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## US Office Newsletter

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“Those who fear the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.” Malachi 3:16

Our family at Harvest uses e-mails as the main way to communicate. Most of the time, we “talk to each other” through these notes, and, as we do, our ideas are registered as a memorial. This helps us reflect about our mission in a more profound way, refresh our vision and calling, and renew the strength to overcome difficulties of any kind. This month we would like to share some of these ideas from Bob - about mentorship - and from Robin - about networking – two major areas of work at Harvest. Later in this letter Ronnie will share about publications, Keith about a new addition to our team in Rwanda, and Ramiro about the website.



We invite you to join us in this conversation, your feedback is welcome. If this would be a blog, you could immediately send your comment. But for a letter, you can drop us a note, call or visit us for a cup of coffee. As part of Harvest family, we'd love to hear from you and continue the dialogue.



### Teaching, Training and Mentorship

“We are a ministry with a focus on training trainers. But, as a ministry family, we have increasingly moved from training sessions (Vision Casting, Vision Conferences, TOTs, etc) to mentoring or walking with those we believe have the potential to be multipliers of the message God has given us. Mentoring is becoming an increasingly significant part of our ministry DNA. This doesn't mean that we are backing away from training

sessions. Instead we need to use these sessions as opportunities to look for those we believe God would expect us to dedicate coaching time. I recently talked to one of our staff members, who wants to move intentionally to mentoring and thinks this will be his major focus.” Bob.Moffitt

### Networking

In a recent opportunity to expand Harvest network with teachings of servant leadership, Robin wrote,|”In order to bring transformation to [the country] we need to continually bring top quality training to the church leaders at all levels, as well as organized training and teamwork throughout [the country]. I think that in most Asian contexts, leadership is top down and authoritarian. It greatly hinders the potential and quality of the work of the church. The middle aged and younger leaders are aware of the problem but it is important to constantly be working on this with sound Biblical teaching to help them bring qualitative leadership style change within this generation.”

And after evaluating participation in a vision conference, Robin wrote,“ I have found that I have comparatively been able to advance only slowly with the wholistic vision in relationship with what is happening in other countries. My opinion has developed because those of us who are working for a common goal here are poorly related. ...My prayer is that this will develop into a national movement and prayer is that also I will be much more effective in promoting and training in wholism within the context of this network. ... I think it is imperative that we network to share strengths, contacts, work together in joint efforts and so



forth. There are others whose vision is virtually identical to ours who I want to work closely with. I am only now finding out who they are as a result of this process of networking.” Robin Steen

## Publications

As of July, we have had some wonderful progress with some of our projects. For example, we now have the Mongolian version of BASICS I being distributed among pastors in and around Ulan Bator and even sold in some Christian bookstores there. Caleb Rayapati in India received delivery of 200 copies of the Telugu version of If Jesus Were Mayor and 50 of the Telugu BASICS II and has started distributing them. More recently, Alex Fearon and Ramiro Carbajal in Honduras collaborated with CONSEDE (a coalition of Evangelicals in their country) and conducted Vision Conferences in Tegucigalpa and Siguatepeque where they handed out copies of Si Jesus Fuese Alcalde (Spanish translation of If Jesus Were Mayor) to the 260 participants. Ronnie Roldan



## New Addition to our family in Rwanda



God has given Paul and Jennifer Woods a heart for Rwanda. Together with their children Kyle, Jake and Matt they have returned to the place where Paul grew up as a missionary kid. Working with Simon and Kedress Nziramakenga, Paul will use his professional building skills to help complete construction projects including the Good Shepherd Community Church, an elementary school and a pediatric hospital in Kigali. Paul will also lead a men's group and Jennifer will train school teachers in English in addition to home schooling her boys. It is our joy at Harvest to share in a small part of their ministry. We wish God's richest blessing upon their lives. Keith Edwards

## Virtual office

We're thankful to God for giving us a virtual office on the website, where we can meet, talk, and grow together. I would like to encourage you to know more about the ministry by visiting our website; [www.harvestfoundation.org](http://www.harvestfoundation.org) There you will find recent prayer lists, newsletters, blogs, videos, network, news and stories from all Harvest fields, gallery of photos and more. Ramiro Carbajal



## Praises and prayer requests

Please pray for our work in the areas of mentorship, networking, and the website. Anointing for strategies and relationships is crucial. We want to be able to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit and obey promptly.

We would appreciate your prayers for all involved in publications, coordinators, translators, publishers, distributors, and end users. May the words become alive in tangible expressions of God's love for a broken world.

Praise God for the Woods family! They're a blessing to all of us and particularly to our team in Rwanda. Pray that the family may adjust quickly, enjoy their life in Africa, and have a fruitful ministry.

**Let us introduce to you two funds that help support Harvest field staff. The Mildred Van Liew Fund, which covers up to \$400/month to a field that has a shortfall in income; and the Associate Staff Fund, which helps pay the annual grant of \$5,000 to cover ministry expenses for an associate.**

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