

NetWalking* News Update

An Occasional Report for Friends of Global Initiatives From Ron Lush
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OUR MISSION

To Serve Leaders, EQUIP and Mobilize Leaders to Serve.

OUR COMMITMENT

Encourage and enhance effective Christlike leadership ... globally

The Salgados

Jonathan and Maggie need our prayer due to the current challenges they, and other friends, face in Chiapas. Also, Jonathan has written a book on preaching for Spanish speaking pastors. Senator Ruben Velazquez is funding a portion of the cost of publishing. The Salgados still need \$450 to be able to distribute the book to pastors in the area. Keep up at www.salgado.giserves.com.

Christian Leadership Online, Olivet Nazarene University.

I recently completed teaching a six-week Master of Ministry class for Olivet Nazarene University *online*. It was my first online teaching. The challenge was to transform verbal lectures into posted written text. The class was made up of 12 students, in ministry from across the US, Guatemala *and* the Republic of Georgia. Great mature group of ministry leaders!

"Beginning Well" at Point Loma Nazarene University.

April 5-7 I facilitated a forum for pastors in their first year of pastoral ministry. This was hosted by the Center for Pastoral Leadership at PLNU. This was a great few days of inspiration, training and encouragement. I have told you before, these forums turn out to be extremely beneficial to the participants offering new and unique insights into ministry leadership and connecting them with friends for life. Another forum for pastors is coming up in July.

We need your prayer and participation as we attempt to facilitate the equipping of a new generation of missional leadership for *His* Church ... globally.

Director of The Multi-Campus Seminary

You may recall that I am working with Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) to offer the M.Div. from the campuses of universities across the US.

April 14 and 15 I attended the NTS Trustee meeting. During that meeting **Dr. Ron Benefiel, NTS President, resigned after 11 years as president.** Janet, Ron's wife, discovered that cancer had returned after about 10 years. The doctors diagnosed the cancer in Stage Four. The Benefiels decided that they would like to spend this chapter with their family in Southern California. Ron will become the Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Point Loma Nazarene University. **The Benefiels need our prayer, as does the seminary as it seeks a new president.**

My role with Nazarene Theological Seminary has intensified as we attempt to establish a collaborative relationship with several universities. Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Southern Nazarene University were the first with classes being offered this past year. We are in the process of adding Eastern Nazarene College and Trevecca Nazarene University this fall, and conversations with four other institutions continue. This requires frequent travel ...

Oklahoma District Assemblies (2) Representing NTS. On April 10 and 11 I joined SNU President, Dr. Loren Gresham, in attending two district assemblies taking place in Oklahoma City at the same time. In each I had the opportunity to tell the story of The Multi-Campus Seminary.

Olivet Nazarene University at Nazarene Theological Seminary. On May 3 Dr. Carl Leth, Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Olivet Nazarene University met with Dr. Benefiel and Dr. Roger Hahn, Dean of NTS, in a meeting in Kansas City which I facilitated. The objective was to find ways for ONU and NTS to collaborate with classes on the ONU campus.

Philadelphia District Assembly. On May 9 I attended the assembly in central Pennsylvania. This was an opportunity to speak to the assembly about the collaboration between NTS and Eastern Nazarene College.

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Linda Psaute

After spending a few weeks in the US Linda is back in Germany, and involved in leading the German Gospel Union. Read about how God is using Linda at www.Psaute.giserves.com. From That page you can see her newsletter. You can also go to www.gospel-union.de.

Dr. Bruce White

Bruce continues to develop strategies to serve the dental/medical needs of under-developed people. Partnerships are developing with Healing Waters and other organizations in which Bruce and his team would work to train indigenous health officials in serving the great need among the poor. Follow Bruce at www.White.giserves.com.

A New Tool to Serve Ministry Leaders

Following the "Beginning Well" forum at PLNU (mentioned above) I was given the opportunity to attend StrengthFinders 101. The Gallup organization has developed a StrengthFinders division serving business and the faith community with extensive research based upon the findings of Donald Clifton, who wrote Now Discover Your Strengths, with Marcus Buckingham. A number of books have been added, including Living Your Strengths, by Winey, Clifton and Liesveld, and Strengths Based Leadership, by Rath and Conchie. I have used Strengths Based Leadership in teaching Christian Leadership.

On April 29 and 30 I attended the Strength Coach Training at Point Loma Nazarene University which leads to certification as a Strengths Coach.

Currently I am coaching ten plus young ministry leaders as an extension of our mission to "serve and equip" Kingdom leaders for ministry effectiveness. We will look for ways of integrating this resource in our service to Christian leaders globally.

Project CURE Luncheon.

Several of us attended the Project CURE's First Lady Luncheon April 21. Attending were about 1200 people to hear the First Lady of Tanzania. All of the proceeds go to projects in Tanzania.

Upcoming:

A visit by Sunil and Sarah Dandge. Sunil and Sarah, Field Director of the South Asia Field, will be in Arizona in late July. We'll try to put together a fellowship time with them while here.

New England Assembly, Boston. On Thursday I fly to Boston to represent NTS at an Assembly. I will be on the ENC campus and meet with Dr. Corlis McGee and Dr. Jeff Barker, the ENC liaison coordinating the NTS classes at ENC.

In June and July I will visit the NE Oklahoma, the North Central and Southwestern Ohio assemblies and conduct a forum at PLNU.

Preaching.

June 26 - Phoenix First Nazarene

July 17 - August 21 - Biltmore Nazarene

Same Mission, New Effective Strategies, Continuing Need for YOUR Involvement.

We need your interest, prayer, partnership and support. As you well know, the global economy has presented a significant challenge to being able to respond to international invitations to serve. We are grateful for the opportunities that we have been given in North America through Nazarene Theological Seminary, Point Loma Nazarene University, and Olivet Nazarene University. We feel these are significant gifts to us enabling us to be more effective in fulfilling our mission, *however the current income from regular giving and from the work with the seminary and universities is not adequate for the ongoing operations of Global Initiatives*, let alone providing the capacity to respond to the needs of our international friends. **So, pray with us.**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34,35 - To take strong interest in, to be committed to, to pray for and act in the best interest of one another.)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We do not do "fund raising" (Yea, right!), we *do* introduce "irresistible opportunities." We tell you of the ministry of our friends who need support in order to continue the great work that God has called them to. As you are comfortable, give prayerful consideration to the "opportunities" shared above, including Global Initiatives. GI relies upon your prayer, participation and gifts to make possible our commitment **to serve leaders, equip and mobilize leaders to serve ... globally.** Let me hear from you. Thanks. Ron