

FOR THE EARTH SHALL

Be Filled

WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD,

OUR CHAIRMAN: DR. JOHN MUSICK

- Paul Braun

Dr. John Musick was a young, unmarried optometrist when he first met Willys and Thelma Braun, soon after they had founded Evangelism Resources. As Willys reported one Sunday on the progress of ER's nascent ministries in Africa, John noticed Willys' discomfort with his glasses and invited the Brauns to his office for eye exams. A strong friendship was born, and it wasn't long before the Brauns asked John to join ER's governing board. That was nearly forty years ago.

Since then, John has been a great friend and faithful Board member of ER. His first trip to India was with Willys and Thelma Braun in



John and Helen Musick

March, 2003. When Willys invited him, John at first hesitated, reasoning that the cost of his trip would be better spent on ER ministries. But Willys insisted until John finally conceded, agreeing to go "to carry their suitcases," he said. It would be Willys' last trip, as he passed into heaven six months later.

John had given his heart to Christ through a missions-focused church while a university student, and had understood that people without Jesus were lost. He has always had a heart for people and often shares God's good news with

clients and others. But it was on that trip to India that he was directly confronted with the awful reality of those without any knowledge of the Light of the world. That first night in India he wept bitter tears in his room as he processed the day: Hindu idols on the taxi dashboard, street-side shrines draped in wilting flowers, burning incense, and tired eyes haunted by despair. John would never be the same again!

His involvement in ER's ministries has grown since then and through the years. In 2011 he accepted the responsibility of Chairman of the Board of Directors. He frequently visits and prays with the home office staff, often bringing lunch. He's made six more trips to India since that first visit with Willys and Thelma Braun and has visited ER partners in Africa as well. He's a constant encouragement to the ER family, both in the US and overseas.

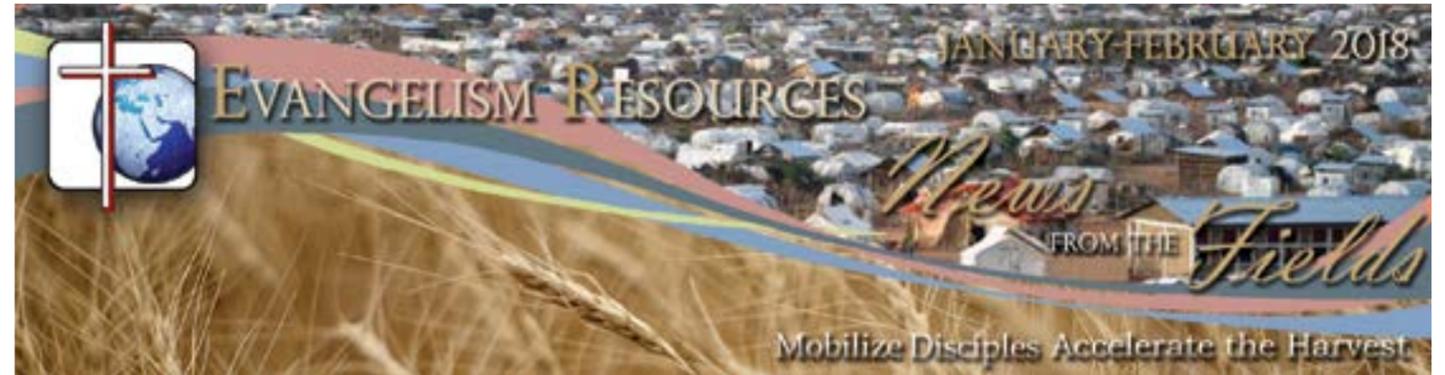
Evangelism Resources thanks God for the strong servant leadership of Dr. John Musick, our Chairman of the Board, and for the many ways he faithfully encourages and assists the work and people of ER!

Why I Give ...



I love giving because I believe ER is establishing the work of the Holy Spirit around the world. Reaching the unreached, sharing the gospel, and training indigenous lay leaders is what ER is all about, and I fully believe in their work to fulfill the Great Commission.

- Sally Wilcox



BRINGING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS

Inside the fence at Camp Minawao, just across the Cameroon border from Nigeria, 95,000 refugees wait. Muslims and Christians alike fled the Boko Haram terrorists. Now they wonder when - or if - they will ever see home again.

