



SPRING 2015 – THIS ISSUE'S FOCUS: DISCIPLING THE NATIONS

ONE GREAT PURPOSE: *MAKE DISCIPLES*

By Gary Gilbertson, *Founder of Prepare*

I recently received a call from some young people to join them at Jimmy John's in Uptown Minneapolis at 10:30 PM. Prepare Volunteer Will Bowe joined me as we asked them, "What do you really want in life...ultimately?" There was silence but discussion led us to the conclusion that



Gary with a new friend

we want God's goals fulfilled. The commands of God have two major purposes. One is to bring glory to God and the other is to bring joy to man. Jesus' great commands were to love God and love people (Mark 12:30-31). The great commission is to go and make disciples of all nations. If we choose to obey the directives of God, we will find the great glory of God and the greatest possible satisfaction of our souls. This Camel Courier issue focuses on how God leads all of us as believers to make disciples. Thanks for being part of this family.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

WAIHON LIEW



In July of 2013, Waihon married his lovely wife, Donna, and joined her as part-time Prepare staff at the U of M. He was born and raised in Malaysia and has three wonderful children: Ellie, Joseph & Daniel. Waihon attended Winona State, completing his masters in Cross Cultural Studies & Theology after which he spent five years pioneering campus ministry in Malaysia. Waihon enjoys tennis, photography, cooking and reading. His main focus is to reach and disciple international students. Prepare is excited for Waihon and other staff to reach the nations on our campuses with the Gospel.

A CHALLENGE FROM WAIHON:

- 1) **WRITE** down the names of 5 people whose lives you want God to touch.
- 2) **PRAY** for them daily for 3 weeks
- 3) **CONNECT** with them
- 4) **SERVE** them
- 5) **SHARE** the Gospel with them



SYDNEY GIINTHIR

Meet Sydney, a new Volunteer Staff member! She has a great servant's heart and will work with St. Cloud State University.



Kelly with her students on a field trip.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

By Kelly Okerman, *Volunteer Staff at Gustavus*

Prior to becoming a teacher, the Lord gave me a dream that the classroom would be a platform for His streams of living water to pour forth (John 7:38). He gave me a burden for His children, that all would be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). I didn't know what this would look like, but I asked the Lord to bring me further into faith and obedience.

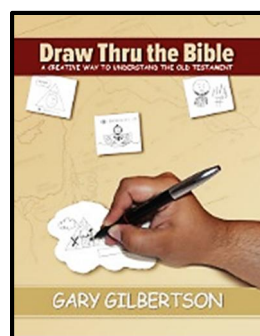
I am finishing my second year at Minnesota New Country School in Henderson, teaching 4th-6th grade. The Lord exceeds my expectations and stirs my heart with love for His kids. Yesterday God told me to bring my guitar to school. I

made a fool of myself singing songs about the kids, but my students were filled with joy and His Spirit was released. In addition to teaching, I am honored to disciple a group of women at Gustavus and we are all being rocked by a study on the Beatitudes.

EVANGELISM TOOL "15 WORDS TO HEAVEN"

GOD LOVES US	JOHN 3:6
WE ARE SINNERS	ROMANS 3:25
JESUS PAID FOR OUR SINS	ROMANS 6:23
WE MUST RECEIVE HIM	JOHN 1:12

YOU CAN KNOW (1 JOHN 5:13)



DISCIPLESHIP TOOL

Gary and team completed "Draw Thru the Bible," a workbook & teacher's manual that gives an overall picture of the Old Testament by drawing.

Check it out online!

www.drawthruthebible.com

RECIPE FOR INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

By Donna Liew, *Staff at University of Minnesota*

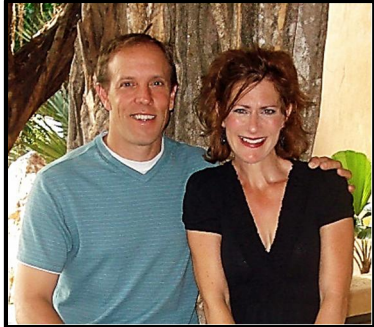


Donna and Waihon with international students on a cultural outing.

