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# Thinking It Through

BY WARREN HENDERSON

## Venturing Through the Valley of Shadows

Psalm 23 is probably the most memorized psalm and is likely one of the most cherished poems in all of literature. It has been a solace to many during times of trial, profound grief, and impending death. The Lord is portrayed as the Shepherd who gently leads His sheep in their heavenly pilgrimage during their time on earth. With Mount Calvary (Psalm 22) on one side and Mount Zion (Psalm 24) on the other, the Lord guides His people through the threatening Valley of Shadows (Psalm 23).

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:1–6)

Those in the Lord's care will lack nothing (v. 1), enjoy peace of mind (v. 2), know the path of righteousness (v. 3), experience divine comfort (v. 4), ultimately triumph over their enemies (v. 5), and forever benefit from the Lord's communion, goodness, and mercy (v. 6). But all believers must travel through the ominous valley before ascending Mount Zion into glory. While the path of righteousness through the Valley of Shadows will be difficult, it is good to remember that it is in the valley, not on the mountaintops, where the most fruit is produced. The insults and threats levied on a righteous life are mere shadows that fade with the setting sun. Shadows may scare us, but they have no power to hurt us. It is only when we have a diminished opinion of the Great Shepherd that the enemy's suggestions gain a foothold in our minds.

**“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me.”**

The English word “comfort” is derived from two Latin roots: *con*, which means “to be with,” and *fortis*, which means “strong.” Literally, “comfort” means “to strengthen by companionship.” A child facing a lonely trek down a dark road would naturally be filled with fear, but if the father takes the child's hand and walks alongside them, all fear is gone. Likewise, God desires His people to realize the blessed reality of His presence when they face life's trials in the ever-shifting Valley of Shadows: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4) Comfort in times of distress is one of the principal benefits of walking with the Lord. May we always cherish that privilege and the benefits of His companionship.

John presents Christ as the Good Shepherd of Psalm 22 who willingly lays down His life for the sheep, which He loves (John 10:9–11). Then the writer of Hebrews highlights the sanctifying work of the Lord Jesus as the Great Shepherd of Psalm 23 (Hebrews 13:20–21). The fact is that God, in His incredible love for us, will not permit us to remain the way we are. He knows that as we grow in faith we will also increase in holiness and fruitfulness. Finally, Peter proclaims Christ as the Chief Shepherd of Psalm 24 who will return and gather His sheep unto Him (1 Peter 5:4).

We have a Shepherd who did not hesitate to lay down His life for us. He patiently and faithfully leads us along through the Valley of Shadows, bestows comfort upon us in times of need, and quiets our hearts during fearful circumstances. Furthermore, our Shepherd is coming again to claim us for Himself forever. May we faithfully walk along with Him through a world full of dark shadows and wickedness. He will guide us safely home, and we will ascend the Mount of the Lord with Him (Psalm 24:3). ■

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COVER PHOTO: Chavuma Assembly—Philip Parsons

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4 Countries, 33 Days, 52 Workers

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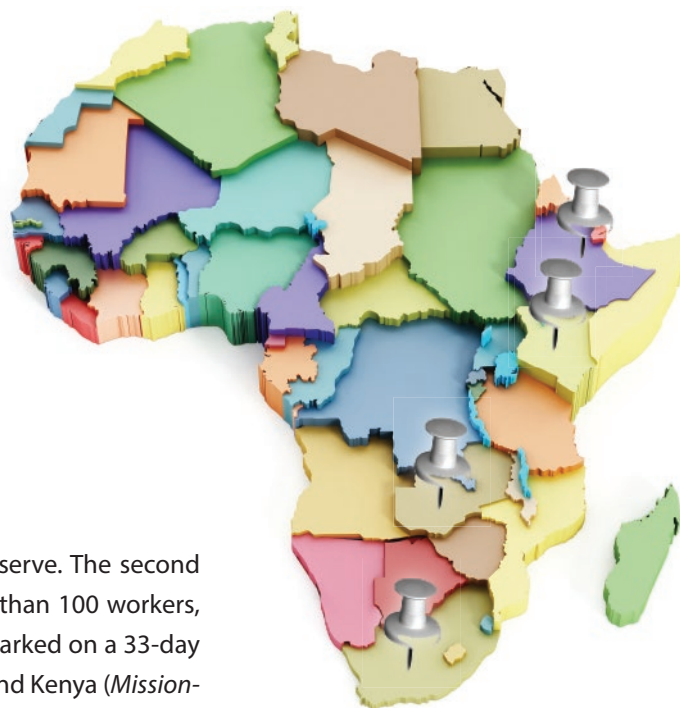
— CMML Visits —

