

NEXT STEPS

Darren & Patty, James, and Darien in Colombia

Please pray that we stay healthy. We are sick a lot and sometimes we have wiggly worms. Then we have to take strong medicine.



Greetings from Bogota! Have you ever wondered about the future? We sure have! In 'missions', wondering about the future is a daily occurrence. In missions, we live in the most uncertain kind of Godly certainty you can possibly imagine!

Did you read that last sentence closely? You see, we never have our path clearly defined, whether it be in our finances (all of our money comes from people who send offerings for our family), the place we live, our next projects or even where we are going to serve (country wise).

No, we have no plans to leave Colombia, after all we have been serving here

for 24 years, but we always have to be ready and willing to hear God's voice and follow it where He leads. Right now, our family challenge is about taking next steps, not in location, rather in projects and career paths.

First there is James. Our oldest son James turns 17 on May 30th. He is in grade 11 and only one year away from finishing high school. We are so very proud of him and very scared at the same time! Scared because that means he will soon be going off to university – in another country! He will be in Canada and we will still be in South America.

And what is he going to be studying? We are not totally sure, but James dreams of being a pilot – a big dream that only God can open the doors to make happen. That means that we need to be thinking about where he will go to school and where he will live.

We are also praying about maybe having him do a gap year – spending a year doing a Youth with a Mission Discipleship Training School or maybe attending a year of Bible school. These are big decisions and **we can really use your prayers for James**; that God will make it really clear to us which steps we are to take.

Then there is Darien. What do next steps look like for him? "Squishy," (our affectionate nick name for him) is now 13. He still has a few years of school left, but now is the time to look forward, to pray, to dream and to develop his talents. Darien is an artist and a creator. He is learning piano and taking martial arts. How does all that fit into God's plan for his life? He is thinking about Engineering. What kind of engineer? Good question! If God gives you an idea please let us know! Maybe be a self-serve ice cream engineer? Darien really likes that thought!

As for Patty and I, what are next steps for us? We have had an exciting year of ministry. We hosted outreach teams that ministered to thousands of students in schools, 2500 people in a secular concert, more in public parks and in churches. As for our "big ticket project," The Susa Church and Community Centre, this year we will be doing the official opening once we complete the first of two floors of Sunday school rooms. So now what? We pray and dream and listen for God's voice.

We will continue to host outreach teams, but we are looking forward to our next big, hairy audacious goal! And we have an idea that you can pray about.

Patty and I have "adopted" 25 boys! Sometimes there are only 22 and other times there are as many as 30! We would like to even adopt another 20 or so. Curious yet?

For the last few years we have been working with a home for troubled boys called The Refuge. They have become our kids. They are children that we love and that we love to help. When we first met them the house where they live was falling apart and so we started to make repairs. We replaced the floors that were broken, we remodeled the bathrooms, we replaced the leaking

And now we have a bigger dream for The Refuge. We want to build two more dormitories so that the staff can take in more boys who are hurting.

roof and spent a lot of time just hanging out and loving on them. It has been our great pleasure to see how God has loved them through our family and the dozens of people that we have brought to visit.

And now we have a bigger dream for The Refuge. We want to build two more dormitories so that the staff can take in more boys who are hurting. But more than that, we want to help hundreds of children in the community that are not getting enough to eat by also building a Community Kitchen as part of the expansion. So, for Patty and I, our "next steps" are designing the new building for The Refuge, praying it through and seeking the approvals that we need to start raising the money for this new dream.

Will it happen? We don't know. That is part of missions. We pray. We dream and we listen for God's voice. Then we start walking, we take steps and trust that He will guide us. And you can help! Pray for us, for the boys at The Refuge and for God to open all the doors so that His vision becomes real in our lives... and in yours! After all God has some "next steps" for you too.

Please join us in praying for the McCrea family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE KENYAMANYARA FAMILY

WE'RE A GROWING FAMILY!

Julius & Jade, Ezra, Gabriel, and Josiah in Tanzania



Hi everybody! My name is Ezra Kenyamanyara. I live in Mwazna, Tanzania with my family; my Dad Julius, my Mom Jade, and my two little brothers Gabriel and Josiah. I am almost eight years old and I'm in year 3 (grade 2). Gabriel is almost five and he's in kindergarten, and my smallest brother, Josiah is 5 months old! We have lived in Tanzania almost my whole life! We first came to live here when I was only a year old. We have lived in the city of Mwanza for 4 and a half years now. It's home to us! Mwazna is on Lake Victoria and is a very beautiful city. I love living here with my family.

