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“.... inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these....
you have done it unto Me.” Matthew 25:40

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From Arnie's Desk

2017 Christmas Edition

Dear Friends,

“**Ye are the** Light of the world, a city set upon a hill cannot be hid.” What will it be like to live one hour in total Darkness? Yet millions are, and they will spend their eternity there unless they come to the Light. Do you think that matters?

This has been a very busy but productive year, and we want to thank you very much for your prayers, encouragement and support. We have seen God working in marvellous and miraculous ways, opening doors, presenting opportunities, delivering many from darkness and drawing them to Himself. Pastors and leaders have been challenged afresh, families have been strengthened, Churches have grown (spiritually and numerically) and communities are working towards sustainability. Praise God

for all He has done, and will continue to do.

This year we suffered the loss of two valuable people in the ministry of MATE/FCC. Myrabel Weaver (our prayer coordinator for 16 years) and Dr. John Moore (one of the founding members, often referred to as the mid wife at the birth of the ministry). Though it is earth's loss and heaven's gain we can truly say that “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint,”

As we work in many developing countries especially in Africa and India, it is very difficult, especially when one sees the extent of poverty. To think that when they receive a bar of bath soap, a tooth brush, a tube of toothpaste, a towel or even things of sanitary nature, it is considered luxury, not to mention the clothes they wear (especially kids) which are torn and looks as though it has not been

washed for weeks. These very people will seek the Lord with all their hearts and find Him. I cannot tell you the many times I have wept before the Lord on their behalf and wished I could give a clean and decent piece of clothing for them to go to church in. I know that religion can put a new suit on a man/woman but only Christ can put a new man in that old suit. Wouldn't it be nice to see a new suit on a new man? They will sit in church for 3 and 4 hours praising God and listening to His word. I believe one day God will open His window and pour out His blessing on these people. Who He will use I don't know — but I know and believe He will. We are beginning to see the indications of it. Please keep in mind that we work mainly in rural areas in these countries.

Arnie

INDIA

In spite of the restrictions and persecutions in India we are experiencing God at work. The lord has opened up several doors to minister to students in schools. Last year we had about 5,000 students to whom we were teaching “moral education,” today we have over 10,000 students who are being taught morals.

Pray for Chaiim Foundation as we work with them in the rescue, rehabilitation and renewal of the lives of young women who were victims of human trafficking. Pray that God will meet their needs in the difficulties they face because of government ruling.



TAIWAN

This year we had a team led by Ethel Wright (one of our board members) to Taiwan where we held both a Daily Vacation Bible School with ministry to the community at nights. We praise God for the many that came to know Christ both Children and adults. This is the 56th country where Mate in now ministering.



CUBA

A ministry has been established in Cuba this year and a representative for MATE/FCC was appointed. The ministry is now partnering with the Baptist churches in Havana. Plans are being made for Pastoral & leadership training plus a Keswick Convention for next year. Cuba is now our 57th country.

E – LEARNING

The **E-Learning** program is now available on line at a very low rate of \$3.00 per year. The site is **www.2equip.ca**. This program will be of great help to students everywhere. Pray for us as we take this program to areas where there is no electricity, no access to internet and where education is much needed. We do have access to the equipment that will enable us to do this. We need the necessary funding.

Also pray for us as we work on the possibility of setting up an Innovation Incubation Centre in Toronto. This will serve our young people here in Canada and also students from around the world who on government scholarships would be able to study in Canada and return to their country to implement what they have worked on. Pray the Lord will provide the necessary funding.

Pray for the many that have come to know Christ from the various ministries in several countries this year. They have not only increased in numbers within the churches with whom we work but spiritually have growth as well. Pray also for the ministries of MATE/FCC & 2equip. Yes, there are three arms in the ministry.

- **MATE** – The spiritual arm
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- **2equip** – The educational arm
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On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish our staff, volunteers, supporters and your families a blessed Christmas, a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Arnold Doobay, Executive Director



ZAMBIA

There were successful ministries in Zambia this year. The leadership and pastoral ministry along with a crusade in Kalulushi resulted in over 100 people coming to know Christ and a new church planted with a membership of 61. A Keswick Convention was launched in Monze, South Zambia with pastors and members from different evangelical churches in attendance, including a Roman Catholic priest.



KENYA

The rescued girls program headed by Lucy Itore (a Maasai who is a deputy head teacher in Kajaido) has been growing. We give thanks for what God is doing there. From reports received all 70 girls in the program have come to know Christ. What a joy it was when a visit was made recently and supplies purchased and delivered to them, and to hear them sing, pray and give testimonies of how good The Lord has been to them. It brings tears to one's eyes. In spite of their poverty and need they are praising God. May the Lord continue to bless Lucy and the girls.



We have partnered with the Maasai Mara University in Narok, Kenya to help with the much needed facilities. It has a student body of 12,700 and 512 staff members, with only accommodation for 3,000 students. There are make shift furniture for about 120 students in the library and no computers. The students can be found sitting in the corridor day and

night studying. The availability of food is a great need. As an honorary Maasai Elder, I was able to source the possible funding for this project. Please pray with us that the Lord will make this a reality.

Just recently (Nov. 21 – 25) in the Keswick Convention in Mumias, Kenya, we saw the Spirit of God working in the lives of people. Some came to know and receive Christ as Lord and Savior, while many others recommitted their lives to the Lord and to His service.

TANZANIA

The rescued boys program headed by Pastor Emmanuel, is life changing to these boys. They have all come to know the Lord and are all doing well in school and looking forward to their promotion. We have launched a goat project to assist with this program.