# Africa

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BY PHILIP C. PARSONS

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It's a privilege to visit missionaries where God has called them to serve. The second largest continent and home to 1.2 billion people, Africa has more than 100 workers, in 14 countries, served by CMML. Recently, my wife, Mary, and I embarked on a 33-day journey to visit 52 of these workers serving in South Africa, Zambia, and Kenya (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Days 3 – 6), as well as attend the Pan-African Brethren Conference on Missions held in Ethiopia. While our focus for this visit was to encourage missionaries, it also gave us a deeper awareness of the sacrifices made by the Lord's servants to share the Gospel and minister to people's needs.

## South Africa

Our first stop was to see Terry Barham in Johannesburg, South Africa. Terry remains active in the literature work begun by her late husband, Ray, and is a great help in the Emmaus correspondence ministry. More than 15,000 prisoners are currently studying courses.

From Johannesburg, a visit with Dr. Terry and Jane Gilpin in Port Shepstone provided insight into some early African mission station work. Murchison Hospital was formed in the 1920s by assembly missionaries from the UK. Commended from Northern Ireland, Dr. Terry Gilpin joined the hospital in 1970. Today, he and Jane encourage and strengthen the assembly work. Terry volunteers at the Genesis Care Centre, a 40-patient step down and palliative care facility, by providing medical and spiritual care to patients and their families.

A short flight to Cape Town gave us the opportunity to visit Sid and Karen Halsband. Formerly serving in Botswana, the Halsbands shifted to ministries in Cape Town to not only help established assemblies but to reach into towns and villages with no assembly work. We also spent an afternoon with veteran missionary David Croudace. Little did we know that our visit coincided with the one-year anniversary of the home call of Grace, his wife of 43 years. Today, David is still active in teaching and evangelism.

Before leaving Cape Town, the Halsbands invited Bruce and Bonnie Newsham to join us for dinner. In addition to Bible studies, evangelism, and discipleship in Cape Town, the Newshams remain connected to the work in Zimbabwe where they previously ministered.



**Top:** Table Mountain National Park rugged coastline. **Left (from top):** Mary with Terry Barham; Phil with Sid and Karen Halsband and David Croudace. **Right (from top):** Terry and Jane Gilpin with Paul and Gill Gibbs; Bruce and Bonnie Newsham.

# Zambia

Our next stop was in Zambia. We focused our time in this large country visiting the several mission stations in the north-west region.

## Kalene

John Loudon met us at the airport in Lusaka, Zambia. He arranged for an overnight stay at the Flight House, a guesthouse located a short distance from the airport. The following morning we prepared for a three-hour flight from Lusaka to Kalene in the northwest corner of Zambia. Both John and Bruce Poidevin are pilots and provide a valuable flight service to missionaries and nationals. Founded in 1906 by Dr. Walter Fisher, Kalene is a large mission station in close proximity to Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo. Kalene Mission Hospital is a 180-bed facility that has a nursing school associated with it. In addition to their aviation services, John and Karen Loudon are involved in Bible studies, literature, and guesthouse management. Their son Nathan and his wife, Chichi, live nearby in Ikelenge where Chichi is a nurse and Nathan conducts Bible studies. Bruce and Marilyn Poidevin are also involved in the management of the flight service, hospitality, Bible studies, and literature. The Orchard, a small retreat center on the Kalene property, offers a quiet respite for missionaries to relax and refresh.

