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*They will proclaim my glory among the nations.*  
 Isaiah 66:19



**Drugs, drinking, women and a broken heart.**

That was my status after running from God for eight years. I had known the Word of God as a child, but as a teenager, I turned away. Life became meaningless. I lost direction. and the desire to live. Family? I didn't even know what it meant. The question "What can I do with my life?" haunted me.

I knew there was something better. I live near the DOVE church and I watched services from the window of my house. One day after I was in such a serious conflict that I broke my arm in the struggle, I decided to visit the church. As soon as I walked in the doors, the Holy Spirit touched me and I burst into tears. I reconciled with Jesus and I began to attend services there.

My dream was to see my family living for Jesus. My wife was badly hurt by everything I had done and did not want to go to church with me. Forgiveness was not easy for her. I asked pastors Victor

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and Vânia Gomes for help. They encouraged me to pray for her and trust God was working. After two months, Jesus drew her to Himself. I can now declare: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

— **Rodrigo Rodrigues** DOVE Brazil

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**USA Husband and wife both healed!**

**N**em, a member of DOVE Lebanon, had not been in church for several weeks because of extreme back pain. I felt led by the Lord to go to her house to anoint her with oil. My wife, Jen, and Nem's two daughters, all sensed the same thing. Together with her husband and two great grandchildren, we laid hands on her and anointed her with kitchen oil. After praying, I asked her how she was feeling, but there was not much difference. As we continued to pray, God totally healed her. Praise God!

Nem is an incredible woman of God with such simple faith. Previously we had prayed for her husband, who had never been to church. He was healed and started coming to church after seeing God's power. We praise God for moving in the life of this family and continue to believe that God will speak to many in the Cambodian community in our area and draw them into His Kingdom.

— **Daniel Vogel** Senior Elder of DOVE Lebanon, Pennsylvania, USA

# HE SAYS SHE SAYS

BY DANAIL TANEV



A recent article in *Insider* lists numerous studies on how good relationships make us physically and psychologically healthier, lower depression levels, and make us more successful in life. Relationships are the main way God has provided for us to supply one of our biggest needs: to love and be loved.<sup>1</sup>

As Christians we know that God Himself exists in the relationship of the Trinity. He has made us in His own



image: created to live in relationship. As believers we often experience major breakthroughs and open doors through the power of divine relationships.

On the other hand, bad relationships can ruin lives. It is vital to know how to build healthy relationships: in marriage, at work, and with others around us.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 gives us profound tools and principles on how to build healthy relationships. I want to mention one of them. I have called it “Mind Games.”

“Love... believes all things [looking for the best in each one]” (1 Corinthians 13:7, The Amplified Bible).

How impractical is that! Love believes all things? Wouldn't that make me naïve—more of a pushover?

Let me explain. Every day we play mind games without realizing it. We communicate through words. The one that receives the words has to “interpret” the message behind the words, considering things like context, motives, or hidden agendas. In case we don't have the full information, our minds take the words, filter them through our personality and experiences, and create context in order to fill in the missing data.

We play this game a lot when we text each other. Here is an example:

**Wife:** Honey I invited mom for dinner. Hope that's okay with you.

**Husband:** Okay.

What does okay really mean here?

- Okay, I don't care!
- I would love to have dinner with your mom!
- Okay, I'm busy. Leave me alone!

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- This will be a frustrating dinner but I will try to behave.

Let's take another example:

**Husband:** Honey I plan to go out with guy friends tonight. Do you mind?

**Wife:** It's your call.

Men know this can be a dangerous answer because most of the time it means:

“You will pay for it later!”

What about if you say “hello” to your colleague and she doesn't respond?

In scenarios such as these our minds make a conclusion about the context and the meaning of the message. The conclusion we choose to make will determine the distance between us and the persons we are in communication with.

According to 1 Corinthians 13:7, love always chooses to believe the best version! What version do you believe when your husband is late from work, or your friend doesn't call or your parents don't respond the way you expected?

One evening after church my wife wanted to buy bread. She said it would just take five minutes. I asked her several times not to distract herself with anything else because the kids were really fussy. She went into the store and I waited and waited... for twenty minutes. I didn't know what was happening and sadly, I decided to believe that she started checking other goods. I was extremely frustrated.

As she returned I barely controlled my frustration. “How on earth does buying bread take twenty minutes?” I asked.

She politely explained how workers in the store and a big line at the checkout caused the delay. In my mind, I knew I

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was wrong to feel angry. But because I had already rehearsed the bad version of the situation, my emotions were saying: *I know what I heard but she has to be guilty. She can't just get away so easy!* I can guarantee it was not a positive experience for our relationship!

Every time we choose the negative version we harm our relationships, create distance between us and become incapable of building positive relationships.

What if we choose to believe the good version and it turns out the bad one was true? What if my wife had really wasted time in the store? Then we would have talked about the problem in a healthy way. I wouldn't have been emotionally messed up because of rehearsing the worst-case scenario in my mind. Love always chooses to believe the good version!

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.thisisinsider.com/health-benefits-of-being-in-a-relationship-dating-someone-2017-10>

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# Encountering the Supernatural

## Reality of the Supernatural Larry Kreider

The supernatural world around us is as real as the chair in which you sit, the car that you drive, and the food you eat. God desires to open our eyes so we can perceive the unseen realm and discover the spiritual reasons for things that happen in our natural world.

The forces within the supernatural include God, angels, Satan and demons. The supernatural powers of God and Satan are certainly not equal in power but they are both in competition for the destiny of our lives. We can tap into either source—and experience either havoc or abundant life (John 10:10).

I remember watching a puppet show when I was a child. At first, I thought the puppets were talking and moving on their own. Eventually I realized that something was happening behind the

scenes that I could not see. Someone was making the puppets move.

