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Reflections:

Kenya, Missions, and Lessons Learned

In August of this year, Stan and Kathleen visited Kenya together to teach at the Kenya College of Ministry and participate in various church conferences. The following is Kathleen's reflection on her experience.

While this was my husband's 24th time to go to Kenya, it was my very first. For years now I have been waiting for the opportunity to travel there with him, and I was ecstatic when the day finally came. This was one of the best experiences of my life, and my heart is already aching for the next time I can return. Truly, I left a piece of my heart in this great nation.

In reading through the greetings and acknowledgments in Paul's epistles, I was deeply inspired by the relationships that this missionary cultivated as he traveled. As Paul journeyed from country to country and church to church, strengthening and encouraging the people he met, he was ministered to as well. There was a beautiful, mutual exchange. This is how I feel about my new friends in Kenya.

What did I take back home with me?

1) A deep appreciation for the move of God that is happening in Kenya. This includes strategies to set people free spiritually as well as economically. Kenya is known as the Heart of Africa, and breakthrough is coming! 2) A realization that even if African-time is different than my severe habit of always being on time, everything always works out! 3) We are culturally worlds apart, but the human spirit is the same. The Kenyan women have it hard - that I cannot deny. I appreciate their fortitude and courage, and they are truly an inspiration to me. On the other hand, we can relate with each other in so many things: raising children, being wives, being women, and experiencing heartaches, trials, and challenges—while still learning to celebrate the small things in life and not take them for granted. 4) We all have fallen short of the glory of God, and we all need Jesus! 5) If you want people to be "in your corner" and pray for you, ask the Kenyans! Come here, and you will agree when you hear them pray!

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Multiplying in Love:

A Baja Mission Recap - By Melissa Howard

At the end of May, GBM took a team of young adults to Foundation for His Ministry (FFHM) in Saint Vincent Gurerro, Mexico. FFHM sprung up in a desert valley in southern Baja on land that was once a casino and brothel for Hollywood elite during the prohibition. It is a very different place today. Groves of macadamia nut trees flourish on the land, creating revenue to support the Mexican nationals who work in the orphanage, soup kitchen, auto shop, wheel chair shop, special needs school, computer repair shop, medical clinic and daycare. As varied as the FFHM is, so was the work and ministry the FFHM staff allowed us to be a part of.

Our team worked on several projects such as painting buildings, prepping meals in the kitchen, organizing pharmaceuticals in the clinic, pulling weeds in the garden, assisting in the special needs school, and plastering and sanding dry wall for a new buildings. The ministry thrives by utilizing the helping hands of the short-term missionaries who visit.

One staff member shared that she has gone through a very difficult season and has experienced much loss. She told us that we couldn't know how much the simple act of cleaning her linens had impacted her. This completed chore had taken a huge burden off of her...

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Joining the Team!

GBM's Newest Family Members

Two of our primary passions at Gate Breaker Ministries are leadership development and the support of other ministries, and we love to partner with leaders from all over the world as they engage in pastoral ministry, missions, and the marketplace. We are profoundly aware that "the body does not consist of one member but of many" (1 Cor. 12:14), and we believe that Christians must work together in prayer and unity for us to truly participate in the Kingdom.

This issue, GBM has the privilege to announce a new partnership with two incredible missionaries: Randy and Melissa Howard. This dynamic couple recently joined the GBM team by coming under the spiritual and administrative covering of Gate Breakers.

While they will continue to participate in various missions outside of the context of GBM and will raise their own financial support, they will also serve an integral role in GBM during several upcoming mission trips and events. Randy and Melissa are a welcome addition to the GBM family, and we are so grateful for the energy, wisdom, and fresh vision that they have already contributed.

Melissa has written a short letter of introduction, featured below. Keep reading to hear more about the Howard's call to missions and their journey thus far.

Randy and I are excited to be partnering with GBM! Here is a little background on how we got here. My very first mission trip was in 2013 when I went with Dr. Stan to China to smuggle Bibles into the Mainland, where Bibles are prohibited. This trip opened my eyes to many new ways that God could use both others and myself! After this, I hit the ground running with missions. A short time later, by the encouragement of Dr. Stan, I led a team on another trip to China to smuggle Bibles with the same church organization.

