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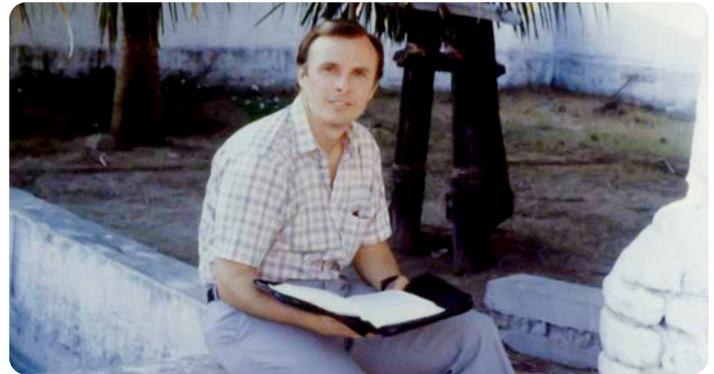


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# Thirty-Three One-Dollar Bills

The most important contribution  
Global Servants ever received

BY DR. MARK RUTLAND

**A**n interviewer once asked me, “What made you start Global Servants? Look at all that has been accomplished in so many countries. Was that always the plan? Was there some precise moment or a particular event where you knew it was time to launch such a ministry?” Yes, there was a precise moment. It wasn’t a very supernatural moment, and it was too complicated to explain in a TV interview. But, here in this column, I can tell you. I remember exactly when I knew it was time to start this work. It was in 1977.

I was pastoring a small United Methodist church and considering resigning to begin an evangelistic ministry. One particular week I preached revival services at a church in another state. Sunday morning through Friday night, twice a day, every day. Twelve services. I preached each night, and the morning services were an hour and a half Bible studies. After the Friday night service as I left the church, the pastor handed me a suspiciously thin envelope, and said, “We took an offering at all the services morning and evening. After deducting for your meals and motel, here is what is left.” The envelope contained thirty-three one-dollar bills. I had to drive all night to get home because \$33 wouldn’t pay for a night on the road and the gas and the wild extravagance of a Waffle House meal along the way.

Ah, the glamorous life of a young Methodist evangelist. I am not whining. I’m reminiscing with a deep gratitude about how Global Servants began. That moment, sitting there in my car with thirty-three one-dollar bills in my hand was actually the watershed

moment. I knew right then Alison and I were going to have to talk more honestly than ever before about our future and our calling. We were so young (30 and 28 to be precise). We were also dedicated, and not a little dreamy-eyed about the work of full-time traveling ministry. We spent the next few days trying to get to the bottom line. At least to FIND the bottom line. Were we called? Were we ready to get paid \$33 a week? And was that the right question?

When I asked the Bishop of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church to appoint me Conference Evangelist, he said, and I quote, “If that’s what you want, I’ll make the appointment, but you’ll starve. You understand? You’ll go totally broke.” Was that bishop numbered among the prophets? we asked ourselves. The \$33 honorarium certainly seemed to bear him witness. What we knew was we needed a plan, a way to do what we felt God was calling us to do, and if at all possible, NOT starve while doing it.

The plan we came up with, the plan we believed God gave us, was simple. Simple that is IF, and it was a huge IF, God’s grace would move on the hearts of His people to help us. That is always an excellent test of any plan one thinks is from God. Those who think they have God’s plan must be willing to let God confirm it with His provision.

The plan was simply this. Form a non-profit, invite some folks to serve as its board, and raise the money for my support outside of ministry settings. In other words, my family’s support would not depend on offerings. I could preach anywhere, even in the smallest churches in the poorest countries, and my »



salary would not change.

The plan also begged another question. What if the offerings and honoraria were to exceed, perhaps far exceed the salary set by the board? That seemed highly unlikely to me in 1977. Not to Alison. She was the one with the faith. She said from the very beginning that it would happen. What we knew was that we had to commit ourselves to the plan. If people gave, if God were in this and it took off, and there were funds generated beyond our support, what would we do with them? We had to answer that question in our hearts before it became a reality, which it quickly did.

Missions was the answer. It was our first answer, and the answer has never changed. Every copy of every one of my books that has ever been sold, all the cassette tapes (when tapes were a thing), the CDs (when those were a thing), the love offerings and honoraria, all the money raised at more than 350 couples conferences, the women's retreats Alison did, the National Institute of Christian Leadership and all the rest... ALL that went to missions because our support would be taken care of.

