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To our Family, Friends and Churches,

With each day that passes, I come to realize with increasing clarity that you cannot separate generosity from the gospel. Starting with the premise that we are to follow Christ in giving ourselves for the betterment of others, the following three statements have led the way in forming our 2018 strategy for *The Fellowship of Jesus Christ*:

1. If we are willing to go where the greatest needs are, we will discover the highest level of receptivity.
2. We abide by the premise that we are to be “Giving Everything in Our Power.”
3. We do not try and partner with everyone, but we pursue strategic partnerships with those who are of like-passion with us.

These affirmations drew our attention to three distinct categories for providing continued education for international church leadership and relief work in marginalized communities. These three categories are: refugee camps, international prison locations, and ministry to the sick. While in study one day, I was reading Matthew’s Gospel and came across these verses:

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' (Matthew 25:34-36)

From this reading I was able to identify “the stranger” as a qualitative reference to the refugee community. The ministry to the incarcerated is also clearly acknowledged by Matthew. Already active in these two categories, and since we have been working to support the basic human necessities of food, water, and clothing from our inception, the last figure in this portrait needing to be addressed was the sick. This was the last segment needing to be unearthed and developed, and this ministry to the sick is currently in its pilot form in the country of Malawi.

Enjoy reading how we anticipate this beautiful progression to continue to unfold to us. Please reach out to me directly if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

In the Lord,

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Project Master List

January - December 2018

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW:

Adhering closely to our commitment to Matthew 25:34-36 and our roots of continuing education for international church leadership, what is listed below represents how we will persist in Giving Everything in Our Power in the 2018 calendar year:

EDUCATION

1. Launch audio podcast beginning in January 2018. Audio teachings will be broadcasted for those in our community here in the United States and will be sent directly to our local partnerships internationally.
2. Develop a thorough training manual for church planting and leadership development. We will start drafting this material in January 2018. The aim is to have this project completed by December 2018.
3. Conduct two itineraries in 2018 with potential destinations to Kenya/Tanzania and Malawi/Mozambique. The Kenya/Tanzania itinerary could include any of the following: visits to international prison locations, our education hub in Dar es Salaam, and returning to the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.
4. Write weekly articles on various topics to address incidental and current issues.
5. Translate materials in French and Swahili through our teams that were put in place in 2017. These teams will work in a coordinated effort on the translation of the training manual and written articles. We are also aiming to assemble an Arabic translation team in 2018.
6. Teach on the major themes of: “The Generosity Gospel” (a phrase coined internally that needs reiteration and explanation), The First Letter to the Corinthians, The “Minor” Prophets, An Unshakeable Kingdom (observations from the book of Hebrews), and The Role of Christ in Paul’s Writings. Some level of flexibility will be allowed given the nature of ministry and the need to adjust our

focus at times. Other major subjects to be presented are still in consideration and being developed for later this year.

7. Our network in western Kenya and Uganda is rapidly growing through various local conferences and trainings at the pastoral level. Our lead educator in this area is handling these activities and already has a full schedule set for the first half of 2018.
8. We are actively seeking opportunities to teach and/or speak at various locations throughout the United States for the upcoming year.
9. We would like to help with financially supporting our full-time ministers. We have targeted to help 7 of these ministers financially who on average could greatly benefit from an additional US\$500 per month. The ideal scenario would be to initiate this support by July 2018.

REFUGEE RELIEF

10. Our ministry to the “stranger” from Matthew 25:34-36 (represented by ministry to the refugee community) is based out of the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp in Tanzania. We have an office in the camp and a team of staff. I wanted to give you are some facts about life in the camp:
 - i. The residents of Nyarugusu are given two weeks of food in the first week of each month. This amount of food is supposed to last them through an entire month. The food is provided to the 135,000+ residents of this camp by affiliates of the United Nations High Command of Refugees (UNHCR). Needless to say, the physical needs of those in the camp are wanting even though the relief support provided by the UNHCR is a massive undertaking. The residents of the camp, having no national identification, are also not permitted to leave the approximately 3,000 acre property unless they are given special permission.
 - ii. While there are 135,000+ residents within the camp, there are only approximately 100 churches. Each church consists of well under 100 attendees on average. The need for evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development in this unique, marginalized community is extensive.
 - iii. There are children in this refugee camp who are in our care. Many of the children who live in Nyarugusu lack clothing and hygiene products. Soap is one of the most important items that we can help to provide to all the children in Nyarugusu. Children’s clothing of all kinds (including sweaters, rain jackets, and rain boots) are also in need. This part of Tanzania, along the border of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi, is directly

situated on Lake Tanganyika and is known for its cooler temperatures and frequent rain.

