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2 Timothy 4:5

Target unreached people groups around the world

Be culturally relevant without changing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Demonstrate God's care and compassion by providing humanitarian aid for those in need

Invite people into a relationship with Christ

BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:12

Promote unity and cooperation among the local Bible-believing churches

Train and equip teams of believers for the work of evangelism

Partner with local churches to make disciples of new believers

Saturate communities through city-wide festivals



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UPCOMING TRIPS

- Oaxaca, Mexico July 18-28, 2015
- Peru Pastors' Conference August 11-18, 2015
- Argentina September 16-22, 2015
- Myanmar November 13-23, 2015
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ALL FOR JESUS

Jesus changes everything! For years the Lord has placed a burden on my heart to see Jesus move in our nation once again. Habakkuk was a prophet who longed to see God move in a mighty way. *"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."* Together, God is bringing many ministries from across the U.S. to seek the Lord about moving in a powerful way across our country once again. The initiative is called **RESET** and the prayer is that Jesus would reset hearts across America, culminating in July 2016 at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where we are praying for one million people to gather. RSA is partnering with ministries such as Pulse, Billy Graham, Luis Palau, Campus Crusade for Christ, Mission America, and Alpha, to name a few.

RESET is a prayer. At the core of **RESET** is a personal invitation to experience the fresh start Jesus offers to every person regardless of race, religion, or background. **RESET** is not owned by any individual, group, or organization. **RESET** is a united expression of our need and belief that Jesus changes every-

thing. **RESET** is also a gathering. June 12 was the launching of a year-long initiative that took place in Washington, D.C., Brett Butcher and I attended and I had the privilege of speaking to thousands of people at the National Mall. We are calling people to come together for a historic gathering on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where the only agenda is Jesus. **TOGETHER 2016** will be an opportunity to stand with people from every corner of America to celebrate Jesus and seek Him for the reset we need. This event will be a day-long gathering for anyone who needs a second chance and for those wanting to celebrate their reset with others. The day will be entirely focused on Jesus - His offer of life, hope, and a reset to anyone who would call upon Him. The day will feature music from artists such as Hillsong United, Lecrae, Toby Mac, and Carrie Underwood, along

with messages from myself and leaders representing a wide variety of generations and spheres of influence. The focal point of the day will be a live and simulcast united prayer to Jesus, which we believe will be far bigger and greater than anything in American history. Exciting!

We believe God is calling us to rally this generation across every line imaginable around the hope and invitation of Jesus. We believe that Jesus changes everything and that only good will come when people seek Him. American history has been marked by catalytic events that changed culture and ignited spiritual awareness: The First and Second Great Awakenings, the Azusa Street Revival, Youth for Christ at Soldier Field, the Jesus People at Expo 1972, Promise Keepers Stand in the Gap, and more. These events, to name a few, have defined generations and shaped our history. The majority of America, including everyone 30 and younger, have never experienced this kind of national awakening. We believe the time is now.

Please join me in praying for this **RESET**. Together, let's seek the Lord to once again move in our nation. Jesus alone can bring hope to our country. **Jesus changes everything!**



Reid speaking at the National Mall in Washington D.C.



... the fields are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

OAXACA

With the cooperation of local missionaries, Brent and Martha Trent and a group of seven local pastors, Reid Saunders Association is preparing for an outreach festival in Oaxaca, Mexico July 18-28. A combined team of thirty members from Salem Evangelical, SonRise, New Hope Foursquare and Morning Star Community Church, will join Reid to share God's love with the people in Oaxaca through medical clinics, distributing clothing to the needy, visiting orphanages, helping in a VBS, acting in street dramas, and ministering in two prisons.

Last-minute changes required Ruth Daniels, our International Events Coordinator, to rearrange the scheduled two-day festival in Oaxaca into two single-day events. The second festival was moved to the neighboring city of Vicente Guerrero (Villa de Zaachila) that has never held an evangelistic outreach. The two festival schedules include BMX demonstrations, musical bands, a children's play area, dramas, and presentation of the Gospel message. Through all of the logistical changes, frustrations, disappointments, and attacks of the evil one, we are praying that God will do a mighty work in the hearts of the people. We are asking for your prayers concerning unity among local church pastors, a spirit of cooperation, and an all-important vision for reaching the lost.