The plan was simple, and God was in it. People, wonderful, generous Spirit-filled people gave and are still giving, and the plan worked. Since 1977, Global Servants has built churches, clinics, and schools in multiple countries such as Peru, Mexico, India, Nigeria, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Benin, and Togo. Many of these we built for other ministries, mostly indigenous works, and we were delighted and honored to do so. Of course, House of Grace in Thailand and Ghana, and all the churches in West Africa are still under our leadership. Now, under Travis' capable presidential leadership, the international mission work of Global Servants continues to grow and be blessed. Thanks be to God.

Looking back on it, I now believe that a \$33.00 offering may have been the most important offering I ever received. With God, simple plans make for great service, and little is much. ◀



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Dr. Mark Rutland, Travis Rutland, and Sammy Odarno in Ghana in 1989



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## News & Updates From HQ

### The work of Global Servants continues

By Rev. Ronny Brannen

In this age of COVID-19 our world has been turned upside down. I am not telling you anything you do not already know but I do want to share with you some things you might not know. First of all, everyone at Global Servants and everyone in Thailand and Ghana are all safe and well. That being said, we have had many interruptions, cancellations, and changes.

Many of Dr. Rutland's speaking engagements were canceled beginning in March and we have had to postpone and reschedule some of the NICL sessions. Some of the churches have begun to open so his schedule is beginning to pick up again. During this time Dr. Rutland has also had many Zoom conference calls and those have gone well.

We closed our offices and worked from home for the month of April and have been back in the office since May 4<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of the office, this gave us time to renovate our new office located at 20 Satellite Drive, Winder, GA 30680. We moved into the new office building on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This turned out to be good timing for things to have slowed down some so we could deal with all the complications of making such a big move.

All our overseas folks have had to adjust as well during this time. Tyler and I were supposed to travel to Thailand in May. However, we had to postpone until August and has had to be postponed again to sometime this fall hopefully.

In Ghana, the construction on the new House of Grace home slowed down as only 3 workers at a time could be on site. The opening of schools had been pushed back so this delayed receiving our new girls for the House of Grace. They began to arrive in August as school was set to begin in September. At one-point Ghana was not receiving mail from the U.S.

In Thailand, when school let out in March most of our girls went to their respective villages to visit, as they do each year during school break, but then were required to stay as the villages lockdown not allowing anyone to come in or out. The reopening of school was pushed back until July. So, with this rather than receiving our new girls in May as usual, they did not arrive until the end of June. Upon their arrival Jutiporn and the staff had set up a 9-step process to receive each girl to keep everyone safe and well.

Even during all the changes we are all dealing with, the work of Global Servants continues. This is possible because of your faithfulness and prayers. We thank God for the health and safety of our girls in both Houses of Grace, churches throughout West Africa, our school and daycare in West Africa and of all our staff around the world. We also thank you for helping make all this happen. ◀

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Each Year the girls celebrate their cultural heritage by receiving their new Kente' dresses. Each girl picks out both the design and material as each dress is made uniquely for them by a local seamstress.



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## The Caring Place

Change our world by reaching the one

By Jon Susa

With a vision that embraces a charge to “change our world by reaching the one,” we have been very intentional about partnering with those making a significant, global impact. Our drive to see life-change was in rhythmic alignment when we learned of Global Servants’ overall influence, but especially their effect on girls’ destinies in both local and eternal ways.

For over thirty years we have been actively involved in the inner-city neighborhoods surrounding us in Indianapolis. Early on we realized that if we lovingly embraced and served our children by creatively engaging them and offering them hope in tangible ways, we continually saw God do a supernatural work through their whole families. This, in turn, would influence their communities residually in an extraordinary way. Years

later, several of these children now grown-up have pursued higher education, become business leaders, are active in local and civic roles, and a handful are in ministry today serving as pastors around our city.

God has called each of us to be transformational. We are both recipients and dealers of God’s divine grace. In a sprawling sea filled with wonderful and effective global ministries, Global Servants



crests and ascends with a distinctive shimmer fueled by an ongoing legacy of seeing individual lives supernaturally altered for greater destinies. When our path's crossed, we knew that our stories needed to be irrevocably interlaced. In partnering with and supporting Global Servants, we know that we are recipients of a greater blessing—a blessing that is multiplied throughout Thailand, West Africa, and beyond.