There is widespread disease and death in the camp; one pastor reports having buried 27 cholera victims in one day. The refugees' hopelessness and boredom result in drug abuse, prostitution and all kinds of vices. Hunger and malnutrition are rampant because food intended for the refugees is often diverted. Camp administrators have restricted movement in and out, in part to limit reports of the deplorable conditions from reaching the public. Meanwhile, local officials are becoming rich through the corruption.

Five of these refugees, all Muslim-background believers, had attended the International School of Evangelism (ISE) in Jos, Nigeria. Following graduation, they returned to the camp to work among the refugees, preaching the gospel and bringing God's love and hope to these destitute and displaced peoples. Through their ministry 51 Muslims and 611 others had given their hearts to the Lord.

In December, Evangelist Philip Alams, the Principal of the ISE, was invited by the five to visit the camp and see the Lord's work. The journey from Jos was gruesome and dangerous. The final stretch began at 2:00 a.m., riding for five hours on motor bikes across the border to Minawao.



Philip arrived to find 23 local churches meeting throughout the camp in makeshift structures, representing about 10 different denominations. In four days of joint outreach during Philip's visit, another 1,138 refugees gave their lives to Christ. The five alumni are busy discipling the many new believers, and are planning a Portable Bible School to train 40 lay pastors to help shepherd and disciple all the new believers.

According to Philip, "It is God's divine arrangement that people from the camp came to train at the International School of Evangelism in Jos." Pray for these five men. The impact of their ministry is moving like a wave across the camp and many others now want to come to Jos for training in the International School of Evangelism. Pray for the needed documents for them to both leave the camp and return, and for scholarships to train them. Pray also for adequate resources to sustain the work and the people at the camp.

- Janet and Mawo Abaya



Mobilizing disciples to accelerate the harvest!

PBS Training in the US

- Steve Liversedge

We live in a time when travel is available and financially feasible for many people from all ethnic groups and nations. Because of this, young people are relocating all over the world for education. Ministries like ER see this as a tremendous



opportunity. For example, we developed the Great Commission Challenge Camps in response to the number of Indian youth who were studying in places like the Muslim nations of the Middle East. With some of these being Christians, we felt a responsibility to equip them to make disciples in those limited-access countries.

What about the many non-Christians who come to the US from China and India? You've heard it said that God has brought the mission field to us. The US hosts almost one million visiting students, including 361,953 Chinese and 178,562 Indians. While here, a number of these receive Christ and become children of God (John 1:12). Bible study groups started by such students have grown into churches that minister uniquely to their ethnic groups. Wouldn't it make sense to train up teams in these churches who could effectively disciple students who find Christ while here?



In response to this challenge, we presented the first-ever Portable Bible School Teacher Training Seminar held in the US. Over six days in January, ER staff taught the PBS ministry to Indian and Chinese leaders: three students from Asbury Theological Seminary and a neurosurgeon on sabbatical at the University of Kentucky. It was no surprise when the one most nervous to present on the last day was used most mightily by God. How appropriate that her lesson title was, "Victory is Sure!" We celebrated the completion with a fellowship meal, certificates, and jump drives with the PBS material in Hindi and simple Chinese.

Please pray for Rev. ZJ, Rev. Sindu, Minati and Dr. Chen Chen as they travel back into very difficult areas to make disciples and carry out the Great Commission, all for the glory of God.

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Memorial Gifts

- E. R. is so very grateful for these recent gifts.

From Barb and Clair Gray in memory of Dr. Robert Wiley, Clair's professor at then Asbury College "and in honor of his dear son, Dr. Bob Wiley, Mary Ann, and family;"

From Robert and Louise Ruszkowski in memory of Alma Morgan Myers;