## Sakeji

Just 20 kilometers down the road is Sakeji Mission School, which began in 1925 as a school for missionary children but today is a prestigious school for Zambians. Nearly 80 students attend this grade-one-to-eight boarding school that is staffed primarily by assembly commended missionaries from the US, Canada, and the UK. It was a joy to meet with classroom teachers Lina Burklin, Ruth Tucker, Janette Young, and Margaret Young. The school is led by administrator Mark Ronald, while his wife, Pam, serves as the school and community nurse. Bethany Fuller assists Mark with school administrative tasks. Vickie Saunders is the master chef and Doug and Mary-Ann Hanna provide needed staff support and encouragement. David Poidevin is involved in ministries in nearby Ikelenge. A graduate of Sakeji Mission School and a former teacher there, he helps with the school's computer maintenance. Former Sakeji Mission School missionaries Tom and Lana Robertson relocated to Ikelenge to demonstrate agricultural practices and enrich crop yields to commercial farmers. It has opened many doors to evangelism.

## Loloma

Loloma Mission was our next stop. We had good visits with Tim and Joy Beer, Julie Frank, and Marion Ronald. Marion has been at Loloma since 1965 and is well known and loved by nationals and her coworkers. The Beers have a wide range of ministry roles. They are involved in the local assembly, and Tim has responsibili-



**Top (L-R):** Bruce welcomes Phil to Kalene; Three generations of the Loudon family. **Bottom (L-R):** Local women and child; Sisters in Kalene.



**Top (L-R):** Alumni and teachers at Sakeji Mission School; Lina Burklin leading songs at chapel. **Bottom (L-R):** James and Tom Robertson; Students going to morning chapel.



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**From left:** Tim Beer and Mary visiting the elderly; Joy Beer, Mary, and Julie Frank at Loloma.

ties teaching Bible in a local public school and a ministry to the elderly. Julie Frank is a nurse at the hospital and has a ministry with youth. While in Loloma, we visited a Bible translation team busy working on a revision of the Luvale Bible. Murray Poidevin led the team tasked with updating the translation first completed by Albert E. Horton.

## Dipalata

Chris Brundage, a pilot based in Chitokoloki, flew us west from Loloma to Dipalata where Jeff and Mary June Speichinger serve. This station was founded in 1937 by missionaries from Northern Ireland, and assemblies from Northern Ireland continue to support the clinic. Jeff supervises maintenance of the station and the health clinic and conducts weekly Bible studies with young men. The clinic is managed by Betty Magennis, a nurse commended by assemblies in Northern Ireland. For some time now, Ken Wagler from Canada has visited on a regular basis to dig wells for nationals living in Dipalata. When Betty sees an increase of patients with illnesses attributed to contaminated drinking water, she and Jeff arrange with Ken to provide the village with a well.

## Chavuma

Chavuma, a village on the Zambezi river, has had a host of missionaries since it was founded in the early 1920s. Today, only a small handful of missionaries connected to the local mission hospital serve in Chavuma. Beth Young and Martha Logan are the senior missionaries while two young missionary nurses commended from the assemblies in Japan, Ayumi and Tomako, help in the hospital. Dr. Henry, a godly Congolese doctor, is the resident physician.

## Chitokoloki

Chitokoloki Mission Hospital is the oldest and largest station in Zambia. Joey and Kaitlin Speichinger picked us up at Chavuma and drove us to Chitokoloki. Dorothy Woodside hosted a potluck meal and invited many of the missionaries who work at Chitokoloki to bring a meal to share. It gave us an opportunity to interact and learn their roles at the station. Dorothy makes weekly visits to outlying villages to teach literacy and the Bible. When needed, she also helps in the hospital. Keith and Gayle Bailey provide a home for girls, some of whom were abandoned by their families. Shawn and Rhonda Markle hosted us for lunch, and then Shawn and I made a visit to local villages. Dr. David McAdam of the UK is the chief surgeon and on occasion has traveled to other stations when surgery is needed. He invited Mary to "scrub in" for an emergency C-section. To Mary's delight, her RN training kicked in and she felt at home in the delivery room. Chris Brundage took us on our final flight in Zambia. Leaving Chitokoloki for Lusaka, we made a stop in Kabombo to pick up Don Brooks, who was returning to Canada.



**From left:** Marion Ronald with Loloma Mission Hospital personnel; Murray Poidevin leading a Scripture translation team.



**From left:** Mary June and Jeff Speichinger of Dipalata; Pilot Chris Brundage completing preflight checks.



**Left (from top):** Mary with Tomako and Ayumi, nurses at Chavuma Mission Hospital; Mary and Beth Young at Chavuma. **Right:** Assembly meeting at Chavuma.