Cynically there have been some who have questioned if reaching one life can truly change our world. What we do know is that for that one life, their world is changed. And as their world is changed, they are a catalyst for an even greater, global transformation. Whether it is an inner-city neighborhood, an Akha village,

or a girl's home in Ghana, it is all about another changed life! ◀

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# What You Think Is A Coincidence Is Actually The Hand Of God

When I had limited resources and had to drop out of school, sponsorship came through at the right time.

By Nara Phisailert (Buzi Saedug)

I was one of the first women who received a blessing to come and stay at the House of Grace. I was born in an ethnic group called “Akha,” where women are discriminated against and valued less than a man. My mom abandoned me and left me with my grandmother when I was ten months old. I was born with a physical disability, better known as polio. My left leg was weak, and I could not walk at all. By the age of 7, I was finally able to walk, and my family didn’t know what exactly to do with me and worried about if any man would accept my condition and want to marry me.

During this dark and unfortunate time of my life, I was still more fortunate than other girls. I got to attend school due to my condition, and it was the only school in this village. Going to school was my only hope, and I didn’t have to go to work in the fields like the others. After I graduated from primary school, I had to go to the city to continue middle school. However, I faced difficulty and hardship. I had to feed myself on extremely limited resources. I had to make a rice cooker out of firewood, which was difficult during the rainy season.

One year into middle school, I had to drop out because I couldn’t afford to buy a school uniform. I felt excluded because my uniform was white while all the other students had the required green uniform, I was ashamed of being poor. Additionally, due to my circumstances, I was only able to eat dried spinach and ground dried chilies boiled in vinegar every day. Despite these hardships, I endured, collected my scores, and completed the 7th grade.

After 7th grade, I went back to my village and stayed with my family for a short period. My family kicked me out of their home and forced me to go to live at the church due to my Christian faith. The villagers protested that two religions could not exist in the same household. I was the only one in my family who accepted Jesus Christ as my savior and was water baptized. During this time, the villagers looked down on me and treated me like an outcast. Many villagers wanted me to leave and go to work in the city. Two of them even suggested that I should work as a prostitute. I continued to live in the church and finally found a job at the Agricultural Plant Research Center, earning ฿25 baht per day (less than \$1). I taught Sunday School, which allowed me to pursue biblical studies at Bethel Bible College. Here I met the leader of the church, and when I shared my interest in continuing my education, he encouraged me to go to “Blessing Home” a children’s home in Chiang Rai.



“ I could not have come this far and achieved what I have without House of Grace”

I hired a “Tuk Tuk” (Taxi) to take me to the city of Chiang Rai. By accident, I ended up at the “House of Grace.” As it turned out, I received mercy and was accepted into House of Grace in May of 1992. When I looked back into my childhood, I could not have come this far and achieved what I have without House of Grace that day. I received so much during the five years I stayed at House of Grace. I received the basic needs that every child has the right to have, such as protection, a safe shelter, food, and education. They also took care of my tuition, lunch, study materials, and supplies.

My English language capabilities improved during my time at House of Grace. I could not speak English very well, but I communicated well enough through to an outreach team that came to visit House of Grace. I am thankful to Grandma and Grandpa (Dr. Mark Rutland’s parents), who taught me and helped me make a speech for my English skill competition. This brought honor and fame to both my school and myself. My speech developed, and today I am comfortable speaking in front of large crowds. This also influenced me to serve the Lord through my current work in life.

My leadership skills were developed at House of Grace. I was consistently chosen to be a representative of House of Grace for the Youth committee Thai Wieng Church. My spirituality grew, and through local church leaders, I was encouraged to devote myself to pursue biblical studies. Today, I am still serving the Lord among the ethnic groups and the Akha tribal people.

I want to thank every one of the sponsors and donors who have been supporting House of Grace’s mission through your prayer, finances, and other means. Even though I didn’t get a chance to meet my sponsors in person, your support is your heritage to provide a new



life for me. While I was struggling with polio and living in a dark culture, God gave me the intelligence and perseverance to succeed, and He has always had a good plan for my future. When I had limited resources and had to drop out of school, sponsorship came through at the right time. While there was little hope for a woman like me to stand on my feet, House of Grace provided me the chance to be a woman with value. Today, I am so proud of myself that God chose me to serve Him among the Akha women.

