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2015 AT A GLANCE:

BOULDER, COLOMBIA, HAITI
MARCH 20-27

SERVE LOCAL WORK DAY
MAY 2

DESERTS OF AFRICA
JUNE 5-13

BOULDER FAMILY
MISSION TRIP
JULY 18-24

OAXACA
AUGUST 8-15

COLOMBIA
AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 5

BIKES, BLUES & BBQ
SEPTEMBER 23 - 26

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH
NOVEMBER 25

ETHIOPIA
DECEMBER 28 - JAN. 5

✠ *Philippians 1:3-5* ✠

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

As we enter into a new year, I am reflecting on 2014 at the ways that God continued to move among His people to see the Gospel advanced both locally and globally. Here are a few highlights:

- We highlighted our remaining Eat Local locations seeing many of you engaging in Gospel conversations around our immediate Dickson St./Downtown Square district.
- We saw an increased involvement in our international student ministry, both through seasonal events, friendship partnering and trainings to see the nations reached on campus.
- Over 50% of our mission trip go-ers were first timers, even on international mission trips.

I would be remiss if I didn't offer up praises and prayers of thanksgiving for your partnership in the Gospel. We each have a role to play, as we pray, send, give, go and partner in seeing the Gospel go forth.

One of the ways I hope to see our partnerships both expand in depth and breadth this year is by creating partnership advocacy groups.

Each will be comprised of 4-5 UBC members who have a heart for the places we are partnered around the world (Boulder, Haiti, Colombia, Oaxaca, Ethiopia, Deserts of Africa, E. Asia and internationals at the UofA).

Their focus will be to help mobilize to these partnerships, pray and encourage our partners on the field and help continue to promote our strategy in seeing each of these places and the people therein reached with the Gospel.

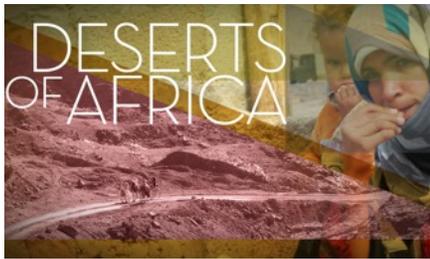
Everyone has a role, as we each play our part in this global task until the Great Commission is fulfilled.

How is God calling you to be on mission in 2015? Find your place in your everyday harvest fields, but also embark on a larger UBC level too. I look forward to joining you in this.

- Ryan

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING –
MARCH 1-8**

SEND: NORTH AMERICA



A Light to the Gentiles

Isaiah proclaims *“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”*

We see this idea of light ultimately fulfilled in Christ, who is the Light of the world, and has come as a light to the Gentiles. This light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. This imagery has never been seen most clearly as in the Deserts of Africa among our B People. As you think about the 2 million B People UBC has adopted as an unreached people group, the darkness can seem daunting. We have, within this last year

of our partnership, seen the light of the knowledge of God, in the face of Christ, be evidenced in six ladies’ lives. We rejoice with all that God has done in the four years that we have been engaged in this part of the world.

We were grateful to welcome our partners, Joshua and Kayla to UBC in December, as part of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. They were able to share with our larger church body, during Mom’s



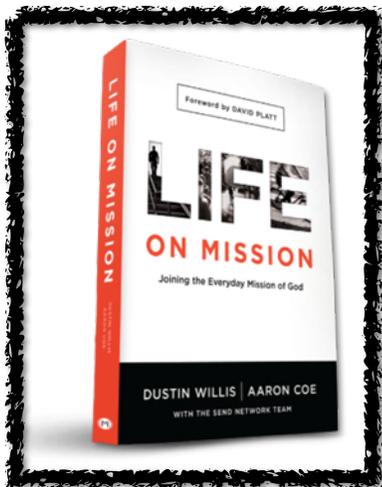
Connection, and among our Mission Team and others who have traveled on short-term missions to the Deserts of Africa. It was such an encouragement to hear Joshua and Kayla share about key highlights from their first-term of service among the B People. Some of these included - unity and discipleship established among their team, creating a working B People dictionary in the local dialect, finding persons of peace

that are asking intriguing questions about Jesus, as they hear stories from



Scripture, continuing to develop out their platform, and see several Creation to Christ story sets that are being used by their team and other Great Commission partners working among the B People. The six ladies in the village pictured above are continuing to read and grow in their knowledge of Scripture. Because we prayed, gave, and came, we were able to bring this light to the Gentiles.

