

WORLD REACH®

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Dear Family and Friends -

Our little family – in just one year (2009) – has gone GLOBAL! Last summer, our daughter, Meredith, moved to Europe to begin teaching in a mission school in Lisbon, Portugal. Then in December, 2009, Nancy and I accepted a position with WORLD REACH, Inc. (WRI). Now all three of us are missionaries!

As Director of Communications with WORLD REACH, Inc., my new missions role enfolds three primary areas:

(1) GLOBAL BIBLE INSTITUTES: WRI develops on site Bible Institutes for pastors in developing countries, bringing modular courses every two months, taught by missionaries such as myself as well as adjunct teachers. My role will allow me to work with Dr. Dick Sans, WRI Bible Institute Director, in administration, development, curriculum, recruitment AND teaching.

(2) WRITING: Most of you know of my love for writing - many of you, in fact, have long encouraged me to develop this gift and interest, especially after the publication of my book, *GIVING AN ACCOUNT: The Life and Ministry of Richard H. Vigneulle*. WRI has opened diverse opportunities for writing, from Bible institute curriculum to public relations materials.

(3) PASTORAL CARE: With over forty years in ministry, including the last eighteen as a pastor, I have found fulfillment and affirmation in shepherding ministries, and so look forward to serving the WRI global team in this way.

This new job brings my life full-circle! My first church ministry after seminary was in Birmingham, Alabama, serving under Dr. Richard H. (Dick) Vigneulle. Nearly thirty years ago he founded WORLD REACH and today serves as the Chairman of its board. During the years since my first arrival in Birmingham in 1976, Dick remains a key figure in my life as a pastor and mentor still. Likewise, Timothy Q. Prewitt, General Director of WORLD REACH since its founding, is a longtime friend and dear brother in the Lord. My new ministry brings a reunion of old friends.

Last summer, as Tim and I sat in a booth in Hoover's Ranch House restaurant, he opened the opportunity at WORLD REACH. "I just want you and Nancy to talk and pray," he said. We did. As a football coach buddy of mine puts it, I am in the fourth quarter of life – so there is no time to waste! Tim's counsel nurtured us as we sought God's will. After resigning my pastorate last spring, Nancy and I earnestly sought the Lord's "next assignment" for us. I prayed, "Lord, help me not to miss it – especially if You have something *outside the box* for me to do!" Turns out, He did!

Tim gave wise counsel, suggesting three questions to ask ourselves as we evaluated the opportunities before us: *First*, where can you make the biggest impact for building the kingdom of God? *Second*, where will your training and life/ministry experiences be used to the maximum? *Finally*, what gives you deep-down-in-your-heart peace and joy?

We prayed, fasted, sought counsel...and WAITED on the Lord. In December God gave us the green light! Nancy and I are thrilled yet humbled by the work of God in our lives. We sought Him earnestly, and He has proven true once more our prayer promise from Psalm 16:11a, "Thou WILT shew me the path of life" (the emphasis is mine!).

WORLD REACH, through its board and General Director, has opened a ministry door that weaves together my widespread, lifelong ministry roles: educator, administrator, writer, teacher and pastor. John Piper wrote that *"the average Christian is satisfied roaming the foothills of God's glory rather than becoming mountain climbers to peer into the majestic face of God."* In obeying this call to missions, Nancy and I feel that we have become *"mountain climbers!"*

But we need your help. My wife and I are keenly aware that our new ministry as missionaries – with global travels and responsibilities entrusted to us - will be costly in warfare and resources. We urgently need *prayer* partners and partners in *financial* support. Our confidence is not in ourselves but in our God, and He has further encouraged us knowing the heart and integrity of family and friends as well as the mission organization we joined.

WORLD REACH, Inc. is a non-denominational, international mission agency committed to church planting, evangelism and discipleship, humanitarian aid projects, as well as its worldwide Bible institutes. A recognized 501 (C) 3 non-profit, WORLD REACH is audited each year and is a member of IFMA for the purpose of ministry and financial accountability.

Well-known author and speaker John C. Maxwell, a friend of the ministry, said it best: *"World Reach is the type of global ministry I'm glad to endorse because it understands the strategic need for developing strong Christian leaders, blending partnership with discipleship, around the world."*

Enclosed are materials to guide you if you choose to join us – partners in prayers and giving. Recently I attended a missions conference where the closing hymn stirred my own heart with a lyrical expression of what God has been doing in my life in recent months - leading to my call and surrender to missions. The hymn's title is *"Let Your Heart Be Broken."*

Add to your believing/Deeds that prove it true -
Knowing Christ as Savior/Make Him Master too:
Follow in His footsteps/Go where He has trod,
In the world's great trouble/Risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender/And your vision clear -
See mankind as God sees/Serve Him far and near;
Let your heart be broken/By a brother's pain,
Share your rich resources/Give and give again.