I want to invite you to consider giving your support to House of Grace's mission. "You have lent God your hand for the poor," according to His scripture. We have nothing of material value to give back to you, but I am proud to live my life thanks to your grace and generosity. I will be a good person for Thailand Society and will live out the rest of my life trying as best I can to be a blessing toward the ethnic groups in Myanmar and Laos. All my strength and opportunities I have received from donors and supporters like you. I will be one of the lights that reach out to those in need, as you have done. Not only have you lent God your hand for the poor, but you have also

served Him by obeying His word according to Deuteronomy 15:7-11 "There will always be some among you who are poor."

Thank you so much for your service and support for the mission work of House of Grace. Your support towards House of Grace's mission is providing an opportunity for a new life and a promising future for many young girls in need. You are building a spiritual life, and a beautiful life on earth and in the kingdom of God, reaping many souls who are coming to House of Grace, and you are reconciling good people back into Thailand's Society. ◀

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# Create A Lasting Legacy

The future of Global Servants is right there in our heart

By Mark Hale

**L**eaving a legacy is a most important topic which we tend to avoid discussing. Having had a dual career path as both a financial advisor and a pastor, I have found that when I talk to people about their money, I am talking to them about what is on their heart. As Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. If you are reading this, then you already have a heart for Global Servants and you understand the importance and the impact this ministry is having around the world. Leaving a legacy that continues your support for this ministry after you are gone is something that needs to be done now while there is time to plan for it.

My wife and I have been giving to Global for a little over 30 years now. We do think about what will happen to Global Servants after we are gone, in the same way we think about what will happen to our children. For us, the concern for the future of Global Servants is right there in our hearts, next to our concern for the future of our children. Those of you who have been blessed to support one or more of the girls in Thailand or Ghana will fully understand how your concern for them and their future grows. You become invested in their lives and want to see them through, even after you are gone.

There are many ways to give and leave a legacy besides donating money. Here are some ideas that I encourage you to look into and discuss with your attorney, tax advisor, financial advisor and your children. These are alternative giving strategies that in most cases have a tax benefit as well.

1). Donate stock or other highly appreciated assets. With the stock market at an all-time high, now is a great time to donate shares of stock. For example, if you invested in Amazon 20 years ago, you might have 100 shares you bought for 2000 dollars. Today that same 100 shares is worth approximately 180,000 dollars. Instead of selling this and paying taxes on the gain, you can donate a number of shares, take a tax deduction for the full value of those donated shares, and pay no capital gains taxes. Even more good news here: Global is a non-profit organization, so they won't pay capital gains taxes either. This means of donation also works for real estate or any other highly appreciated asset.

When you give a gift of stock, the deduction on your taxes is limited to 1/2 of your adjusted gross income. If the deduction exceeds that limit in the year of the donation, you can carry the



unused portion forward and use it in future years; this gives you the ability to take advantage of today's high values, rather than waiting and making donations (of potentially reduced value) over a period of years.

2). If you are at least 70-1/2 years old, you are allowed to donate up to \$100,000 per year from your retirement account and pay no taxes on this distribution. It's called a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD. This is a very tax-efficient way to remove money from a highly taxed IRA and to donate to charity.

3). Certain annuities and life insurance policies allow you to create a long-term income for a loved one or a charity. It's called a “controlled payout”. Basically while you are alive you can designate that beneficiaries receive their share over a stated period of time instead of all at once. I have encountered some very unfortunate situations where a beneficiary was known to struggle with addiction or similar issues. Leaving a large sum of money to someone who is addicted can be a recipe for disaster; these policies can address that sort of situation. They can also be a good way to leave a legacy that continues to benefit Global Servants for years after you are gone.



4). Transfer on death, or TOD, is something that many states allow on most property and investments. It involves completion of a simple form by which you designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries; upon death the property transfers to that person or entity without going through probate. This is a very popular and inexpensive way to transfer ownership. It leaves you in control now while you are still alive, plus it allows the “cost basis” to step up at death so capital gains taxes are drastically reduced. In designating beneficiaries, it is becoming more and more common to require that designees’ Social Security numbers or Tax Identification Numbers be provided. You can contact Global Servants for the Tax Identification Number if needed.

