

Mark and Diane Henzler

Dear partners in ministry,

We have so much to praise the Lord for! This picture of men praying was taken at the recent 20th anniversary celebration at our Nicaragua Ministry Center. This has been the base of operations for our institute of church planters since 2007.



Over a hundred church have been started through God's grace and these church planters, though we don't really have a way to know the full impact. That's because we've taught our brothers to plant churches that plant churches. We know of one pastor who has started six new works! There is now a second school operating in northern Nicaragua, and they are in the process of starting a new school in Honduras.

The things that God has done with our pocket-sized vision has astounded me. I was reminded of this recently when we participated in a Missions Conference in Rochester, NY. Some of you may have seen this on Facebook, but it's worth repeating:

"We just enjoyed a wonderful missions conference at Faith Baptist Church, North Chili NY, and for the first time in 50 years I visited my high school. What would my 17-year-old self have thought of his next 50 years? I'm sure he could not have believed all that God would do in and through a shy, scared-to-death of public speaking kid convinced he could never learn a foreign language (I'm sure my Latin teacher here would have agreed), planning to be an engineer or anything God wanted him to be (provided it wasn't a pastor or missionary).

*And what did God do? He gave me a beautiful wife (in every sense of the word), two amazing children and their families who love Jesus, work that spanned the Amazon and the Nile rivers, fluency in Spanish and Level 1 competency in three other languages, founding a school for church planters with scores of churches planted directly through the school, and preaching and teaching in over 15 different countries. I'm sure 17-year-old Mark could not have believed all that, and had that been revealed to him he would have said, "Far out!" Today I say, **"To God be the Glory!"***



The global ministry God has given us has opened many doors of opportunity, but sometimes those same doors close, as in Acts 16:6-10. We were invited to participate in a Round Table of pastors and national missionaries from Europe and Asia in early November. Airline tickets were in hand, but unfortunately, I had a sudden onset of spinal stenosis, landing me in the ER twice in four weeks (doubling the amount of time I've been to the emergency room in my lifetime!).

While I was not able to teach, I was able to pass along the materials to the team leader, Scott Carter for the Essential Missions Components course, as well as a New Testament Backgrounds class relating to the area where we were meeting. But more importantly, Diane was able to lead her session through Zoom, sharing resources for trauma care. Our national partners face challenges in ministry usually far greater than what we who cross the ocean confront, and they also have fewer resources than people from the West to help them in times of crisis. Many of our partners have been directly affected by the war in Ukraine and new ministries relating to the refugee crisis. As an illustration of these difficulties, one of our ministry partners, a woman from a “_stan” country in Central Asia was in Diane’s workshop. When she returned home, the police came to her church service and took her in for questioning. She was released, but the pastor, a man we worked with while we were there, is under further investigation. Please pray for this woman, N__, and her pastor, that God would protect them and grant them victory in their ministry there.

Even more Praises and Prayer requests:

- It is a joy to reconnect with some of our supporting churches!
And thank you Evangel Baptist of Hagerstown, MD and Grace Bible Church of Plantation, FL and an individual for your increased support. This brings our support level up to 87%.
- Diane’s mom continues to do well; thank you so much for your prayers. Yesterday as she went for chemo treatment, her doctor, pleased and grateful with her condition, let us know that this is “not standard” for her stage of cancer. Thank you for your prayers!
- Please continue in prayer for D&N, our partners in the Middle East ministering to MBB’s. They are particularly struggling now as one of their daughters in faith, with whom they had invested many years leading her to know the Lord and lovingly discipling her, was murdered, presumably for the decision she made. She was only 27 years old and had given up everything to follow Jesus. Her pastor shared this very poignant reminder, “*Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*” (Psalm 42:22).
- And yet another, please pray for ‘M,’ a 21-year-old girl in a similar situation.
- And for the Nicaragua Institute of Church Planters and their two new schools in Sebaco and Honduras, and the director, Luis Garcia.

Thank you again for participating with us in this effort through your prayers and giving!

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Please note that we have a new email address: mark.henzler@abwego.org



HEART, MIND & SOUL

Diane and I have completed training to teach the Heart, Mind, Soul course to help Christians learn how to build grace and truth relationships with people within their community from the world’s second most practiced religion. Please let us know if your church is interested in the Heart, Mind, Soul training – we’d love to come!