We continue to utilize our B People strategy team comprised of key lay leaders to give shape and strategy to this partnership. During the first part of 2015, we will be mapping out what the remaining handful of years look like among our adoption of the B People, as we want to carry the gospel of Christ into the Deserts, so that they, too, will be brought from darkness and into His marvelous light.



LIFE ON MISSION: JOINING THE EVERYDAY MISSION OF GOD

While on a recent vision trip to E. Asia serving among university students and UPGs, I noticed our partners did a great job of assessing what their target audience was doing, what they could do in their context to reach them, and what they liked to do as a means of engaging them with the Gospel. These partners exuded a love for teaching, coaching and using specific business skills to reach their mission field. It combined a love of passions, permissions and patterns that would contextualize well in their setting. As a follower of Jesus you are called to be on mission where you live, work and play in the everyday. Whether in your neighborhood or in the nations, the principle is still the same – determine what you love to do, how you can reach people best, and then be bold and declare, demonstrate and display the Gospel.

These principles for contextualizing your own context are the premise for the new book *Life on Mission* written by Dustin Willis and Aaron Coe, who work for the North American Mission Board. The authors outline how God is a missionary God, who has sent Jesus, as King into the world, to rescue a people for Himself and into His

Kingdom. As those who are now part of this kingdom, the church is called to realign themselves around the Gospel, in a community of believers, who are seeking to be disciples, who make disciples. This calls the church then to identify, invite, invest and increase the expansion of this Kingdom of God into our lives, that will spill out into others’ lives as well. If you are looking for help in how to find your place in the mission of God in your parenting, job, among neighbors and the place you play, this book is for you. We are planning towards an opportunity this year for a contingency of believers from UBC to band together and be equipped and released for this mission! Email Ryan if you have interest in taking part in this study.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



COLOMBIA

They happened upon this man as the team was walking through the indigenous village to begin

our jungle hike and this man was sitting in the doorway mending a fishing net. Robby made the offhanded comment that it was exactly like the story of Jesus calling John and Peter to leave their nets and follow him that Robby had just told at the orphanage.

Travis said he wanted Robby to tell the story to the man and the man was interested in listening. Robby told the story, Beth translated to Spanish, and the other Colombian woman translated into Vicuna, his native tribal dialect. It was a great moment! It's amazing to see how God prepares the exact word at the exact time to the exact people He wants to hear it.

E. ASIA

Both of the ministry facets explored in E. Asia teaching university students and working with UPGs will provide unique opportunities for our college students to jump quickly onto the field and immerse themselves in walking among their own peers, albeit on another continent and campus, but with hearts ready to receive the Gospel. It will hopefully also give some uniquely gifted

individuals a chance to partner with an incredible business venture that gains access among a people needing to be reached.



I pray, too, that we as a church will expand our scope and vision and be University Baptist Church that reaches university students both near and far and proclaims to unreached peoples a God whose arm is not too short to save.



ETHIOPIA

We have had the opportunity to share the Scriptures with these street kids ministered to through Onesimus. They did an excellent job listening and paying attention. One day we made sheep with brown paper bags and used the crafts to explain how the Lord is the Good Shepherd, which tied into our memory verse Psalm 23:1. We helped the children try to memorize this Scripture in English while our translator helped them in their native language.

These stories point to the fact that we are a part of a grander story of redemption, as God uses us as His vessels to see the power of the Gospel at work both locally and globally.

Read more from these and other stories at the UBC Missions Blog

ubcmissions.wordpress.com

It's been incredible throughout our week to see several kids come to faith in Christ, as they have given up an old way of life to walk in newness of life as a child of God!



WHAT IF YOUR SPRING BREAK LOOKED DIFFERENT THIS YEAR? WHAT IF YOU TOOK YOUR FAMILY TO BOULDER? WHAT IF YOU VENTURED DOWN THE AMAZON REACHING INDIGENOUS TRIBES WHO NEED TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS? WHAT IF YOU ADVANCED THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY SERVING ORPHANS AND THOSE IN THE TENT CITIES OF HAITI WHERE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE FOOD? SPEND SPRING BREAK BEING SENT AND SPENT FOR THE GOSPEL. FOR MORE INFO ON THESE TRIPS & OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, GO TO UBCFAYETTEVILLE.ORG AND EMAIL RYAN TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN GOING.

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