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## NEW DIRECTION FOR BTW

On October 23, 2023, several BTW Board members attended a Zoom meeting about building a connection with an organization that can increase our presence in the fields where we go. It would involve more than a Project. It would BE a long-term and ongoing Project. So that we do not have to revisit the details because I spoke too early, here in this report the details will be sketchy.

A young man who BTW has worked with over the past 12



years is being encouraged to take a greater role in our activities in Ladakh. He has the highest character, and we feel it would be best to invest in he and his wife's lives. So, we will ask God to take his character and use him. To encourage his personal growth and development, we will ask the organization we met with on October 23rd to provide courses of study for this young man to enhance his skills to prepare him to be successful in an endeavor we believe God is asking the Board of BTW to support over the coming years. In short, we hope to put some "boots on the ground."

In the coming days, you will be hearing from us about this exciting, challenging and worthwhile endeavor. Our supporters are the bedrock of our Projects. Even more so for this new "Project." We ask for your prayers!

## JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD



No worthy endeavors that are done as a Christian are successfully completed without prayer. We ask you for your prayerful participation. The nature of what we have done in the past will not be eliminated for something completely new. We will build on a new thing to broaden the previous model and to improve our outreach going forward.

Therefore, participation in short-term projects becomes even more vital to our outreach and we may offer even more opportunities. We will also be asking for your monetary support. As a result of this new approach, it could well be that the sustainability that we have always sought is achieved to a greater degree.

Jesus was a believer in growing the Kingdom of God. Growing the spiritual numbers, taking proper stewardship over our material assets, and using our individual skills, talents and resources for the Church of Jesus is our calling. We present the work of our hands in Jesus' name back to God for His glory and use in growing the Kingdom in this life and in the life to come. Do you get the sense that something very exciting is happening!

Yes, these times are bad. However, BTW believes the "best of times" for God's people and His Kingdom are yet to come. Now is the "time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to tear down and a time to build" something new according to God's Kingdom planning. We ask you to catch the excitement.

I believe the BTW Board is going to embody the very prayer of Jabez in I Chronicles 4:10 Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked. Isn't that amazing? Jabez asked God and He received. The Bible is chock full of promises to God's people that if we ask of Him according to His will and purposes, not ask of those things for our purposes, but ask along the principles of God's Kingdom, the words of Jabez are so he could be blessed to essentially be a blessing to others, then we can expect to receive the answers to our prayers.

Pray for our young leader who is being challenged to take on a new "territory" and responsibilities probably greater than anything he has yet been challenged with in his life. Pray for the Board of BTW that we hear from God and move as He guides and directs us. That we use His wisdom and build a new thing. And we ask you to pray that God will bless us and enlarge our territory that we may be a greater blessing to others

We believe, "it is the best of times" to reach the unreached groups because God is in control and that is what He wants us to do.

**THANK YOU KEN FOR YOUR SERVICES TO BTW**

Initially I was exposed to the ministry of Beyond Tears Worldwide (BTW) in 2011 when Lou Felo came to our church to speak about BTW's outreach in the Himalayas in northern India. This area consists of a large percentage of Muslims, Buddhist, Hindu and less than 1% Christian. It is designated in Christian circles as an unreached people group.

I contacted Lou and joined a team of about 12 people going to India in 2012. When we arrived in Leh we were met by our guest house hosts, Zarina and Nabie who made us feel at home in such a foreign land. After spending a day or so acclimating to the 12,000 ft elevation, we were able to walk around the town of Leh and get to experience life in the Himalayas.

We procured the needed construction materials to be used to replace the aluminum roof panels on a local private school headed by a Christian headmaster. The experience of construction work was fairly routine and the roof project progressed, but the experience of meeting the teachers and especially the children was very unique. The children were well behaved and started each day in the courtyard reciting scripture along with songs and other group activities. The children were all smiles when we would greet them, even though they didn't speak English. It was a joy to go to the school to work there and see the children enjoying their facility.

We also worked at a local Christian hostel that provides food and housing for children from Nepal. The parents of these children work on the roads in the mountains and cannot keep their children with them. We did wiring

and other jobs at this facility with funds provided by BTW. It was a joy to see the children recite their lessons and perform many songs in the programs that were held in the evening.

The trip in 2012 was just the beginning for me and for the next three years I was able to get to other locations and serve the people of that region with construction projects and teaching activities along with sharing our beliefs.

In 2013 Lou asked me to serve on the Board of BTW where I was able to encourage others to attend the trips that Lou sponsored from 2013-2015. Sadly, Lou passed away in 2016 and the Board needed to be reorganized. In 2017 under the leadership of Jay Comfort we were able to re-vamp the Board as a fully functioning Board with routine meetings and goals for the trips to Leh.

The primary role of serving on the BTW Board is to plan trips to India and to raise funds to support the projects that the team undertakes. In addition, it was a privilege serving on the Board developing processes and procedures which were put in place so the Board could function in an efficient manner. The Board has also developed a unique product that we take each time we travel to that region, providing a knitted hat for each child we come in contact with on our trips. The hats are made by knitters in the US and Europe and have the BTW logo on each. We hope to make a lasting impact on each child so that in God's timing they will meet our Lord. It has been a privilege to serve on the BTW Board and see how God is working in this area of the Himalayas.

Additionally, I have had the privilege to serve on several other Boards over the past seven years; namely a home repair ministry titled Good Works, on a pregnancy center board titled Chester County Connect Care which helps women in crisis find safe God-centered resources as they consider saving their unborn child from abortion. I also helped create a Board that served a ministry in Eastern Europe which helps

children and young teens find safety within a Christian environment. All of these experiences have helped me to expand my understanding of how God is working in a different culture both locally and in other parts of the world. It is encouraging to see that our God is a big God and His word and message can cross cultural lines when man doesn't see a way.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for Ram and his wife as they take up this new challenge.
2. Pray for wisdom for the Board as they walk in this new territory
3. Pray that this new endeavor will open up new opportunities for ministry growth
4. Pray for the 2024 team that God will send all the workers and funds needed.
5. Pray for our Board member, Laura, who will be deployed early in 2024

**GIVING TO THE WORK OF BTW**

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