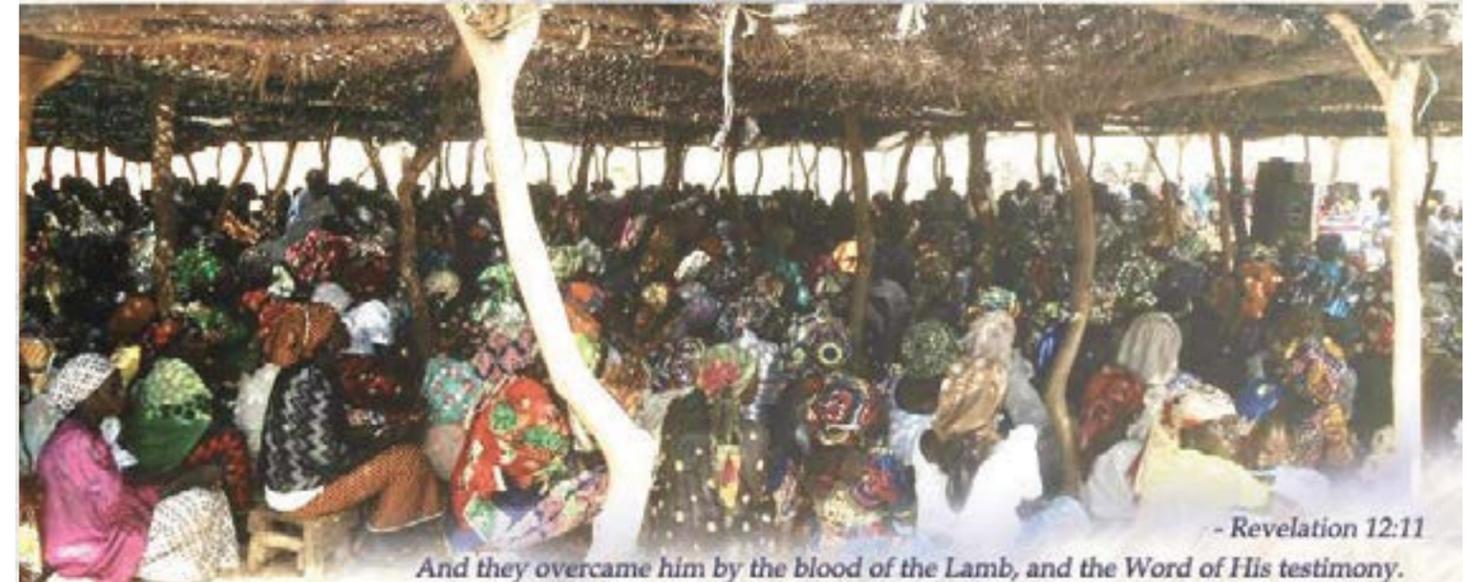
From Sue Hendrickson in memory of her sister Nancy Braun;

From Bill and Lois Love in memory of Dr. Phyllis Corbitt.



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Training Disciple-makers for the Unreached



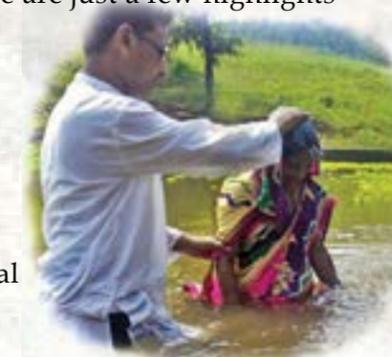
- Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the Word of His testimony.

Overcomers of 2017 - Steve Liversedge

2017 was a year of training and equipping. By God's grace, almost 14,000 men and women were trained in 253 Portable Bible Schools, 30 Schools of Evangelism, and in other ER programs. Behind the statistics are individuals who have experienced real change by the Savior and are overcoming hardship and opposition as they follow Him. Here are just a few highlights from the year:

In Africa: Elimbo Timothée, a Baka Pygmy graduate of ER's Bible School in Cameroon, established a church of 180 Baka that brought 700 other Baka to faith in Christ. Nkollo Thaddé planted a church in his home area and sent an additional seven for training at the Bible School.



This short list represents thousands of unnamed heroes of the cross who are giving much to complete the Great Commission.

In India: Sandeep Minj leads an 80-member church in a formerly unreached area. A Musahar witch doctor came to Christ through the miraculous healing of his wife. An old man and his wife from the Madhesi Plain came to Christ and now belong to a small church among these unreached people. Basto Singh Teka, from the Gond UPG, has one goal: to work for the growth of God's Kingdom. Ten Brahmans are training in one of 20 Mobile Schools of Evangelism.



Pray with us for many more who, in 2018, will overcome by the blood of Christ and the word of their testimony.

In China, the PBS "Core Team" trained over 200 PBS teachers, who are now teaching many others to go and make disciples. One from China will come to the Philippine SOE that will open in March.