Right after that China trip, I went to Philippines and ended up living there for a time. I left my career and sold my belongings to move abroad and work with a ministry there that rescues women from sex trafficking.

After that season, on the long journey back home, the Lord spoke to me as I shuffled

through photos of the friends I was leaving behind. He told me I was going home to get married. I chuckled at the thought of a romantic relationship. There was certainly nothing on the horizon indicating romance in my future.

However, within two months of being back in the US, I met Randy. A friend of mine wrangled me into serving with her at a teen training camp. Randy was a facilitator at that camp. He was helping to translate a teen program from an adult program that he had facilitated for many years. Randy and I connected right away, and he was deeply interested in my mission's experiences. At the very beginning of our relationship, we prayed about what place the other was to have in our life. God asked us to lay aside our ideas and let Him build what our relationship would be. He led us every step of the way, and we were married last November in the Philippines. All of the friends and family I came to love abroad were invited as well as all of the women and lady boys from the red light district – a short walk down the street from our ceremony.

After the wonderment and excitement of the wedding died down, Randy and I still felt called to "go". We had almost no details of what that really meant, as hard as we tried to nail down something specific. This is when we sought the advice of Dr. Stan. As we talked, we began to see how we aligned in vision. We asked Stan and Kathleen, "Are you ok with us not knowing anything?" They laughed and encouraged us, having walked this road before. We have seen how powerful God has been in our "just going".

We will be joining Dr. Stan in Pakistan this October, and we look forward to exploring what God has for us in Southeast Asia. We are believing that God is going to bless us as we partner and "go" with GBM. -Melissa Howard



Fact Corner:

Around the World

We love gathering facts at GBM. (And we love a good game of trivia even more!) Here are a few interesting, international facts that we have picked up along the way. Hopefully they will help with your next Trivia night!



The largest outdoor Buddha in the world is located in Hong Kong.

In 2012, Zimbabwe eliminated their own currency. They now use American dollars, European Euros, and South African Rand.

In the Kikuyu tribe in Kenya, men will often bring a chunk of meat home (rather than flowers) to impress their wives.

In the Philippines, many people commute via a long taxi called a "Jeepney".

Pakistan's national sport is field hockey, but cricket is the most popularly played sport by residents.

The Shamrock symbol, along with the harp, are registered trademarks of Ireland!

In 1924, France became the first country to host the Winter Olympic Games (we couldn't resist putting an Olympic fact in here...)

Multiplying in Love
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and allowed her some much-needed rest.

FFHM has a free live in bible school that is an intensive program for the Region. Dr. Stan taught the students on both Islam and cults. The students were grateful for the teaching they received. One student was so hungry for teaching on cults that she took home a copy of the *Gate Breakers* book and read it in one night with her husband.

Members from the GBM team were also able to share their personal testimonies with the students. Many of the students were greatly touched and encouraged by these testimonies. In fact, one student was so touched that she wrote a heartfelt letter to one of the members of our team, thanking her for the freedom she experienced after hearing their testimony. Later that night, we sang together with the students around a bonfire. We sang songs in Spanish and English, laughing and eating s'mores.



Playing songs around the bonfire

Each morning, the FFHM staff gathered to worship and share devotionals. On the last day that our team joined them, we were invited to lead worship and share devotionals. A few of us shared what the Lord had been speaking in our private times with Him. One devotional was so powerful that the translator was in tears as she translated.

Our trip was a wonderful picture of how God works all things together and wastes nothing. Even while on a tiring schedule and in the midst of intense manual labor, we felt His power and love manifest. Many facets of Him were reflected. We gave, we received, and we multiplied in love. - *Melissa Howard*

Save the Date:
2017 Israel Prayer Tour

February, 2017: This is the fourth Israel Prayer Tour. We are looking for 15 people to join us on a prayer tour of Israel next February, 2017. GBM will facilitate the event. It will be a spiritual pilgrimage and ministry trip combined!