My Mom and Dad are global workers. They serve at Village of Hope (VOH) Mwanza, which is a ministry that helps care for children in need. Right now VOH Mwanza has 9 children's homes, which house almost 80 children. Each child's home is like a family – they live with a housemother and they cook and take care of the house together. Everyone helps just like we do in my family. There is also a primary school on the main site with about 300 children. I like going to visit the Village and playing with some friends there. I like playing soccer with the other kids. Lots of

Each child's home is like a family – they live with a housemother and they cook and take care of the house together.

children here love soccer (they call it football) and so do I. I like to practice every day!

Every year VOH Mwanza is growing and we are increasing the number of children we serve from the surrounding community. These children don't live at the village but they come from very poor backgrounds and they are enrolled for free in the school and the feeding program. This is a way of giving them hope for the future by making sure they eat well and are healthy and that they receive a chance to go to a good school and learn. We also launched a brand new site last year in a place about 20 minutes away from the main site; it's called Bulale. Out there we have a pre-school and grade one is starting this year. There will be about 60 kids attending school out there and

receiving a nutritious porridge meal each day. They call the porridge here, "uji." Gabriel and I like uji too and we drink it at home as well! It's exciting to be helping more children in need around Mwanza.

Our family doesn't live on the same compound as Village of Hope Mwanza. We live about a 25-minute drive away, across town. We live on a compound that PAOC has owned for a long time and many missionaries have lived on over the years. There are two houses on the compound – we live in one and another missionary family, the Duggan family, lives in the other. I am friends with their youngest, Lucas, and we like to play outside together. We have a lot of space in our yard and we love to play soccer and basketball as a family. I also really love to swim and Gabriel



and I are in Mwanza Swim Club. I swim three times a week and I'm very excited because I have just moved up to the next level in Swim Club! My favourite strokes are freestyle and breaststroke. I also swim backstroke and I am learning butterfly. Gabriel also likes to swim and now he can jump in the deep end by himself! Josiah is too small to swim, but he loves to watch Gabriel and I.

Gabriel and I go to Isamilo International School. It's really close to our home and we can walk there. I like my teacher this year and I have some good friends

at school. There are kids from lots of different places at my school, and it's nice meeting people from different places. My two best friends at school are William and Seb. William is from Tanzania, but his parents are from America as he was adopted. Seb is from the UK. My favourite subjects are math, science and history.

In Tanzania everyone speaks Swahili. My parents can both speak Swahili and Gabriel and I also speak Swahili, Josiah is too small, but he will learn soon too!

It's nice to be able to speak both English and Swahili.

Thanks for reading about our family and what we do in Tanzania.

Prayer Requests:

- That God would protect our family and keep us safe.
- That we would all be healthy.
- That God would help my parents as they lead at VOH Mwanza.
- For VOH Mwanza - for all the children; that they would grow strong and healthy and that they would follow Jesus and learn to pray to Him.
- Pray that Gabriel and I will do well at school and have a good year.

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THE STEINFIELD FAMILY

BIBLE SCHOOLS MATTER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Mark & Kim, Alyssa, Madeline, and Caleb in Spain



Hi, kids! We're the Steinfields – Mark, Kim, Alyssa, Maddy, and Caleb. We live and work in Madrid, Spain! Alyssa is 13 years old, Maddy is 11, and Caleb is 8. And we have a super cute dog, Zoe, who is 4 years old. She's a boxer, and we have lots of fun with her!

We are global workers in Spain and we're here to train pastors and leaders through the Salem Bible School. Did you know that very few pastors in Spain have any Bible training? When young people here choose what they're going to be, they go to university to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, and business people. But very few people think, "I'm going to become a pastor, so I should

study at a Bible school." That's why the Bible school is so important! We are here to help Spaniards reach their country for Jesus and give them the tools they need to do that.

There are a lot of joys that come with teaching students! One of those joys is hearing them say, "I never understood that verse, or that book of the Bible, or the Old Testament. But now I get it!" Another rewarding moment is when they say, "I didn't know what God's purpose was for my life, and now I know." Other times, students say, "Thank you for teaching us! I'm so excited about what I'm learning that I go home and share it with my family!" And just yesterday, one student told us, "I'm

learning a lot about the Bible, but best of all is that I am changing from the inside out as God speaks to me."

These are all wonderful words of encouragement that help us see that the Bible school matters and is making a difference. But sometimes as global workers, there are really hard moments too. One such moment was earlier this year when we were trying to get our residency cards renewed. Did you know that when we go to a different country to live, we need permission to live there? Well, we were trying to get the papers that give us permission to live in Spain.

