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HOPEFUL-LEE

Hope in all things

"...but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character; and character hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

Romans 5:3-5

A Displaced people...

Around the world there are many people groups that have been dislodged from their



A refugee camp

homes because of war, famine, persecution, or some other horrible calamity. In many cases these people, we call refugees, often end up relocating to camps in other countries that serve as their home. In this edition of my newsletter I want to share a story of one of these people groups. Because of security issues I cannot however provide real locations or names for the safety of all those involved. By the way, these are the kinds of stories that make me so excited to work with the MAF-LT team.

A story of a war-torn people...

Over 25 years of civil war in this country has taken its toll on an ethnic minority group. Some 250,000 people have fled to a neighboring country seeking safety and refuge. Most people under the age of 35 cannot read because of the constant disruption 25 years of war has caused.

Approximately 30% of this people group are Christians. However, because so many of them can not read, it is difficult to teach

them about the Bible. How do you reach them and teach them what they desire to hear, and are eager to learn?

In comes Simply The Story...

A teammate of mine traveled to a remote and undisclosed location to teach a class on Simply The Story (STS). Simply The Story is a process of story-telling and group discussions that are focused on Bible stories. The techniques that are learned provide a means of exploring biblical truths in an oral style.



Telling a story

The Bible story is first told by a trained storyteller, focusing on accuracy. Then a volunteer retells the story. In the third step the storyteller walks the audience through the story again, using questions about the story. The next phase of the process is the inductive study. Here participants are asked to explore spiritual treasures of the story, followed by personal applications.

This method of Bible study is simple, easily reproduced, and works in the context of the culture of the people.

The results...

Many students said that this new way of studying the Bible excited them. They had found that in just reading the Bible they had trouble understanding it or thinking about it. But the Word had become alive to them through this process of story-telling.

One participant remarked, "It help me alot. I never read Bible with observation or application...I come to realize that God really puts treasure under Scriptures, so I am happy for that and I love to read my Bible."

One student who had traveled to a war-torn area of their country reported that, after using the STS techniques, nearly two dozen adults received Christ and so many children acknowledged Jesus that they have to return to that area for more discipleship.



A worship service in the camp



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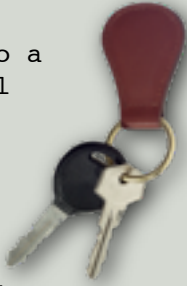
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Prayer is the key to a successful ministry.



Praises:

- I am very thankful for reaching 52.7% for monthly and 80.7% for one-time gifts
- I am very thankful for every person who is participating in this ministry with me
- Christ is faithful to us; in Him we can find hope

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that God would continue to lead people to partner with me in this ministry and that my fundraising would be completed soon
- Please pray for those who are facing difficult times because of the economy; may they find comfort in the Lord

Where we stand...

The story on the first page shares a different aspect of Learning Technologies that is just as exciting, but a totally different approach to training pastors and church leaders. I can hardly believe that I will be participating in a ministry that brings training like this to groups of people in such need. My passion is to see God's Kingdom grown by His Church in other areas of the world. Being part of this team brings me such hope of making a difference. I would be excited to have you as part of my ministry team. Please prayerfully consider helping to cover my remaining monthly ministry support. With **your** help, I will begin my work with LT. **We** could do this ministry together. Contact me at LMOSLEY@MAF.org



About hope...

"When you say a situation or person is hopeless, you're slamming the door in the face of God."

-Charles L. Allen

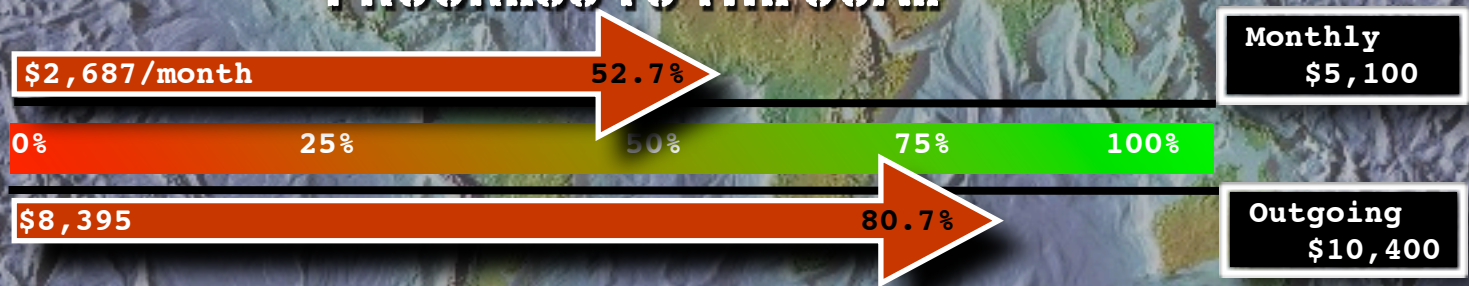
Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for something to happen. It is often difficult to place our hope in the Lord, but in Him we find hope and peace

from the uncertainty around us. Plans and schemes may crumble around us, but the Lord will remain steadfast and true.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope"
-Psalm 130:5

PROGRESS TO THE GOAL

THE GOAL



Monitor the progress towards the financial goals that have been set, and watch God provide. I am thankful for the progress made thus far. PRAISE GOD!