Dates: February 22 – March 5, 2017

Times: Depart Boise on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:50 pm; Arrive Tel Aviv on Thursday, February 23 at 8:10 pm; Depart Tel Aviv on Sunday, March 5 at 1 am; Arrive Boise same day at 11:12 am.

Cost: \$3,600 USD

Flights: Flights will leave and return to Boise, Idaho

Unique Emphasis: Times of prayer, reflection and biblical application as we visit the places of both the Old and New Testaments; group activities as well as personal free time to explore.

What it includes: 12 days, 9 nights in Israel at 3 star hotels or hotels with excellent ratings in Jerusalem, Tiberias and other places, breakfast / dinner, in-country transportation, tours in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, entrance fees paid for Masada, Qumran, Sea of Galilee boat tour, and much more. Explore Capernaum, Bethsaida, and the Hill of Beatitudes where Jesus ministered; the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter, where the resurrected Christ appeared to His disciples. Follow the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, where Jesus carried the cross to Golgotha. Stand in awe on the Mount of Olives, where He ascended into heaven.



See Caesarea where the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Explore Qumran on the Dead Sea, where the Old Testament manuscripts were discovered hidden in caves, and visit Masada, the high fortress, where the Jews made a stand against



You may even get to ride a camel!

the Roman soldiers. This is a spiritual pilgrimage that you will never forget.

Not included: lunches, snacks, spending money, church offerings, unscheduled tours or entrance fees, and tips for tour guides and hotel staff.

Options: Hotel room double occupancy normal price or single occupancy room for an extra \$50 / night.

Suggested Payment schedule: payments are due by these dates. Make checks out to Gate Breaker Ministries. Send them to Gate Breaker Ministries, 824 E. Sicily Court, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

\$200 (Deposit is non-refundable and it reserves the spot)

August 15: \$450

September 15: \$450

October 15: \$450

November 15: \$450

December 15: \$450

January 15: \$550

February 15: \$600

Note: team members will receive breakfast at lodging plus \$25 / day for food or compensation for breakfast. How the money is spent for dinner and other meals will be up to the team member.

Withdrawal Airline Ticket fee: If a person withdraws after December, the price of the airline ticket will be subtracted along with the deposit fee. The balance will be returned.

Contact: Please prayerfully consider this, and contact me soon if you are interested. -*Dr. Stan Fleming*

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Thank you to my friends who provided an airplane ticket so I could go on this trip and who contributed financially so that we could purchase 250 *Joan and the Fish* books to distribute to the Navasha leadership conference, to Kenya College of Ministry, and to the PEFA Church of Thika at the women's conference. Thank you also for your many prayers. I know for a fact that those who were praying are a huge part of the success of this journey. I could not have done it without you! I ended up preaching eight times, did two question and answer times with Stan, shared a devotional, and gave the closing prayer at the graduation. Yes, I was stretched, but it was truly a blessing for me. I know that I was carried on the wings of prayer. Stan did double the work that I did, and he also was strengthened by your prayers. So thank you, dear friends!

Finally, a word of thanks to Capital Christian Center (CCC). Your financial investment in Kenya College of Ministry is why all of these pastors are getting equipped and trained and seeing great results in their churches and communities. Because of your generosity, these pastors are able to visit a conference center three times a year and receive room and board, classes, books, prayer, and encouragement. They then form cohorts and meet on a monthly basis as they work on projects that bring great transformation to their churches. KCOM also has a wonderful administrator who is a God-send: Pastor Simon Kuria.

KCOM is getting better every year, and all those involved are so grateful for Pastor Ken Wilde, CCC, Dr. Evans Baiya, Dr. Bill Graybill, Tracy Wilde, and my husband, Stan. I see the vision more plainly than ever before, and I understand why my husband has dedicated himself to the pastors and leaders of Kenya.

