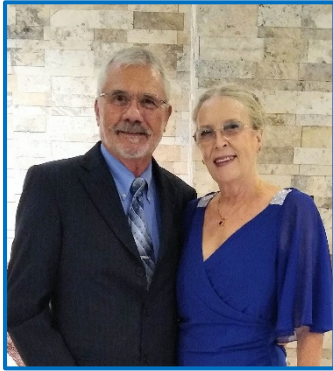




End of Year Report 2022



A milestone in our marriage.

In August we celebrated 50 years of marriage. It really did go by so fast and many times in the last few months we have reflected on what a wonderful life we have had together. When we reflect on the privilege of seeing so many lives transformed in so many nations. It's been fulfilling and exciting. But without our life long prayer partners and supporters it would NOT have happened. We are grateful to them and God.



Another milestone - finally we were able to travel overseas again. The Lord worked it out for us to go to Guatemala for ministry and to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We were first contacted by Silvio and Vivian Rodriguez in 2018, saying they had found our discipleship materials and it was just what they needed. AND finally we were able to go. Besides a church ministry and one on one with Silvio and Vivian, we presented to a small group of key leaders of Guatemala that have many churches in Guatemala and other Spanish speaking countries. These leaders immediately saw the great benefit that the EGI materials could bring to the church of Guatemala. One of them said, "Why should we try and write materials for training when these are so simple and complete". Another couple said this was their vision to equip and train but had nothing in hand.

Other Countries

PHILIPPINES CNCC The churches we started in the Philippines in 1981 sent us their 5-year plan in July for bringing the gospel to 3 different areas of the Philippines. They have 17 churches now but will have 3 more by end of year. Their vision is to have 30-40 daughter churches by 2025 with 3-5000 strong believers.



CENTRAL VISAYAYAS – Sister Annie Salayon, one of our first converts continues the ministry she and her husband Jun started in the central part of the Philippines. She has been training her leaders with EGI and other materials. Before Covid they had 3 churches and now adding another one. Before they had one SOM(School of Ministry) and now three. After she did training in 2021 they baptised 32 new converts.



New Church Plant above Insert Jun & Annie Salayon before his death

ZAMBIA Sis Rose (Photo on the right) continues to do trainings since the passing of her husband, Evans. from Covid in 2021. She just reported that they had a prayer and planning meeting for 2023 with 9 Pastors (7 trained in EGI already) who will be doing EGI training in their respective churches to mobilize the Believers to witness, win and disciple.



NEPAL - Through our home church, Cross City International, we met a Nepalese Senior Leader, Brother Kailashman, who had just started working on training materials for his leaders back in Nepal. We gave him a set of materials and a link to them and he said, “why should I try to write when now I have these”. He has already sent them electronically to them and will be going there in January to personally introduce them to 16 churches in his group. He has invited us to come there so we are praying for the Lord’s timing, and by faith go some day.



KENYA We have several pastors who found our materials and reached out to us by email. They have expressed how much it has helped them in training their churches and leaders and have greatly expanded and “transformed” their ministries. Bishop Samwell Ndunga Gichua is planning on taking it to Uganda, and expressed how the one manual we had in a Power Point made it so much easier to teach, so he requested that all of them be in Power Point. We put an appeal to a Sunday School class at our church and we had a couple that volunteered to do that. (see below)



USA Natan and Tauna Fink (Left) are Middle School music teachers, have 3 kids and very busy lives but have done 2 of the manuals already. She said she always wanted to go to the mission field but it never worked out. Joe had told the SS class – “you can touch the world today with the gospel by doing this”. And that is happening. These Power Points have been sent to many countries already and will be a part of the EGI Series as it goes into the world. The scripture that comes to mind, “*Don’t you have a saying, it’s still 4 months until harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields they are already ripe for harvest.*” *John 4:35* How does God want to use you to touch the world? . **If you would like to volunteer to help create a PowerPoint of a book, we have 4 more to go** Here is the Dropbox link to the 3 Powerpoints, to check them out.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pykgarany7lf5i5/AADkSVA8NIPX2qXcSFKzUU54a?dl=0>

Prayer Requests

1. **PRAY** for development of EGI usage in these 2 new countries – *Guatemala and Nepal*. The leaders we met in Guatemala are so busy – many on the verge of “Burnout” so pray they can see how this could help them by multiplying their leaders and work force. In Nepal, Christians are becoming more and more persecuted. Pray these EGI “tools” can be used to train and equip safely. Pray for ongoing works in the Philippines, Zambia, Kenya and other nations as they use EGI to train and raise up leaders to bring the gospel to the nations.
2. **PRAY** for getting the EGI website back up. Our close friend and IT guy, David Schmidt died suddenly and I lost 3 years of emails and websites. Slowly getting things back.
3. **PRAISE**. 1. For travel restrictions being lifted, 2; For the new Power Points that help with the training, Also if you would like to volunteer to help create a PowerPoint of a book, we have 4 more to go.
4. Please pray about making a contribution to help us continue this work. Send to **EGI, PO Box 399, Euless, TX 76039**
Tel: 817-545-5737 www.equippersgroup.org. This is down for now but by PAYPAL Order@equippersgroup.org

May each of you be blessed in 2023 and have the favor and Protection of the Lord and all that HE has prepared for you!

As always, thanks for your prayers, love and support!

Joe & Jo Hughes and the whole EGI Team

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