



September has a way of moving us from the loosened pace of summer back into preparation. Schools begin again, churches settle into fall schedules, and before we know it, the final months of the year will be upon us. It is a good reminder that many of the things God accomplishes tomorrow are connected to faithful preparation today.

That is especially true at Operation Go International. Right now, we are preparing Christmas outreach that will touch hurting families around the world, equipping pastors in Latin America who are preparing others to share the Gospel, and strengthening our ministry base so we can continue printing, packing, training, sending, and serving. Different projects—but one purpose: to be ready for whatever work God puts before us.

“READY FOR THE MASTER’S USE”

“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.” — 2 Timothy 2:21

There is something wonderfully practical about that phrase: “prepared unto every good work.” Paul does not picture the Christian life as sitting on a shelf waiting for something meaningful to happen. He pictures a vessel—clean, available, useful, and ready when the Master reaches for it.

Every home has something like that. There are dishes you actually use, and then there are those mysterious dishes that apparently exist only to occupy cabinet space. Paul says God desires His children to be more than decorative Christians. He wants us ready to be used.

Notice, though, that usefulness begins with preparation. Before the vessel is used, it must be made ready. In the context of 2 Timothy 2, Paul speaks about cleansing ourselves from things that dishonor the Lord. God is far more interested in the condition of the vessel than its appearance. He is not searching for impressive people. He is looking for clean, surrendered, available people.

Preparation also requires us to think ahead. Noah built before it rained. Joseph stored grain before the famine. David gathered materials before Solomon built the Temple. The disciples prepared the upper room before the Passover meal. Again and again, Scripture teaches that faith is not careless. Faith prepares because it believes God is going to use what is being prepared.

That is true personally as well. God may be preparing you today for a conversation you will have next month, a burden you will carry next year, or an opportunity you cannot yet see. The prayer you are learning to pray, the Scripture you are hiding in your heart, the generosity you are practicing, and the faithfulness nobody notices may all be part of God getting His vessel ready.

And it is true in ministry. Preparing Gospel materials matters. Training a pastor matters. Strengthening a building matters. Planning Christmas compassion months ahead matters. These things may look very different, but when they are placed in the Master’s hands, they become part of His work.

So perhaps the right question for September is not simply, “Lord, what are You going to do?” Perhaps we should also ask, “Lord, am I ready when You choose to use me?”

May God find us clean, willing, prepared—and close enough to His hand that when He reaches for a vessel, we are ready.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Christmas outreach preparations, national pastors being equipped, new churches to be planted, and the practical resources needed to keep OGI ready for every opportunity God provides.

Let Your Christmas Reach Farther



Some of the most meaningful Christmas gifts will never be wrapped.

They may look like a meal placed before a hungry family in Kenya, medicine reaching someone in Myanmar, care given to a child in India, or groceries arriving when a struggling family in Michigan or West Virginia has nowhere else to turn.

Those gifts may never sit beneath your Christmas tree—but through your generosity, they can carry the love of Jesus farther than you may ever see.

Last year, you made our Christmas Wish List the strongest in OGI history. Food, medicine, clothing, care, and other vital help reached children and families around the world. Needs were met. Prayers were answered. Doors were opened. And most importantly, compassion created opportunities to share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Now it is time to prepare again.

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This Christmas, You Can Help Carry Hope

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FAMILIES — Make Giving Part of Christmas

Choose a country, region, or need and make it part of your family celebration. Let your children and grandchildren see that Christmas generosity can travel across an ocean and become an answer to prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS & SMALL GROUPS — Adopt a Project

Choose a region, display the Wish List QR code, and give together. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach that compassion is not merely something Christians feel—it is something we do.

PASTORS & CHURCHES — Give Your Church a Christmas Mission

We can provide a ready-to-use presentation and short video to help your congregation see the needs and participate together.

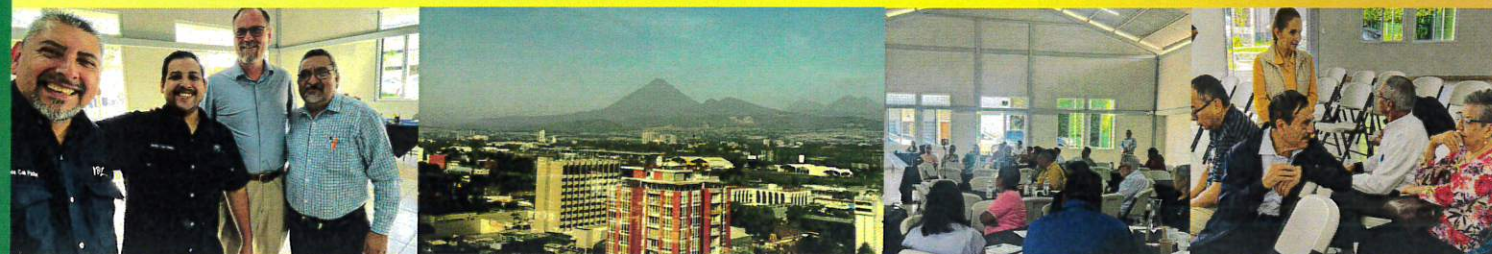
Long after the decorations are packed away, your Christmas gift can still be feeding a child, helping a family, caring for someone in need, and opening a heart to the Gospel.

