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Reasons for Hope in 2014



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*Seven Reasons
for Hope in 2014*



The days in which we live are the best of times and worst of times. In 2013 while ministering in five continents, I noticed economic problems, corruption and a lack of the fear for the Lord. But everywhere I went, I also witnessed fresh signs of the kingdom of God expanding in the nations.

According to 2 Timothy 3:1-2 (NLT), “In the last days...people will love only themselves and their money...be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.” Doesn’t that describe today’s world? Fortunately, the bad news is countered by the good news in Isaiah 59:19, “When the

enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.”

I am convinced a praying church will usher in the standard that will halt the enemy. Just last week a pastor’s wife told me how Brazil was changed through prayer. She recalls as a child that on two occasions the Brazilian currency became worthless and her family threw it into the trash because it had no value. She also remembers the Brazilian government emptying her father’s savings accounts. God’s people prayed. Today Brazil has been revolutionized and has one of the best economies in the world. Best of all—Brazil has become a revival nation.

I am excited about the upcoming year. Here are seven reasons why I have great hope for 2014.

- 1. The revelation of the Kingdom of God worldwide is growing** as we embrace living the kingdom in every area of society. The clergy-laity divide is decreasing with the realization that we are all called to be ministers.
- 2. Regardless of what happens in our governments,** God's global kingdom will stand strong. The Kingdom of our God is an unshakeable kingdom (Hebrews 12:28).
- 3. Houses of prayer are being established around the world.** As we continue to pray, we will see God do amazing things. God is always faithful, even when we at times feel faithless (2 Timothy 2:13).
- 4. Internet and social media make it easier than ever before to spread the Gospel** to the world. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

- 5. A growing group of young leaders** throughout the nations are sold out to the purposes of God for their generation. It is time for a fresh revival that will be led by a young generation.
- 6. God is turning the hearts of fathers and mothers toward their natural and spiritual children** and vice versa. This hunger for inter-generational connection fulfills the prophecy of Malachi 4:5-6.
- 7. In each generation, whenever evil increases, God sends grace** that will increase even more. 2014 is the year to experience the grace of God in your life like never before.

Let's place our hope in God in 2014—live the Kingdom and transform our world.

— **Larry Kreider**, *International Director of DOVE International*.
Read Larry's blog at www.dcfi.org or connect on Facebook at Larry and LaVerne Kreider.



The DOVE International Apostolic Council (IAC) welcomes these younger members as the DOVE family continues to expand in the nations.

Hesbone Odindo, who with his wife Violet, lead the Restoration Community Church in Kadawa Village in Kisumu, Kenya. Hesbone also leads the DOVE Kenya Apostolic Council and serves on the DOVE Africa Apostolic Council.



Chad Miller, who with his wife Chris, pioneered Comunidade Crista DOVE Forteleza in Brazil, planted and lead a new church, The Gathering, in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Chad also serves on the DOVE Central and South America Apostolic team and as DOVE USA youth director.



Review the exciting things that God has done throughout DOVE's family of churches in the following regions. These praise reports set the stage to spread the Gospel into more nations during 2014.

AFRICA

UGANDA Church planting thrust continues with strength and progress. Uganda has more than seventy congregations spread across four regions.

RWANDA Evangelism and discipleship diligently pursued at every level, especially among students in schools sponsored by DOVE churches.

SOUTH SUDAN DOVE is welcomed with open arms to establish an agricultural project, paving the way for church planting.

A team of three visited the area to prepare the way for future long-term missionaries, train local farmers on sustainable agriculture methods, assess needs and develop strategy.



KENYA Ziwani Farm shows financial sustainability and proves that farming in the desert is possible. Amos and Grace Mulwa, who oversee the Garisa outreach, view the farm as a unique way to share God's love, enhance food security and serve this marginalized community.

Ziwani Academy, Seed Academy, Joy-spring, Desert Streams and other schools have grown substantially in numbers and academic standing and are reaching students for Christ.

SOUTH AFRICA REACH School of Supernatural Ministry was held in Cape Town and was DOVE's first school of supernatural ministry. The one-month training school was packed with biblical teaching and explored the supernatural works of God. Outreaches enabled the students to experience the signs and wonders for themselves.



ASIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

INDIA International movement of church growth is happening with more than fifteen nations represented at DOVE's Destiny Center in Mysore.