We had handed in all our papers and everything seemed to be going smoothly. Two months later, Mark got a letter saying he could continue to live in Spain...but the rest of us also received four other letters saying that we could not live in Spain unless we showed them more documents. That was a scary moment because we didn't have all the documents they were asking for. We started to wonder: What will we do if they say no? What will happen to the Bible school? Where will we go? All sorts of questions flooded our minds. What do you do when you're scared and nervous about something?

Well, we did the best thing we could do. We prayed! As I tucked Alyssa and

I'm learning a lot about the Bible, but best of all is that I am changing from the inside out as God speaks to me.

Maddy into bed that night, we asked Jesus what He wanted to say to us. And do you know what happened? The three of us all heard the same thing: Jesus said we didn't need to be afraid because He was going to fight the battle for us! Isn't it wonderful when Jesus reassures us of His goodness?!

We drove to the foreign affairs office, waited our turn in line, and handed in the documents we did have. The next morning, we got a phone call saying there was a problem with our papers, so we had to go in again! When we arrived, they said they had forgotten to hand in Caleb's documents, but now the director had the papers. When we asked if we could speak with the director to explain our situation, the answer was a firm no. All we could do was trust that God was going to fight the battle for us.

A few weeks later, we got the letters saying that we were all approved and we could keep living in Spain! Yeah!

But the battle wasn't over yet. We still had to do the finger printing and wait another month. Since the whole process had taken so long, we were running out of time. We had already bought our tickets to return to Canada and we needed our residency cards before we could fly.

After the month passed, we drove all the way to the office, and when we got up to the counter, the lady said our papers weren't ready yet! She told us to wait a few minutes while she checked again. When she called us up, she

said, "The papers just arrived!" What a relief! We were finally finished with the process of renewing our residency cards! We were full of thanksgiving because Jesus had helped us!

Do you know what we learned from this challenge? We learned that God still wants us in Spain and that He still has purpose for us here. We also remembered that when God calls us to a place, He fights on our behalf so that we can keep doing what He has called us to do. Our job is to trust Him and be faithful.

God has a special plan and purpose for your life, too. Remember to obey Him and trust Him as He guides you!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that God will show the Bible school students what He has called them to do.
- Pray that God will give us wisdom as we work with the pastors and Bible school students.

Please join us in praying for the Steinfield family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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CHANGE, CHANGE, CHANGE!

Matthew & Amber, Daxon, Zala, and Wren in Thailand



Sometimes we really like change and sometimes we find change really frustrating. Change can be scary or it can be super fun. Sometimes we welcome change with big hugs and sometimes we wish it would stay away. Our names are Daxon, Zala, and Wren. We are 7 years old, 5 years old, and 8 months old. We live in Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, and we want to talk with you about change!

This past year came with so many changes! The most exciting change was the arrival of our little sister Wren. We think she is the most adorable baby ever and it is hard to remember what our family was like before her. She does not like to sleep too much, but she is usually very happy. Her smile makes us smile too! She is the best kind of change because she made our hearts grow bigger and love more.

For school we go to a British school. Sometimes we have to change how we spell words (like Mum instead of Mom) to follow what our teachers are

explaining to us. That's a little change and little changes can feel easy. The big change is that we started grade one and grade two. This means new classmates, new teachers, and for Daxon, it meant moving to a new building in the school. We really like our school and so even though there have been changes, there is still so much we already know. Have you ever had a change where some things stay the same? These are like half-changes and that can be confusing.

Living in the 'Big Mango' is full of changes all the time. The Big Mango is a nickname for Bangkok - we like it because mangos are delicious. There are so many people in Bangkok all doing different things and working together. There are 10 million people in our city but some people think there might be 15 million. We imagine it would be hard to count that high. Bangkok is always shifting and moving. They are fixing roads, building new towers and shopping malls (Bangkok loves shopping malls), and switching the posters and advertising on billboards. The streets

are filled with cars and trucks and scooters zipping along. Nothing stays the same for very long. We like to explore and so all of these changes mean there are lots of adventures. Some days the adventures are waiting for us just outside our door and other days we have to go find the adventures. Do you like exploring new places as much as we do?

Our Mom and Dad are part of Imagine Thailand and they work to train strong leaders and to help people with things like food, water, and school. They do this because loving people shows God's love for them. This year things changed for our Mom and Dad at work too. Our Mom added something new to her job by starting to work with Impact School of Mission (ISM) to train interns to work in South East Asia. "Intern" is just a fancy way of saying "student who learns while doing." Dad started working with ChildCARE Plus (CCP) which connects people in Canada to a child in Thailand. It's called sponsorship and it helps a child in Thailand go to school. It also



Some days the adventures are waiting for us just outside our door and other days we have to go find the adventures.

means that you can write letters to your Thai friend and they will write you back. We do not always understand everything our Mom and Dad do at work, but we know they do it to help people and we like that a lot. That's why we feel part of Imagine Thailand, ISM, and CCP too!

