



July 2015

## Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...**



I came across this image the other day and it caused me to think: where are these people going? Are they escaping some terrible circumstances or are they on a greater mission? Either way, it challenged me. First I thought how desperate these people must be to flee to a place of safety with their entire existence hanging in the balance. Jane Ann and I have witnessed people all around the world who live in similar conditions. Secondly I thought this might be a band of Christians giving their all to get to other people who greatly need to hear the good news that Christ is REAL! Our hearts ache at the thought of people facing terrifying and despairing futures without Faith and a

Living Hope. Because of you, people are hearing the gospel and their lives are being transformed. The pastors and church leaders we train, encourage and challenge are leading the charge to reap a great harvest for the kingdom of God. Jesus said *"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."* Thank you for partnering with us at Gateway Missions. Your prayers and mission gifts are making an eternal difference!

### Colombia - Pastor Leo Grisales



Pastor Leo Grisales with JUMP MINISTRY just returned home to Colombia this week. What a great time it was having him in Lubbock for the past three months. Leo came with a vision to learn English, develop relationships here in the US and to serve with the Lubbock Dream Center. The anointing, love and grace on this young man is incredible! We met Leo in the Amazon in 2012. Since that time we have strengthened our connection with him. Last year we partnered with Pursue Missions, the missions arm of Church on the Rock, to take a team to Medellin, Colombia to work with Jump Ministry. During our time there we had occasions to meet and minister with several of the local pastors. We have been invited back to conduct a pastors and church leaders conference for both men and women. Please pray for our team that will be in Medellin August 1-9.

On Sunday team members will preach in different churches. Each weekday morning we will work with the homeless or children's foundations and in the evenings we will be ministering to the local people in numerous citywide services. With a population of over 2.2 million people there will be ample opportunities to share the love, hope and joy of Christ. Thank you to everyone who has blessed Leo and has shown such unconditional love to him. He returns home, a stronger, wiser and more humble leader. Our investment in Leo will reap an abundant harvest not only for Gateway Missions and Pursue Missions, but for everyone who received him as a man of God.



Colombia Team 2015

## MATCHING CHALLENGE 2015

Jane Ann and I are grateful to be able to empower, equip and encourage pastors and church leaders in very strategic areas of the globe such as Myanmar, India, Egypt, Tanzania, China, Colombia and more. These are just a few of the 50 nations listed where persecution continues to grow, says *Christianity Today*, January 2015.

Every Month Worldwide:

- 322 Christians are killed.
- 214 Christian churches and personal property are destroyed.
- 772 forms of violence are committed against Christians.

We personally know people who have been objects of persecution. Several quickly come to mind, yet they are not moved to quit, but choose to stand strong. Gateway Mission's presence is replenishing their faith and courage and serves as a reminder that God has not forgotten them.

We have been asked, "Why do you go?" and our answer is always the same, "We cannot stay when there is such an urgent call to go."

Here are two compelling reasons we go:

1. The Great Commission stated in Matthew 28:19 commands us to go and in Isaiah 6:8 God's question deserves an answer, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
2. Your faithful prayers and support of Gateway Missions allow us to answer the call. Whether we are "goers" or "senders," we are all Ambassadors for Christ!

That is why we are eager to share this opportunity with you, our *partners*.

Gateway Missions has been blessed with a generous ***MATCHING CHALLENGE*** of **\$25,000** dollars.

That means for every dollar we raise above our normal income it will be matched dollar for dollar.

**ANYTHING** you give beyond your regular giving will have a **DOUBLE IMPACT!**

*Jane Ann and I are asking you to consider a Matching Challenge gift for Gateway Missions to keep us on the frontlines ministering to the pastors and church leaders in developing nations.*

*We are passionate about...*

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Running the race to win,



Gary and Jane Ann Casey

#### **BRAZIL UPDATE**

*I was scheduled to be in Recife, Brazil June 8-18<sup>th</sup>. However, we experienced the loss of two close family members within a week. I remained home to do both of the funeral services.*