Barry Writes New Book!

For several years many friends have been encouraging me to write a book about my mission field experiences. So I began to assemble a list of the spiritual and unusual experiences I have had over the years and to try to put them together into a readable format. But I struggled with how best to do that in a way that was inspiring or of interest to others.

In June of this year Kim and I were in Seoul, South Korea and our host there, Pastor Eun Seob Kim, made a comment to me that he was encouraged by my faith and teaching as a lay person, and what God was doing through my life and this ministry. Then in July I was in Mexico City and my friend and training partner, Pastor Lane Reuter, also strongly encouraged me to write a book. But he suggested that I write one about my faith story and how God called me into full-time ministry. As we continued to discuss this idea in Mexico I then realized that I could put all of these things together to tell my story.

So I used my time at home in August to write the manuscript for my book entitled “Transformed: Learning To Live by Faith.” It is the story of how God transformed my life from being a believer in Christ to becoming a follower of Christ. It is a story of how I am learning to live by faith rather than by the pursuit of money or a career. It is my story of what happened to me when I began to submit my entire life to Christ instead of just a part of it, and how God has blessed me immeasurably more than I could ever have imagined!

The book was published by Xulon Press, the oldest and largest Christian self-publisher, and released on September 30th. It is available on-line in paperback at www.xulonpress.org/bookstore and www.amazon.com for $12.99. It is also available in Kindle reader format at www.amazon.com and in Nook format at www.barnesandnoble.com for $6.99. Just search for the title “Transformed” and my name as the author. If you would like a signed copy, simply send me a check for $16 made payable to FaithLife Ministries and I will ship you a signed paperback copy of the book.

All proceeds from the book will go to FaithLife Ministries to support the work that we do in training pastors and church leaders.

Thank you for your encouragement and support!
India Training / Oct. 6-21st

Barry and Lynn Thomsen traveled to Korba and Gandepalli, India October 6-21 to train and equip approximately 150 pastors and leaders on our Management for Church Leaders material. They began in Korba in Chattisgarh state and were hosted by Gideon Nair and Help India International. Korba is a city of 1 million people but is relatively poor physically and spiritually. Our training was well received and our translators did a great job of encouraging the people as well. We heard several testimonies of how valuable our training was and how much it will help them to grow their churches. We were also blessed to be able to minister in a church as well. Then it was on to Gandepalli in neighboring Andhra Pradesh state to train more pastors and leaders there. There we were hosted by Samuel Sudarsanam and Good Shepherd Compassion Ministries. Again, we were blessed by their attention and involvement in the training. They were so grateful that we came and blessed us with their love and gratitude. We also were able to visit and minister in 2 churches on Sunday before heading home. All in all it was a wonderful trip despite the many obstacles we had to overcome (please see article on page 3). God indeed led us and protected us and we thank Him for that!!

Myanmar Training / Nov. 4-16th

Barry & Ron Bracali (pictured here training) traveled to Mandalay, Myanmar to conduct a training conference for 20 house church pastors and leaders on our Management for Church Leaders training material on November 11-13th. Mandalay is in the center of the country and the cultural center of Myanmar. There are mostly Buddhists in Mandalay and significant persecution of Christians there so that these pastors and leaders face difficult challenges in reaching their countrymen for Christ. They were very grateful for the training and expressed a great desire to teach it to others in their churches. Several of the participants were leaders from other parts of Myanmar who came to Mandalay to plant churches and minister to the people there. There were also 4 young men from China, and one couple from New Zealand, who attended the conference who came to Mandalay to find jobs and evangelize the city. We were impressed by their desire to educate themselves in order to accomplish what God had laid on their hearts to do. We believe that the training on leadership, discipling and planning will be very helpful for all of them who came. Please keep them all in your prayers as they seek to draw others to Christ and to win Myanmar for the Lord!
We Shall Overcome...

