

# NEWS FROM THE FIELDS



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## A SAVIOR FOR ALL NATIONS

*"All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, Lord; they will bring glory to Your name." Psalm 86:9*

There are currently more people outside God's family than ever before.

Does that bother you? It does me!

In a Sunday evening service during my senior year of high school I experienced God's compassion and presence so powerfully that my life would be forever changed. I determined to do everything possible so that everyone might know His glory as I had!

It was eleven years of schooling and training before I finally became a full-status missionary. The following four years of

planting and establishing churches in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, were wonderfully rewarding! But then health needs necessitated a return to the U.S., and my time in Africa ended.

Not many of us can go where the spiritual needs are greatest. But we can help those who are there by providing support and other encouragement. That is the "raison d'être" of Evangelism Resources (ER).

ER was founded to mobilize disciples to accelerate the harvest, especially where most needed.

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To this end ER has established partnerships with 33 overseas mission organizations in 15 nations, helping them take God's salvation to their regions. Together, these partners host over 30 nine-month Schools of Evangelism (SOEs) that train missionaries and church planters. These SOEs, along with a growing number of Mobile SOEs (that teach the same curriculum but are offered to part-time students over 18 months) trained over 1,000 witnesses this year to take the gospel where you and I cannot go. Another 19,000 were trained in ER's Portable Bible Schools, the two-month lay-pastor training course for the world's villages and house churches.

Most our ministry partners are in the 10/40 Window, that area of the globe between the 10- and 40-degree north latitude. This region is home to the world's Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists, with approximately 3.16 billion people in 6,164 unreached people groups.

Jesus' salvation is for ALL nations! He instructed His apostles to go into every nation and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them (Matthew 28:19). ER is training Jesus' followers in some of the darkest corners of the globe to take His salvation to their neighbors, friends, and families.

Thank you for your partnership in this great mission to take God's saving grace to the nations! What a wonderful Savior we offer to the nations!

- Paul Braun, President

# 黑暗世界中的星辰大海

Steve and Lorrie Liversedge with the first Chinese group trained through the Portable Bible School Teacher Training Seminar in 2015.

teach teachers how to run Portable Bible Schools. To avoid curious eyes and ears they call it the Wilderness Training Program. In one center in southwest China, the training team is reaching out to Tibetan monks and at the same time translating the Online Portable Bible School Teacher Training Seminar into simple Chinese. In central China, those already trained are preparing new teachers and overseeing more than 1,000 house churches that meet in the factories of Christian businessmen.

Another team is working in the north to reach into Korea and Mongolia. The father of one team member has already been ministering in Mongolia. When he observed the Wilderness Training Program and looked through the textbook, he exclaimed, "This is what we need in Mongolia!" The text is now being translated into Mongolian, and when that is ready, a team will go in to train the teachers.

Others are working in Kyrgyzstan using the "Business as Mission" model to help complete the task. Factories with training centers are being set up...

## A GALAXY OF STARS IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

*"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those that lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3*

On our first trip to China several years ago we learned about the vision of the house churches to travel along the Silk Road all the way to Jerusalem, evangelizing and discipling the many Muslim groups along the way and by so doing helping to complete the Great Commission. These Chinese believers are serious and determined, some even sending their children to study in Israeli universities to learn the

language and prepare the ground for the moving of God's Spirit.

Evangelism Resources is privileged to actually play a part in this exciting effort. Our partner in Hong Kong participates by using his factories, legitimate for-profit businesses, to provide training in special rooms set aside for this holy purpose.

He has created a network of centers all over China to

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... along the superhighway stretching from China across nations to the west. There are outreaches to a Middle Eastern country. Chinese Christians are working with Messianic Jews to share the gospel with Thai workers in Jerusalem. You can't make this stuff up!

Our partner describes the work that is going on through all these teams as a "galaxy of lights in the midst of physical and spiritual darkness." Each of these efforts is like a star shining in the expanse of darkness, bringing God's salvation through Jesus Christ to the least reached. And we get to be a part of it! Praise His Name!

- Steve Liversedge

# ER ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Rev. Steve Liversedge stepped down as President of Evangelism Resources on January 1, after 17 years of leading ER's growing ministries. Steve will continue working fulltime with ER as President Emeritus and will maintain many of his regular responsibilities. Many new fruitful ministries were added during Steve's tenure, including the Women's Impact Network (WIN), Great Commission Challenge Camps (GC3) and the Mobile Schools of Evangelism.

Rev. Paul Braun was named by the ER Board of Directors to succeed Steve. Paul was ER President for four years, from 1998-2002, before stepping away from ER for personal reasons. Paul was invited back to ER in 2010 and has served as Vice President since 2013.

Please pray for Steve and Paul in this transition period, that they will both be daily filled with God's Spirit and sensitive to His leading, and that their faith will steadily grow as they continue in their many responsibilities.

## PASS IT ON!

Do you know someone who loves missions but doesn't know about Evangelism Resources? We've enclosed a brochure that you can pass on to them to tell about how God is using ER and our band of partners around the world. Thanks in advance for helping us share the good news!

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING

In memory of Richard Cook of Monticello, Kentucky:

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