Demonstrating the love of Jesus to Internationals can be easy and fun. Take God's love for the nations, a servant's heart, and a little cultural understanding – add food, friendship, fun and share it with your international friends! This is a winning recipe that will open doors and hearts to ongoing friendship and the life transforming power of the gospel. This spring we hosted a Chinese New Year dinner. American students shared a Chinese meal with three Chinese and one Malaysian student. Over spring break we organized a cultural outing to the Minnesota History Center, Cathedral and the Arboretum. We had a great response to both events from Internationals, and everyone wanted to come back for more!

SPRING BREAK: COSTA RICA!

By David Olson and Danny Lewis, *Staff at St. Olaf, Gustavus and Luther*



David and Catherine Olson

Students from St. Olaf and Gustavus spent their Spring Break serving on a short-term mission trip to Costa Rica. David Olson has led multiple mission trips to Costa Rica. This time his wife, Catherine, was able to join a number of students from Gustavus and St. Olaf on the trip. Catherine had a significant prayer impact and 5 year old son Elijah was a natural for making friends...even with limited Spanish.

One vision for our trip was to encourage Costa Ricans to be missionaries. We were joined this year by several Costa Rican youth and adults who have a heart for their communities and wanted to serve the Lord. Oscar was one of several Costa Rican youth who joined our team. After years spent wandering

into a lifestyle of drugs and partying, he has recently come back to the Lord and has engaged in a battle to walk away from his old life. During our trip he had the opportunity to serve as a translator, participate in evangelistic outreaches and share his testimony at a drug rehab facility. These opportunities, along with the rich fellowship and ministry he received, helped further establish him in the Lord. We sincerely look forward to how the Lord will continue to use Costa Rican youth such as Oscar to impact their nation for the gospel.



Please pray for Oscar

"BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME
UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" – ACTS 1:8

ENDS OF THE EARTH: MY TIME IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Max Mayrhofer, *Prepare Intercessor*

In late March, I traveled to the Philippines with Project Video, an organization that uses video to spread the gospel. I ended up visiting multiple video production centers and attending local film showings, each shown in the audience's native language. The impact was tremendous: over 100 villagers attended each showing and the hunger for God's word was remarkable. Whole communities showed up and stayed until 2:00 AM watching the movies and listening to the pastors share.



Max sharing at a film showing near Benguet.

What struck me most, however, was the simplicity of their ministry. Several pastors that we met were lay leaders with little formal education. Some of them have been beaten and stoned for their witness in hostile villages, yet they continue to preach simply and boldly. The truth is, we are called to share the Good News with those around us. Christ has qualified us, so let's go!

EASY LAYERED TACO DIP

By Stella Gilbertson, *Prepare Staff*

Make the night before and keep leftovers in fridge for 3 or 4 days.
Makes an 8 or 9 inch square or round dish (double amounts for 9x13 dish)

Layer in order given:

- 1) 1 can 18oz refried beans mixed with
- 2) ½ of a 1 ounce packet of Taco seasoning mix (this is 6 tsp)
- 3) 1 cup sour cream
- 4) 2 mashed ripe avocados mixed with 1 Tbs lemon juice
- 5) 1 to 1½ cups salsa of choice
- 6) 1 to 1½ cups chopped tomato
- 7) Finely shredded iceberg or other lettuce
- 8) ½ cup sliced black olives
- 9) 1 cup shredded cheddar or colby cheese

Cover dish with plastic wrap; chill overnight.
Serve with tortilla chips or Fritos scoops



SAVE THE DATE FOR AFRICA ACTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 10 AM – 2 PM
STARING LAKE PARK – EDEN PRAIRIE, MN



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