PHILIPPINES Two DOVE Leadership and Ministry Schools established to serve as catalyst for church plants. Twenty-seven students participated in four mission trips and have vision to plant churches all over the Philippines after being schooled in the Word of God.

Team sent to devastated area to rebuild and give aid to victims of ravaging typhoon.



Two International Apostolic Council members commissioned

Hesbone Odindo and Chad Miller are slated to serve on the DOVE International Apostolic Council after they are commissioned at the DOVE International Leadership Conference at Sandy Cove, Maryland, in March 2014.

These two younger leaders are a fulfillment of a commitment made by the DOVE Apostolic Council to release and commission younger leaders at every level of the DOVE family. Recently, many DOVE churches have added younger leaders to their teams and some churches have been turned over to younger leaders.

CANADA

ONTARIO YouthQuest ministries from Woodstock became a part of DOVE Canada. YouthQuest provides a drop-in center for at-risk youth to attend weekly and build relationships with staff. Plans are to start a youth church for the teens that become Christians and need to be discipled.

CARIBBEAN

HAITI Despite steep challenges, growth is happening in Haiti with eight partner churches and twenty-one engaged churches.



Biblical Foundation books in French, Haiti's official language, were distributed to fifty-five Haitian pastors.

A motorcycle gift has enabled Fedelus Gesner, senior elder of Pistos-Disciples of Christ Church, Montrouis, to reach remote villages to train leaders, plant churches, and launch schools.

BARBADOS The Living Room hosted a weekly camp attended by both Christian and non-Christian kids. Counselors from Ohio and Pennsylvania assisted in the outreach.



SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA

BRAZIL Light is bursting through in the darkness where Victor and Vânia Gomes serve as pastors of Comunidade Crista DOVE. New Bible study groups and salvations are happening among women and men formerly involved in the occult.

GUATEMALA Growth continues with more than seven hundred students enrolled in Getsemini School overseen by Julio and Jodi Rodriguez and more than eight hundred members in the six churches planted by the Rodriguezes. During children's outreaches, using the curriculum developed by Jodi, phenomenal numbers respond to invitations to follow Christ.

COLOMBIA New cell groups planted in Medellin with a vision for a future church plant in that city.

PERU A micro-church network has grown to include nine micro-churches in Lima.

EUROPE

BULGARIA DOVE Christian Fellowship Bulgaria celebrated its twentieth anniversary. This church, led by Tihomir and Dimka Tenevi and their son Danail and his wife Nora, was founded after the fall of Communism. People were hungry for God, but had no place to go to learn more. The church was founded to meet the spiritual needs of the people and continues to minister in Sliven, Bulgaria.

USA

The New Initiative, a micro-church network, has planted three micro-churches and a Sacred Marriage group to strengthen marriages.

Bahney House Hotel, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, opened after three years of renovations by The Fireplace, a DOVE church. Providing housing and laundromat services and a soon-to-be-opened café enable the church to introduce Jesus to clients and see lives transformed.

Five remote campuses participate via webcast with the DOVE Leadership and Ministry School. Remote campus sites include Tree of Life Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Overflow Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Harvest Church in Keswick, Ontario, YouthQuest Ministries in Woodstock, Ontario, and Ebenezer Church in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Three new engaged churches.

The Hive planted its third house church in Corvallis, Oregon.

MISSIONS

DOVE MISSIONS AFRICA First Missions Conference attended by thirteen DMA missionaries gathered with DOVE members from across Kenya to hear reports and receive the mission's challenge.

Missionary appointed to local government on island of 10,000 of mostly Islamic population. The missionary is one of many spreading the Gospel in a potentially dangerous area of the world.

DOVE MISSION INTERNATIONAL Youth Outreaches More than a hundred youth received training for evangelistic and cross-cultural mission resulting in sixty-two youth going to five nations. Because of these youth teams, people accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, while others saw dramatic answers to prayer and sensed God's love.



Medical Mission Teams sent to Haiti, Peru, Middle East and Kenya. In addition to thousands receiving medical treatment from USA volunteer doctors, the team had an unexpected meeting with a Senator who represents one of the Amazon regions of northeastern Peru. He presented an invitation requesting DOVE Medical Missions serve the indigenous peoples of that region. Rejoice that God is opening doors for mission outreaches.



Dan and Sarah Albitz family moved to Kenya to serve as long-term DOVE missionaries.



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