As humans, we are not mindless puppets with someone pulling our strings forcing us to act according to their whims, but we often are manipulated by the supernatural world. We tend to focus on what we can see with our natural eyes rather than seeking spiritual insight. This was the case when Elisha's servant was terrified because an enemy king had surrounded the city with his army (2 Kings 6). God opened his eyes to the supernatural spirit world and suddenly the servant saw the reality of what was happening in the spirit realm around him: the hills were actually filled with angels who vastly outnumbered the army of the enemy king. This spiritual insight changed his perspective on everything.

Experiences like these are not relegated to the times when the Bible

was written. God is still revealing the supernatural to us in our generation.

## Reveal Yourself to Me Kevin Kazemi

Jesus desires to become real to you so that you can know Him intimately. Your relationship with the resurrected Jesus will make you a witness for Him to a lost and dying world.

On one occasion, I had received very devastating news from a friend. I felt hopeless as I was going to bed that night. In the middle of the night, I awoke feeling an unusual sense of the manifest presence of the Lord Jesus. On the left side of my bed, I saw a person standing in the form of a man. I was shocked and astonished because I knew I had locked the door. Sensing the holy presence of God, I realized this was not a vision nor a mental picture—this was an appearing, just like what Jacob experienced when he wrestled with the angel of the Lord. Suddenly the figure walked to the edge of my bed and placed two fingers on my forehead. As His fingers touched my forehead, I felt the peace of God that surpasses all understanding fill my whole body. All of the worry, anger and anxiety that I felt before totally vanished in His presence.

Have you ever wondered how real heaven can become to you? Do you have a desire for heaven to come down on the earth? If you truly gain sight of Jesus, you will lose sight of yourself.

## Learning to Listen Merle Shenk

While speaking at a conference for DOVE churches in Toronto, Canada, I felt as if God showed me the name Ken and the word

orphans during the worship time. Then I saw a drop-down menu of names. The middle name, Jaclyn, stood out to me. As my speaking time was coming to an end I asked if there was a Ken or a Jaclyn present, and whether they had anything to do with orphans. No one responded. So I chalked it up as a learning experience.

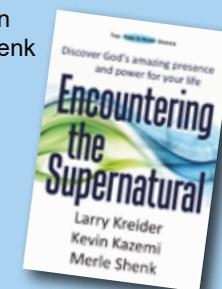
The next morning, a Sunday, I was speaking at Harvest Church. After the service, the pastor was meeting with a first-time visitor, a lady. She introduced herself as Jackie. I asked if her birth name was Jaclyn and she said that it was. I asked her if she knew someone named Ken. She explained, “Ken is my father, but he recently passed away so I am just moving back to Toronto this weekend to be close to my other siblings because we are all feeling like orphans.” I was so humbled as I explained to her that I had received part of these details the day before. I prayed for her concerning the loss that she was feeling, and I believe those prayers were effective.

God loved Jaclyn so much that He gave me her name, her father's name and the word ‘orphan’ the day before—in a totally different meeting! If God cares that much for Jaclyn, then He also cares for each of us the same way. He cares about and is involved in the emotional details of our lives, especially when we experience loss or pain.

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# Passionate for Jesus, Transforming the world

## Craig and Tracie Nanna

new members of the DOVE International Apostolic Council team

**“You are going to heal people in a different way.”** When Craig was 18 years old, God spoke these words to him. Craig was at Oral Roberts University (ORU) in Tulsa, Oklahoma with the intention of studying pre-med. Soon after God spoke to him, in obedience, Craig changed his major from medicine

Read Craig’s English and Spanish blog [craignanna.wordpress.com](http://craignanna.wordpress.com)

to theology and pastoral ministry. Tracie was also a student at ORU, and they realized that God was calling them together in marriage—as well as ministry.

After college, Craig accepted an associate pastor position in his hometown in western Pennsylvania. Tracie joined Craig a year later and they began their journey together as a married couple. After four years of pastoring, they were sent out by their church as missionaries to Peru. As they were preparing to go, Craig had a vision of a church plant in an ethnically diverse city in northeast U.S. He saw a church with members from many nations that would go to the nations. Because they were on their way to Peru, they put this vision on the prayer shelf. Little did they know that they would stay in Peru only six months.

Craig and Tracie did not quite understand the abrupt end to their time in Peru, but nonetheless returned to the

States with two toddlers and a baby on the way. In desperation, Craig took a few days of prayer and fasting in a tent on his grandparent’s farm. There, it became clear that the vision Craig had previously was for Reading, PA and that its time had come. Reading is an ethnically diverse city where they were called to plant. After a few prayer journey visits and confirmations (like the supernatural provision of a home), Craig and Tracie took the leap of faith and moved to Reading.

During the first year they gathered people in a small group and saw the power of God change many lives. The group grew and became a church in 1997. At this time the Nannas also had a wild, divine connection with DOVE International, and were soon adopted into this spiritual family with the same heart and the same vision for advancing the Kingdom of God through church planting.

In 2015, during a ministry sabbatical in Peru, the Holy Spirit baptized Craig and Tracie with a fresh call to reach those who are far from God. They realized that many people have heard about religion, have some understanding of faith and might even go to church, but they do not actually know Jesus. With fresh passion, they relaunched their church in 2017 and moved into the city’s IMAX theater with a new name “TransformChurch.” After taking that step of faith, they have seen more people come to Christ in the past year than all previous years of their ministry.

