

Esteemed Board Members,

What a joy it is to look back through 2019 and see God's continued grace being poured out and witnessed through the ministry of Beyond the Reef. We humbly testify the Lord did some unique works throughout the Northwest, Micronesia, and the South Pacific. I will attempt to record "God's Story" so you may join us in giving all praise and honor to Christ alone.

- **January/February:** I gave my time and teaching abilities to support Bible Institute of Hawaii (BIH). For 8 weeks I met with 20-25 believers and taught them about Lay Counseling Ministry in the local church. We met at the Salvation Army complex in Kapolei. BIH supports BTR with some of their adjunct professors. Special thanks to Dr. Randy Furushima, Executive Director of BIH.

Jeff Magruder traveled to the Northwest and conducted a Youth Rally for the Northwest Chuukese Churches. Many of the youth were blessed. It is our plan to have these at least once a year. Thanks Jeff.

- **March/April:** Lynette and I traveled to Chuuk in Micronesia and made contact with old and new friends of BTR. Not knowing how the Lord was going to open the doors we remembered how David Bush would arrive on an island and simply pray for the Lord to bring people to him. We prayed such a prayer the second morning and within 2 hours Alfred and Daisy Francisco were hugging our necks. The Lord arranged for them to be on island to deal with their daughter's passport. Neither of us knew the other was on the island. Praise the Lord!

We had the opportunity to meet the pastoral leaders of Logan Memorial Church on Weno. We were able to meet and fellowship with the pastors and spouses. The next day we met Pastor Bruce and Susan Danis (Brother Danis' son). We were welcomed by the Danis family and were able to spend time at the memorial for Brother and Sister Danis. We so miss them. Susan opened doors for me to meet with Chuuk's Governor, the Honorable Johnson Eito. He was thankful BTR had returned to Chuuk.

While on Guam I met with Dr. Howard Merrel, president of Pacific Islands University (PIU). There are approximately 30-40 Chuukese students that attend PIU. Many of them need financial assistance. If they stay with family members to reduce the cost of tuition, then they usually drop out of classes because of familial responsibilities. Please be praying that the extended families will support the students in the future and allow them to attend all their classes.

We spent a week in Brisbane, which was planned by the Lord. We met with Brother and Sister Hiram (Nathan and Gay), Myrienne Harris, and others from Nauru. This meeting allowed us to finalize the required visa for us to go on to Nauru. The Lord is faithful in placing obedient servants in our path for His glory. He delayed the flight in and out of Nauru so we were able to minister to the wonderful congregation of Nauru Independent Church founded in 1977 by Brother and Sister Bush. (Now known as Pacific Light House) We spent 9 days on Nauru and conducted daily meetings which consisted of 12 sermons, 3 bible classes, 31 baptisms and way too much food. The ladies spent time with Lynette and the men took me around the island on scooters. They also treated me to a fishing getaway and I was able to catch my first yellow-fin tuna. Needless to say, we left enriched in spirit but exhausted in body. The church blessed BTR with a \$12,000 offering.

- **May:** Upon our return from the islands I quickly boarded a flight to Fort Bragg, NC. I had the special privilege of ministering to over 75 chaplains and religious affairs specialists on the theme of personal resiliency and self-care. It was great to see many familiar faces I knew as

Captain Chaplains who were now wearing Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel rank. I was able to stay with Mike and Cheryl Shellman. Mike served with me in the 101st, Afghanistan 2002. I was overwhelmed by their hospitality and gratitude for Lynette and me in their lives.

Dr. Rod and Beth Mills, Daniel and Natalie Mills graced the Ministry House with their presence during May. We seized the opportunity of their visit. Rod and Daniel taught a training event to several island pastors on "Establishing a Family Covenant." Praise the Lord for the great response. God is doing a work in the Chuukese and Kosraen families.

Lynette and I had the privilege and honor of celebrating with our daughter Denise as she graduated from Pacific Rim Christian University with her AA in Christian Ministry and Creative Arts. We thank the Lord for His work in her life.

