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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for the current Spring '18 Perspectives classes that are underway in the U.S. and around the globe. Please pray for the students that they would find their calling (Goer, Sender, Mobilizer or Welcomer) in helping to complete the Great Commission.

Please pray that Sonya and I would bring our kids up to love Jesus and others. That His light would shine through Abigail, Henry and Jenna.

Thank you!

Hello

Update on Perspectives Global

We wanted to take some time to look back and celebrate just a few of the things we saw happen in 2017.

Ghana – In May, a Nigerian team arrived in Ghana to help lead 15 participants through an intensive class. The participants were drawn from key players of the Ghanaian Missions Movement who demonstrated a high level of commitment to engage the paradigm shift that Perspectives offers. After the intensive, a facilitator training was provided. This has helped launch the Perspectives movement in Ghana with indigenous facilitators.

Perspectives Asia– We continued to see God use Perspectives among

several Asian countries. In Thailand, the second ever all Thai class was offered. Singapore ran one of its largest classes. Great testimonies are coming out of the class with students really considering their role in God's global purposes and next steps. For example, one student said "I am involved in reaching a people group here locally that is often neglected and ignored because of prejudice, fear or ignorance".

Brazil – The Brazilian program has experienced rapid growth in the past few years. This year, it has become the second fastest growing program in the world holding over 50 classes.

Argentina and Bolivia – After only a year after their first co-sponsored intensives, both countries hosted courses without much or any assis-



Participants from leader Perspectives training in Argentina.

tance from the Perspectivas Global Español Team. In essence, these programs are fully in their hands now. We look forward to seeing how Perspectives is used in 2018.



Participants from our Ghana Perspectives intensive class.

USA

The Spring 2018 Perspectives classes are well underway. Praise God for the 154 Perspectives classes that are currently going on right now throughout the U.S. Approximately 7,000 students are being encouraged and challenged to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus says in Acts 1:8 “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

I heard it said that the smallest package in the world is a person who is all wrapped up in himself. May we/ Christians not be distracted by the things of the world but do all that we can to bring the Gospel to those who have never heard.

Thunder & Lightning

Bob Blincoe is the National Director of Frontiers. Frontiers is a Mission Agency that we (Frontier Ventures) works with in helping to complete the Great Commission. They primarily work with reaching Muslims with the love of Christ. I appreciate Bob’s endorsement and quote about Perspectives. “We want to draw your attention to a thunder and lightning class on missions called “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.” It is probably coming to your city in 2018. Click here to find out more:<https://class.perspectives.org/>. Especially if your mind is made up that you already know all you want to know about Christian missions, take this class. If you are pretty sure that you don’t want to be a missionary, relax a little. Take Perspectives. If you think that Jesus’ final words, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel” is the first time that missions is mentioned in the Bible, you better sit down. Perspectives is a 15 week course, one night a week, with a big book you will read. After a few weeks you will say, “Why was I never told this before?” You are going to be an encouragement to your friends with all that you’ve learned about the Bible, about history, about culture, and about strategies now being implemented to complete the task of world mission”.

Till All Nations Hear,

Jim Sonya, Abigail, Henry, Jenna