

## GBM Fall Report - 2015

Dear GBM friends,

Recently, on November 13 - 14, ISIS attacked Paris, France, killing and injuring hundreds. Our hearts are sad for the victims and our prayers go out on behalf of the their families and France.

For my family, the attacks of Islamic terrorism in the last few years hits close to home. For instance, two of our daughters have lived and served with pastors who are friends of ours in Paris. Their church is near the place of one of the suicide explosions. Our daughter-in-law was working in the medical tent at the finish line of the Boston marathon on April 15, 2013 when Muslim brothers, acting as jihadists, exploded bombs killing 3 and injuring many more. The medical tent turned into a triage center to save many lives. In Kenya, on May 4, 2014, I was teaching at Kenya College of Ministry near Nairobi, when Al-Shabaab blew up two buses a few kilometers away, once again killing and injuring many.

Yet, in spite of the confusion and mayhem that can happen in this world, I am constantly reminded of the hope and peace that can be found in Christ. For me, an illustration of the drastic contrast happened on May 27, 2009 on my first trip to Pakistan. On that morning, the Taliban attacked the Lahore police station killing many, causing confusion and mayhem, but that very night I stood before thousands of Muslims, just a couple of miles away from the charred police station, to tell them about the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and His gospel plan for their lives. About 2,500 people stood and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They received hope in Christ's promise that night and a peace that passes all understanding. Thank you, Lord!

Almost two thousand years ago, the Apostle Paul wrote to his spiritual son, Timothy, prophesying "that in latter days perilous times will come" (2 Timothy 3:1), and then he went on to list specific characteristics representing these times. Since then, the world has witnessed "perilous times" on many occasions and in many places. In our post 9/11 society, we are often made aware of dangerous events happening around the world and in America. However, Paul did not just warn Timothy; he taught him an important life lesson. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). As Christians, we are not called to cower in fear but to be a light in the world of the Lord's power, love, and wisdom to any who will take the time to experience Him.

One of the things that Christians really need right now is an understanding of Radical Islam, since it is the greatest threat to western civilization. A primary ministry of GBM is to teach and to equip. In the past couple of years, I have been teaching a two to three-hour seminar in churches entitled *Understanding Islam in Modern Times*. If your church is interested in having me come to share this, please contact me at 208 290 4007 or email me at [sfleming@gatebreakers.com](mailto:sfleming@gatebreakers.com).

**Pakistan Update:** GBM continues with its mission to Pakistan which is the second most Islamic dominated country in the world. We empower and improve the lives of hundreds of adults and children through churches and schools. GBM not only started the ministries but each month helps churches, pays teacher salaries, and provides supplies. Recently, we purchased musical instruments for one of the churches. In Pakistani churches, they use an instrument called the harmonium. The churches attract many people, some of whom are Muslims who encounter the love, the truth, and often the miraculous nature of the Lord Jesus.

At the beginning of the year, we moved some of the schools that train women to become seamstresses in rural communities from locations where the mission was complete to other communities that were requesting the schools to train women there. Our GBM Hope schools that provide educational opportunities for children who are enslaved in brick yards as indentured servants continue to help some of

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### The Year in Photos



Our GBM team on a prayer tour of Israel in February.



With the leadership team at the Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin, Ireland for Easter.



Christian leaders at one of the pastor conferences in Pakistan in April.



Meeting with one of the GBM Hope schools in April.



One of our Kcom classes near Nairobi in May.



Teaching at PEFA pastor's conference in August.

the poorest people in the world, but the financial needs are many and our desire is to begin more of these when we are financially able to do so. GBM is a gospel-based non-profit ministry that promotes the love and mercy of Jesus Christ in its schools while at the same time providing both academic and professional training for Christians, Muslims or others.

**Leadership Training:** This has been a year of GBM being invited to various countries to teach pastors and future leaders. Here is the year so far in brief. At Easter, I was in Dublin, **Ireland** with the Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin not only teaching the congregation at the general conference but also equipping the church leaders. The ministry of World MAP invited me to **Pakistan** in April to train over 2,500 leaders in four different major cities. In August, I was in Nakuru, **Kenya** at the national Pentecostal Evangelistic Fellowship of Africa (PEFA) teaching over 1,400 pastors at their conference which it holds every two years. When September came, GBM partnered with World MAP to train pastors at four places in three different African nations: Bulawayo, **Zimbabwe**; Massailand and Mombasa, **Kenya**, and Dar Es Salaam, **Tanzania**. Along with these numerous trips, I have also been teaching pastors at Kenya College of Ministry in **Kenya** again in May, August, and soon in December. This is a ministry of Capital Christian Center in Meridian, Idaho. I am quite thankful to the Lord for His strength, protection, and guidance in all of these ministry events. So many Christian leaders were touched deeply and their lives and ministries were helped.

**Financial Need:** There are various financial needs right now, and we would appreciate any extra donations by individuals or offerings that churches can take. We are behind because of all of the ministry to leaders in the various nations. Of course, we tried to plan for the ministry expenses but there are times on the mission field when unexpected expenses occur (\$4K). In Pakistan, one of our pastors is in need of a car (\$13K). A congregation there needs some help to purchase land in order to build their church building(\$5.5K). We are also in need of people who will help start another school for children (\$3K) and support the ministry of it each month. All donations to Gate Breaker Ministries are tax deductible and are very much appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and financial contributions to GBM and to its ministries in various nations of the world.

**Holiday Season:** I always appreciate this time of year. Even as a child, I liked both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course, when I was a child, I liked the turkey and the presents. I still like those things, but now I am also aware of the wonderful Christian traditions in both of those holidays, especially Christmas. Even though, the actual day of Christ's birth is unknown, but the historical event was so meaningful that eventually even the western calendar system of B.C. (before Christ) and A.D. (the year of our Lord) was established. Regarding the birth of Jesus, the angel said to the shepherds near Bethlehem, *"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:9-10).

May the Lord bless you wonderfully during this season and may you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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Sharing at a Christian school chapel in Zimbabwe.



Seeing a friendly giraffe in Nairobi at the zoo.



Being honored in Massailand among pastors.



Dr. Frank Parish and I giving the *Shepherd's Staff* from World MAP as a gift to pastors in Tanzania.



Teaching at an outdoor venue in Mombasa.



Taking a moment on the Indian Ocean in Kenya.