- **June:** Lynette and I traveled back to Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas. We visited family, board members, supporting churches, and friends along the way. We attended our AG Chaplain Endorser's (Scott McChrystal) retirement in Springfield. We stayed with Dave and Sherry Hillis. What a joy to spend time with them.

We held worship services at Gospel Beams in Duncan, OK. So thankful for their generous financial gift to BTR. While in Duncan we were able to spend time with Gerald and Barbara Wheeler and Ray and Diann Ledbetter. So thankful for such dear friends.

We are thankful to Jeff Magruder and Duane Collins for gaining space at SAGU for us to facilitate our annual board meeting while in the Dallas area. Afterwards, we were able to have fellowship at Olive Garden. (We do not have Olive Garden in Hawaii) We were able to schedule a time to reminisce with Greg and Joy Headley. They have supported BTR for over 30 years. I also had the opportunity to meet with Gospel Lighthouse's new pastor, Pastor Luis Salazar.

We preceded from Dallas to San Antonio where we were able to spend a week with our dear friends Tom and Karen Nolan. Lying beside their pool doing nothing for five days provided a much-needed rest.

- **July:** I supported PACRIM by teaching an intensive class on Biblical Counseling. It was geared for both graduate and undergraduate students. Our daughter Denise took the class which was terrifying for the father-daughter relationship. Dad didn't cut her any slack and she finished the class with an "A". Praise the Lord, there is peace in the home. HA HA

After teaching at PACRIM, we quickly left for Oregon. We were able to be with Missionary Memorial Church on the Sunday before the Northwest Chuukese Campmeeting. Pastor Kinori and Tina Bossy are always gracious to us when we attend.

We ended the month of July with over 150 islanders attending the Campmeeting. Due to Dave Hillis' father passing away we invited Dr. Daryl Jones to be the main speaker. He challenged the people to truly be seeking the Holy Spirit. Lynette, Denise, and Racho Sos led the music for all services. And as usual, the church choirs were a blessing. The Lord has blessed the Chuukese believers with a heart for worship and praise. The cost of the Campmeeting was \$17,000. This included the airline tickets for Dr. Jones and Rev. Todd and Carla Dugal (Children's Church Ministry).

- **August:** We had the joy of hosting Pastor Luis Salazar and his wife Leann from Gospel Lighthouse in Dallas. Gospel Lighthouse has supported BTR since 1958. We are so thankful for their faithfulness. Next March we will be with them for the church's 80th anniversary.

- **September:** BTR hosted the 2019 Island Pastors Conference at Kokokahi YWCA on Oahu. We had 20 pastors and ministers attend. Our adjunct professors this year were Pastor

Alex Michel, Chaplain Chuck Lynde, Dr. Rick Stinton, Dr. Jeff Magruder and me. We were able to recognize Pastor Meren Walter as the first student to have studied over 100 hours with BTR. Dr. Jeff Magruder and I presented him with “The Centurion Certificate of Training” award. The cost for the entire event was just under \$11,000. Special thanks to Sickson and Karleen Jicko, JN and Grace Killion. Their presence and dedication as the support ministry team ensured a great week.

- **October:** Lynette and I took the month off and celebrated our 40th anniversary (July 30) with a celebration cruise across the pacific to French Polynesia, New Zealand, and Australia. The celebration cruise was paid for by private personal donations and no funds of BTR were applied toward this cruise. We are humbled how the Lord provided the necessary funds. We are blessed.

- **November:** After returning from our celebration cruise I was able to spend time with my son David at Universal Studios in Orlando. What a joy to be a kid again.

Pastor Kinori Bossy, Pastor Marvin Danis, and Pastor Anderson Jack gathered in Denver to ordain pastors and ministers. Dr. Rod Mills was the guest speaker on behalf of BTR. The Lord continues to raise up young men and women for His ministry. The Chuukese pastors are recognizing God’s call on these lives. Please keep these young leaders in your prayers.

We hosted Thanksgiving at the Ministry House and had three families gather around the table. We definitely ate too much turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, etc. Still, it was a joy to have Denise, David, and dear friends with us for this special day.

