

Mission News—from Dick & Gloria Sans

“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God . . . Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:15,16

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2007 Offers Many Opportunities to Serve

During the first week of February, Dick will be in El Salvador working with World Reach missionaries, Hal Large and Jon Simpson, to develop plans and details for establishing new Bible Institutes in that country. Dick will also do some teaching to the current Bible Institute class on “Spiritual Leadership” and preach in a local church as well.

The following May/June timeframe, Dick will travel first to Vinnitsa, Ukraine to graduate the current class at that location. From there, he will travel to Rivna, Ukraine (about five hours away) to develop further details concerning starting a new Bible Institute effort at that location. Then, he will further travel to Brasov, Romania to discuss plans to conduct a new Bible Institute effort there also. While at both these locations, he will visit with World Reach missionaries (Thomas Fleming—Rivna, Francisco Berrios—Brasov) and preach in local churches.

Between mission trips, we have much to accomplish on the administrative front—refining curriculum, updating the Mission website, finding new teachers, Foundations research, etc.

*World Reach—Reaching the World through the
Local Church with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

*Founded in 1982 to Plant Reproducible Churches and
Train Pastors and Church Leaders in God’s Word*

Some View Points

At the beginning of every new year, I ask myself: "If God gives me one more year, what am I going to do with it? How will I use it for His glory?" We encourage you to also ask yourself these questions. God wants to use you in powerful ways to fulfill His purposes on earth. So, we urge you to seek His leading for how to make your life count in the most significant ways in 2007.

This year, nothing could be more valuable to us than pouring our lives into the men and women who are preparing for a lifetime of Kingdom service in various countries around the world. World Reach Bible Institute students represent the future of Biblical Christianity in their lands and, perhaps, in other lands as well. They are the pastors, missionaries and evangelists of tomorrow. What a privilege and responsibility we have to train them, encourage them, and send them out into their world.

Because of that, your committed and generous support for World Reach is more important than ever as we begin 2007.

Sadly, the kind of Bible-focused education that characterizes World Reach Bible Institutes is no longer common in many churches in America. Institutions that were founded to spread the Gospel—including every Ivy League university—have abandoned the bedrock foundation of God's truth. In fact, many are now blatantly hostile to it. You and I have witnessed how this cultural shift is having a major impact on the church in America today.

Many Christians now struggle to stand firm for the basics of our faith, to defend Biblical truth and morality. The pastors in many of our nation's pulpits are less moored to Scripture than they are to popular culture. And, churches are losing the sense of urgency for mission work that comes from a solid understanding of God's Word and embracing its claim on our lives.

In this kind of environment, World Reach's 25-year commitment to the centrality of Scripture is like a lighthouse surrounded by a churning sea of uncertainty, yet standing firmly on The Rock. We have a doctrinal statement that is unchanged for these years—an unwavering commitment to the inerrancy of the Bible. We have remained faithful to this legacy and God has blessed us in return.

However, it is not enough simply to celebrate 25 years of Kingdom service. We must also defend it and pass it on to the next generation. That is why, as 2007 begins, we ask you to stand with World Reach Bible Institutes once again by continuing your prayer and financial support to train men and women for a lifetime of service to God. Your committed partnership will help raise up people in many lands who understand the Bible, believe it and obey it. You will equip them to stand strong against the relativism permeating throughout the world so that they will have the vision and passion to defend the truth when few others in their generation do.

The people we train are eager to put their faith into practice. By the end of their Bible Institute training, we encourage each student to seek God's leading and make a commitment to a specific ministry. When they graduate, the majority will have concrete plans to serve the Lord—and you will have played a vital role in preparing them.

We ask you to stand with us in prayer and financial support. As God leads you, we ask you to continue your support for the ministry God has called us to accomplish. If you are eager to make a difference for Christ in the coming year—and for eternity—I can think of few better places to invest your support than World Reach Bible Institutes. Thank you so much for all you do. May God richly bless you in 2007!



-serving Him always,

Dick & Gloria