Finally, for those of you who support Gate Breaker Ministries, thank you. Because of you, Stan is able to be in Kenya three times a year, grade countless papers on a continual basis, and keep in touch with many Kenyan pastors throughout the year. Joining ministries together for a team effort accomplishes much, and it is all for the sake of the Kingdom and the glory of God.

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Stan and Kathleen dressed in traditional Kenyan clothing

Baja 2016 Team



The team: Randy and Melissa Howard, Kaylee King, Melissa Wilhelm, Maddie Argon, Carrigan Owen, Liberty Fleming, Briget Wiefels, Abby Spears, Theophil Allen, Ali Thompson, Kyle Rooks, Matt Tuscany

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Change for Pakistan - Part 2

In 2009, when Dr. Stan Fleming was first invited by Pakistani pastors to minister in Lahore, Pakistan, he was hesitant - to say the least! However, after months of prayer, financial provision that was nothing short of a miracle, and continuous words of confirmation from the Lord, Dr. Stan boarded a plane to Pakistan. He was slightly nervous, but the peace of God was profound. He was not sure exactly what to expect, but he was eager to see what the Lord would do with his “yes”.

Now, over seven years later, Dr. Stan has boarded that same plane multiple times. He has partnered with passionate Pakistani pastors to establish two Light City Church Plants, and he has preached at countless open air meetings in the streets of Lahore. GBM has founded six vocational training/sewing centers for disadvantaged Pakistani women and continues to provide the centers with teachers and trade materials each term. Recently, GBM has embraced the opportunity to add two more GBM Hope schools to the three that were already in existence, bringing the total to five GBM Hope schools. These schools provide education for the children of indentured servants who are forced by the Pakistani government to work in the brickyards for 12 hours each day.

God is up to something **BIG**. Lahore, the least-churched city in all of Pakistan, has become a center for multiple mercy ministry outreaches, a passionate community of believers, and an outpouring of God’s radical love. The members of GBM are truly humbled that God has allowed us to partner with what He is doing in Pakistan, and we are so grateful for the people who have also said “yes” to what God is doing in Lahore.

This coming October, Dr. Stan plans to travel to Pakistan again to visit all of the GBM ministries and Light City churches. He will be accompanied by a team of four, including Randy and Melissa Howard, Susanna Fleming, and Kaylee King. Though he has been traveling to Pakistan for many years, this will be the first time that any women will have traveled there with him. This is significant, as many of the outreach ministries that GBM has established in Lahore are devoted primarily to serving and empowering women.

While the team is there, they plan to visit all of the GBM outreaches and churches as well as host several open-air church meetings, leadership conferences, and a large church conference (otherwise called a “crusade”).

How you can help:

Pray. This is by far our biggest request, as we know that prayer is our most powerful weapon. We want to carry the perfect love of God that casts out all fear, and we want to ensure that we arm ourselves daily with the armor of God. We ask that you join us in prayer for the various ministries that exist, for financial provision, for open doors, and for the strength and wisdom to accomplish all that God asks of us on this trip.

Tell. God is doing big things in Lahore, Pakistan and big things in the Muslim community, and it is incredibly important that Christians know this so they can join us in prayer and thanksgiving! By “telling”, offer people the opportunity to engage with and celebrate what God is doing.

Give. When all is said and done, a trip like this is incredibly expensive. While all team members are responsible for covering their own travel costs, the ministry events of the trip (open air meetings, the church crusade, the leadership conferences, etc.) will add up to thousands of dollars of necessary GBM funds. We trust God’s provision, and we have seen him come through in miraculous ways in the past. In 2013, for example, we sent out a letter entitled “Change for Pakistan”, inviting people to offer up their spare change on behalf of the people of Pakistan. Our wonderful supporters responded with incredible generosity to cover the ministry costs. Here we stand again - unsure of exactly how the Lord will provide - but confident that He will. We are so grateful for those who have supported Pakistan financially in the past, and we would be honored if you would like to partner with us in support of this trip. Whether you have the ability to give a large amount or can simply offer change, every penny is significant! To give specifically to help the ministry in Lahore, please note your checks and online donations with “Pakistan”.