Sometimes there are changes that we can control. Sometimes there are changes we cannot control. As a family we try to pray for the things we can't control because we believe God can help with those situations. Is there anything that you cannot control that you want God to help you with? Those

would be great things to pray about and to ask other people to pray about with you.

Prayer Requests:

- *What we learn and how we learn is always changing. We don't just mean school. Because we live in Thailand we are always learning more about Thai language and culture. Pray for us to be super good learners!*
- *Our Mom and Dad like their work, but we know that there are ways for everyone in our family to help. Pray that*

we would continue to find ways to be helpful as an entire family.

- *Making friends changes your life because you bring someone new into your heart. Pray that we would make more friends and that these friendships would be strong.*

Change can be surprising because we do not know when changes are coming. We are happy that God knows what changes are coming and He is always there to help us and help you. If there is something you want us to pray about with you, let us know! We can be good little change makers together!

Please join us in praying for the Price family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE RUTTAN FAMILY

BRINGING HOPE TO THE NEXT GENERATION IN HONDURAS

Dale & Carolyn and Elisa in Honduras



We are Dale and Carolyn Ruttan. We have been Global Workers in Honduras (Latin America) for almost six years now. We have two boys (Jacob and Benjamin) who have now transitioned to Canada and one daughter, Elisa, who is in her senior year of high school and lives with us in Honduras. We consider it a privilege to serve here and to see what God is doing through the ministries we are involved with.

SCHOOLS OF HOPE

Schools of Hope Honduras provides programs to the Buena Vista community within the city of Tegucigalpa. This is the capital city of Honduras. There are thousands of people who live on the side of a mountain and they live without proper roads, toilets to flush, or running water.

Some of the programs that we provide are sponsoring children with their

school supplies (and much more!) through ERDO's ChildCARE Plus (CCP) program - a feeding program for some of our kindergarten children and education for CCP students. CCP also provides tutoring classes for students to excel in their education. a water filter system that is installed both in schools and homes, teaching Bible classes in 15 public schools within their district, and we are just beginning to teach Bible classes in a few high schools.

CHILDCARE PLUS SPONSORSHIP

Over 255 children are sponsored by ChildCARE Plus. These students have opportunities to attend school through to their high school graduation! We also provide scholarships for those wanting to continue into University.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

We are excited to provide a warm nutritional drink called, Incaprina.

This provides many nutrients that are needed throughout the day. We offer this to over 500 children, but also to all of our CCP families. Not only do the students enjoy the benefit of the nutrients, but their whole family get fed as well!

TUTORING PROGRAM

Our Schools of Hope director, Kathy Mizen, had a desire to help the sponsorship program kids succeed in their classes. Over 100 students are getting help in their Spanish, Math, Computer and English classes. One student would not have graduated from grade 6 if it weren't for the help of our tutoring staff.

WATER FILTER PROGRAM

Over this past year, we have installed 260+ bio-sand filters into homes and schools. That is over 2,000 people that are now drinking clean water. One

of our staff members told us that her community now has a sense of pride because their community drinks clean water.

HOPE CAMP

Every year, we take the children and youth of our sponsorship program for a couple of days of much fun! We have activities, arts and crafts, snacks, great food, and services where we focus on teaching His Word! For many, they experience camp for the first time! This has become the highlight of the year for them. Because attendance has grown, we have had to go to two different camps. We love Hope Camp!

BIBLE CLASSES

The daily joy for our family, is teaching the Bible classes in public schools. Carolyn and I teach in 6 schools. Elisa joins us when her school schedule allows for it. We teach Bible stories, do object lessons, and sing Bible songs. The children love when we show up at their school to teach His Word! Over the past two years, we have been able to hire 11 other staff members who are Honduran. We have trained them to also teach these classes. With our

whole staff, we can go into 15 schools and teach to over 6,000 students His Hope for their lives! This year, we are teaching them the commandments of God. What a great opportunity we have to spread His message to these students! This year we are taking Bible classes into the high schools! Many teenagers will now have the opportunity to hear God's Word and discover His truth!

SEEDLINGS

We have a special program for grade 5 students. There are over 1000 students who receive a workbook that has the gospel message from creation to Jesus' return. This gives the students an incredible foundation on which to build their faith. Upon graduation from this program, each student will receive their very own Bible. We have handed them out each year and the reactions are the same. They are so happy and excited to receive a Bible of their very own. Some of them have even been brought to tears. They will carry them around at recess like they are holding a treasure.