TransformChurch is now a multi-site church in the city for the city. During the week, their previous site serves as a community center where they have

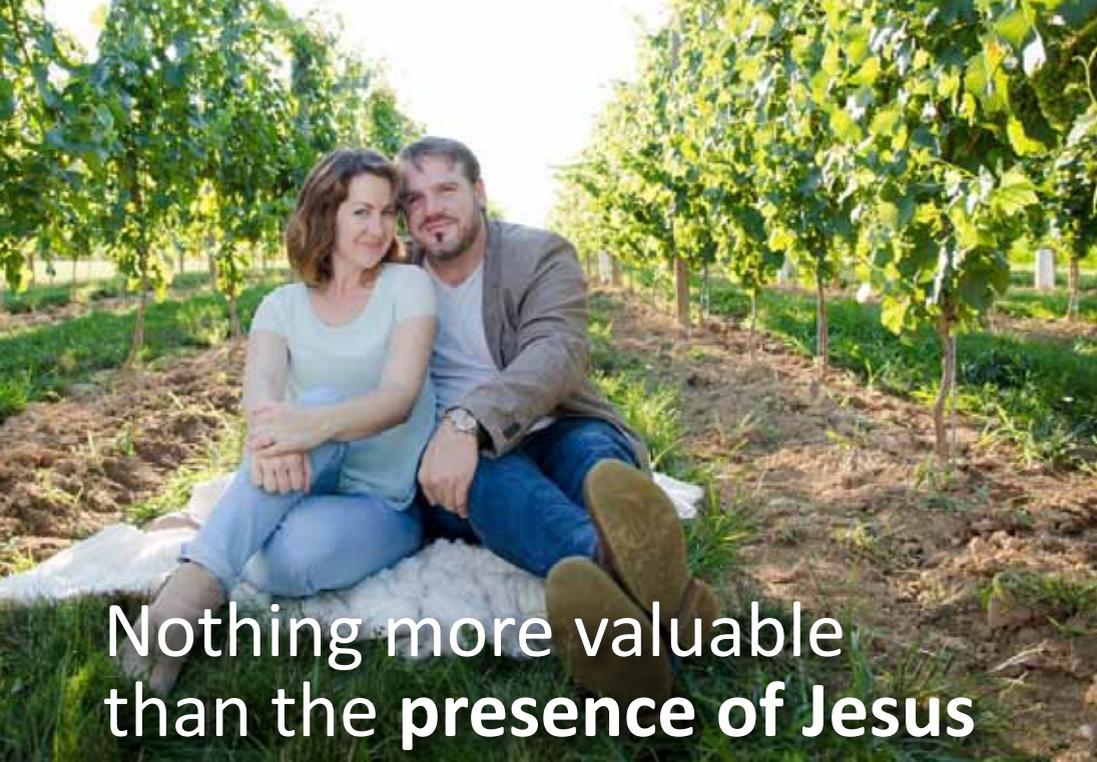
a food pantry, free health clinic and GED classes. On Sunday mornings, TransformChurch gathers at the Reading IMAX with people from every social class and more than twelve nations. Not only are they a church of nations, they are a church going to the nations as they send out missionaries and teams around the globe.



God is calling us to not just pray for a move of God, but to *be* a move of God in our communities!

Craig and Tracie have the vision for TransformChurch to truly become a move of God. Last year, this move of God took them to Philadelphia, where they are partnering with an existing church as well as planting a TransformChurch in the inner city.

The Gospel of Christ still is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16) If you could sum up what Craig and Tracie are about, it’s just that: a passion for Jesus and an excitement to share His good news at every opportunity.



## Nothing more valuable than the presence of Jesus

**Merle and Cheree Shenk**, new members of the DOVE International Apostolic Council team

**“I am sending you to the USA,”** came the message. This word from the Lord was full of meaning.

Merle and Cheree Shenk grew up in the Lancaster, PA area and would often take missions trips during their teenage years. As high school sweethearts, they married young and followed the ministry call of God through Bible School and into the mission field. Being involved in pioneering environments shaped much of their ministry experience.

In 2004, Merle and Cheree moved with their 9-month old daughter to South Africa to be a part of a church planting team and Bible School. Shortly after

arriving, God opened a door for them to lead a small group in the inner city suburb of Cape Town called Woodstock. It was known as one of the most dangerous regions in the province due to gangs and drugs. “We saw the hand of God as we did street evangelism and one-on-one discipleship,” Shenks explain. As the group grew, they transitioned to Sunday church services, with most members being refugees from other African nations. Many came from very challenging situations. However, often after receiving Jesus and being set free, they would move to other regions.

Merle and Cheree were honored to work among this culturally diverse church family in a nation that was historically known for racial division. Working with this level of diversity also influenced their perspective on leadership and cross-cultural ministry.

“We learned to pray, celebrate victories, experience community, and so much more in the melting pot of Cape Town,” Merle and Cheree say. “Many of those lessons came the hard way. We learned that we could do more in a well-functioning team than by ourselves. We learned to not fear confrontation; we learned to push through strongholds in prayer together. Most of all we learned that God is faithful, His Word is true regardless of circumstances and His Kingdom is relevant to every culture. We learned that there is nothing more valuable than His presence.”

Merle and Cheree speak of going through seasons of extreme disappointment, working with extreme poverty, being poor themselves, fighting burnout, depression and exhaustion. “Before joining the DOVE International family in 2009, we experienced the failure of integrity in ministry leaders who were close to us. Yet through all of the challenges, we learned to never stop sowing in the hard seasons because God will always find a way to bring your promised harvest even when it looks impossible.”

Along with church planting, the Shenk’s were always doing some type of training initiative. They started a weekly Bible School to train leaders that evolved into a correspondence Bible College accredited by American Mission Teams. They also started short-term schools of supernatural ministry.

“We have always desired for God to do miracles in and around our ministry. In fact, we grow nervous when we do not see the thumbprint of His miraculous orchestration of events. We do not want to try to function where we do not see Him at work.”