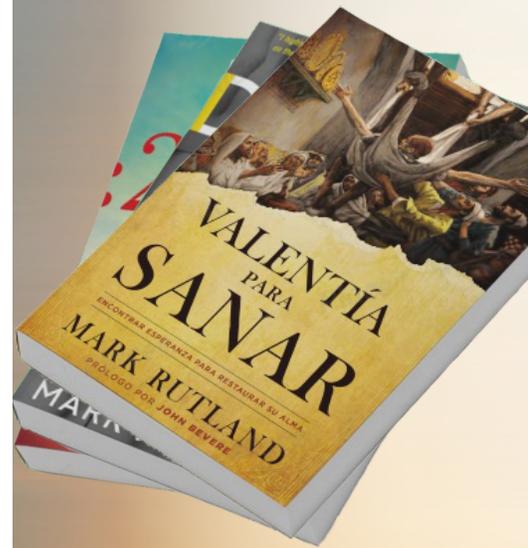
There are many ways to plan your legacy and this is by no means a comprehensive list. Rather, it is a brief rundown of some of the most common ways to utilize your current donations to create and maximize a lasting legacy of support for the ministry of Global Servants. ◀

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## The Right People For The Right Time

Every team brings something unique that blesses this ministry

By Andrew Kennedy

**M**y family and I have had the privilege of being part of the House of Grace - Thailand for the last year and a half. Throughout this time, we have had the opportunity to see different teams from the United States, Malaysia, Thailand, and China visit House of Grace. If you have ever been part of one of those teams, you know the tremendous blessing it is to be a part of what God is doing and has been doing in Thailand for the last 30 years. The teams that visit HOG make a tremendous difference in both the physical and spiritual atmosphere of the campus. Each group brings something unique to House of Grace - Thailand and blesses the girls and staff with both their time and talents.

It is difficult to describe in words what coming to House of Grace - Thailand is like, but I am going to try for those of you who have never been here. You arrive at campus, and you are immediately bombarded with the most precious, smiling faces. As you get off the van, you see an enormous welcome sign that has been specially designed with pictures and a greeting for you and your team. The girls greet you with a hug and place a necklace of jasmine around your neck. You have instantly become a part of the House of Grace family. The next few days will be a time of rewarding work, delicious food, breathtaking scenery, unbreakable bonds, and powerful worship. You immediately feel that God has His hand on this place, and you are humbled to be a part of it. The hardest part of your trip will be saying goodbye.

The work is hard but rewarding. I have seen teams paint buildings, make chicken coops, move playgrounds, install kitchen cabinetry, clean and fill dozens of teeth, and most recently put down over 700 feet of pipes. Most of this hard work takes place while the girls are at school. When the girls arrive home, the teams spend the evening forming bonds with the girls through games, activities, Bible study, and worship.



Worship at House of Grace is a special time. The girls often perform traditional Thai and Akha dances in traditional clothing, and then some of the high school girls lead the campus in worship. To me, this is such a special time because it is a glimpse into what heaven will be like, where people from every nation, tribe, and tongue will be worshipping God before the throne (Revelation 7:9). You look around and see many nations and tongues represented. I have heard Thai, Akha, English, Chinese, Malay, French, and Swahili languages represented at different times.

It truly amazes me the many different personalities and talents God brings to House of Grace. Every team brings something unique that blesses this ministry. Some people change the scenery with the amount of physical work they

do here. While others share their creative giftings with the girls and leave precious reminders of their time at House of Grace. Some teams focus more on creating lasting bonds through Bible teaching and powerful worship. No two teams have ever been alike, but each one has made lasting impressions on the girls, the staff, and our family.

One of the staff members at House of Grace recently said to me, "God brings exactly the right people at exactly the right time." I want to echo that statement here. If you are looking to get involved with a fruitful ministry, I would urge you to consider getting involved with the House of Grace. If you are thinking about being a part of a team that comes to House of Grace - Thailand, you should prayerfully consider it. If you have given to, prayed for, or been a part of one of these teams, "Thank you." You will never really know, this side of eternity, the impact that you have made. ◀

