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"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

Galatians 6:9-10



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When teams from BB come to work with us to share the Good News of Christ in the Honoluran public schools, in the hospitals, and in the street evengelism, we are energized, encouraged, and refreshed as we witness Jesus saving souls and impacting His children right before our eyes:

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FRIENDS,

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF GREATLY RESTRICTED TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, VISION BEYOND BORDERS TEAMS ARE ONCE AGAIN SHARING GOD'S LOVE

AROUND THE WORLD! SO FAR, TRIPS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED OR ARE SCHEDULED TO GO TO HONDURAS, CUBA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ROMANIA, INDIA, NEPAL, THAILAND AND MEXICO, WITH ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS LIKELY TO BE ADDED. IN MANY CASES, MULTIPLE TRIPS TO EACH OF THESE LOCATIONS ARE HAPPENING.

IT'S BEEN A HUGE BLESSING TO RECONNECT WITH PARTNERS IN EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES, AND IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE HOW GRATEFUL THEY ARE TO HOST TEAMS AFTER THE LONG COVID-INDUCED BREAKDOWN IN TRAVEL. EACH TIME A VBB MISSIONS TEAM ARRIVES, IT IS A POWERFUL MESSAGE BOTH TO OUR PARTNERS AND TO THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHOM THEY SERVE, THAT THEY MATTER. THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN. THEY HAVE THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS FROM FAR AWAY. WHETHER AN UNDERGROUND CHURCH PASTOR IN CUBA, A WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE IN ROMANIA, OR A BURMESE CHILDREN'S HOME, IT IS A TREMENDOUS BLESSING FOR THEM TO SEE THE PRAYERS, LOVE AND ATTENTION, AS WELL AS THE PRACTICAL SUPPORT, BROUGHT BY EACH MISSIONS TEAM.

"HOW THEN WILL THEY CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED? HOW WILL THEY BELIEVE IN HIM WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? AND HOW WILL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER? HOW WILL THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" (ROMANS 10:14-15)

THESE TRIPS ARE ALREADY HELPING EXPAND VBB MISSION WORK AND OUTREACH. FOLLOWING A TRIP TO MEXICO AND MEETING WITH MANY MEXICAN PASTORS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE NOW ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN SOUTHERN MEXICO, AND A NUMBER OF MEXICANS ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO OTHER HISPANIC COUNTRIES WITH US.

THESE TRIPS ARE ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR TRAVELERS AS WELL. IT IS A JOY TO SEE THE SMILES ON CHILDREN'S FACES IN HONDURAS AS WE GIVE THEM GOSPEL TRACTS AND GIFTS LIKE PENCILS AND BOOKMARKS WITH BIBLE PASSAGES ON THEM. AND SEE THEM WITH THE BIBLES THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN THROUGH VBB DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS. OR TO HELP WOMEN ESCAPING TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THANKS TO A VBB-SPONSORED SAFE HOUSE OR WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN ROMANIA, INDIA OR NEPAL. OR TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO ORPHANS IN A REFUGEE CAMP ON THE BURMA/THAI BORDER. OR TO PRAY WITH AN UNDERGROUND PASTOR AND PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS OWN STUDY BIBLE AND A FLANNEL GRAPH TO HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IN HIS COMMUNITY.

THESE TRIPS CAN ALSO BE DIFFICULT. TRAVELERS CAN STRUGGLE WITH HEAT, INFECTIONS, DISRUPTED TRAVEL PLANS. HOSTILE GOVERNMENT AGENTS. VEHICLE TROUBLE AND OTHER RISKS. BUT THE FRUIT OF THESE STRUGGLES IS WELL WORTH IT, AS PAUL RECOGNIZED WHEN HE WROTE, "DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THOSE WHO RUN IN A RACE ALL RUN, BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE? RUN IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU MAY WIN." (I COR. 9:24) WE WILL ALL STRUGGLE IN MANY WAYS IN THIS LIFE IN THIS FALLEN WORLD: WE MIGHT AS WELL STRUGGLE IN WAYS THAT LOVE AND HONOR GOD AND THAT BRING HOPE AND ETERNAL LIFE TO OTHERS LOST IN SIN.

WE ENCOURAGE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER TRAVELING WITH US. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU SHARE IN OUR LABORS AS WE SEEK TO REACH THE LOST AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIANS! WE HAVE MANY TRIPS BEING PLANNED. EACH WITH ITS OWN GOALS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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