Supernatural manifestation on the streets was really just an overflow of what the Lord was regularly doing in church services. In later years of ministry in Cape Town, they experienced an incredible environment where God was healing, people were ministering prophetically to each other, and services were ending with people giving their lives to Jesus. Bodies were brought to wholeness from cancer, HIV, sepsis, and other various infections and ailments. Financial miracles were taking place, which led to many people buying properties that they never thought possible.

Passionate about people encountering the life and power of Jesus

It was in this context that Merle heard the Lord say, “I am sending you to the USA.” In obedience, they moved back to the States in 2016. This “returning home” from the mission field involved the same dynamics that took them into a foreign land: looking for doors that God had prepared, desperately relying on His leading and direction.

Now living in PA with their five children, Merle and Cheree continue to lead the DOVE South Africa and DOVE Zambia apostolic teams. They are on staff at Newport Church and work with DOVE USA to promote church planting in the United States. They are newly serving on the DOVE International Apostolic Council Team. Above all, Merle and Cheree desire to continually encounter the presence of Jesus and lead as many people as possible to Him.

BULGARIA

# SMALL GROUPS MEET BIG NEEDS

**10** new small groups were kick-started when Danail and Nora Tanev opened the opportunity for every member of the DOVE church in Sliven, Bulgaria to start their own small group. Each proposed leader had to come up with an eight-week plan. The church leaders approved ten of these plans and diverse groups that focused on sports, cookery, reaching the poor, prayer training and even counseling began.

Thirty people signed up for the prayer training, so one group became two in the very first week of meeting. Members testify: “It took me to a different level of my relationship with God,” and “During prayer, a new level of freedom came into my life.” Another said, “I started praying and caring for people at work that I didn’t even ‘like’ before the prayer training!”

“One day I had a strong feeling to pray for my dad,” explained one member. “He is a driver. Three days later, he

called and said that when he was driving, the truck caught fire with flammable materials inside. He was able to somehow put out the fire and escape unhurt. I believe it was due to prayer.”

Tihomir and Dimka led a group for counseling. One husband who took part explained that not only was his mother very dominant, but because of working in the military, he was used to always being told what to do. “Tihomir and Dimka helped me discover the leadership gift inside of me. They encouraged me to develop and exercise this gift because my family and God’s people need leaders. We have been able to overcome communication challenges and improve our marriage.”

Another small group, focused on helping the needy, visited orphanages and a home for youth with disabilities.

Many leaders for these focus groups had not previously led a small group. Now there are new leaders, new groups, and fresh enthusiasm. We thank God.



# HAITI Impact of ONE

“True religion is this: caring for orphans and widows who need help.”  
James 1:27

**ONE** fateful day in January of 2010 an earthquake devastated downtown Port au Prince. Dada, a nursing student, providentially missed school that day. The school was destroyed and her classmates perished, but Dada’s life was spared.

When Dada later came to Mountrouis to work in a clinic, she met Mary Ann who had traveled to Haiti with a desire to bless women. Mary Ann, from Massachusetts, USA, gifted Dada with funds to complete her nursing education. People began to bring sick children to Dada for care. This led to the establishing of an orphanage. Dada is now a member of Pistos, a DOVE Partner Church in Haiti.

During a visit to Haiti in January, I was privileged to see several sick children being nurtured back to health. While there, a 2-year-old girl in dire need of nutrition was brought to the gate. Although the house planned to ac-

commodate 15 children, this child was number 20 and was accepted with open arms. As I held her, she cried softly, but was comforted with the words that from now on her life would be better.

As darkness nestled over Mountrouis the orphanage staff depended on flashlights and lanterns to get the children ready for the night. One couple was led to buy a solar panel which will supply electricity to this home.

When we obey, God will show us how He wants us to impact our world. Through one lady willing to care for orphans; another lady willing to support an orphanage and yet another couple’s willingness to give, light could come. This is true religion.

— **Sue Martin** and her husband Nelson, serve as elders at Elanco DOVE and minister in Haiti regularly.

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## DOVE Africa steps ahead

**D**OVE church planting in East Africa started in 1988 with one cell group in Nairobi, Kenya. Ibrahim and Diane Omondi could never have imagined that 30 years later, they would be leading a movement of over 200 churches reaching five different nations. “It has been

totally God’s doing,” Ibrahim declares. “We were just focusing on reaching our neighbors and friends. When one lady gave her life to Christ over a cup of tea in our home, the momentum—that became a movement—started.”

Along with the church planting, DOVE Africa strives to be relevant to the needs of rural communities where they minister. Many churches have spearheaded schools for local children, agricultural projects for subsistence farmers and initiatives to assist both orphans and widows. DOVE Africa’s microfinance program is successful and growing, with over 500 members and nearly \$120,000 being circulated in small loans among the members that are paid back with low interest and then given to other eligible members.

Also part of the ministry mix is ongoing leadership training and distribu-

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tion of relief when emergencies caused by drought or political tension threaten safety or food security.

DOVE Missions Africa (DMA) has placed missionaries among numerous unreached people groups in Kenya and Uganda and supports clinics, schools, farms and sports outreach, all of which communicate Christ’s love to primarily Islamic populations.

It sounds like a handful; a God-sized task, for sure. Ibrahim and Diane, DOVE Africa Apostolic leaders, desire to do even more to ignite change that will bring lasting transformation in Africa. They have a strong vision that has been burning in their hearts for over ten years to establish a prayer and training center on land that DOVE owns in Nairobi, Kenya’s capital city. This is a vision whose time has come due, as DOVE Africa is now moving forward to build an 8-story facility called The DOVE Centre.

“We envision a three-part strategy of prayer, training and income generation to bring about the paradigm shift from helplessness to empowerment,” Omondi’s explain.