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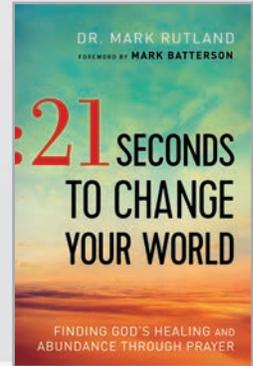
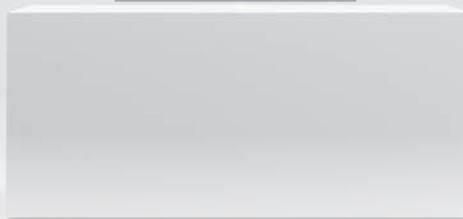
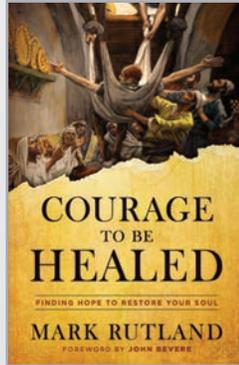
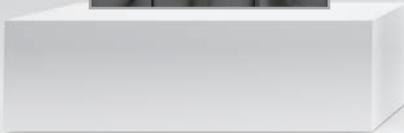
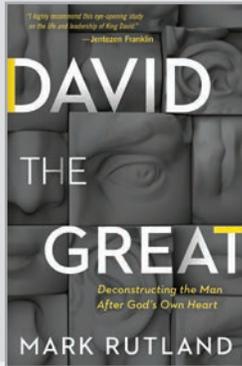
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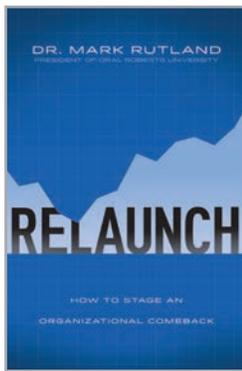
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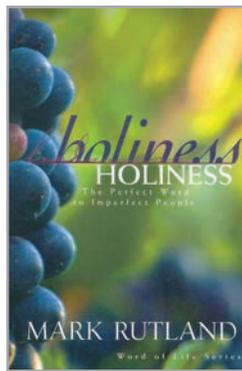
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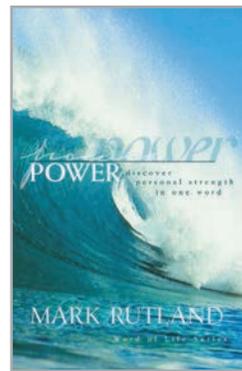


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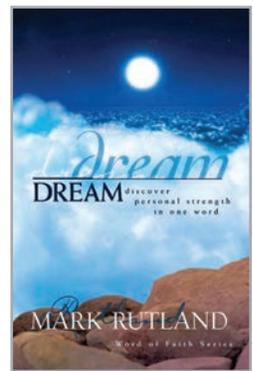


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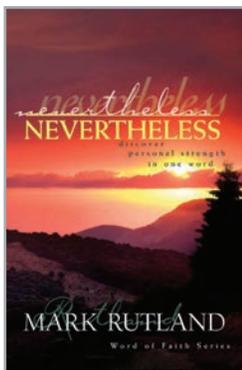


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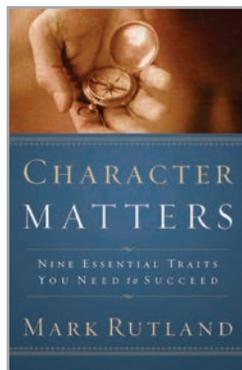


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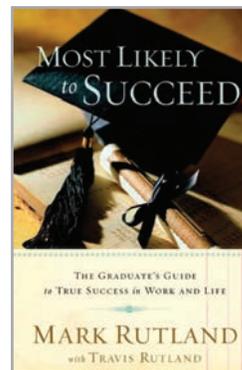


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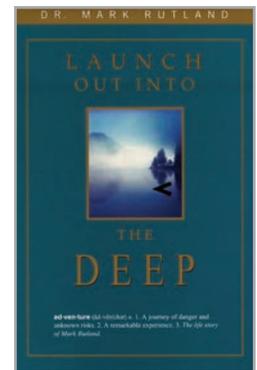
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# House of Grace Ghana New Dormitory

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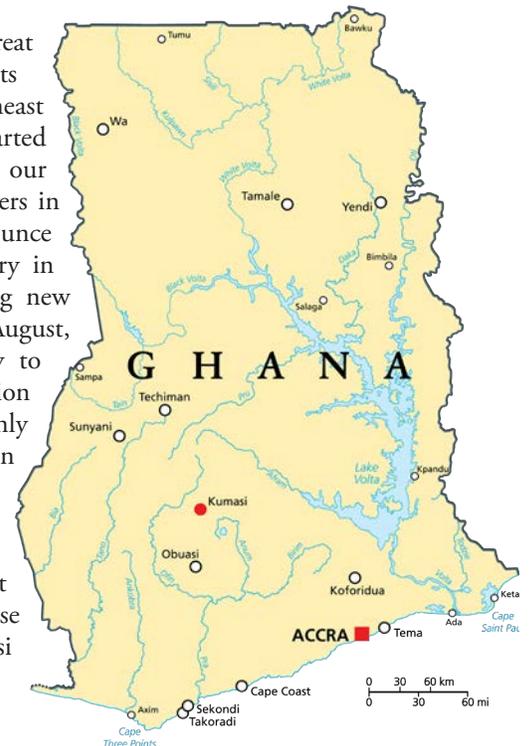
## 2020 Hasn't Slowed Down Global Servants