Thank you for your prayers. For the near future, we will work from Northern Kentucky. Nancy and I look forward to hearing from you and want to keep you posted on our "mountain climbing journey!" Yours for the WORLD -



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Today is Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Dear Friends of Bruce and Nancy,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Bruce and Nancy Peters as missionaries with World Reach. Dr. Peters will serve as Director of Communications. In this capacity, Bruce will play a vital role in developing curriculum for and teaching in our Bible Institutes, promoting the overall ministry of World Reach and providing pastoral care to our team members. The scope of their ministry will touch all of our fields in 12 countries. They are now in a process through which they will develop a team of partners for prayer and financial support.

Our goal is to have them fully supported by the end of 2010. Their experience and maturity will add strength to our existing and future ministries as we further the cause of Christ around the world.

Like all missionaries with **WORLD REACH, INC.**, Bruce and Nancy are required to raise their own support for their personal and ministry needs as they follow the Lord in this special calling. I am confident you will want to be a part of this step of faith and you can do this in two specific ways:

1. **PRAYER.** I believe that PRAYER HONORS GOD AND GOD HONORS PRAYER. Prayer is the most important thing we can do and must precede anything else we wish to do for the cause of Christ. Bruce and Nancy need a strong prayer support team to undergird their ministry.

2. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** If you have known of Bruce and Nancy's many years of faithful services to our Lord, you know they are worthy of your prayerful consideration to become one of their financial partners. If you are new to their ministry, let me commend them to you and ask you to also consider what role God would have you play in helping meet their financial need. Your partnership will enable God's calling on their lives to be accomplished and sustain their personal household and extensive ministry needs for their international ministry. I am happy to report that even though they are just beginning this process, they already have commitments for approximately 5% of their support needs.

I can think of no finer couple who, in my opinion, deserve your timely consideration in this unique situation. Bruce and Nancy are truly exceptional and will make outstanding representatives for the Lord in this assignment.

Thank you in advance for considering Bruce and Nancy for your worthy prayer and financial support. If God leads you to join their ministry team through partnership with them in prayer and/or financial support, please use the enclosed response card to let us know of your support. We are prepared to receive tax deductible contributions for their ministry effective immediately.

Partners for the King,



Timothy Q. Prewitt
General Director

WORLD REACH is a nondenominational foreign mission organization serving fields in East Africa, Central and South America, and Europe. Its purpose is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by reaching the world with the Gospel through the local church. Its thrust is the establishment and nurturing of churches while training national pastors and lay-leaders.

It is the policy of World Reach to honestly and accurately share the opportunities and challenges that we incur in all areas of this mission ministry. The presentation of needs with potential solutions enables our friends and partners to prayerfully select their specific role in the provision of these needs.

We believe it is our responsibility to provide full information and invitation to participate in our ministry, without solicitation, as God provides motivation for true giving in the hearts of His people.

Richard H. Vignuelle, D.D.

Birmingham, Alabama
January, 2010

Dear Friends of WORLD REACH:

With great joy I herald the appointment of Dr. Bruce and Nancy Peters to the staff of WORLD REACH! Bruce served on my pastoral staff from 1976 to 1984. As an educator and later as an associate pastor, he served with distinction. Ministries grew under his leadership, from our Christian school to church education and conference ministries. He established within the church a Bible institute that served the community to equip Christian workers for the local church. All this work foreshadowed the job he has now been called to do at WORLD REACH.

In the early days of Shades Mountain Independent Church, as the young congregation organized itself for ministry, I kept before the folks the importance of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). My challenge was simple: "A church without missions is a church without a mission!" Years later God gave the vision for a missionary-sending ministry known as WORLD REACH – to help get God-called men and women on the mission field to proclaim the Good News. God has shown Himself faithful in so many ways, including sending us His choice servants to carry on the work.

Bruce and Nancy are proven Christian workers – they love the Lord and they love people. Having watched their lives over the years, from mountaintop victories to some sore trials of life, I know first-hand that this couple will be constant and loyal to the Lord. Dr. Peters is a gifted teacher and a great organizer. He is a powerful communicator both as a speaker and writer. After nearly two decades as a pastor, he now brings this added dimension to his work. Nancy too has been used of God as a teacher and prayer warrior as well as wife and mother.

As I personally commend Dr. and Mrs. Peters to you, likewise, I encourage you to get behind them as they start this next chapter of their lives and ministry. I ask you to PRAY for them, and pray often. And give – they need your generous financial support for their new work with WORLD REACH. Bruce and Nancy stand ready to make a sacrificial contribution to the work of missions – I hope you will do the same for them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard H. Vignuelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

Richard H. Vignuelle
Shades Mountain Independent Church, Pastor Emeritus
World Reach, Inc., Chairman of the Board