**From left:** Final goodbye at Chitokoloki; Markle family.

# Kenya

From Lusaka, we took a commercial flight to Nairobi, Kenya, and spent a few days at Rift Valley Academy. On the way to the school, we were requested to take some needed textbooks to Paul Poidevin who was taking important classes in Nairobi to help with Scripture translation. Mike and Janet Adkins, boys' dorm parents, have served at Rift Valley Academy for a number of years and in a wide range of ministries. We also met John and Karen Loudon's youngest son, Josh.

We returned to Nairobi to meet with Jacob and Susan Varghese and their daughter Leah. Jacob and Susan teach the Bible in public schools. They also have a ministry in the prisons and are actively engaged in evangelism and church planting. I then met with Dennis and Susan Dyvig who are involved in Bible studies and support the national assembly work in a wide variety of ministries.



**Clockwise (from top left):** Paul Poidevin with Dr. Nyirenda, a translation consultant; Jacob and Susan Varghese with their daughter Leah; Dennis and Susan Dyvig.



**From left:** Participants at the Pan-African conference; James Roberts and other delegates from Chad.

# Ethiopia

Our last stop was to attend the fourth Pan-African Conference on Missions held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Held every four years, this conference provides an opportunity for national assembly workers to network and to hear reports on the great things the Lord is doing across Africa. The conference theme was "Toward a Biblical Stewardship Mindset." More than 170 influential African leaders from 22 nations attended the conference.

# Pray for Africa

There is a great need for wisdom to transition the work from missionaries to national workers. Colonialism fostered a dependency mindset and thus impacts efforts for an effective transition. Still, doctors, nurses, teachers, and pilots are in demand to help meet the needs of the people living in proximity to the mission stations.

Leadership development among the assemblies continues to be a major emphasis. The youth of Africa are captivated by and attracted to denominational churches, thus impacting the growth and sustainability of the assembly work. Scripture revision is a vitally important and time-consuming task. For more information on how you might help, do not hesitate to contact our workers on the field. They are happy to provide you with matters concerning prayer and opportunities to serve. ■

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**Top (L-R):** Woman in Loloma; Woman and child in Loloma. **Bottom (L-R):** Children in Nairobi; A Bible study participant in Kalene.

# May We Introduce

## Denny & Arlene Norris

*Serving in Cross-Cultural Ministries in the US*



### Denny's testimony

I grew up in a loving Christian home where I heard the Gospel and trusted in Christ at an early age. My parents took opportunities to share the love of God with others and their passion impacted me. However, during my junior high and high school years, I lived a double life, getting involved in things that did not honor the Lord. It was during my second year at Moody Bible Institute that God dealt with me regarding my sin. I spent a humbling time of confession and tried to seek forgiveness from those I had taken advantage of. This time of repentance came with a renewed understanding that my only hope for salvation was Christ's righteousness accomplished through His death and resurrection.

During my second year of college I went on a short-term missions trip to Mexico. I fell in love with the Mexican people and saw firsthand how God was working to bring faith and establish churches in that country. I had a great desire to return and believed that perhaps God was leading me to Mexico. After finishing my studies at Moody Bible Institute, I continued to prepare by studying at the International School of Theology. While there, I worked with others in a church-planting effort among Spanish speakers.

My heart told me that I still lacked one important ingredient before going to Mexico—a wife. Guess where I found her? In Mexico. Arlene was working with migrant workers from the state of Oaxaca in Baja California, Mexico. My father was also working in that area and he introduced us. We were married a short 12 months later.

### Arlene's testimony

Unlike Denny, I grew up in a non-Christian home. Though I tried to be religious by going to church and praying, I felt as though God was far from me. I feared death and often asked, "How good is good enough to get into heaven?" I found the answer in 1982, at the age of 20, through the lifestyle and evange-

lism of a friend. What relief it brought me to finally understand it is not our works that save us, but Christ's work on the cross!

Shortly after trusting in Christ, God began to prepare me for the mission field by leading me to spend a year in Seville, Spain, as an exchange student. As a result of my year abroad, I learned Spanish. After I returned to the United States, God further prepared me by giving me a ministry in Green Bay, Wisconsin. For three years, I taught Spanish in a small private school and was used to meet the needs of many spiritually hungry teenagers. My call to full-time missionary service was finally confirmed by a short-term missions project in Mexico. I spent a year in San Quintin, Mexico, sharing God's love with migrant laborers. It was there that I met my future husband.