Everything that we do at Schools of Hope centres around the message of hope! We want this community to know

that there is hope through salvation in Jesus and He has a future and great plans for their lives (Jeremiah 29:11). Jesus can change their lives and He can bring change to their community.

Prayer Requests:

- For Elisa who will be transitioning to Canada to go to college this June. Pray as she seeks direction for housing, college choice, and OSAP funding.
- For protection as we travel to and from the many schools we serve in because they are in dangerous gang-ridden areas.
- For the lives of the students to be transformed by His Word!

Please join us in praying for the Ruttan family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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MISSION CANADA CORNER

THE PAOC AND 100 YEARS OF MISSIONARY WORK

IS HE CALLING YOU?

By Natalie Rogge

What is a missionary/global worker? A Mission Canada worker?

First and most importantly, they must sense the call of God on their life. As my friend David Boyd shares in his recent book, *Strong Enough To Last*, as parents, pastors and children's leaders, we must have eight goals when building strong faith into our young generation:

- Powerful in prayer
- Giving selflessly
- Responsive in worship
- Actively serving
- Biblically fluent
- Bold in faith
- Spirit-empowered
- Living like Christ

If large percentages of teenagers are turning away from their faith in Christ, we need to lay spiritual foundations in our children that will carry them through their youth years, and lifetime. We never know what God has in store and how He is preparing our youngest generation for His service.

I recently uncovered an incredible book in our PAOC Archives that tells of the strong spiritual, lifelong foundations of two Canadian Christian girls from Saskatchewan; sisters Jean and Marion Bolton. Consider how God prepared

their young lives to do His work. The book begins:

Chapter One: The Formative Years

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart there from." (Proverbs 22:6)

We thank and praise God for our parents who know Him and obey His Word.

Long ago our mother remarked to a friend, "I would like to serve the Lord, but what can I do with these four small children?" He replied, "You are to teach these children to know and to love God." We feel our desire to serve the Lord is a result of the prayers of our parents, and their Godly example. Many times our mother stood in her kitchen, with arms uplifted, praying earnestly. We learned to take each problem and difficulty

to the Lord. With rapt attention, we listened when our father discussed the Scriptures concerning the second coming of Christ.

To be reared in an atmosphere of prayer and study of the Word of God is indeed blessed. For this spiritual heritage, which we count to be of far greater value than that of wealth, possessions or position, we thank God continually.

The book goes on to describe key moments in Marion and Jean's lives:

At age 5 Marion made a decision to serve Jesus.

At age 8 Marion felt God calling her to missions' work. She began asking the Holy Spirit for an Acts 2:4 experience, to give her His power and equip her for the tests and trials she knew would be ahead.



At age 11 Marion was filled with the Spirit and spoke in other tongues she did not recognize. Shortly after, she was water baptized, publicly declaring her faith in Christ and her desire to follow Him forever.

As a teenager her friends tempted her to do things that weren't pleasing to God. One night, she lifted her hands to heaven and cried out in desperation to God, "Keep me from wasting my life!" That night all worldly desires disappeared, and she served God ever since.

In high school, Marion got a job and began tithing \$1.00 a week. God saw her obedience and blessed her with a raise that doubled her income!

At 16, God gave Marion a vision of herself and another girl leaving the shores of Canada on a ship bound for Africa. She knew then that God was

calling her to missions work overseas. She looked heavenward and said, "Yes, Lord, I will go to Africa: but you must open the way."

Marion listened intently as God spoke to her many times through dreams and visions. In one particular dream she saw three children knocking on their house door asking about Sunday School. Sadly, Marion told them they had no Sunday School for kids. Tearfully the three children begged "We want to come to Sunday School!" As Marion awoke, she knew God was calling her to start a Sunday School. And so, she did. To her amazement, the first children to show up were the three from her dream ... children she had never seen or met before!

After high school, Marion took a job as a secretary, and started night classes to become a court reporter. Coming home from class one night, she heard

the Holy Spirit say, "If you become a court reporter, you will never become a missionary." Immediately, she dropped the courses, and trusted God to guide her.

Jean, Marion's sister, heard God calling her to missions work as a teenager. Never wanting to influence her sister, Marion prayed for a few years that God would also call Jean to Africa. And He did.

Just before leaving Canada for Africa, a strange illness affected Marion's eyes. A brain specialist confirmed it was very serious. But Marion knew God had called her to Africa, and nothing could stand in the way of doing His will. That night she went to a prayer meeting. She asked for prayer for healing. As the pastor prayed, she felt the power of God, like an electric current, penetrate her body. She knew Jesus healed her. The next morning Marion went to the

hospital requesting a new x-ray. The results came back showing all was clear. The doctor was shocked! Marion knew that God would care for all she and Jean needed as they headed off to Africa.