Due to generous donations, the property has already been purchased, power and water access acquired and the architectural drawings are almost ready. Leaders at the 2017 DOVE Africa convention gave and pledged over \$10,000 for the project, giving even more momentum toward the vision’s realization.

Thank you for standing in faith with DOVE Africa and The DOVE Centre!

For more on this project visit [doveafricacentre.org](http://doveafricacentre.org)

## DOVE Africa Centre Prayer Centre

Agreeing with the Lord in prayer must come first. This 24/7-prayer center is the high point of the vision, both spiritually and structurally, located on the top floor with windows facing towards every tribe and nation. Intercessors from across the body of Christ will be welcomed to intercede for the nations of the world and lift praises to the Most High.

## Training Centre

In addition to a variety of training programs, the center will host DOVE Nairobi celebration as well as offices for DOVE Africa, Springs of Africa, micro-finance, and logistical support for other transformation initiatives.

## Conference Centre

A true mark of success will be eliminating Africa’s dependence on the West for resources. A major part of the building will be a conference center serving as the project’s self-sustaining financial engine through rental of conference and seminar facilities, office space and hotel rooms.



**Lifted out of poverty!**  
DOVE Pastor Wilson Alemba has a flourishing business thanks to DOVE’s micro-loan program.



# The story behind our 2020 Challenge

## 1980

The first DOVE church was planted in Lancaster County, PA USA with 25 people and three small groups.

## 1996

The DOVE global family grew to 11 churches in four nations.

## 2012

The DOVE family grew to 200 churches globally, but there was a plateau in growth.

God gave us a renewed vision from Psalm 2:8, *Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.*

This inspired our 2020 challenge: 1,000 churches by 2020.

## 2018

The DOVE global family has now grown to nearly 600 churches with thousands of small groups in 22 nations.

## 2020

If every DOVE church partners with a church planter to start one new church in the next two years, the DOVE family will grow to more than 1,000 churches with believers in thousands of small groups proclaiming His Glory in the nations!



## Is the Lord calling you to take a new step of faith?

It has been prophesied again and again over the DOVE global family, “You shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit nations (Isaiah 54:3).”

Our exciting journey continues. The following pages share stories of people coming to Christ and new small groups and churches being planted globally as we partner together to fulfill the Great Commission. Is the Lord calling you to take a new step of faith? God is giving each of us an invitation and opportunity to co-labor with Him.



## PERU Micro-churches meet in homes and on campus

Justo and Loren Lleclish in Lima, Peru faced a challenge bringing together members of their DOVE Partner churches from around the city in one celebration meeting. Lima is densely populated and transportation can be difficult taking three hours to get across the city! Justo and Loren decided to establish small micro-churches in the various districts of Lima. Five micro-churches meet in homes and on a university campus, with more micro-church plants expected. When they do occasionally meet together, members are excited to share how lives are being impacted through Jesus.

## MYANMAR Strategy to plant 30 new churches

DOVE Myanmar has the vision to plant 30 new churches by 2020. Along with that, training leaders will be a priority. The strategy is to send and support 30 leaders who will start churches in their homes and then multiply those churches. Song books are very important for worship in Myanmar, and they intend to print 1,000 song books in the local language for the upcoming churches.

Last year a DOVE International 2020 Challenge Prayer Team joined the believers there to pray over areas that are targeted for planting new churches.





## PHILIPPINES alive and well

**D**OVE Philippines is alive and well. We started 2017 with the goal of becoming healthy, which is happening. Churches that plateaued are now growing spiritually and numerically. Other churches have started multiplying: first within the Bible study groups

with the hopes that some of those small groups will become house churches.

Pastors are now in the last module of the DOVE Training School and are taking the lessons and core values of DOVE back to their churches.



## UGANDA Embracing the 2020 Challenge

Presently there are more than 100 DOVE churches scattered all over Uganda. In fact, one of every six DOVE churches in the world is in Uganda! This all started from one small house fellowship at Ephraim and Jova Tumusiime's home in Kampala over 20 years ago. During the past few years they have taken seriously the DOVE 2020 Challenge to start new churches. They are trusting God for 250 churches in their nation by the end of 2020.

## IRELAND Longing for intimacy with Jesus

We are finding a greater longing in Ireland for intimacy with Jesus and prayer among Christians to see a move of God. In general, people seem more open to conversations about Jesus and willing to have Christians pray with them. We continue to work with a house church in Carlow and are in the early stages of planting a second house church. We have also conducted a few seminars on discipleship towards the end of 2017, and there may be more opportunities for that kind of ministry in the future.

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## ZAMBIA A strategy to change a nation

**J**osephat and Leah Mwale and the Christ Ambassadors Mission (CAM) network he leads in Zambia have been on a dynamic journey with the Lord. A series of three dreams inspired Josephat to pursue the call of God on his life. He explains that in Zambia, many people consider themselves Christians yet do not follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. CAM developed a strategic plan for saturating each district or town with house churches.

Implementation of the plan began in 2016. In every town, they identify one pastor willing to participate in theological education for free. This opportunity for education serves as an incentive, and this student pastor becomes the leader in that town for planting house churches. They have already grown to 10 community churches and a growing number of house churches spread around Zambia.



Josephat desired to partner with other global ministries that focus on small groups. They learned about DOVE through Merle Shenk, who was then pastoring in South Africa. Josephat also met with DOVE missionary Dan Bumstead and later with Ibrahim Omondi and Larry Kreider. He responded, "We were at peace. We know that God is the one who makes divine connections like this one." Josephat and CAM look forward to partnering together with seasoned DOVE family leaders and are excited to see what God has in store.

## Join the the DOVE family 24/7 Prayer Watch

The DOVE Prayer Watch is our strategy to pray for the DOVE family worldwide seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. You can join hundreds of prayer warriors around the globe and participate weekly. Each partner church is encouraged to participate by designating a Prayer General. A Prayer General signs up for a time slot and builds a team to cover four hours of prayer every week for the DOVE global family. Participants can pray individually or gather as a group to pray.

