

JOSHUA NATIONS

December 2017

Joshua Nations Schools

6,945 Schools in 52 Nations, 56 Languages
150,822 Students, 34,337 Graduates

Dear Joshua Nations Friends,

We are all thinking the same thing! Where did the year go? But here we are, once again observing the birth of our Lord Jesus. Its truth is fresh and new as we read the Biblical accounts about His advent. We rejoice!

In this letter you will read about what your prayers and gifts have accomplished this year. The grace and almightiness of God take my breath away as we conclude a most fruitful year. We thank each of you for your faithfulness. Your love and gifts are hastening the coming of the Lord! May that day ever be before us!

Bangladesh

Jack Gaudin and I just trained a group of leaders in Dhaka, the fourth most densely populated city on the planet. Along with its challenges, it was most rewarding in the eventual planting of 16 new schools and the future envisioning of 1,600 more. The leaders are pumped about the future of Joshua Nations in this needy nation. For such a time as this!!



Joshua Nations coordinators from Bangladesh

This Month:

Bangladesh
China
South Sudan
A Very Fruitful Year
2018, A Year of Celebration

The Best Gift Ever

The angel's announcement to Mary was about her best gift ever. The Son of God born in and through her would on the cross offer the best gift ever to all mankind: salvation from sin. This gift was to be shared with the world. There was a moment in time and space that each of us was offered this gift.

There are so many who have never received God's "best gift" ever. That's where we come in. We can give the best gift ever to others. That's our mandate in the great commission! Merry Christmas!

Russ & Lana

Glorious Results

Your gifts have produced much fruit in the nations; here is some of that fruit:

- New students - 2,587
- Leaders trained - 2,140 in at least ten conferences
- Many new schools, several new translations and curriculum printed
- New church plants and new nations
- Many salvations in Christ.
- Printed 12,500 Holy Spirit manuals
- 30,000 Holy Spirit manual readers
- 5 Oral Bible Schools with 150 trained story tellers reaching 75 villages
- 5 laptops and tablets given to leaders
- 100 bicycles purchased for pastors
- Support raised for 15 Cuban and African leaders

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Make a joyful shout unto the Lord!!



Dr. Russ & Lana Frase

- Scholarships given to 15 Akha tribal pastors to complete
- Water wells and water filters for many villages
- Bachelor's degrees

2018 A year of Celebration

This year Lana and I will enjoy our 50th wedding anniversary as well as 50 years of glorious ministry. I am a long ways away from that divine visitation to preach the gospel five decades ago. It has catapulted us to the ends of the earth. Little did we know what lay ahead of us as we surrendered to the good news of the kingdom. The Lord has blessed us "above and beyond all that we could ask or imagine according to His power that has and is working in us." In 50 years, He has never failed us once! In 50 years, He has always been more gracious and generous than we could ever have expected. I am now more



My new friend, Andrew (center), will be starting schools throughout India.

Our Vision

To disciple the Nations!

Our Mission

Unbelievers become Believers
 Believers become Disciples
 Disciples become Leaders
 Leaders become Fathers
 Fathers become...
 Leaders of Leaders

engaged than ever before. That ole "rocking chair" is still in the far, far distant future as we envision the future. Lord willing, and I am confident in the hope that He is, we plan for the years to come.

But we would not be where we are without all of our friends like each of you. It has been a journey surrounded by people of prayer and love. How rich we have become through those around us! We are ever aware that we are just a little part of all that has taken place. To God be the glory!



South Sudanese graduates pose with their diplomas.



Graduates from another JN school in Juba, South Sudan

South Sudan

From dark and war torn South Sudan comes news of two more graduations. Our apostles, Robert and Justin, have sent us the pictures of their fruit. We had the pleasure of training the two of them in Uganda years ago, and now even in the midst of death and famine they have these glorious graduates as fruit for their labors. Living in the middle of war and destruction, they have prevailed. They are truly modern day heroes! Justin and Robert both send their deepest appreciation for standing with them in prayer during extremely difficult times. God has moved with great faithfulness despite the crisis they have faced.

Story-telling in China

Over the past year we have been working to explain our reach of training, resources and impact to about two thirds of the world that are oral preference



Reverend Jason Holland works with leaders learning the story-telling process to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the region.

learners. We have now established an Oral Bible School in northern India through a partnership with Diane Brask and Global Seed Planters. This brand new school is already producing much fruit and reaching those who would not typically be reached with training.

A week ago, I returned from the border of China and Myanmar where we trained 84 leaders in the process of story-telling. These leaders represent minority groups in both China and Myanmar where education levels are very low. Many of the minority groups in this region of the world are illiterate and are therefore unable to attend any formal training. However, these ambitious leaders continue to make huge advances for the Gospel and even have planted numerous churches despite minimal academic training. Their primary target audience(s) are tribal people who are displaced by civil war in Myanmar. As you can imagine, people who are often "on the run" for their safety do not have the advantages of receiving a formal education. This is why the story-telling training is so important and vital to their success and ministers, evangelists and church planters. Through story these precious men and women can connect to the hearts of the people without having to open the Bible or a text book! We taught through 6 Bible stories that contained vital information in evangelism, discipleship, compassion, healing, missions and multiplication. It was absolutely incredible to see the process unfold and how the leaders were deeply touched by each story, some of them even being moved to tears!

We trust that God will continue to use His stories and this process to reach the last, the least and the lost that have never had the opportunity to read the Bible or any other words for that matter. -Rev. Jason Holland, Director of Operations

Joshua Nations is indeed good soil for your seed! We give glory to God for your past and future gifts that help further His Kingdom! We encourage you to be a part of our team with your prayers, gifts and even by packing a bag and going with us. You can give online anytime by visiting our website, joshuanations.org. If you prefer, you can mail a check to the address on the first page of this newsletter.

2018 Itinerary

January 22 - 30
Cuba

February 2 - 17
Niger

February 15 - 28
Uganda

February 30 - March 12
Thailand

April
TBD

May 24 - June 3
Pakistan

July 22 - 30
Brazil

November
China



The Spirit of the Lord is moving in powerful ways.

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Thank You, Jesus!

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