11. We will be looking to identify a shipping supplier for children's clothing to be sent directly to our office in the camp. Here in Central Florida we will promote and market our relief work in the camp for donations and collections of used children's clothing as an alternative to being dropped off at Goodwill or other second-hand stores.
12. Our office in the camp is in the process of being painted and other renovations are needed. There is no electrical grid or sewage system in the camp so we are planning to purchase small solar panels, batteries, and other means to operate one of our translations groups located on site.
13. One of our larger projects slated for late 2018 is an education center in Nyarugusu. The building will be used for primary education to teach children during the day. At night and on the weekends the facility will be used for pastoral training. This same project is also going to be replicated in Dar es Salaam, a major city on the opposite side of the country, where we have a major training hub located.
14. We would like to add a project for the purchase of 3-5 bicycles (at minimum) for our leaders to be able to travel efficiently through Nyarugusu.
15. In Malawi, Kenya, and Uganda we are beginning the initial phases of developing the relationships to enter other refugee camps. These camps are: Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi, Kakuma Camp in Kenya, and Mungula Camp in Uganda.

INTERNATIONAL PRISONS

16. While we hold governmental permissions to access all prisons in Kenya and Uganda, we are first and foremost very active in Naivasha maximum security prison, Arthi River prison, Kamiti, Langata women's prison and various juvenile prisons. In Malawi we have gained access and are beginning ministry in the Chichiri prison through newly forged relationships.
17. Each prison has similar educational needs, such as: paper and pens, bibles, chalkboards, and other classroom items. These materials will all be used for the continued educational efforts in the prison and our teaching materials being presented live. This is in addition to the printed material that we bring into these systems during our personal visits.
18. Soap and hygiene items are very important in the international prison system. For each location where we have a personal presence, we keep a running record of those who are involved with our training and courses. From this list we generate the numbers and budgets for how many items are needed at each location.

19. Those incarcerated at these facilities do not have access to medical attention. Some of those in our care have physical needs that require treatment. We do have doctors in our network who are local and are willing to go into the prisons under our ministry. Plans and communications are in place to add this functionality to our prison ministry with a pilot location in late 2018.

HOSPITALS AND THE INFIRM

20. While the ministry to the refugee population and the incarcerated developed quite organically in The Fellowship of Jesus Christ, the ministry to the sick as stated in Matthew 25:34-36 took more effort and ingenuity. One of our leaders who we are endeavoring to put on full-time in Malawi is leading this effort. She is a wonderful woman of God and a great blessing to The Fellowship of Jesus Christ. We are beginning our efforts in hospital ministry in Queen Elizabeth Central, Zomba, and Lilongwe Central hospitals in Malawi as a pilot program.
21. The purpose of the slated itinerary in late 2018 is to visit the Chichiri prison, the above mentioned hospitals, and present a live conference for the 500+ pastors associated with The Fellowship of Jesus Christ in Malawi.
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OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW:

For each of these strategies listed above, we currently have comprehensive budgets already in place or are developing new budgets (as in the case of Malawi). The working relationship we enjoy with our local leadership is strong. Recently, we cut the size of our work from dealing with and supporting a great number of leaders that we never really nurtured directly, to a small number of top-quality leaders who can shoulder the work and train others skillfully.

As some of you know, this year Brent Joseph will be working to fulfill responsibilities in The Fellowship of Jesus Christ on a full-time basis, working out of Central Florida. For all we are pushing to accomplish this year, here is a brief operational overview of initiatives underway to accomplish our goals globally:

MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING GOALS

22. We are currently developing two media presentations that explain the extent of our presence at this time. An introduction and a comprehensive, fully-animated presentation are under development to be used in promotions, marketing, and fundraising.

23. The Fellowship of Jesus Christ is currently running our accounting on Quickbooks and an accounting professional is being sought for outsourcing our financial reporting in 2018.
24. While The Fellowship of Jesus Christ recently updated our website, we are shopping to find a new, affordable, and efficient design. This new website will also include search engine optimized content for keywords such as: international prisons, refugee camps, education in Africa, etc.
25. Recently, we integrated a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform to keep track of our communications with donors, churches, and various partners. In addition to this CRM, we are seeking more efficient methods for communicating the release of new materials.
26. Each week, efforts are scheduled for reaching out to churches and individuals to learn more about The Fellowship of Jesus Christ and how they can become involved in our community of generosity.
27. Write weekly, informative blog posts about the various hospitals, camps, prisons, and the basic human needs in marginalized communities where we are present.

A NOTE FROM BRENT:

Thank you for taking the time to read our Strategy and Operations Overview for 2018 (SOO2018). While there is so much that we need to accomplish, we look back at 2017 as a year that helped us define who we are and where we are going. We are grateful for your interest in what we are doing, for your support, and your involvement.

Please reach out to us if you want to get more involved, and we encourage you to share what we are doing for His glory with others.

In the beginning of the heavens and earth, when God reviewed some of His distinguished work (on the sixth day in particular), He said that it was “very good.” In all of His work that He allows us to put our fingerprints on, our hope is that God would view our efforts as exceptional, as a blessing, and by His grace, that the words of our Lord Jesus Christ would ring true to all that we are pressing into this calendar year:

John 15:16a: You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...

May God bless you, your homes, and your ministries through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.