July 20 kicks off a delightful week of celebration with parades, traditional dance competitions, colorful costumes, street bands, theatrical presentations, native foods, craft

fairs, and international tourists within the city of Oaxaca. Thousands will gather for Guelaguetza, a yearly event that has been a native tradition long before the arrival of the Spanish. With historical connections to pagan worship and human sacrifice, the modern celebration has adapted to become a mixture of multiple religious traditions and a revival of indigenous culture. With so many visitors, there will be numerous opportunities to share the love of God and message of salvation with the people of Oaxaca and surrounding communities, but with many distractions along the way.

This mountainous region of southern Mexico ranks as the second poorest state in which 75% of its residents live in extreme poverty, lacking basic necessities such as food, water, education and healthcare. A ten-person team of doctors, nurses, and volunteers will minister for six days in medical clinics, sharing God's love and praying for each individual patient they treat. A meal prepared by the women in local churches and served to more than 350 inmates will continue to open doors to those held in deplorable prison conditions. Hand-sewn garments provided by the wonderful RSA Sewing Team will be distributed to meet the very basic physical needs of the poorest children.

Please continue to pray for the RSA team as they raise support, travel and minister, for the many people who will hear the Good News, and for the strategic follow-up that will happen after the festivals.

Medical Supplies Needed



We are in need of over-the-counter medications to support our mission work. The following medications can be purchased at Costco and Dollar Tree:

Costco

Adult Vitamins
Children's Chewable Vitamins (non-gummy)
Tums
Tylenol
Ibuprofen

Dollar Tree

Hydrocortisone cream 1%
Fungal cream (Athletes Foot cream)
Anti-itch cream
Muscle rub
Eye solution (Visine)

This list can be used to share with friends, church groups or organizations to solicit support for our future mission trips. Please bring any medical donations to the RSA office.

Thank you!

Our team returned on May 12 from an amazing mission to Italy, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Greece. In total, our road-weary team traveled to and spoke at 39 events in four countries over 11 days. More than 800 people gave their lives to Jesus! The Bible says in Acts 4:12, *"Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*

Nearly every event was attended by more people than expected. At one event, more than twice the number of people attended than we anticipated. Praise God, we didn't have to turn anyone away. Some of the events were attended by up to 80% unbelievers and nearly 50% of those unbelievers made decisions for Christ! We are still excited about what God accomplished!

Before the trip, we faced numerous challenges in coordinating and scheduling. We had to deal with many issues that are not uncommon, but collectively made, for what Luis Palau's European director, John Grant, calls the most difficult mission in his 15 years. We had churches pull out of the mission because they felt other churches were going to "steal their sheep." Our Macedonian director resigned a month before the start of the trip. There were political demonstrations in Skopje, Macedonia. Everything pointed to fewer people attending our events, with likely fewer decisions being made. But in spite of

all our stress and worries, God had other plans!

Just prior to one of the outreach dinners, a pastor told me, "Reid, I have to confess I didn't think anyone would show up. But look what God did. The place is packed and many people gave their lives to Jesus!"

In Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, the churches came together in unity to reach their city for Jesus for the first time in 15 years. Local pastor, Anatolie Cernii, wrote us after our event that night: "I just wanted to thank you on behalf of all the believers in town for this opportunity to bring friends to a decision. We have had 48 response cards, and

