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Dear Friends,

Looking back over the past few months, we are amazed at what God has accomplished and the wide doors that He has been opening for us at Horizon. It is helpful for us to pause and write this report in order to remind ourselves that this is not a result of machines, technology, or our own ingenuity. Rather, it is a work of the Spirit, prompted by your prayers. Let us share just a few highlights.

ACTEA Consultation in Ethiopia



In early March, our new President and I travelled to Ethiopia for a meeting of the African evangelical accrediting association (ACTEA). Over 300 theological educators gathered from all over the continent. I was both encouraged and humbled by the number of people that I knew (such as my friend, Ezekiel, pictured at left). Our work with them over the past 15 years has resulted in some deep relationships and mutual love. What a blessing it was to enjoy fellowship with them and introduce them to Jerry! We had numerous meetings with present Education Partners as well as schools that were interested in partnership, but we also had key interactions with those granting accreditation. We have begun working more closely with these groups globally. Many schools are seeking to launch online programs, and increasingly, accrediting bodies are steering them to Horizon for help. There were other significant conversations, and we praise God for a highly productive week. We also enjoyed the rich times of worship, many encouraging conversations, the incredible Ethiopian food, and of course, the coffee! I may have brought home some beans...

Learning through Tragedy

One of the leaders that we met in Ethiopia was Rev. Sunday Agang. We worshiped together and enjoyed several conversations, learning a little about his past and his vision for the future. He had recently resigned his post as Provost of a well-known seminary in NE Nigeria to initiate a continent-wide Institute for Public Theology. We were corresponding about that institute utilizing our systems when, less than two weeks later, we received word that he had been kidnapped from his home by Fulani herdsmen. Gratefully, he was released four days later after his family borrowed money to pay the ransom. As a lifelong student, he reflects back on this difficult experience as a time of learning. He was later interviewed by Christianity Today and concluded stating: "I now have a certificate from the university of kidnapers." We are grateful for his safe return home and his godly outlook, but this was just another acute reminder of the challenges that our brothers and sisters face in numerous pockets of the world as they faithfully carry out Christian ministry.



A Story from South Asia

Over a decade ago, we began working with the premier seminary in South Asia. This is an institution that not only focuses on educating pastors & missionaries, but also Bible college professors for other institutions. We trained their faculty, and they successfully deployed the online tools and training we provided. Over time, their graduates went to numerous other schools in the region to serve as professors, deans, and presidents. These schools then began to reach out to us for the same kind of help. Now we work with 11 schools in the region...and at least 10 more requests have come since January!

As a result of our work in the region, Horizon has begun working closely with the evangelical accrediting body. In fact, their regional secretary recently told us: "We could benefit from Horizon's help in assisting over 100 seminaries across South Asia." We presently work with 52 partners globally. How can we handle 100 more? ... from just one region of the world!

Due to this demand (and to avoid living on a plane for the next three years), we have added two part-time local theological educators to our Education Partner Care Team, who will work directly with schools in their region. Please pray for Dr. Saji and Rev. Jacob, who will begin with us on July 1. In addition, we are working out an MOU with the above-mentioned school which has volunteered to become a training hub for Horizon. We are very excited about this team expansion, but a bit intimidated as well. Please pray for me (Brian) especially as I lead this international team.

Launching New Tools

Over the past few months, our team has been working hard. This month, we launched our new website. Please check it out at horizonednet.org! There is a lot of new and exciting information there. You may even consider a donation towards sponsoring a seminary. Our freshly re-tooled faculty training courses are also rolling off the press as I write. They should be fully functional by June. Lauri has contributed significantly to these course projects. Our new *Student Information System*, now coupled with a powerful CRM, will be ready for final Beta testing with a few schools in June as well. These tools are highly procured by both schools and accrediting bodies and should save them both money and time. Praise God with us for the team He has put together to build these tools in record time.

Capital Campaign

Finally, Horizon will soon be launching a capital campaign with a goal to raise \$2.5 million over the next three years. These funds would enable Horizon to help hundreds of more schools and put us on a path towards organizational sustainability. We are excited to see what God will do.

Praise and Petition

- Praise God for the release of Rev. Sunday! Pray for those who suffer or have lost loved ones due to similar situations.
- Pray for Dr. Saji, Rev. Jacob, and the seminary in S. Asia as they join our training team.
- Pray for Brian as he onboards and leads an international team.
- Ask God to give us the capacity to properly onboard new schools. There are 14 schools waiting for the reopening of applications.
- Pray for the successful launch of new software.
- Pray as we initiate our capital campaign.

Thank you for your part,

Brian & Lauri



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