

October 5, 2021

Greetings Pastor Bill!

Thanks so much for your willingness to present the work of your missionaries to the church during Missions Month in October! Great idea...and I hope that what I am providing below will be of help this Sunday, Oct. 10.

For over 20 years, my call to missions has been flowing out of two passages from the Gospels that continue today to be of primary importance. The first is John 15:8; ***“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”*** Disciples making disciples, to the 4th generation and beyond...for the glory of our Father, is His plan for every



follower of Jesus. And the ultimate success of Jesus' simple strategy is based upon a promise He made just before He went to the cross, in Matthew 24:14; ***“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.”*** My current ministry at Blazing Trees is focused on making disciples in these four ways:

1. **Making disciples locally, here in nearby communities.** This is a group of guys I meet with on Tuesday nights; we are all from different churches and have been together for nearly 10 years now. It

is a privilege to help lead four such groups, where the goal is spiritual health and reproduction.

## 2. **Making disciples here in Wisconsin as a corporate chaplain.**

Kunes RV, based in Delavan, WI has entrusted six of their stores to me, where I serve every week as their chaplain. Sharing the gospel and providing prayer and counsel, takes place among the 180 employees that I have interaction with. Every week, our friendship deepens and the opportunity to encourage these dear folks with the good news of Jesus continues to develop. Please pray for Greg, our owner and CEO, who loves Jesus and wants to see everyone employed by Kunes to come into a saving relationship with Him.



**3. Making disciples in Russia.** I am planning a trip to Irkutsk and Ulan Ude, in South Central Siberia, this March. It has been very difficult to be denied entry into Russia for the last two years due to the pandemic; but just recently I was granted a 3-year visa and very much look forward to getting back there. This is a picture of some dear brothers and sisters from the village of Jemchug, which is populated primarily with Buryats. Over 430,000 Buryats live in Buryatia, Siberia, just north of Mongolia. These folks are part of the first-ever church in this village that we helped start. Pray please for Larissa, Anitta and Volodya as they continue to reach out with the Gospel. Pray that the border into Russia would remain open for us.



Also in Russia, are close ministry partners who we have been working with for almost two decades. Denis, Marat, and Sergey are very faithful friends, all residing in the Western part of Russia, near Europe. I have invited each of these men to join me in Ecuador, so that they might have their first cross-cultural mission opportunity. For years, we have been working with these awesome partners in their respective Russian regions; now it's time for them to become "global Christians" too.

**4. Making disciples in Ecuador.** This is my Ecuador team! The four Ecuadorian women are Daniella, Andreina, Karina and Noris. Also in the picture next to me is Randy Beaudin, a great friend and mentor. The ladies are busy with a translation project that I assigned to them. The discipleship training materials we have developed over the years that are available in English and Russian, are being translated into Spanish for the future ministry we will do among churches primarily in Portoviejo, Guayaquil and Jujan. These ministry partners also coordinate our ministry as we bring teams there for evangelism and discipleship. I am so eager to see our Russian partners there with us soon. Please pray for my upcoming trip to Ecuador early in December.



Thanks again Hope Church!

Much Love,  
Don Buege  
Blazing Trees