On our recent trip to India, there were many obstacles that Satan put in our path to try to stop us from training and ministering to the churches in India. First, there was Lynn's visa application. He had applied for it in plenty of time but due to several administrative and system failures it was delayed and he did not get it in time to go with me on our original flight on Sunday, October 6th, even though he was promised he would have it in time. So we had to quickly scramble on Saturday to re-arrange his flight to Mumbai on Delta for Monday and our internal flights in India on the guarantee that he would have his visa on Monday by noon in time to catch his 6 pm flight. As I arrived in Mumbai on Monday he texted me that he was still at the visa office and had only an hour or so left to get his visa or he would miss his flight again. He ended up getting his visa at the India Consulate at 3:30 pm and had just enough time to get to the airport in Atlanta to make his flight. **Score, God - 1, Satan - 0.**

Lynn made it to Mumbai and we took our next flight to Raipur and then traveled by car to Korba for our first conference. As the conference ended on Saturday we heard that there was a cyclone hitting the area and many of the trains were cancelled due to the storm. We had tickets on the train back to Raipur on Sunday. Our host, Gideon, told us that the trains were cancelled as we arrived at church that morning. As we ministered in church we could see the wind and the rain pounding the city outside. Gideon took us to our hotel and said he would go to the train station to verify the situation and then make alternative plans, if needed. But fortunately the trains were running and we made it to Raipur as scheduled. And our flights to Hyderabad and Rajamundry were unaffected by the storm, which ended up tracking north instead of south. **Score, God - 2, Satan - 0.**

Finally, as we headed to the airport in Raipur on Tuesday our car was hit by a motorcyclist at a high rate of speed. He was badly injured and taken to the hospital. A mob gathered around our car in order to prevent the driver from getting away and they were yelling and screaming at him in Hindi. The accident happened at a major intersection in the city and there were traffic police there who all saw the incident. Our driver was not at fault as the cyclist ran the red light. So he was allowed to continue to take us to the airport to catch our flight. **Score, God - 3, Satan - 0!!**  (The mighty Satan has struck out!!)

We serve an awesome God who protects and watches over His servants. To Him be all the honor & glory!!

We Have a New Strategy!

Earlier this month we held our annual board of directors meeting where we laid out a new strategy for achieving our vision of reaching 100 nations with our Management for Church Leaders (MCL) training. We have long believed in the principle of multiplication ministry and we desire to see indigenous national church leaders teach our material to others. So we want to focus on training foreign Trainers to teach our material to others rather than training the pastors and church leaders ourselves. This will not only enable us to build a global network of qualified Trainers, but it will also lead to a more rapid distribution of this training and greater sustainability of this ministry into the future.

To accomplish this we will be developing an improved Trainer's Guide so that we can properly and more effectively train Trainers. We will also be transitioning from having "partners" to having Authorized and Certified Trainers. Each designation will have its own criteria and will enable us and our foreign Trainers to have a more clearly defined relationship. We are also planning to divide up the world into 12 global regions and look to hold conferences to train Trainers in major, hub cities in each region where we can bring Trainers together in one location for the training. This may increase our training costs but it will also reduce the number of trips I need to make and therefore my overall travel costs.

This does not mean we won't go to some nations to train pastors and church leaders directly. That may still be necessary to reach new countries with our training initially. We also realize that we must make more funds available to foreign Trainers to assist them in carrying out the training of our material. So we will be revising our budgets accordingly. And we will try to reach many countries solely through the internet and will be investigating video and other modes of training to accomplish this.

We will begin to employ this new strategy in 2014 so as a result it may impact a few of the trips we had scheduled for next year. But most of our plans are already in place and we will not change those.

We still have some challenges ahead of us in implementing this new strategy and so we would ask for your prayers as we move forward. But we are excited to see how God will lead and guide us to developing a global network of MCL Trainers to reach the nations for Christ!!
### 2014 Training Plans

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### Prayer Requests:
- For wisdom and guidance as we implement our new global strategy of training Trainers
- For wisdom and guidance on our 2014 trip and training plans
- For God's provision for this ministry and all of our training plans
- For our foreign Trainers around the world who continue to teach our material to others
- Thankfulness for God’s protection and provision for our trips to India in October and Myanmar in November.

### News & Notes:
- Pastor Samuel in Gandepalli, India needs financial support to build a school for his orphans. If you are interested in helping him, please contact us!
- Barry recently met with leaders of Equip Leaders Asia in Singapore to explore connections for our training in Southeast Asia.
- Our MCL training has been taught by our foreign Trainers in Nepal, Brazil, Cuba, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Cameroon this quarter!
- Barry’s new book has been selling well. A book signing was held at our church on Oct. 27th and another one will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Panama City, FL on Dec 1st.
- We have terminated our relationship with Stephano Phiri of Jesus is Coming Soon Ministries in Malawi due to his fraudulence with another ministry. We will be seeking a new Trainer for Southern Africa.

### End of Year Donations Welcome!
Don’t forget that your donations to FaithLife Ministries are tax-deductible. If you intend to make charitable donation in December, please consider this ministry!

### Thank you for your prayers & support!

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