### Together

We married in July 1989. In 1993, our supporting churches sent us (and our two-year-old son) to Mexico to work with Ted and Priscilla Clark who were church planting in Salamanca, Guanajuato. For two years we were in training—adjusting to the culture, studying the language, and growing in our ability to share the Gospel and disciple in the Mexican culture. The next 15 years were spent in Morelia, Michoacán, where we saw God raise up two churches. God also brought an additional four children into our "quiver."

In 2009, when our oldest son became college age, we moved to the northwest coast of Oregon to continue the work of church planting among Spanish speakers. In the town of Cannon Beach, Oregon, a small group was getting together for a Bible study. This assembly increased in our first years as some of the non-believing husbands came to faith in Christ. Today, there is a church of about 60 believers (including children) from the Mexican states of Oaxaca and Michoacán. While we continue to evangelize and disciple, our hope is to train and see God raise up elders to shepherd this flock. ■



# The City of Light

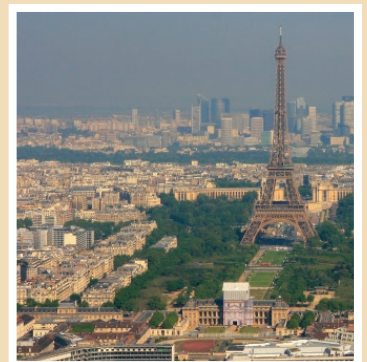
## PARISIAN ASSEMBLIES WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

BY MATTHEW GLOCK

**"S**houldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?" (Jonah 4:11, *NLT*)  
 God's compassion for Nineveh, the "great city," reveals His heart. He desires that no one should perish. And, in such a city, the concentration of people is great.

### A modern metropolis

Looking out from the top of the Eiffel Tower, you can see the great ocean that is the city of Paris with its waves of buildings, monuments, museums, and people stretching out before you. Among the major cities of the world, Paris has one of the highest concentrations of people, with 2.3 million living within the city limits. For example, one neighbor in New York City equals two neighbors in Paris; one neighbor in London equals four neighbors in Paris; and one neighbor in Tokyo equals three in Paris. However, a greater concentration of people means more opportunities to proclaim the Gospel.



### The things that were

God led my wife, Sylvie, and me to serve in Paris through a series of circumstances. From 2001 to 2016, we worked among the assemblies in the Grenoble area, where we had the privilege of collaborating with missionaries from North America, including Donna Turner (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 11), Brad and Catherine Dickson (MPH Day 10), Jean-Luc and Jeannie Tabailoux (MPH Day 11), and David and Rachel VanDuzer (MPH Day 11). Toward the end of this period, we sensed that the Lord was preparing us for a new season of ministry, so we waited on His leading.

In October of 2015 a leader among the assemblies in France sug-



**From top:** Paris at night—©iStockPhoto.com/Say-Cheese; Eglise Protestante Evangélique is a storefront church located on the first floor of our apartment complex; Neighborhoods such as this are densely populated, making Paris one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world; **(Bottom and page 9 top)** The daily activities in Parisian life, from grocery shopping to attending church, take place within tightly knit communities. **This page right:** A great ocean of buildings filled with people can be seen from the Eiffel Tower.



gested that we move to Paris. At that time, we knew little about the assemblies there. But we soon learned that the assemblies in Paris are connected by a common history. The February 1916 issue of *Echoes Mission Magazine* (now *Echoes International Mission Magazine*) reads, “Christians in Paris first took their place at the Lord’s Table in the Scriptural manner about 1826.” From that time until the period following World War II, one main assembly functioned in the city of Paris. After the war, a new period of evangelistic fervor moved across France, especially in Paris. In 1954, a new meeting space was purchased in a building located on the rue des Gobelins in the 13th district of Paris. Through active evangelization, especially among young people, new assemblies sprang up. The 1960s and the ’70s were fruitful years, and by the mid-80s, at least 12 groups in the Paris metropolitan area could trace their history back to the Gobelins assembly.

