



Mission News—from Dick and Gloria Sans

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us . . . let us run with endurance the race set before us.”

(Hebrews 12:1)

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Serving Jesus Christ on the Field

Dick will travel back to Romania and Ukraine May 18-31 with the specific mission to finalize the development of opening two new Bible Institute locations in these countries.

The process we at World Reach use to impact a whole region for Christ is evangelization, church planting, pastoral and church leadership training, and raising up indigenous leaders who will sustain the training as World Reach moves on to other areas. We have followed this process in Vinnitsa, Ukraine. We have completed the training of two pastoral and church leader classes over the last seven years. Now they are ready to sustain continued training of church leaders on their own. So, we are moving to Rivna, Ukraine to establish the on-going process of training those who will eventually be equipped to train their own (*2 Timothy 2:2*). That is the focus of Dick’s trip to Ukraine in May.

We will also start this same process in Brasov, Romania. Our missionary there has been working with several churches over the past few years and now it’s time to bring in-depth Scriptural training to those in the Brasov area. Dick’s job on this trip will be to work out the myriad of details of starting a new Bible Institute effort from the beginning on a new field. He will travel with another World Reach staff member. They will teach and preach together in the local churches as Dick also organizes the work to open this new training location.

World Reach

Founded in 1982 to Plant Reproducible Churches

And

Train Pastors and Church Leaders in God’s Word

With the opening of these Bible Institutes at the two new locations, we will have on-going training in Peru, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Columbia and Kenya, as well as Ukraine and Romania.

Your prayers for this new work in both locations are needed. Please pray for God's wisdom, His insight, clear minds and humble hearts as the work of accomplishing the Great Commission goes forward.

We Are Witnesses for Christ

The author of Hebrews uses “witnesses” to refer back to the saints mentioned in chapter 11, giants of the faith like Abraham, Joseph and Moses—men whose remarkable faith and obedience God used to accomplish incredible things.

I want to challenge you, just as I have been challenged, to look backward as a means of moving forward. May we run harder and faster toward Christ because of the Godly examples of men and women that Scripture gives to us. While we look back at many great Christians God raised up in the past, we also look toward the future. You are part of the legacy of tomorrow, helping World Reach maintain its ministry to thousands of people who are touched by the pastors and church leaders we train on the field. Thank you for your support in the past and your continued support today and into the future as we train men and women to impact their countries with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church : Relative or Crucially Important?

In a culture engulfed in moral relativism, the Cross and all it represents is increasingly vilified.

From books like The God Delusion . . . to television specials like National Geographic's “The Gospel of Judas” . . . to pop star Madonna being “crucified” on a neon cross . . . secular attacks are undisguised and plentiful.

Of course, we would expect the world to make the Cross an object of scorn and ridicule. After all, Paul explained that *“to those who are perishing, the message of the cross is foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is God's power” (1 Corinthians 1:18).*

But, what troubles us most is what we hear from a growing number of Christians—that they no longer receive solid Bible teaching at their churches. Core doctrines of our faith, including the Cross itself, are being watered down or ignored. Current cultural trends are replacing eternal Biblical moral standards. Congregations are focusing on a “social gospel” of good works instead of the “Eternal Gospel of Faith in Christ”. With so many attacks in our culture on the faith you and I share, it is more crucial than ever for believers to proclaim and defend those eternal truths without compromise. This has been the focus of World Reach for 25 years.

Our students choose World Reach primarily because we are a Bible-teaching ministry and because they are committed to a lifetime of service in Christ's Kingdom. They receive many hours of classroom instruction in God's Word, reinforced through practical application projects and hands-on experience in their churches. They are the next generation of Christian leaders who will impact their cultures and our world by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection without compromise. That is the message of hope they are now being equipped to deliver to our troubled world.

***“I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in Me,
even if he dies, yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and believes in Me
shall never die.” (John 11:25-26)***



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