

*"When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:"* – Matthew 2:14

My Dear Friend,

January 1, 2025

I pray you had a wonderful Christmas season, and that God blessed you greatly and abundantly. As we embark on a new year, I'm always amazed at how quickly the season ends and life starts at a full pace again. The poem by Dave Veerman, "Many Happy Returns," captures the aftermath of Christmas:

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the room, strewn wrappings were crying for use of a broom. The children were scattered, the friends' gifts exploring, since now most of theirs, were broken or boring. All tummies were stuffed, from the fabulous feast. Leftovers would serve, for one month at least. And mama and papa were countryside ranging, those unwanted gifts, returned or exchanging. Yes, Christmas is past, with its bustle and noise, sales and carols, Santas and toys. Decorations are packed, The Yule trees discarded. The holiday's over, just as we got started!

Now that Christmas has crescendoed, some of us are back to our complicated and chaotic lives. Others of us have moved from "ho, ho, ho" to humdrum. Has your "fa-la-la-la-la" turned to blah-blah-blah?

Like Joseph and Mary, we may have experienced a letdown. Initially, they were joyfully greeted by shepherds, then later, wise men from the East arrived, worshipped the Christ child, and brought expensive gifts. However, things took a negative turn, as depicted in Matthew's narrative, which is filled with sadness, fear, pain, problems, blood, and lament. This bleak picture is often omitted from Christmas cards and carols. Let's look now at three ways to beat the blahs.

**1. Exhibit Instant Obedience.** Though Joseph never spoke, his actions spoke volumes. When instructed, he obeyed immediately. For instance, when the angel told him to marry Mary in Matthew 1:24, he woke up and took her home. Similarly, when the angel instructed him to flee to Egypt, he left while it was still dark. Notice Joseph's lack of questions, requests, or complaints. Once the Lord spoke, he accepted it without hesitation.

Where is the Lord expecting immediate obedience? Is there a prompt He's given you that you've delayed? Is there a decision you've been putting off? An ungodly relationship to sever? An application to send in? A gift to give? A commitment to make? A person to forgive? Or deciding to plug into OGI like never before?

**2. Expect Constant Opposition.** If we call ourselves followers of Christ, we'll experience opposition and persecution, just as Jesus and his family did. We want a sentimental Christmas, but that's not possible. Properly understood, Christmas should challenge us. This post-Christmas world isn't our hope or home. Just as Joseph endured opposition for the baby, we should expect no less. God led him through the difficulties, and He will lead you through whatever you may face this year.

**3. Embrace God's Operation.** The real work of Christmas begins when the angels' song is stilled, the star is gone, kings and princes return home, and shepherds return with their flocks. God weaves history to accomplish His will, and nothing surprises or slows Him because He rules and reigns. Though we may not understand, we can simply obey and trust God. Interestingly, God didn't tell Joseph to go to Nazareth until he obeyed and went to Judea. The old adage is true: "God doesn't steer parked cars." To be guided, start moving on what you already know He wants you to do.

I opened with a poem called "Many Happy Returns" but never finished it. I conclude with it now:

To celebrate peace, and the meaning of giving. To discover real love, and the purpose for living. Dear Jesus, please help us to stop and remember; that you came to earth, not just for December. But from birth in a manger to death on a cross, You gave up glory, and counted it loss.

**So now as we trust You - God's only Son - The real celebration, Has only begun!**



### HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY

We started this project almost a year ago and have seen the Lord bless. This is a great need and one that we are halfway to completing. We still need around \$80,000 to complete this project. Would you pray about helping us provide over 4,000,000 meals throughout East Africa! That is 4,000,000 people that will be given physical and spiritual food! All for .44 cents a meal!

How much can you help with? What more than these can you do? Maybe you can not give \$80,000, but how many meals can you provide at .44 cents a meal! You can make a difference. This is a project that is desperately needed NOW. There is a famine in East Africa and the need is dire. Will you pray? Will you get involved? Imagine the reward in heaven you would have for providing food and the Gospel to those that need it.



### OGI App Development

We have collaborated with a dedicated development team to create a comprehensive app designed for both Android and Apple users. This intricate project has been a significant investment of time and resources. Once completed, our partners will be able to download the app at no cost.

The app will offer a wide range of functionalities, including the ability to place orders, share the Gospel, access devotional content through audio and video, enroll new converts in discipleship lessons, and view real-time statistics on individuals saved through OGI worldwide, among many other features.

To bring this ambitious project to fruition, we are seeking an additional \$20,000. Your support will help us finalize and launch this invaluable tool for our ministry partners worldwide. Thank you for considering partnering with us on this meaningful journey.



### Southeast Asia Ministry Center



We plan to purchase land outside of Manila, Philippines, and initiate the design phase for an exciting and much-needed project. Funding for the land has already been secured, and numerous supporters have pledged their assistance in constructing the center. The estimated total cost for the land and building is approximately \$6 to \$7 million. You might be wondering, what is the purpose of this center?

The center will serve as our primary hub for Southeast Asia, facilitating a wide range of Gospel-centered initiatives. From this strategic location, we will conduct various training programs, coordinate disaster relief efforts, and operate as a distribution center for food, clothes, Bibles, literature or other supplies. Additionally, the center will support educational initiatives and host multiple other facets of OGI's mission.