**Prayer Journal** includes prayer requests from each DOVE church. Request a copy or digital version today!

Contact Nelson Martin, prayer coordinator, for Prayer Watch information or a Prayer Journal at [nelsonm@dcfi.org](mailto:nelsonm@dcfi.org)



## USA Campus outreach



Ever since we became Christians, the small group model for church was in our hearts. We found DOVE in the 1990s and by 2000 had completed the Leadership School via video. Soon after, the Lord called us to Northfield, Vermont to plant a church. Many prophetic words indicated that this church would “not look like what we expected.” So we

prayed, labored, listened and labored some more. In 2003 we began attending the non-denominational chapel services at Norwich University, undergirding the chaplain and connecting with students whenever we could.

Campus ministry is challenging with groups changing every year. Students come from every perspective: some belief, no belief, confused ideas and everything in between. Our hope is to build solid leaders and birth new ones. We want to see them involved in life-giving, biblically-based relationships with Jesus and each other. We are charged with fanning the flame of whatever the Holy Spirit is doing in each of their lives.

Last spring, the groups began to explode. Usually things slow down at that time of the year, but this year our attendance is steadily growing. Relationships are fuller. There is a hunger for God. We actually need more chairs! We are amazed at the quality of the young people the Lord brings us and what He is doing in their lives. Our God is faithful!—**Pam Druhen**

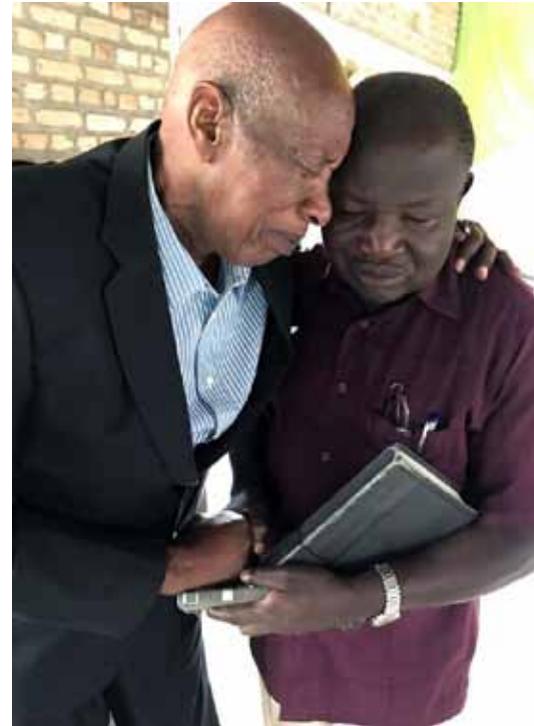
## NETHERLANDS and SCOTLAND



### A divine connection

A team of six from the Living Church in the Netherlands crossed language, cultural and national borders to serve DOVE in Scotland through prophetic ministry and prayer. The group, led by Dirk and Hanneke Develing, not only enjoyed Scottish food, but noticed a hunger for spiritual food and God’s Word among the members of Living Waters Community Church. As they prayed for both physical and inner healing, many were healed and encouraged. Dirk testifies, “We left with gratitude in our hearts. The Scottish as well the Dutch were blessed!” It was a divine connection!

## Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo Healing the Wounds of War



home to Rwandan refugees who ravaged the land two generations ago. Hatred and revenge can be tangibly felt today.

Testimonies of those who have allowed God to bandage their wounds display the greatest impact. Jared\* explained that after his father and uncle were killed in the Rwanda genocide of 1994, he joined a gang of young men from his tribe. They planned how they would take revenge on the killers. Soon after he received Christ and things changed for him, he abandoned his plans to get even and forgave instead.

As was the case with Jared, many Rwandans are dealing afresh with trauma as persons who were imprisoned after the genocide are now being released. These persons are once again walking the streets and causing a response of fear and unrest. When the persons who killed Jared’s father were released, he extended forgiveness—even though his mother and sister thought he had lost his mind.

Participants in the gathering went through an intentional process: one tribe confessing the atrocities they carried out; one tribe repenting for the hatred they harbored; Rwandans asking forgiveness from the Congolese, whose land they plundered. Forgiveness was extended in every case. This acknowledgement of wrong and extension of forgiveness was a great source of relief and healing.

Clearly God is at work not only to heal, but to extend His Kingdom in this region of Africa.

\* name changed

**Forgiveness and healing** are certainly needed. The nations of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have suffered immensely from civil war, tribal clashes and genocide. In June 2017, DOVE leaders from Uganda and Kenya came together with churches from Rwanda and the DR Congo to support this healing process.

The Rwandan government emphasizes there is only one people group in Rwanda: no tribes or factions. This sounds fine, but it does not reflect the reality of the deep wounds most people carry. The Congolese are not left out of the dilemma, since the region of Bukavu where DOVE churches are based was



Changing the atmosphere as a wave of young people come into the kingdom

# IMPACT BARBADOS



In something resembling a whirlwind, the Impact World Tour (an initiative of YWAM) hit Barbados in February for a six-week evangelistic campaign entitled Impact Barbados. Literally thousands are responding to the Gospel, many of them children and youth.

Seventy performers and supporting teams came from around the world to declare God's glory, bringing an outbreak of evangelism and discipleship as the church has been awakened to reach the lost. Members of DOVE Barbados churches, The Living Room and Home-way Ministries, were privileged to be involved in this nation-changing event.

