

# WORLD REACH



*Bible Institutes*  
*A Faith-Supported Ministry*

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## *Mission News—from Dick & Gloria Sans*

**“What you  
have heard  
from me before  
many witnesses  
entrust to  
faithful men  
who will be  
able to teach  
others also.”**

*2 Timothy 2:2*

**HIS TRUTH IS  
POWERFUL!**

**GOD BLESS  
THE MAN  
WHO  
DELIVERS IT!**

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### *Recent Happenings and Future Plans*

In our last newsletter (*March 2010*), I outlined current actions for Kenya, Colombia, Romania and Ukraine. Now, here are further updates....

#### *Kenya*

After briefing the World Reach Staff on results of the year-long survey conducted with pastoral graduates and their church memberships, it was determined that we would expand the Bible Institute Curriculum. To our standard world-wide curriculum, we added a “Children’s Ministry” course, a “Guidance and Counseling” course and also increased the number of hours from 40 to 56 on five courses. At some of the locations, we added part-two courses in “Systematic Theology” and “Preaching”. We will continue with three preliminary courses and expand to 15 core courses. The first Bible Institute site scheduled to receive the new increased curriculum will be in Kenya.

#### *Colombia, Romania, Ukraine*

We are waiting to hear from our field missionaries concerning details needed to ascertain the feasibility and timing for continued, expanded or new Bible Institutes on these three fields. We currently have Bible Institutes in Colombia and Romania and have had two Bible Institutes in Ukraine. Colombia and Romania may expand to two sites. We are waiting for an associate ministry in Ukraine to determine if there are sufficient pastors in a specific location to initiate a new Bible Institute in that country.

We realize from years of experience, particularly with Eastern European churches, there is a significant time delay in making decisions to join with western organizations for teaching commitments. The history of those countries, both ancient and modern, has placed skepticism in the way of being trained in God’s Word. World Reach has been very successful over the past 15 years in overcoming skeptical positions and has successfully trained hundreds of pastors and church leaders in our standard three-and-a-half year college/seminary process.

Even so, breaking new ground and expanding into other regions is slow work. World Reach Bible Institutes will continue to “go” wherever we are invited to teach God’s Word to hungry pastors and church leaders. In recent months, available funds

have limited our consideration of new fields. Please consider sending a tax-deductible gift to World Reach Bible Institutes. You may designate a particular country for use or gift it to the Bible Institutes in general. Our current sites are on our website at: [www.world-reach.org](http://www.world-reach.org) (click on "Bible Institutes"). Mission history is replete with stories of God's provision in difficult times and through dire circumstances. Won't you please partner with us and help accomplish the Great Commission? It is not how much of our money will we give to God, but how much of His money will we keep for ourselves? That is the question each of us must answer to Him.

### *The Destination of Faith*

*Faith is the by-product of looking unto Jesus. The destination of faith is to find, follow and finish the will of God. To do that, we are to put aside every weight (extra baggage) to run the race of faith.*

### *A Faithful God in an Unpredictable World*

Have you heard or experienced stories like these? ~ A family reared all their children in the same way. One grew up to be a responsible Christian with a professional position. The other ended up in jail for selling drugs. ~ One Christian lady prayed for her husband to trust Christ and he miraculously was converted. Another faithfully prayed the same prayer for her husband and he came home and announced he wanted a divorce to marry the younger woman he had been having an affair with for two years. ~ One friend was healed of a life-threatening disease. Another gifted friend, who was an author and preacher, died young.

How are any of us supposed to get through such an unpredictable life? How do we remain at peace in a world where everything can suddenly change in a moment? Martin Luther embraced a verse that answers these questions. It is the verse that ushered in the Reformation:

***"The Just shall live by Faith."***

We must choose to walk by faith in God. We have reason to know that our Father is a loving God, so nothing happens that He didn't already know about in advance.

The question is: "Will we trust Him?" Some Christians think that faith means that if we believe hard enough, things will turn out the way we want. Their faith is in faith. It's an approach to problems that combines a mix of secular positive thinking with a religious flair.

Authentic faith isn't an intense, religious, positive thing that is intended to produce a certain outcome. Biblical faith means that we trust in God - period. Not in a particular result; not always in a happy ending. Faith simply means that we trust Him, knowing that whatever the outcome may be, life will still be okay because God is in control.

Are you facing situations that make no sense? If so, let loose, let go, be still in Him (Psalm 37:7a). God is in control. He loves you and will always work all things in your life together for good. He promised! Don't mistake wishful thinking for Biblical faith. Faith means that we rest in the fact that we are one with Christ; that a loving Abba is our Father who controls it all; that the Holy Spirit will sustain you no matter what happens. Your life isn't simply a result of cause and effect. Your life is Christ. He has it all planned already. So, we need to let go of attempts to control our own destiny and trust Him. He will guide us safely home.

***"O Come, Lord Jesus!"***

### Prayer Requests

**Please pray for the following needs:**

- 1) Field personnel to engage their local populations and gain the people's confidence that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may go forward.
- 2) Funds will be released to meet the needs of field missionaries and teachers who bring the Word to those who need it.
- 3) We may touch the lives of more and more pastors and church leaders with God's Word that they in turn may touch their congregations and communities.
- 4) As we start a new outreach to churches and individuals for support, that God will move in their hearts to meet the need.
- 5) As I work on the Global Outreach project for my church, that God will provide me with His wisdom and insight to bring to bear the faith and experience He has given me to develop the steps needed to assist people in joining in the Great Commission.

*Nothing so clears our vision and lifts our lives as a decision to move forward in what we know to be entirely the will of God.*



serving Him always,

*Dick & Gloria*