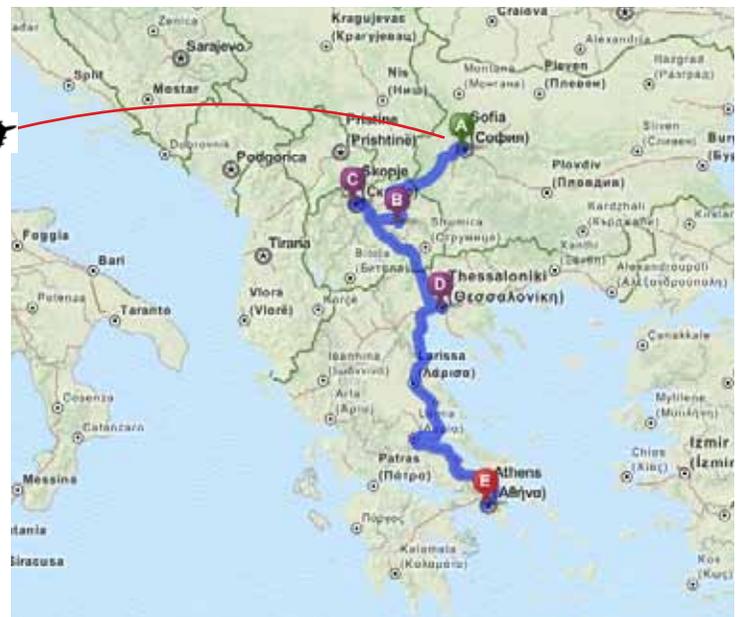
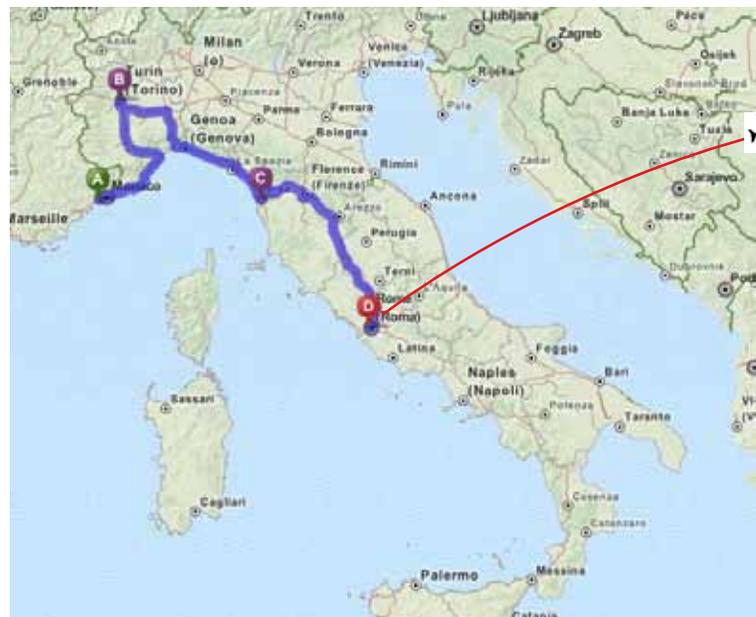
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These local outreach events, where a believer brings a friend to a non-threatening environment, such as a restaurant, have proven to be the most effective evangelism strategy at this time in Europe. Follow-up is so important and we make every effort to assimilate every new believer. At each of the 39 events, new believers were given a New Testament and invited by a pastor to a new-believers meeting the following week, where they can get connected relationally to a local church and grow in their new faith!

I had the honor of preaching the Gospel in Rome and also stood in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul on Mars Hill in Athens, Greece. While there, I was humbled as I thought about all the Christ-followers that went before me, who lost their lives for the Gospel. It truly is an honor to proclaim the Good News of Jesus!

It takes a team to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. I am thankful for our ministry partners in this outreach: John Grant with Luis Palau Association, Richard and Ginger Hamlet with Global Ministries Foundation, and Christina Jarvie. This week I've been reflecting on Romans 15:5-6, which says, *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Thank you for making this mission possible. - Reid



see our web site for trip photos: reidsaunders.org/media/pictures

Inspired by Love and Compassion

By: Carmen Saunders

Izabell didn't want any presents for her seventh birthday. All she wanted was for her friends to each bring a pair of shoes to give to children who live at a dump in Guatemala. Izabell is a first grader at Salem Academy Elementary School.

In the Spring of 2014, Andrea Laurita and I gave a missions presentation to the students about Gaby Munoz's ministry, Faith Seeds. Gaby and her team minister to 430 children and their families who live and work in several dumps in Guatemala. Faith Seeds provides a private Christian education and after-school programs in their com-

munities. The families are not only given hope for their future, but they find the love of Christ through Gaby and her team.



That day at Salem Academy, a little girl caught the vision and was inspired by Gaby's compassion and love to rescue kids from poverty with the love of Jesus. Izabell's dream is to someday be a missionary like Gaby. But for now she is happy to make a difference with a birthday request... and so for Izabell's seventh birthday, a box full of shoes was collected and sent back with Gaby to the children eagerly awaiting some new shoes.