Included in Impact World (IW) are three exciting groups. Team X-treme brings crowds to their feet with breathtaking feats of strength such as flipping cars and shattering stacks of concrete bricks with their bare hands. Island Breeze dancers and musicians showcase the culture of the Polynesian islands with their exotic costumes, heart-pounding drums and fire-eaters. The Global Xpression team features young people who perform hip-hop and break dance in an action-packed multimedia performance. Throughout the presentations, testimonies are shared to the crowds, culminating in an altar call at each event.

Performances were given in over 90 schools, prisons and community centers. DOVE members are involved in ongoing discipleship of new believers.

Another major miracle, according to DOVE Mission International missionary Bill Landis of YWAM Caribbean, is that nearly all of the funds for IW Barbados campaign came from within Barbados.

"There was a lot of unity in the local churches that came together as we prepared for these events," explains Steve Moore of The Living Room. "We expect to see a change in the atmosphere over Barbados as a new wave of young people come into the kingdom and the church expresses the authentic love of Christ."



## SOUTH AFRICA A surge of faith

The DOVE churches in South Africa desire to pray. They desire to both learn about and put into practice strategic intercession for their land.

To support this, Peter Bunton, director of DOVE Mission International, was invited to teach on intercession there. House of Praise and Shiloh Community Church, DOVE congregations in Cape Town, held a combined service during Peter's visit.

After the training, a group of about 50 members engaged in prayer walking in the Woodstock and Zonnebloem districts of Cape Town. The day before both churches gathered with many races and tribes on Table Mountain, repenting of their role in the darker aspects of South Africa's history. Overlooking the city, they celebrated communion and sensed a surge of faith for greater moves of God in this next season.

## THANK YOU! Chad and Chris Miller



We are so grateful to the Lord for the faithful service of Chad and Chris Miller as they have served on the DOVE International Apostolic Council (IAC) Team during the past four years.

Recently Chad and Chris have felt the Lord calling them to step down from this role to focus more on their kingdom business, their family, and other areas of ministry. At their request, the DOVE International Apostolic Council

is releasing them from serving on the IAC at the end of March, 2018. Chad continues to serve on the DOVE Latin America Apostolic Team and they are serving in other areas of leadership in the DOVE family.

We greatly appreciate Chad and Chris for their service to the DOVE global family and look forward to their ongoing participation in various areas of ministry within DOVE International. May God bless them as they seek His face and continue to serve Him.

— **Larry Kreider** for the DOVE International Apostolic Council Team



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*Jerry Kreider*

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## **INDIA** Remote villages hear God's Word

**Church buildings in four unreached villages were dedicated** last year. Sammie and Grace Nalla, serve in Andhra Pradesh, India and this brings the total number of churches they have planted to 21. Despite the threat of persecution and almost unbearably high temperatures, an outreach team began evangelizing weekly in these villages. It took a couple of years, but last year the breakthrough began as people were giving their lives to the Lord.

Nalla's also initiated Hope House, which started eight years ago when Sam-

mie and Grace began taking in orphaned girls who had no means for meeting their basic needs. The oldest girl, Daya, received a call into fulltime ministry and is training to be in charge of the sewing center for the women who are poor and unemployed.

Bharathi, another girl in Hope House, trained as a beautician and has been employed for over a year. Other girls, still in school, are growing both physically and spiritually due to the love, provision and parenting they receive at Hope House.





## Medical Missions hosts three clinics

**D**OVE Medical Missions (DMM) sent a team to Kenya in January 2018. On consecutive days, we held three clinics in three villages in the Kitale region. We treated about 590 patients.

We were blessed to have several Kenyan doctors, a Kenyan pharmacist, and Kenyan translators serving alongside our American team members. These clinics were part of the local churches' outreach to their communities.

We held one clinic in a girls' boarding school for two days and treated about 160 patients. We offered to pray for the patients and all but one requested prayer.  
— **Greg Fritz**, DMM director

Find out more about DMM's work at [www.dovemission.org](http://www.dovemission.org)



## DOVE Mission International matching fund will double donations

That's right—double! We are excited to announce that two ministries have stepped forward and offered to match donations to DMI up to \$52,000! That means that \$52,000 can become \$104,000! New donations, or an increased gift in addition to what has already been pledged, will count towards this matching fund. God is calling us to take our missionary thrust further with this financial boost. We look forward to what God will do as individuals and churches give to help unlock these funds.



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## GUATEMALA, USA and beyond touched by youth missions

Eighty-five young people from DOVE USA churches gathered for an Evangelistic Mission Training (EMT) in June, 2017 that included outreach on the streets of Reading, PA. During teachings, outreach and prayer, new friendships were forged. The following week, ten participants headed to Guatemala and nine others to Myreau for outreach.

The EMT team to Guatemala served DOVE leaders Julio and Jodi Rodriguez in the San Lucas area. They visited various villages and ministered to the Mayan people. The team presented the good news of Christ with puppets, sharing that God's love is never changing.

They befriended and prayed with Wilson, a 12-year-old boy who could hardly walk. His testimony and the improvements which are taking place have really encouraged the team. Wilson brought many people to church because of his vivacious personality. Trevis (DOVE Westgate, PA) had suffered from spinal issues and was able to share with Wilson about how God is faithful through the hardships of life. The



team also ministered in schools and at a home for children without parents.

The group that went to St. Vincent and the Grenadines was stationed on the island of Myreau. They led devotional times at an elementary school and enjoyed listening to the children tell their own stories. The team shared the message of Christ through drama at a church, and one member, Hannah (Crossroads Community Church, VA) had the opportunity to preach.

Many youth said the experience was transformational. God is in the business of changing lives: ours as well as those we minister to!