- **December:** I took a 3-day retreat to seek the Lord and pray regarding 2020. I know the Lord will provide all the funds required through the faithful giving of His people. The Lord continues to surprise us in the manner that He provides. We are humbled by the ways and means He employs for the financial support of BTR.

We sensed the Lord was asking us to open the Ministry House for a weekly evening of prayer. So, every Wednesday night the doors are opened for whoever wants to join us in seeking the Lord and interceding for others. Richard Foster writes, “The greatest act of love is to intercede for another. We are praying for God to give them what we cannot.” We are excited for this prayer ministry. Please keep us informed about your prayer requests so we may lift you up in prayer.

GIVING OVERVIEW: We are projected to meet the year’s end with a deficit of less than \$7K. Our 2019 expenditures were almost \$50K (property taxes, property and liability insurance, Campmeeting, Island Pastors Conference, Bible literature, lawyer fees, bookkeeping costs, plane tickets, rental cars, honorariums, etc). We praise the Lord there is no outstanding mortgage on the Ministry House. Also, please remember that Lynette and I do not receive a paycheck from BTR as we serve in the president position. The free housing is our gift from BTR Ministry. We pay all the utilities except for the water bill. Such was agreed to by the Board. The Board also agreed that any amount over \$2000 committed for ministry would be approved by the Board. Such is good financial accountability and fiscal management.

The island churches are increasing their financial support of BTR. This past year we saw well over \$20,000 given from the island churches. As of today, we have two mainland non-island churches, one missions fund, and several individuals giving on a monthly basis. We are thankful for their commitment to BTR. Our regular monthly giving from non-island support is

\$1000 per month. Time and again we receive anonymous one-time financial gifts. To God be the glory!

MINISTRY REVIEW: The Denver Lighthouse signed a lease agreement for a permanent place to worship. They now have a wonderful sanctuary for their use alone. We are so thankful for Pastor Alfred Francisco's obedience to the Holy Spirit. God is doing amazing things in their congregation. Dr. Rod and Beth Mills continue to provide monthly training for the Denver congregation through the School of Spiritual Leadership. AeroNova, Rod and Beth's ministry, is another ministry we collaborate with to train island pastors.

Please be praying for open doors into the islands and among the island churches. This past year BTR lost a dear, island pastor, Pastor Akendo Onamwar. Pastor Akendo was a 1988 student of BTR in Oregon. He attended the Island Pastors Conference in 2017 and 2018. He will be greatly missed as he was the liaison between the Chuukese churches here on Oahu and BTR. We continue to wait and see who will pick up this mantle. I forget that nothing is done quickly in the island community. We wait and trust the Lord in this manner. He will raise up His servant. Pastor Marvin Danis is working with me as a liaison to the local pastors.

While we were on Oahu, we offered weekly bible training for the pastors at the Ministry House. Once a month we held Saturday Training events at Cedar Assembly of God. A special thanks to Pastor Darrick of Cedar Assembly of God.

FUTURE FOCUS: I will be teaching at PACRIM this next semester. The class is a chaplaincy introduction class. I am excited about the opportunity to invest in would-be future military chaplains.

I owe you and the lawyer a contingency plan for BTR. I will be sending it out to you no later than end of January for your review and input.

We continue to transcribe Brother Bush's journals. It is truly humbling to read of the mighty; yet, unknown exploits the Lord did through him for Kingdom purposes. His journals call us to cry out, "Lord, show us Your glory!"

Our manner of reaching out to the island pastors on Oahu is changing. I will be meeting in small groups for bible study. Their schedules simply do not support an attempt to meet as a larger group. I am excited about these opportunities to invest in them.

As mentioned, we are planning on returning to Dallas in March for Gospel Lighthouse's 80th anniversary. While there, we will facilitate this year's annual board meeting.

We want to thank God for each of you. Your continued trust in us to lead this ministry is very humbling. This past year we safely traveled over 50K miles. Pray we continue to honor the Lord as we walk in obedience. Our desire is to rely on His strength and be used by the Holy Spirit to "train island pastors to lead believers to maturity in Christ."

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

Mahalo,
Dr. Mike and Lynette (Bush) Dugal

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