

CrossWay International

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"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Isaiah 54:2

Exciting Expansion Erupting!

In the past two years, CrossWay International has seen some incredible growth in many areas. Lately, the Lord has blessed CrossWay International with an influx of very gifted and capable people with large hearts to assist us in the furtherance of the gospel. With new people and new ministry opportunities, the challenges ahead are

different and daunting. But we continue to see the lost reached, and churches strengthened in their faith and growing daily in their numbers. In this prayer letter, you will see how God is "expanding our tent" with your help in our partnership together in the Gospel. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Orphans Grow from 499 to 549!

Last fall, I received a phone call from our manager over the orphans in Sudan. He told me that 50 more orphans arrived at our facility, even though we already had 499 orphans that we were struggling just to keep fed. I had asked Moses not to take on any more orphans until we could gain more support to care for the ones we had. He asked me what he should do with them--should he send them away? As he began to describe their sick and undernourished condition, I knew in my heart that we could not send them away. Where would they go? They were coming from the violence in Abijeh and had nowhere to go.

We decided by faith to let them stay and trust God for an extra 10 percent to at least feed them. Resounding in my heart were the words of Jesus, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt. 19:14

To learn more about the orphans, or to help support this ministry, see www.crosswayorphans.org.



Dean, Bob Nicol, and Moses with some of our 549 orphans in Sudan!

Board of Directors Grows from 8 to 12

On December 5, we had 40 people join us for our bi-annual Board of Directors dinner/meeting. At that time, we had 8 Directors; 3 of them were asking to resign, as they had worked for many years and were looking to move to other things as God was leading them. At the meeting,

we presented 7 more candidate Directors. We look forward to having 12 very qualified and gifted Board Members who have a huge heart for the lost and the gospel.

New Missionaries Coming Online

In addition to the Board Members, CrossWay International is also bringing on fellow missionaries to help Dean take the gospel around the world. We have had a number of American Christians apply as candidate missionaries, and as the work expands, the need for more coworkers in God's harvest increases. Our prayer has been that of Jesus in Luke 10:2--"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." God is certainly answering that prayer!

Here are several of our candidate missionaries:



▶ **Bob Nicol**
*Engineer and Head of CrossWay
Water for Life*



▶ **Sheila Parchman**
*Manager of Medical
Clinics*



▶ **Merle Admire**
Master Electrician, Bible Teacher



▶ **Bruce McIntosh**
*Trained Christian Counselor and Teacher
for Pastors' Conferences overseas*

New Coworkers Overseas

CrossWay International has also taken on more coworkers overseas in the last year. We need people on the ground who know the language and the culture and who can help us oversee the various aspects of our expanding ministry. Here are some of our recent valued new coworkers:



▶ **Rafael Rivas**
*Missionary/ Field Director for
Central America*



▶ **Melaku Abebe**
Director for North East Africa



▶ **Ken Gatithi**
Director on CrossWay Sudan Board

The Chollar Clan Expands!

This Christmas, we had the whole clan at our home for about a week. Indeed, things were a bit chaotic with 22 people in the house, but we all had a good time. Rachel had her brand new twin girls, Grace and Hope, and Bethany had given birth to her 2nd little boy, Eli, a number of months earlier. That brings us up to 12 grandkids, and we are very proud of them all!



Dean Inspires Students to Help the Hurting

After speaking to the youth at the Grace Preparatory Academy in Arlington, TX this past month, Dean was given very complimentary feedback. Stephanie Hall, a teacher at the Academy, said, "I have had many students, parents, and teachers come up to me to tell me that was the best Revolution of Grace service they had been to. They were touched by your message. So, thank you again!"

We are grateful for the open hearts of these young people, and not only that their hearts were touched, but that they were stirred to action on behalf of the orphans (see article on the back).



Left: Dean gives his presentation during the school's chapel service



Right: Dean with the students of Grace Prep



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Expansion of Support from Children to Children

In keeping with our theme of expansion in this issue, we have noticed a different but important area of growth--that of young people wanting to serve our young orphans! Ever since we took on our 549 orphans in Sudan, we have seen an increase in the desire of youth all over the nation to help these less fortunate children; they have raised awareness for their needs by holding garage sales, bake sales, and other creative projects. The latest to respond are the students of Grace Preparatory Academy in Arlington, Texas. These young people are now arranging a special project to help support our 549 orphans in Sudan. We are so thankful to see God stirring the hearts of our young people for their young brothers and sisters overseas!



CrossWay International was able to buy our orphans new clothes this past month!



Young girls host a yard sale to raise funds for the orphans.



Luke Holsinger asked people to put money in his box for the orphans.