## EMT 2018

Youth and Adult Missions

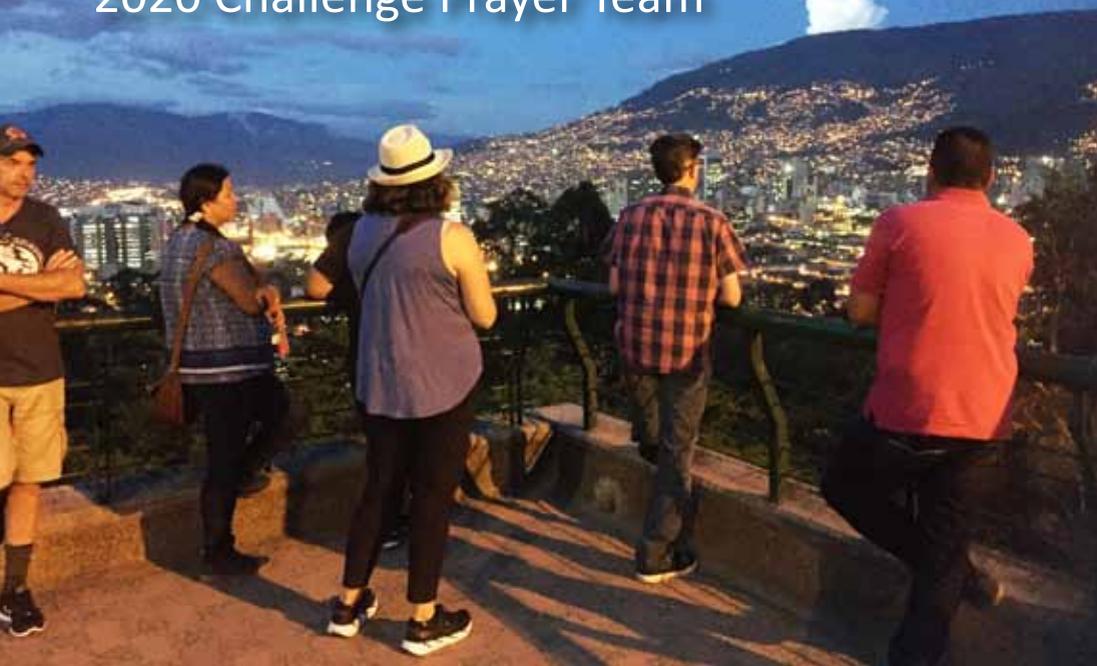
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# CANADA, COLOMBIA and the USA 2020 Challenge Prayer Team



Having been invited by DOVE leaders in Colombia, a team of intercessors from Canada and the USA prayed into the vision to plant new churches in Cartagena, Colombia. This coastal town's history includes piracy and slavery. With information about past and current-day issues related to witchcraft, drug cartels and the sex trade, the group prayed at numerous key locations. The region has stark contrasts between the luxurious hotels on tourist-filled beaches and the ramshackle *barrios* that do not even have running water.

Juan Pablo and Adriana Muñoz, desiring to see a new church planted in Cartagena, accompanied the prayer

team. Adriana commented, "We won't forget how it felt to sense that as we worshipped, a diabolic throne in the spiritual realm was falling and a celestial throne was being restored. We were totally sure that the hand of our True Liberator, Jesus, was breaking generational curses as we asked for forgiveness."

The team also prayed in Medellin, another city targeted for church planting. Adriana said, "We started with Ezekiel 34 where the Lord promises that he will gather his people and shepherd them; we know it is time to bring life in abundance for Medellin. Prayer in each place will be to see the glory of God in a supernatural way, especially among the youth. The time of freedom in Jesus has arrived."

Please pray with our DOVE Colombian friends to see God's Kingdom flourish in new regions within their nation.

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## KENYA Medical support for neglected tribes

The DOVE Mission Africa (DMA) Anole Clinic gives neglected tribes in northeastern Kenya the hope for good medical care. Thursdays, the day the clinic is open, is a much awaited day for patients—who come on foot or on donkey-pulled carts from as far as ten kilometers away.

DOVE missionaries find the number of patients to be overwhelming at times. A local health center provides two nurses every week, and medical students also assist when they are available.

Before services are given, missionaries Amos and Grace pray with all the staff and encourage them to serve people with love and compassion. When patients have been treated, they also can

ask for prayer if they wish to—even though the large majority of those who come are Muslim.

The clinic focus includes preventative measures, with nutrition being an important component. Though in a land of drought and dust, the clinic is held on the site of an irrigated farm, where patients can buy fresh vegetables at affordable prices.

In order to encourage cost-sharing, patients pay twenty cents for the consultation and medications. Obviously, it costs much more than that to maintain the clinic and provide medication! But DMA is grateful for the opportunity to witness in this desert environment (and welcomes partners who want to assist).

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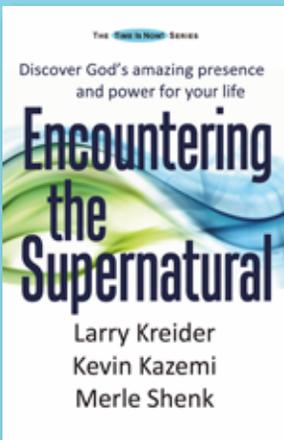


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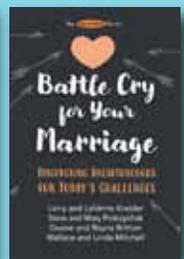
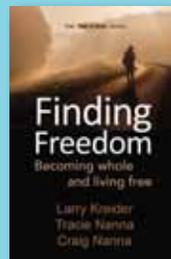
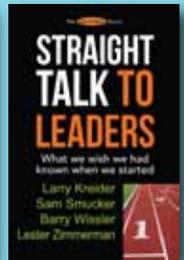
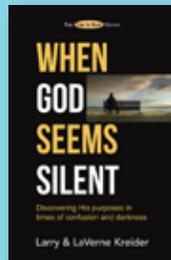
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