We first met Gaby in 2009 when Reid Saunders Association traveled to Xela. Since then, Gaby has joined us as an interpreter whenever teams travel to Guatemala. We enjoy working with her and have the privilege of partnering with Gaby's ministry.

For more information about Gaby and Faith Seeds, visit: faithseedsguatemala.com



Left: Izabell and her mom Nicole with donated shoes. Top: Young girl working in recycle business. Above: Gaby with three children rescued from poverty.

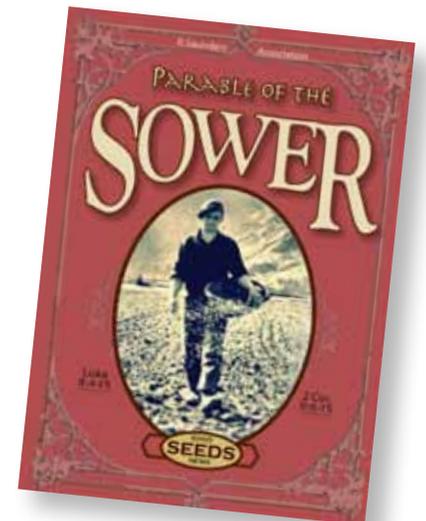
Dessert Benefit a Success \$30,000 Matching Grant Met



"Sowing Generously for a Generous Harvest" was the theme for the April evening event at Keizer Civic Center emceed by Seth Beuchley. Nearly 300 guests gathered to hear the latest news and ministry updates from RSA Executive Director Brett Butcher; introductions and recognitions from Paul Null, Operations and Development Director; and inspirational message about planting the Good News seed from President of RSA, Reid Saunders.

The room took on a rustic farm appearance with the addition of a barn-wood backdrop, farming tools and seed packet decor. All of this was to reinforce the idea that everyone has a spiritual gift and role in the planting of the seed, watering, feeding, and final harvest of souls, for the Kingdom.

A \$30,000 matching gift opportunity was announced and met that evening by generous friends and supporters of the ministry. Our sincere thanks to all who made this wonderful evening possible!



More than 50 years of strict military and Buddhist control have left Myanmar isolated and closed to the rest of the world. The Myanmar culture has changed very little since the British and their missionaries were removed from the region. Despite widespread persecution, the Christian church is unified, committed, and has grown numerically to become a reason for hope in Myanmar.