The full story of these two Canadian girls is filled with lessons of obedience, courage, trust, following God, prayer and fasting, dreams and visions, all built on a strong foundation of faith. The book wraps up with this beautiful summary:

"God has permitted us to sow the seed in Southern Rhodesia, where the people are steeped in superstition and fear of the witch doctor; to sow the seed in Central America where the people are gripped by the darkness of Catholicism combined with paganism; and to sow the seed in Saskatchewan where the people are

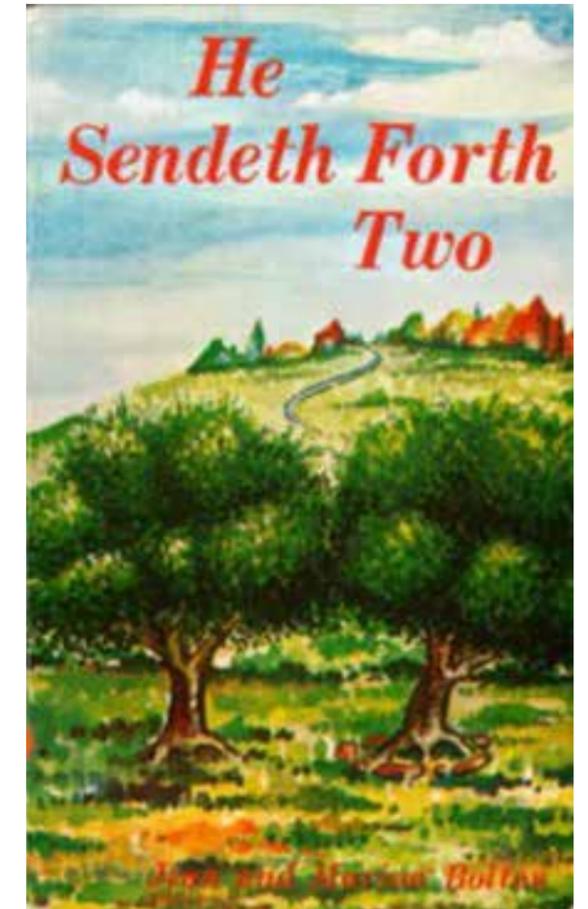
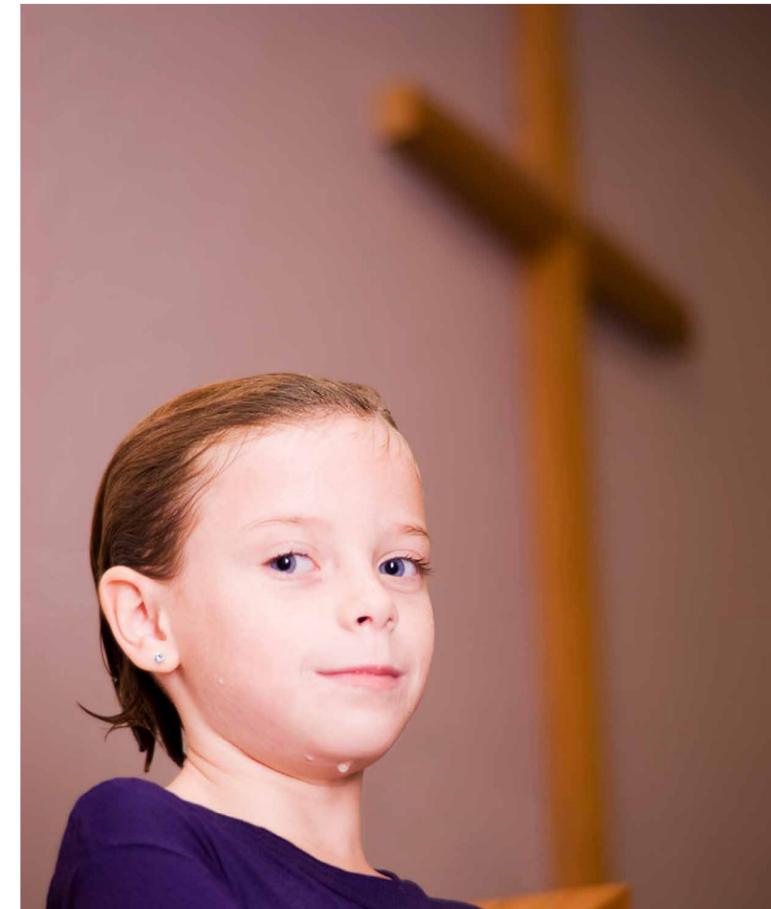
living in comparative luxury, asleep to the spiritual need of their souls...To God be all the glory for the reaping He has allowed us to do in these harvest fields."

