

Some have been waiting years. Some gave up their jobs or careers. Some sold homes and cars. Some sold everything. Some traveled several days. Some packed up whole families. We've just welcomed 564 missionary trainees from 50 nations, each one with a different story of how God led her, what God said to him, how He provided for them. Every three months, it's the same. God calls people and they respond. God points them in our direction and they leave everything behind.

Why would they do this? Why would they leave what's familiar and comfortable? Why would they go somewhere they haven't been before and where they don't know anyone?

They come because they sense there's something new, something more, maybe something missing. They come because they sense something needs to change.

God does all that. He gives a new sense of purpose and calling. He deepens their relationship with Jesus with more revelation of who He is. He fills their hearts with the wholeness that's been missing. He brings transformation into their lives through the truth in His Word, changing what needs to change. He works through Dennis and I, and hundreds of others, in this place, to do that. And He works through you, where you live, through your prayers, through your encouragement, and through your financial support for us, to do that.

Thank you for your part in training and sending these missionaries. As we do our part and you do your part, God's Kingdom is extended.

Jo here: A couple of weeks ago, I returned from seven weeks of rewarding and meaningful travel. I was in Samoa and the Solomon Islands for a week each, teaching in their three-month Discipleship Bible Schools (DBS). (Photos are below.) Then Dennis joined me for three weeks on the U.S. mainland visiting family in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. I flew on to Perth, Australia, to teach in YWAM's Bible Core Course (BCC) for two weeks.

What a privilege it was to meet these three groups of students hungry for God's Word and willing to make an investment of three months of study! Most of the students in these three locations were either long-term workers or moving into that kind of commitment. I know that their investment in the Word will be multiplied many times over in the lives of many other individuals. Just like 2 Timothy 2.2.

This is what Dennis and I focus on through our ministry with Youth With A Mission at the University of the Nations: training and mobilizing the next generation of missionaries, multiplying God's work and Word throughout the world. This week, the nine-month School of Biblical Studies with which I serve began its first week of classes, with a full classroom of almost 40 students. Next quarter, Dennis's School of Photography I begins, training visual communicators for God's Kingdom. In a recent two-and-a-half week period, he's accepted more applicants than during any other similar period in the past. Great news!

Your investment in the work we do is multiplied many times over through these enthusiastic Kingdom workers. We're very grateful for your prayers for wisdom and good health. We're very grateful for your monthly giving and your special gifts. Please keep doing your part so we can keep doing our part. The harvest is ripe.

With you in His service,        Jo - for Dennis too

The Discipleship Bible School in Samoa (photo credit: YWAM Samoa)



Some of the students of the Discipleship Bible School in the Solomon Islands, marching around Jericho (photo credit: YWAM Solomon Islands)

**We'd love to hear from you!**

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