## The here and now

Today five assemblies are located within the city of Paris, and another seven are in the metro area. In a meeting held at the Gobelins assembly in January 2016, the five Paris assemblies expressed the desire to explore new ways of working together. Some of the assemblies experienced periods of decline due to aging populations, while others went through internal conflicts that left them in need of help. As a result, they recognized the need for greater collaboration in order to reach the lost in Paris.

Everyone saw the Lord’s leading in the Paris assemblies’ willingness to work together and in our availability. One of the assemblies located in the 15th district has an apartment associated with their meeting place, and they made that available to Sylvie and me. This offer was another sign of God’s leading.

Over the last year, we have spent time getting to know these assemblies, seeking to develop a collaborative work that both respects each assembly’s dependence on Jesus Christ as Lord of the church and shares gifts and resources throughout the network. The Lord has pressed anew on us the need to make disciples of all nations, especially those at our doorstep.

## The things to come

Together we are looking to God to renew the existing assemblies and grant that new works would begin. We see two ways to move forward:

1. Renew our vision for evangelism and discipleship. Only one percent of France’s population is considered to be evangelical Christian. We are praying that God would open hearts to the good news of Jesus Christ.
2. Mobilize young people. Each year many young people from the assemblies throughout France move to Paris either for their education or for work. We are praying that

God would give them a heart for the city and a desire to work with the existing assemblies.

Our desire is to see the multiplication of neighborhood churches that are connected to the communities in which they are planted—where those who attend the assemblies live within walking distance. This model is a response to the reality of Paris where so many people are living in close proximity to daily necessities. Jesus’s words about the harvest are so very true: “The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Matthew 9:37–38) ■

*Matthew and Sylvie Glock were commended in 2010 by Plano Bible Chapel, Plano Texas.*



**Bottom:** The Paris assemblies offer a variety of ministries to reach their neighborhoods.

# THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

## Broadcasting God's Message for 25 Years

BY PAUL D. BRAMSEN

"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power . . . His word runs very swiftly!"

*Psalm 147:5, 15*

Thirty years ago, when a brother asked if I had ever considered doing radio broadcasts in Senegal and I answered, "Not really," he replied, "I will pray about this." Five years later, the Lord opened a door for our little team in Saint Louis, Senegal, to produce and broadcast a 100-program, chronological creation-to-Christ series called *Yoonu Njub* (pronounced YO-NEW JOUP, as in SOUP), which is Wolof for "Way of Righteousness." Today, by God's power and in partnership with ministries like Trans World Radio, these programs have multiplied worldwide into scores of languages for broadcast.

### God calls

In May 1981, Carol, I, and our one-year-old son moved to Senegal, West Africa. Seven years would pass before we would have the joy of seeing a Muslim turn from Islam to Christ. During these hard-but-hallowed years, the Lord showed us His faithfulness as our family grew, as we progressed in the Senegalese culture and languages, built relationships, and sowed the gospel seeds. At crucial times, the Lord met us in intimate ways, teaching us to let Him be God, to realize that the work was His, to wait patiently on Him and for Him, and to keep sowing in the confidence that He would bring forth an abundant harvest in His time (Habbakkuk 3:17-19; Ecclesiastes 11:1, 4-6).

In September of 1987,



through a series of God-directed events, Malick, a 26-year-old truth-seeker, stepped into our lives. From childhood, he lived in fear of judgement day because of Islam's incapacity to answer his all-consuming question: "Where will I go when I die?" We put the Scriptures into Malick's hands, which he studied and discussed with us over a period of seven months. His search led him to connect the dots between the Old and New Testaments, and to transfer his faith to the One who promised, "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24) Perfect peace and painful persecution ensued. In the year following his conversion, many others believed and a fledgling church was planted.

### The program begins

I look back to a scorching-hot morning in May 1992 as the day that the *Yoonu Njub* radio series was born. Two of my Senegalese brothers and I were in a desert town of 50,000 souls, an hour south of Saint Louis. Having parked our 4WD vehicle near the marketplace, we began to sell, for 2 cents, a beautifully illustrated booklet in Wolof about the prophet Abraham and his sacrificial ram, which pointed to Jesus the Messiah and His all-sufficient sacrifice. After a while, some in the crowd began to tear up the literature and shout religious slogans. As we watched them fling the shredded Scriptures into the air, a plan formed in my mind: *Return home and create a series of chronological lessons that clearly present*