You are never too young to hear God's voice calling you. Listen intently. Give Him your all. Don't waste your life. Trust Him. Let Him show you His power. God may be preparing you to be a future PAOC global worker overseas, or a Mission Canada worker with a unique assignment to people in our nation. As we celebrate 100 years as the PAOC, and plan for what God has in store, we need lifelong mission workers—young lives willing to go wherever God calls them.

How is God preparing you? Are you listening? Where is He calling you? How will you respond?

Excerpts from He Sendeth Forth Two by Jean and Marion Bolton, 1970, published by Asian Outreach Publishers. Marion and Jean Bolton served God faithfully in Rhodesia, South Africa, now called Zimbabwe (1954-1961), in Bangkok, Thailand (1961-1967, 1970) in Nicaragua (1968-1969), in Papua New Guinea (1976-1979). After several years back in Canada where Marion earned a Bachelor of Science, a Masters in Arts and Religion, and her Doctorate of Ministry, they went to Bogota, Columbia in 1995, at age 70 and 68 to work with street children.

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VILLAGE OF HOPE ZIMBABWE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF IMPACTING CHILDREN

Because one woman had a vision she gave you the Village of Hope. She gave you the foundation of your dreams



'Villages of Hope' was birthed in Zambia in 1994 out of a compelling desire to reach children in crisis in Africa. Today we have 10 locations across the continent under the umbrella of The Villages of Hope Africa Society.

The Village of Hope Zimbabwe (VOH Zimbabwe) is one of 10 locations offering holistic ministry to children and its nearby communities. The 20-acre site is home to a medical clinic, a thriving church, VOH offices, a pre-school, primary and elementary school, a high school, skills training centre, ten children's homes, teen homes, and farming areas. At VOH Zimbabwe, we are driven by a passion for being a child-friendly centre, a place where children can find hope for their future. In Zimbabwe, the VOH is an 'oasis', a hub of hope for children in need in Harare. Through the various programs that include education, primary health care, community outreach, nutrition program and discipleship, VOH Zimbabwe is impacting approximately 1200 children on a daily basis.

In December 2018, we had the privilege of celebrating VOH Zimbabwe's 10th anniversary. It was a time to reminisce and celebrate the goodness of God. We had a school prize giving day, a fundraising dinner, and a special Sunday service held on the 1st of December. We were privileged to have Murray and Cindy Cornelius; Executive Director for International Missions for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada attend our celebration weekend. Murray and Cindy are the founders of VOH Zimbabwe and VOH Kitwe, Zambia. They were thrilled to see what God has done and is doing.

What stands out at Village of Hope is transformed lives. It was a joy to sit and hear children tell their stories. We are thankful for the many young adults who have grown up in the Village and are now contributing members in the community - some working, others in trade schools and others running small businesses. Indeed, there is no doubting what God is doing in the lives of these children and young adults.

As VOH Zimbabwe, we are forever grateful to friends and churches across Canada who stand with us. We can hear these stories of changed lives because **you sacrificed your resources**. Villages of Hope Africa Society, our friends

and partners at PAOC International Missions, ERDO and CCP, we salute you for your stellar work in missions. You have enabled children to dream not only in Zimbabwe but also in all our villages across Africa.

Meet **Nicole Mungwari**, one of our VOH children who is now a young adult. Her life was changed when she was rescued and brought to VOH Zimbabwe and then her life was changed again by the transforming power of Jesus. She wrote a poem that she read during our 10-year anniversary celebrations that captures her poignant journey while at the VOH Zimbabwe:

Rise Girl Child

To my disheartened girl child
You have been looked down upon for too long
Captioned "incapable"
Called "not good enough"
Silenced in the world of influence
Through this all, Rise Girl Child Rise

Yes, you feel weak
Yes, you feel insecure
Your dreams are starting to feel heavier
There are people holding you back
There is a voice telling you to let go but
Rise Girl Child Rise



Once in a lifetime
Simply means that there is no second chance
But I believe that those high heels you wear
Won't just bring you up but empower you to stay
Rise Girl Child Rise

Look in the mirror, can't you see
Your beauty is glowing
Can't you see something great within you
If you do not see it in yourself
No one else will
Watch for opportunities
Fight for your dreams

As for you, the future is here
Because one woman had a vision
She gave you the Village of Hope
She gave you the foundation of your dreams
She gave the first milestone to your future
So you have no choice but to...
RISE GIRL CHILD RISE

Rev. Munetsi Zowa is the pastor of Hope Community Church in Harare, Zimbabwe and serves as the Director for the Village of Hope. He is a member of the Villages of Hope Africa Society board of directors and serves on the council of bishops for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Zimbabwe.