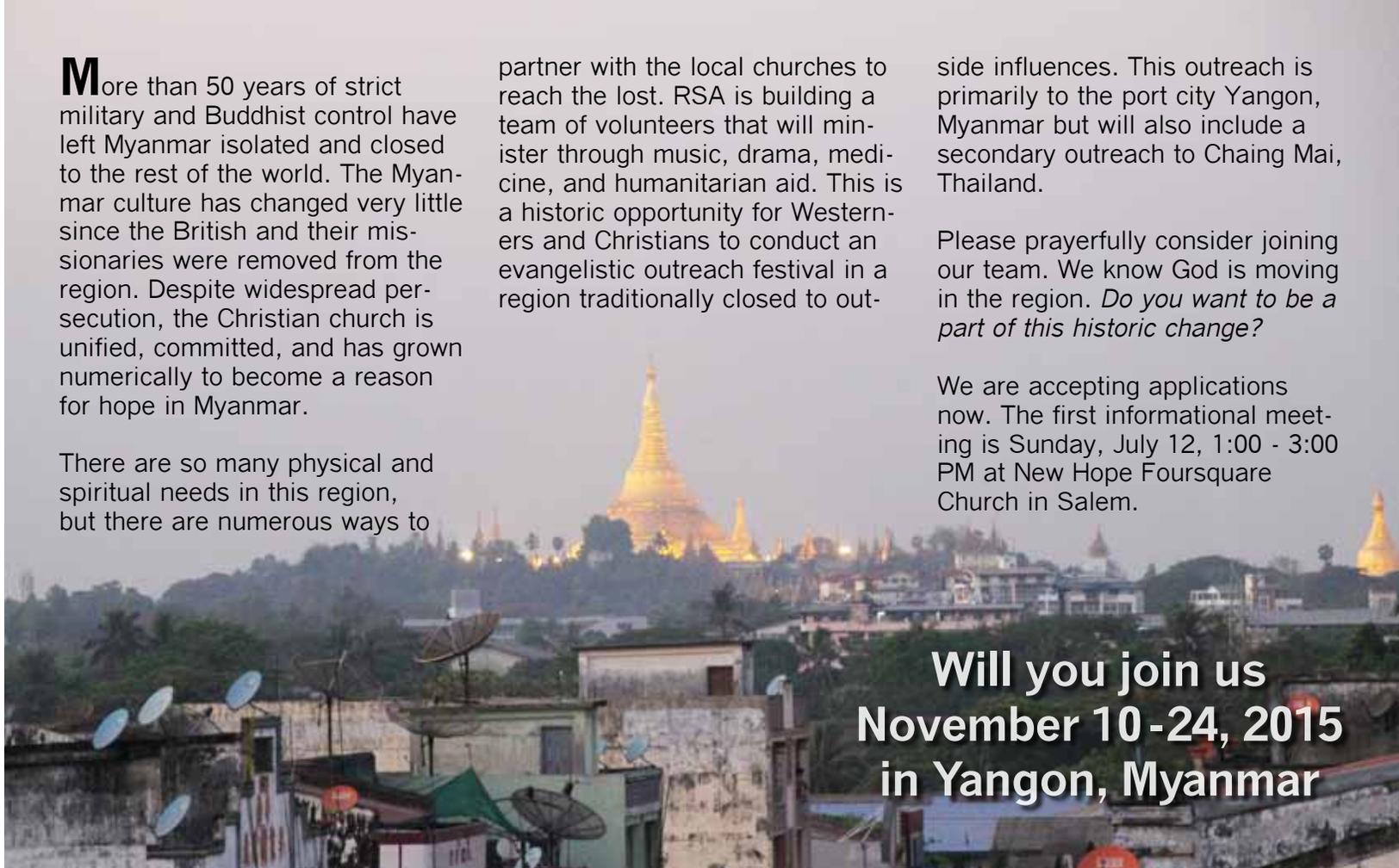
There are so many physical and spiritual needs in this region, but there are numerous ways to

partner with the local churches to reach the lost. RSA is building a team of volunteers that will minister through music, drama, medicine, and humanitarian aid. This is a historic opportunity for Westerners and Christians to conduct an evangelistic outreach festival in a region traditionally closed to out-

side influences. This outreach is primarily to the port city Yangon, Myanmar but will also include a secondary outreach to Chaing Mai, Thailand.

Please prayerfully consider joining our team. We know God is moving in the region. *Do you want to be a part of this historic change?*

We are accepting applications now. The first informational meeting is Sunday, July 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at New Hope Foursquare Church in Salem.



**Will you join us
November 10-24, 2015
in Yangon, Myanmar**

Cordoba, Argentina - September 14-22, 2015



This event is being organized by a group of local pastors in Cordoba, Argentina, in coordination with Andrew Palau and Reid Saunders Association. The main objective of this event is to reach high school, college, and university students for Jesus Christ.

Cordoba is the second largest city in Argentina and is the hub of seven major universities. As a university city, Cordoba has one of the youngest populations in Argentina and an attractive, but destructive nightlife scene with young people partying most of the night.

During the three days prior to the youth rally, the team will be presenting the Gospel at high schools and universities. Also, the team will hold a breakfast for professionals and businessmen where the Good News of Christ will be shared. In addition, a pastors' breakfast has been planned to give pastors an opportunity to come together and pray for the youth in their city.

The youth rally will take place at Plaza Velez Sarsfield located by the campus of the National University of Cordoba, which is the second largest university in Argentina.

The main goal of all of these events is to give the local youth an alternative fun and safe environment - a place where they can experience a rewarding life with Christ, and to learn that true happiness and love is only found in a relationship with Christ. Please pray for these students and the success of this outreach.



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Cover photo: Gypsy woman listens to gospel presentation in Skopje, Macedonia. Back cover: Dinner guests at outreach event in Rome, May, 2015.