**Left:** Malick and Paul share good memories of recording and sharing *The Way of Righteousness* radio program. **Right (from top):** A torn page of an original Wolof tract is taped inside Paul's Wolof New Testament as a reminder of the day when *Yoonu Njub* began; Senegal's National Radio and Television Station was the first station to broadcast *Yoonu Njub*.

the stories and message of God's prophets. Then broadcast them on a national radio station so that those who want to know the truth can hear it (and those who don't can turn it off). On the drive back to Saint Louis, I told my Senegalese brothers "what my God had put in my heart to do." (Nehemiah 2:12)

Within a few months, God enabled us to sign a two-year contract with Senegal's National Radio and Television Station for a weekly 15-minute broadcast that would present the stories of the biblical prophets in 100 programs. Malick became the radio voice. The Lord was our Help and Inspiration throughout the two-year writing, recording, and broadcasting process.



The process of producing *Yoonu Njub* included writing, recording, copying, and then distributing.

### The Lord blesses

November 2, 2017, marked the 25th anniversary of the first Wolof broadcast. Countless stories could be told of God's truth penetrating hearts and homes, "precept upon precept, line upon line, . . . here a little, there a little," leading people to "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (Isaiah 28:10; Acts 20:21) Today these Wolof programs air many times a week on about 10 Senegalese stations. Many Muslims are eager to learn about the prophets. Some station managers put our programs on extra times each week "because our audience likes them."

In obeying Christ's command to make disciples of all nations, gospel radio can be likened to the air force in a nation's military. History shows that air power alone cannot win wars; soldiers are essential for taking and holding ground. But an air force softens

the fierce resistance the ground troops would otherwise face. Though we only see "the edges of [God's] ways," over the past quarter century, we have been blessed to hear many testimonies in which the air force of radio broadcasts have prepared the way for the Lord's ground troops (Job 26:14). Here are four such testimonies:

**1998.** An evangelism team showed the *Jesus* film in a village in central Senegal. Afterward, two elderly men told the team leader, "We believe in Jesus the Messiah and want to follow Him." These men amazed the team with their grasp of the biblical doctrines about God, man, sin, and salvation. When asked where they learned all this, the men replied, "Listening to *Yoonu Njub*."

**2004.** A listener named Elhadj wrote the following: "I am a Muslim. I listen faithfully to your broadcasts, which greatly interest me. Since the year 2000, I have never missed a broadcast. That is why I ask you to please send me certain books which for me are necessary. I would like to have the Gospels, the Bible, the New Testament, and the book of Isaiah, and any other books which can help me to better understand Christianity. When you receive this letter, please call me. I anxiously await these books." Malick and I drove the three hours to meet with Elhadj. We gave him a New Testament in Wolof, a Bible, and a copy of *All that the Prophets Have Spoken* in French. He was thrilled to receive the Scriptures, which he now understands are contained in one book!

**2010.** A Wolof man, who had listened to *Yoonu Njub* for 18 years, went to great effort to locate Malick—the voice of the Bible-teaching that was satisfying his soul. After Malick further explained God's way of righteousness, the man trusted in Christ for salvation.

**2017.** Some months ago, the Lord added an entire family to the church in Saint Louis, Senegal. *Yoonu Njub* broadcasts, God's air force, first caused them to consider the Gospel. Later, God's ground troops helped this family through several intense battles and on to declaring their faith in Christ.



The church in St. Louis has seen times of growth over the years following its start in 1988.

## The ministry expands

Today, this Creation-to-Christ-to-New-Creation radio series continues to be broadcast both inside the 94-percent Muslim nation of Senegal and in most, if not all, of the world's majority-Muslim nations. Most people have probably never heard