PRAY . CHOOSE . GIVE . Let Your Christmas Reach Farther



Wish List

GUATEMALA: Preparing Leaders Who Will Prepare Others



God gave us a wonderful opportunity recently to minister to pastors and church leaders in Guatemala. OGI Latin America Director Bro. James Adams and Central America Director Bro. Rudis Diaz, along with his wife Ruth and son Rudy, joined my wife LeAnne and me for this important pastors' and leaders' training conference. The 65 pastors and leaders who attended were gracious, attentive, and genuinely hungry to learn. But what excites us most is what they intend to do with what they received. Together, they committed themselves to a goal of training 1,808 new soulwinners and planting 43 new churches during the next two years.

Think about that for a moment. Sixty-five people sitting in a conference can become more than 1,800 trained witnesses carrying the Gospel into their communities—and, by God's grace, 43 new churches shining the light of Christ in places where that witness is desperately needed.

That is why OGI exists. Our goal is never merely to conduct another conference. We want to prepare people who will prepare others. The power of the Gospel multiplied through faithful Christians sharing Christ in their own communities remains at the heart of everything we do.

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Leadership, Vision & New Opportunities

While in Guatemala, we were also able to spend important time with our leadership discussing direction, future opportunities, and an exciting new ministry project for Central America. I am not ready to give all the details just yet, but I look forward to sharing much more in the future. Please begin praying now that God will give us unmistakable direction and provision.

Thank God for the Diaz Family

I am especially thankful for Bro. Rudis Diaz and the tremendous work God is doing through him. Bro. Rudis carries a genuine burden for Central America. His zeal for reaching souls and his desire to equip national pastors are evident everywhere he goes. God is using him throughout the region to build relationships, organize training, encourage pastors, and extend the reach of Operation GO.

We are also grateful for his family standing beside him in the work. During this conference, Rudy Diaz handled my translating, and he did an outstanding job. Clear communication is absolutely essential when teaching and preaching through an interpreter, and Rudy served with skill, patience, and a wonderful spirit. I am very thankful for his help.

Seeing a father serving the Lord and a son stepping alongside him is encouraging. We thank God for Rudis, Ruth, and Rudy Diaz, and we are excited to see how the Lord will continue using this family to help prepare laborers throughout Central America.



STRENGTHEN THE STAKES INITIATIVE

Approximately \$15,000 Raised So Far!

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the Strengthen the Stakes Initiative. Through your generosity, approximately \$15,000 has been raised toward these important ministry needs. We are grateful for every gift.

The great mission of Operation Go International has not changed: reach souls, plant churches, train pastors, and carry the Gospel around the world. But to stay prepared for that work, we also need a strong ministry base here at home.

Increased printing and copier expenses, equipment repairs, higher utility costs, and major winter snow-removal expenses significantly depleted our operating funds. This initiative will also help us remove the old drive-through lanes behind our building and install a concrete delivery pad, allowing pallets, shipments, Gospel materials, and ministry supplies to be received much more safely and efficiently.

125 Partners • \$1,000 Each

We are asking the Lord for 125 partners who will give a special one-time gift of \$1,000, above their regular support.

Would you prayerfully consider being one of them? Perhaps God would also use you to share this need with a friend, church, or business owner who believes in worldwide evangelism.

Every gift helps keep OGI ready to print, pack, prepare, send, train, and serve.

Thank you for helping us keep the base strong so the Gospel can go farther.

"Sometimes the most spiritual thing we can do is strengthen the base that helps carry the Gospel farther."

Prepared For What God Will Do Next

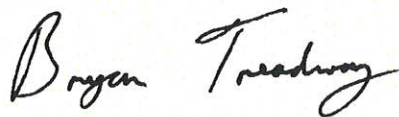
From preparing Christmas gifts months before they are distributed, to preparing 1,808 new soulwinners in Guatemala, to strengthening the ministry base from which OGI serves around the world, this entire newsletter reminds us of Paul's words: "prepared unto every good work."

We do not know every opportunity God will place before us in the months ahead. We do know this: we want to be ready. Ready with Gospel materials. Ready with trained pastors. Ready with compassion when someone is hurting. Ready with resources when a door opens. And most importantly, ready spiritually when the Master chooses to use us.

To each of you who helps make that possible, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity, prayers, encouragement, monthly support, special gifts, and confidence in Operation Go International mean more than we can adequately express. You are helping prepare the way for souls to hear the Gospel, pastors to be trained, churches to be planted, and hurting people to experience the compassion of Christ.

Please continue to pray for us and help as the Lord enables you. We are grateful to serve beside you—and we look forward with anticipation to seeing what God will do with vessels that are prepared unto every good work.

Yours For Souls,



Bryan Treadway, Evangelist

*"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS A PROCESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS."*

Thank you for your contribution to Operation Go International.

An annual statement of all donations given directly to OGI will be sent in January. If you have any questions concerning your contributions, please contact us at: 803-401-5752. THANK YOU!