



## December 2022

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

"But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until the full light of day." (Proverbs 4:18 ESV)

## **Ministry Update for 2022**

As Gary and I end this year of Gateway Missions ministry, we give thanks and praise to God who has gone before us to make a way to lift up His name, as we served 11 pastors and church leaders in seven nations. Although we didn't travel internationally, we sent funds, to impart hope and encouragement for them and their families. Technology makes it possible to stay connected and in face-to-face communication with our contacts in Cuba, Colombia, Africa, Pakistan and Eastern Europe. We are grateful and appreciative for the prayers, love and missions support from you, our friends and partners, that makes this endeavor a reality.

Since 2006 when Gateway Missions began, we have led mission teams in 37 nations and ministered in churches and conferences to over 25,000 pastors and church leaders. From 2020-2022, thanks to the generosity of our partners, we've provided \$51,000.00 in financial gifts to help our key leaders get food, clothing, fuel, medical attention, etc. to meet physical needs for them and their families.



Although we weren't able to travel this year, it was a special treat to have our friends, Pastors Yuriy and Oksana, come to Lubbock for a few days in October. We had not seen them since 2019.



when we were with them in Tiraspol, Transnistria for a Pastor's Conference and an Encounter the Cross gathering. While they were here, they had several opportunities to share the vision and mission God has put on their hearts, especially their on-going ministry to Ukrainian refugees.

## **Gateway Missions Plans for 2023**

Gary and I see 2023 as a transition season for Gateway Missions, so please pray with us to clearly hear and do what Holy Spirit is saying about a strategy for ministry development. We are still considering plans to return to Cuba in spring or early summer to fellowship with several pastors whose hearts are knitted together with ours. Also, there is a tentative invitation for us to come to Medellin, Columbia, next Fall to do a Pastor's Conference and an Encounter the Cross retreat, in collaboration with JUMP Ministry and Waterhose Ministry.

## **Health Update on Gary**

Thank the Lord, Gary has made a complete recovery from the quadruple bypass heart surgery he had in July! Your thoughts and prayers were so important and invaluable for his healing and the regaining of his strength. It's impossible for us to express our deep gratitude for your care and concern!

And now we ask for your prayers again as he is experiencing some significant vision challenges. Just before Thanksgiving the vision in his left eye became diminished, as if he were looking through dense fog. Our ophthalmologist immediately got him in with an ophthalmology specialist, who recommended a treatment of high dose IV steroids over several days. He goes back this week for an appointment with the specialist.

We are asking and believing God for full restoration and recovery of his sight. As of now he sees objects but not details and his vision comes and goes. In the meantime, we are <u>"joyful in hope,"</u> patient in affliction, persistent in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." (2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV)

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We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas Season. May Jesus, our Creator, Lord, Redeemer and Savior, shine through you as His coming grows nearer and nearer.

"Unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 ESV)