



Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 2021

Dear Friends,

I know your heart's desire is to have an impact on desperate needs around the world, and it's working! Your gifts are making a tremendous impact!

Over the years, for the sake of the Gospel, I have traveled to 110 nations around the world, sharing about Jesus, pursuing Ekklesia's "Three Pillars." They are:

1. Making disciples of Jesus Christ, by proclaiming and defending the Christian Gospel.
2. Building and maintaining a network of senior Christian leaders.
3. Pursuing development projects among the world's most vulnerable.

Our goal to impact the world for Christ is being fulfilled as you give through Ekklesia. You have demonstrated such a generous and compassionate heart that you have equipped amazing Kingdom projects. Inside this newsletter you can read about some of the many projects made possible in the last year because of your sacrificial giving.

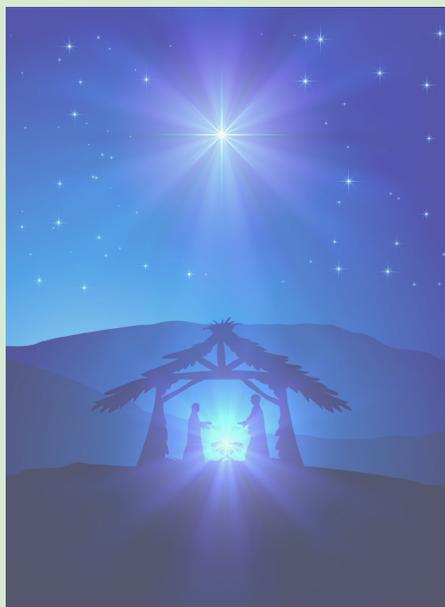
Earlier this week, I received a message from Pakistan. Two wonderful, faithful pastors have been falsely accused of blasphemy. As a result, they cannot work while this is being fought. That leaves them with no money for food or fuel. The message was one of poignant thanks for the support that gave them the ability to buy both food and fuel to heat their homes in the cold. The day before, another Christian was falsely accused of blasphemy and killed by a mob. We plan on sending more support for these two pastors, as they are literally battling for their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Another update, an African Archbishop friend has just been able to return to his home country after the emergency surgery that you made happen through your faithful giving!

In Uganda, we have recruited a wonderful Bishop to represent Ekklesia and oversee a powerful trauma recovery ministry. He will also be working in his area of great passion: orphan care. What a Merry Christmas this is bringing!

Thank you!

+Bill



Luke 2:8 ...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, a the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, a praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

DONATE

We have seen your heart! We know you want to make a difference in some of the most critical situations in the world. Ekklesia wants to partner with you to meet those needs around ! Make a difference by giving a financial gift using the enclosed donation envelope or scan the QR Code. With you, we are making disciples and quenching poverty!



DISCIPLESHIP CONNECTIONS & SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

A FEW EXAMPLES OF EKKLESIA'S THREE PILLARS IN 2021:

I TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST BY PROCLAIMING AND DEFENDING THE GOSPEL



Trauma Recovery

The Healing the Wounds of Trauma Initiative's Phase 1 Study is complete! This study shows that the Church can increase the availability and lower the cost of trauma care to reach all segments of society. We are now moving to Phase 2 Implantation, working with our East African Partners to train the Mother's Union to offer hope and healing to traumatized women and children.



Afghanistan

When one of our ministry partners contacted us with a desperate need, you responded! Your faithfulness helped us rescue 36 people (31 believers!) who needed to escape Afghanistan. Not only that, but now two more of those rescued have come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. All this because of you!



Kenya

On a trip to Kenya this year, I visited with Archdeacon Habil. He is one of our wonderful partners who helps with distribution of food to desperately poor people in the Kibera slum. This picture is from the church where he is based. While there I preached and shared a children's message.

II TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF SENIOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS (PRIMARILY IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

Ekklesia's Partnership with GAFCON

GAFCON is one of the most important movements in the world in the last 500 years! With global drifts away from Scriptural truth, GAFCON is linking Biblically faithful Anglicans in six continents. Ekklesia has partnered to bring GAFCON to life since 2007, with Ekklesia General Secretary Bp Bill having the original vision to hold a meeting in Jerusalem in 2008 and helping to finance that first gathering. Now, Bp Bill serves both as GAFCON Ambassador for the GAFCON Primates, and as Deputy Secretary for the Americas.

This year, all the GAFCON primates who were able came for the first face to face meeting in two years, and I was asked to attend. Several of the Archbishops said, "You are our relational glue. You help us stay together!" The meetings were held at All Saint's Cathedral in Nairobi (where I was consecrated as a Bishop in 2007!)

South America

One of the challenges of COVID-19 in 2020 was restrictions to travel. When ABp. Greg Venables retired and a new bishop needed to be consecrated, the three bishops needed for the consecration were not able to travel to South America. Working with Canon Lawyers on several continents, Ekklesia was able to secure agreement for the consecration of a new bishop in these unusual circumstances with only one bishop "laying on hands," until others could come. The consecration would be valid, though irregular. Now, a few days before Christmas, Bishop Atwood is traveling to Buenos Aires along with other Bishops from South America to participate in the "regularization" of Brian Williams as the Bishop of Argentina! A solution coordinated by Ekklesia!

III TO PURSUE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

IN THE "WEST":

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

IN THE TWO-THIRDS WORLD:

PROJECTS WITH ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Your giving has been exponentially multiplied, and we are so thankful for you! Read below for a sampling of this year's inspiring outreach:

Joshua Water

Pastor Joshua has been an incredibly faithful partner and church planter for many years. We started a borehole development project with him in Makeuni, Kenya. After a successful water survey in January, our drilling rig struck a bountiful water supply. The new bore hole will aid in growing crops to feed many people.



South Sudan Seed Project

After a community in S. Sudan was burned, we started working on a seed project to help replace the food supply that was lost. You may remember back in the spring, ABp. Paul Yugusuk purchased seed in Nairobi and it was sent as cargo on buses to Juba, South Sudan. On his recent trip to Nairobi, Bp. Bill met with Abp. Paul in Nairobi, where he received a joyful update. The plants are growing! Because of your sacrificial support, a whole community has risen from the ashes and has food again!

Seth trees

Bp. Seth's faithful leadership and our years of relationship with him are a great foundation for a land project in Matana. Bp. Seth can carefully harvest a portion of trees each year, have the resources to plant more, and funds to help the people in his community. The land will provide resources to help the people in the community, but also provide a future place for Bishop Seth to retire.

