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Opening Thoughts: Family legacies are important. Each year around Mother's Day I think long and hard about the role my parents played in my life. My mother was a wonderful lady who touched people through her caring actions and kind spirit. My dad, who died on Mother's Day in 1985, had a heart for God's Word and God's people. Both loved the Lord and the good news of the gospel. No wonder their impact is still being felt by my sister and me today; long since our parents went to be with the Lord.

In a similar way, gospel ministry must involve a multi-generational focus. Mission legacies are not about making a name for oneself, but about developing sustainable impact for years to come. For that reason, we believe investment in emerging leaders is crucial. We are committed to working with our global partners as they develop leaders in practical and tangible ways. Pray for our partners, and for us, as we invest in developing pastors and church leaders for the good of the global church and to the glory of God. Thanks for your prayers and support. We are grateful! *Dave*

Timor Relationships



Returning to teach at Artha Wacana Christian University was a delight. I taught three sessions, on the theme *God's Wisdom for Pastoral Ministry*, to a class of 50 students. As these emerging leaders study for future pastoral and church ministry, I urged them to consider the five Old Testament Wisdom books as the primary source for their pastoral work of counsel, guidance, comfort, prayer, administration and community building.

One can readily acknowledge that the Book of Job illustrates the need for a proper response to those experiencing suffering, but how does Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs address life's multiple challenges? What is the proper use of Psalms in counseling and one's prayer life? How does Proverbs lead us toward straight paths instead of following foolish ways? We came away from these sessions with a deeper view of God's sovereign nature, his amazing care for this world and the people in it. In addition to meeting with individual students, biblical resources were provided for their continued study (see page 2).



Please pray that these sessions and interactions encouraged this new generation of students to see how God's eternal Word addresses the issues that individuals and communities face on a daily basis. Pray that they will grab hold of biblical truths for nurture and discipleship in the locales where they serve the Lord. And give thanks for the student's deep interest in the Scriptures which are foundational for any and every gospel-based ministry.



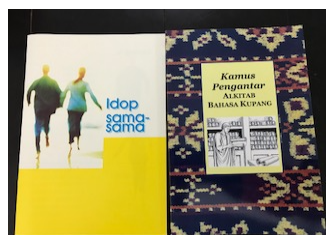
While in Timor, I connected with friends at Unit Bahasa & Budaya (UBB), where Scripture translation and development of biblical resources occur. One day, Jony, Thaniel and I had a great conversation on how to translate the word "blessed" in the *Beatitudes*. For instance, in Indonesia the concept of "fortune" is central to its meaning; not in a health-wealth sense but in receiving God's favor as a gift. In Zambia, the Bemba Bible uses the concept of "lucky" for "blessed" and I am seeking to clarify its meaning in Haitian Creole. These conversations are crucial for the development of *Sermon on the Mount* teaching materials that will be presented in Haiti and Zambia later this year.

On my last day at the University, I met with the Rektor (President) and several Academic Deans to discuss my continued relationship with the school. It was a good meeting and the conversation pointed to the Spring of 2019 for another opportunity to teach at the University, as well as give a public seminar on pastoral ministry topics. In addition, communication with Dr. Barbara Grimes, of UBB, is beginning about a trip to East Timor, where a conference for pastors and church leaders would be held dealing with interpretation and application of newly translated Scripture. *Please pray that these opportunities will grow to fruition.*



Our vision is to encourage and equip less-resourced pastors and church leaders through biblical teaching and development of biblical resources. Beginning in Uganda, we will assist Majority World church leaders and mission partners as they nurture pastors and develop emerging leaders to the glory of God.

Providing Biblical Resources



In Timor, Partnerships For Training Pastors provided two resources that will assist students in applying Scripture in ministry. The "Idop Sama-Sama" pamphlet (on the left) is about relationships. Its title means "Life Together". This is particularly aimed at encouraging proper relationships

between men and women and serves as a compliment to the material found in *Song of Songs* on a proper view of marriage. The other book is a Dictionary of the Kupang-Malay Bible, which is a helpful tool that provides theological insights as well as key definitions of Bible words.

Haitian Creole Resource



Nine Marks of a Healthy Church is written by Mark Dever and is a resource purchased from *The Gospel Coalition's International Outreach* store. This outreach ministry is amazing as it seeks to address the theological famine of God's Word throughout the Majority World. *Nine Marks* is their only resource translated into Haitian Creole, so we purchased three cases to distribute during the July Haiti trip. For a complete picture of this important outreach, go to *The Gospel Coalition's International*

website at <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/io/>. We thank God for this visionary ministry of *The Gospel Coalition* and our ability to partner with them in this way.

Prayer Updates

Timor Trip

Thank the Lord for the way the trip came together at the last moment and for what God accomplished during my visit.

Give thanks that Artha Wacana Christian University received their full accreditation and is interested in continuing a working relationship with Dave in 2019.

Current Work

Pray for the May 17-19 Emerging Leaders gathering in Koini, Uganda, led by our Kampala Baptist Church partners, as they consider the theme "Purity and Ministry".

Pray for the development of The Sermon on the Mount teaching material for Haiti and Zambia, as well as material on Acts and the Pauline Epistles for the August Training The Trainers event in Kampala, Uganda.

Future Ministry

Pray for the continued mentoring of Training the Trainers Project participants prior to our next Kampala gathering August 13 -17.

Pray for good communication with our partners in Uganda and Zambia in order to nail down the details for a Fall trip to both countries.

Thanks for your prayers and support in this way!

Our June- July Update will provide a mid-year look at the 2018 Partnership For Training Pastors Ministry

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Haiti in July with Givingall



As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we will partner with the *Givingall* organization's pastoral training outreach in Arniquet, Haiti. After Haiti's 2010 devastating earthquake *Givingall* initially sought to provide medical care, summer camps for children, and complete several building projects. In 2015, their vision expanded to include pastoral training. Last year, fifty-two pastors attended a training conference and currently the Haitian leaders are anticipating seventy pastors this summer.

The *Sermon on the Mount* and the *Epistle of James* will combine to be the main teaching emphasis this year. I will teach the *Sermon on the Mount* material while Craig Coughlin and Rick DeFilippo will teach *James*. In addition, we hope to generate good conversation around the topic of gospel outreach in their region of Haiti.

Please begin to pray that the details and preparation for the upcoming July 20 -28 trip will come together smoothly. Here are some requests for you to consider:

Pray for a good translation of the Sermon on the Mount and Epistle of James teaching material into Haitian Creole.

Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the 70 Haitian pastors, as well as our teaching team, gathering to worship and study God's Word.

Pray for wisdom and strength as we work together in the sharing of God's Word.

Pray for a lasting impact in Haiti because of the Lord's presence during our time together.

Pray that all will stand firm in Christ as they serve in misdirected spiritual climate of Haiti.