NICOLE MUNGWARI

ERDO CORNER

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

By Samantha Burnside

“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

If you ever attended Sunday school, I'm sure this song is really familiar to you. One of the most important things that Jesus wants us to know is how much He loves us! Over the last 100 years, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has been showing children how much Jesus loves them and one of the ways they do this is through ERDO's child sponsorship program, ChildCARE Plus. Through the wonderful gift of sponsorship, children have seen the love of Jesus in many ways. Take a look at how the PAOC and ERDO have been changing the world for children over the years!

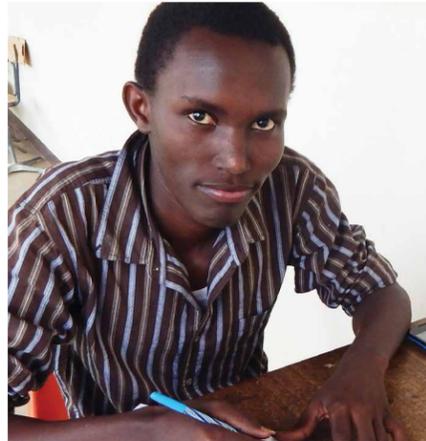


MEET JESSIKA FROM HAITI

When Jessika was a little girl, her mother died leaving Jessika and her four sisters as orphans. After the death of their mother and no father to care for them, Jessika's youngest sister died because she became very sick. After this happened, Jessika's two younger sisters were placed in an orphanage, and Jessika and her second sister were sent to live with their uncle far away. When they were a bit older, the sisters reunited and lived together in their mother's house on their own.

It was really hard for Jessika and her sisters growing up. Thankfully the time came when the girls were sponsored through ChildCARE Plus. This meant that they could finally go to school and have a somewhat normal childhood. Jessika is so thankful for the education that she received because of her loving sponsor. After she graduated from high school, she went on to university and graduated from a three-year teaching program. During her time in university, Jessika also taught grades seven and eight. This year, Jessika will begin a four-year degree program and while she is in school, she will also be one of the principals at La Forteresse School where she will oversee grades seven to nine. Through her time in the ChildCARE Plus program in Haiti, Jessika has seen how much Jesus loves her and she wants to share His love with others. She currently leads the daily

praise and worship at the school where she is teaching and is impacting children who have had a hard childhood like herself.



MEET ALEX FROM TANZANIA

Alex's father died when he was only four years old, leaving his mother to raise him and his three older brothers alone. Life changed for his family when Alex was sponsored through the ChildCARE Plus program in Tanzania at the age of nine. Alex is very thankful for his sponsor because he finally got the opportunity to go to school and receive an education. One the highlights of the CCP program for Alex was being spiritually encouraged. He is so thankful for the CCP staff who always encouraged him to do well in school and to trust and depend on God for everything. Although he faced many challenges, Alex worked hard to perform well in school and successfully completed high school, receiving grades in the highest division. He is now studying to become a teacher. Through teaching, Alex hopes to influence many children and youth. Although his sponsorship may be over, Alex travels with ChildCARE Plus leaders to visit children currently receiving sponsorship, to encourage them to trust God and always do their best.



MEET VICKI FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Vicki is a former sponsored child who was part of the ChildCARE Plus program in the Philippines for many years. She comes from a large family with nine children, and also has a twin sister. Sadly, soon after her birth, her mother passed away and her father was left alone to take care of Vicki and her eight brothers and sisters. Her father worked hard in the rice fields as a labourer but did not have enough money to provide milk and proper food to the twin babies. As a result of this, Vicki and her twin sister became malnourished and weak. At 10 months old, the girls went to live at Noah's Ark Children's Home where they were sponsored through CCP and received the care that they needed in order to thrive. Vicki did very well during her time in the home and had a pleasant childhood. She graduated with honours from high school, and recently graduated with a degree in Medical Technology. Vicki is now independent and is working as a medical technologist in a local hospital.

From Haiti, to Tanzania, to the Philippines, every child is precious in Jesus' sight. That is why PAOC and ERDO aim to show children around the world how much they matter and how much Jesus loves them. Thanks to loving Canadians, children like Jessika, Alex and Vicki have been receiving the gift of hope for a brighter future.



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HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

—MATTHEW 28:19



*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example** for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity... —1 Timothy 4:12*



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