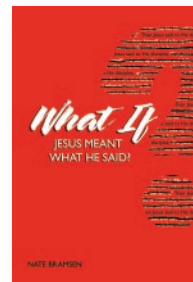
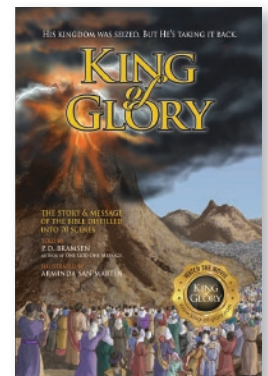
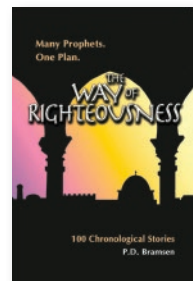


of many languages like Fulfulde, Karakalpak, Kyrgyz, Tamajeq, and Uyghur, yet each language represents millions of souls that need to hear and understand the Gospel. Last month, a worker in North Africa wrote: "After starting this project about four years ago, the translation and recording of *The Way of Righteousness* [in a language of 4.5 million people] is now complete. Praise the Lord! We are currently broadcasting it over two different radio stations and hope to expand the coverage soon by transmitting the program [into a region of ongoing terrorist activity and warfare]. Thank you for your prayers."

Our Lord is still in the business of multiplying our five small loaves and two fish to feed the souls of men, women, and children. We were thrilled when He opened the door for us to reach Senegal via radio broadcasts in 1992, but He had plans to multiply His Word far beyond anything we could have imagined. His work of multiplication did not stop with radio broadcasts. Over the past decade, He has led and enabled us to produce other multi-language gospel tools. In 2007, ROCK International published the book *One God One Message*; in 2009, the booklet *Your Story*; in 2011, the picture book *King of Glory*; and in 2015, the movie *King of Glory* (now in 20 languages). Recently, in partnership with Emmaus International, a book by Nate Bramsen, *What If Jesus Meant What He Said?* was added to the list. Coming soon is the *King of Glory Illustrated Study Guide* and *King of Glory Coloring Book*, designed to reinforce the truths presented in the movie and book. On almost a daily basis we are blessed to receive feedback from people and partners around the world who are being reached or are reaching others via these broad-

casts, books, and movie. Praise God, it's harvest time!

Please keep in mind that these multi-language chronological gospel tools were not created just to reach people living in faraway lands. They are designed to reach anyone who knows little or nothing about the Bible, including "the foreigner residing among you." (Leviticus 19:34, NIV) ■

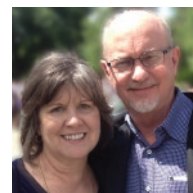


Over the years, God has enabled ROCK International to produce effective gospel tools for reaching people across the globe.

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"Brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you."

2 Thessalonians 3:1



Paul and Carol Bramsen, who first went to Senegal, West Africa, in 1981, are commended from Overbrook Gospel Chapel in Greenville, South Carolina. Since 2004, the Bramsens have been based in the US, where they continue to focus on reaching Muslims around the world through multi-language chronological gospel broadcasts, books, and movie.

**Left (from top):** Over time, several local radio stations, such as Dunyaa Radio and Television, began broadcasting the program and still do so today; Now, many radio stations across Senegal and the Muslim world broadcast *Yoonu Njub*.

# May We Introduce

## Aaron Campbell

*Serving in Peru*



When I was a child, my grandma took me to a monthly missionary meeting where we heard reports from missionaries. One of my favorites was Brad Hallock, whose zeal for evangelism and discipleship in Peru (at that time) became my stereotype for modern missions. This was only strengthened by the later reports and similar passion that Micah Tuttle brought back from Peru. As Micah explained the ministry needs in the Peruvian jungle, I had a strange thought that this was something I could do, if God so led.

In the years that followed, I earned a degree in computer science and worked as a programmer. A little over a year ago, as I looked for an opportunity to serve in a Hispanic country, I contacted Jesse and Janel Mattix who had just been commended by my church to work in Peru. At that time, the Mattix and Tuttle families had just started IBEM Selva, a seven-month intensive discipleship and ministry training program for Peruvian believers. My church elders and I thought it would be wise to see if they could use help.

I intended to go for a few months while prayerfully considering what the next steps would be. However, when the Tuttles felt the Lord's leading to return to the US for a time, Jesse asked me to stay for the IBEM school year.

While working with IBEM Selva, I have learned so much about the practical aspects of leadership, discipleship, and ministry. Although we had only six students, the growth we saw in them and the ways we could reach out to the community alongside them were very rewarding. It wasn't difficult for me to commit to staying another year.

In addition to serving in IBEM, I have opportunities to teach modules in similar training programs, help lead local ministries (such as an evangelistic Bible study), and visit and encourage local jungle churches. I don't feel qualified to do these things, but, praise God, He is the one who helps and brings fruit to the ministry. ■

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