

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph. 3:20–21

Dear Praying Friends,

March 2026

Serving God is an amazing adventure. God did great things in 2025. What will He do in 2026? Because we serve a God who operates outside the limits of created time and space, things happen that surprise us! We just need to notice! As you read and pray through this letter, we hope you notice them, too.

Reaching Farther than We Imagined

This recent note of gratitude from a pastor in Aleppo, Syria, is one of those amazing things. And it brings us back to the question of *why* we are promoting and supporting online theological education:

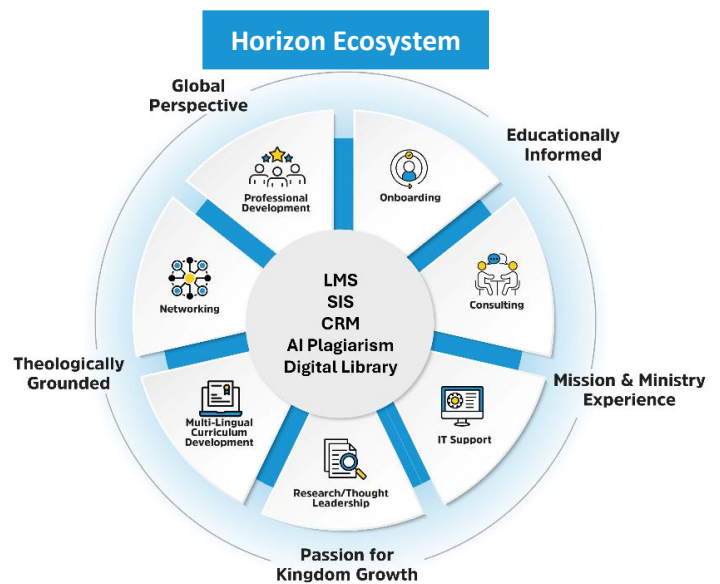
My dear friends,

The peace of Christ be with you, brothers and sisters. This is Brother _____ from Aleppo, from the Baptist Church. Thank you for your support in studying the word of the Lord. Thanks to the believers for their preaching of the word of the Lord in a correct and academic way, and for knowing Jesus in their lives in a correct and academic way. Thank you very much for your appreciation and respect. May the Lord bless your ministry and always move forward with Jesus Christ.

What is interesting about this note is that none of us at Horizon were teaching this course. But we were supplying the tools, training, and support for this pastor in northern Syria to study through a seminary in the Middle East. This is fascinating!

Continuing to Expand our Services

In our last letter we mentioned two additional essential services that Horizon is building or integrating into our offerings to help support theological education: a *Student Information System (SIS)* and a contemporary, robust, international *digital theological library* with built-in translation. In addition, we are putting the final touches on a *Customer Relations Management (CRM)* program. The original idea was to build the CRM for our internal organization, donor management, communication tracking, etc. However, the schools with which we work also have these same needs. So we will be offering them access to this service as well. All of these programs are designed to seamlessly integrate together, giving schools all of the digital tools necessary for developing a strong online program and bring ministry training to where it is most needed—like Aleppo, Syria. Our prediction is that this will be ready to go by June. Please pray with us!



Building our Team

As we share this list of new services with key leaders in the theological education world, their reaction is enthusiastic. Therefore, the expectation is that we will continue to grow. With this in view, we are seeking ways to expand our team. In our November letter, we asked you to pray for an IT person. God has already answered and has provided for us a Moodle/IT expert! Trevor McCready passed his doctrinal orals this past month, is an official ABWE missionary, and is now serving full-time with Horizon.

Now we need you to pray again. Another strategic endeavor involves recruiting “Regional Directors” to help us with onboarding and training. We are now accepting resumés from national theological educators in South Asia and hope to recruit three qualified nationals to work part-time in this role. They would be the ones maintaining the close relationships with school leaders, visiting the schools as necessary, and working with implementation teams for faculty training—basically the things that I (Brian) have spent a great deal of time doing up to now. If this model works in South Asia, we hope to expand it, first to Africa, then to Latin America and elsewhere as necessary. Supervising this global team will be a large part of my role. This is a bold endeavor, so we ask for your prayers.

ICETE Partner

Another encouraging milestone occurred in January when Horizon was invited to become a Partner of ICETE. ICETE is the global umbrella for accreditation for evangelical theological education. This represents a high-level of respect for what we do. We humbly rejoice, knowing that your investment with us is producing far-reaching fruit.

Praise & Prayer

- 1) Praise God for supplying our entire financial support need in 2025!
- 2) Praise God for Trevor and pray as he is already handling many challenges. It’s been a great joy to work with him!
- 3) Praise God for the new tools being developed. Pray that everything would be functioning by June.
- 4) Pray as we interview candidates for Regional Directors. We need the right people on the team.
- 5) Pray as Jerry and I travel to Ethiopia for the ACTEA conference in early March. Pray that we would listen well, engage the right conversations, and encourage many of the 300 faithful servants gathered from around Africa.

We remain thankful to God for you,

Brian & Lauri



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