### Crucial National Pastor Training In India Phase 4

"India Phase 4" is a 2-year vision to train an ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER for each of the 304 regions in India. This can be accomplished by training 38 leaders each quarter for the next two years. Our Operation Go Mission Center in Melur, Tamil Nadu will provide full lodging, meal preparation and training space for this event.

The next conference is set to take place during the first quarter of this year. Our ambitious objective is to host a minimum of four such impactful conferences annually until we have successfully equipped leaders in every region. The budget for each of these conferences typically amounts to approximately \$7500.00.

If you can, please contribute to the upcoming conference, ensuring the continuity of this vital mission. Your generosity will advance this significant work and foster positive change in many regions.



By faith we are adding two floors to our center that are desperately needed. We still need to raise \$40,000 to complete this project. Would you please pray about making a generous gift so we can see this project completely funded. As I stated in our last newsletter this is a critical need and time sensitive.

**Please scan the QR code and help towards this urgent and crucial project.**

### Africa Saturation Project Phase III

This year, we will target the southern region of Africa. I will personally be involved in efforts in Johannesburg and Zambia. In Zambia, we have been offered a building which will serve as a central hub for our ministry, allowing us to replicate our successful initiatives in Kenya. The estimated cost for this crucial expansion into South Africa and Zambia is approximately \$30,000.

We ask for your prayers and support as we embark on this significant and much-needed expansion. Together, we can seize this incredible opportunity to advance our mission and bring hope to countless lives.

### SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA



### Construction Of Loading & Shipping Dock



Over the past year, we have resided in our headquarters, which has been a significant blessing. All interior renovations have been completed. The only remaining task is the construction of the loading and shipping dock at the rear of the building. Unfortunately, we exhausted our funds during the remodeling phase to complete this project.

The current area will require demolition, excavation, and the pouring of a new concrete pad. I estimate the cost of this necessary project to be approximately \$26,200. We kindly request your prayers for the funds to complete this vital project.

### ISWDI MEETINGS AROUND THE GLOBE



Taiwan	\$10,000	Puerto Rico	\$ 5,000
Cuba (2)	\$ 9,000	Mexico	\$ 6,500
Bolivia	\$ 6,500	Chile (2)	\$ 9,800
Dominican Republic	\$ 8,600	Caribbean	\$ 8,000
France	\$ 8,000	Honduras	\$ 4,500
Spain	\$ 8,000	Paraguay (2)	\$ 8,500
Guatemala	\$ 9,000	Ecuador	\$ 4,000
Canada	\$ 5,000	Peru	\$ 4,500
Burundi	\$ 7,800	England	\$ 9,300

At every ISWDI, we train national pastors, leaders, and Christians in soul winning and church planting. We also go soul winning and have evangelistic services and help prepare for church plants. You can make a difference in another country by being involved financially. Listed are a few of the Countries and trips planned:

## A Tribute To An Incredible Man!

On September 14, 2024, Dr. James "Jim" Wagner, an esteemed Executive Board member of Operation Go International (OGI), passed away at the age of 81 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Dr. Wagner's acquaintance with Dr. Wood commenced in the early 1990s, during the infant stages of the Witness Project, a ministry founded upon Dr. Wood's profound conviction for soul winning and global evangelism. From the outset, Dr. Wagner formed a deep friendship with Dr. Wood, sharing his vision and burden for reaching the world with the Gospel. His involvement extended beyond mere friendship, encompassing both personal and financial support for OGI.

Although my acquaintance with Dr. Wagner was not as extensive as that with Dr. Wood, I consistently admired his gentle nature, Christian faith, and unwavering desire to effect positive change. His unwavering devotion and generosity left an indelible mark on individuals and communities worldwide. Dr. Wagner was a kind and generous soul who relished sharing his faith and embodied the principles he espoused in his words and actions.



### HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY, BUT HIS IMPACT AND INFLUENCE WILL BE FELT FOR ETERNITY!

With an unwavering determination, I desire to transcend the conventional and embrace the extraordinary. I am eager to witness the miraculous manifestations of God's grace through this ministry, and I am filled with anticipation for the transformative journey that awaits OGI this year. I refuse to be confined by the ordinary; instead, I yearn to cultivate an environment where the abnormal and extraordinary flourish in both my life and this ministry.

What can you do to make a difference? How will you make this year different and more eternally rewarding than ever before? Would you pray daily for miracles to take place in this ministry? Would you financially partner with us in our campaigns, projects, and ISWDI trips? Let's work together to see God do some amazing things this year!

As we embark on a new year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for each of you. Your invaluable contributions are of utmost importance to us, and God has blessed us with your prayers and support to fulfill the vision for OGI. Thank you for your unwavering encouragement and assistance. I fervently pray that God grants you a prosperous and fulfilling start to the New Year!

Yours For Souls,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryan Treadway".

Bryan Treadway, Evangelist

*"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.  
KEEPING TOGETHER IS A PROCESS.  
WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS."*

Thank you for your contribution to Operation Go International.

An annual statement of all donations given directly to OGI will be sent in January. If you have any questions concerning your contributions, please contact us at: 803-401-5752. THANK YOU!