We are moving forward & growing

By Tyler Ellis



This year has brought great opportunities to Global Servants through our work in Southeast Asia and West Africa. We started the year by working hard to complete our expansion to the West Africa headquarters in Kumasi, Ghana. We are proud to announce that the new House of Grace dormitory in Kumasi is finished and already housing new girls. We welcomed our new girls in August, and they are settled and getting ready to begin school this fall at Trinity Foundation School located on our campus. Not only is Global Servants making an impact on the lives of our girls through House of Grace, Ghana, but we are improving the infrastructure of Ghana by working closely with the Ghanaian government to provide even better resources to those we serve. The new dormitory in Kumasi will be used as a model for all children's homes throughout the country according to the Minister of Health in Accra, the nation's capital. This is a great honor that we can have such an influence on not only other homes but the communities of Ghana that will be improved by the new standards set forth by the work of our West African staff. Along with House of Grace, our other ministries in West Africa are moving forward and growing.



Our Director of Evangelism, Sammy Odarno, is hard at work planning the return of the Trinity Foundation Bible School. With Sammy in his new role focused solely on our churches, there has been tremendous growth as our pastors have begun to plant new churches in their neighboring villages. In 2019 Trinity Foundation had a total of 35 churches, we are proud to announce that Sammy has doubled that number to bring our total to 70 churches. The West African countries in which we operate are Ghana, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast, and Burkina Faso. This is a great new field for Global Servants to build more church buildings and expand our community impact across West Africa. It's our goal to partner with these new villages and build not only churches but: wells for clean water, toilets for proper sanitation/infection control, and schools for education. That will open new doors of opportunity that are currently not available for the people of these villages. »



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As the rainy season in Thailand comes to an end, our staff and girls of House of Grace-Thailand are busy with school and getting ready for all the fun that the fall and holidays bring! The excitement in the air is not just for the holidays, but also for our 20 new girls that joined our Thai family. This year has been a little odd for our girls as school started late, and they have been playing catch-up academically, but that has not put them behind in living life to the fullest every day. With school being out longer than expected, our girls have been assisting the staff with projects around the property. We took the extra time off to get some much-needed improvements and upgrades done to our property like replacing washing machines, fixing the roof on the offices, adding additional work stations for new staff, painting beds and walls in the dorms, and much more!

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# Dream

As we achieve a dream we are constantly calling out to God for a new dream and a new vision

BY TRAVIS RUTLAND

One problem with the English language is that the same word can have two or more meanings. One of those words is dream. Dream can mean a sleeping dream. Dream can also mean the dream that God gives you for your life. We find those two meanings combined in the person of Joseph from the Old Testament. Joseph is the consummate Biblical dreamer.

As a young man, God gives Joseph a dream for his life. It is a sleeping dream but it is also much more than that. It is a dream that represents redemption and salvation for Joseph and his family. However, his dream frustrates his brothers. In a moment of anger and rage, they throw Joseph into a pit and later sell him into slavery. What can we learn from Joseph and his journey?

## The Dream in a Pit

Be careful who you share your dream with. Dreamers intimidate others. Dreamers challenge the status quo. Dreamers anger those around them who already gave up on their dream. Listen to what God is saying to you.

Hold onto His words and His plans for your life. Joseph told his brothers his dream and they almost immediately tried to kill him. The people around you may not react so drastically but it is worth remembering. The dream is between you and God. Do not let anyone talk you out of it.

## The Dream in Potiphar's House

Joseph now finds himself in slavery in Egypt. He works for a man named Potiphar. Over time, Potiphar's wife tries to seduce Joseph. Joseph refuses to yield to that temptation. But there must have been a part of Joseph's mind that was thinking, "Just give in to the temptation. What difference does it make? The dream is dead and it will never happen." A common response to challenging times is a willingness to compromise and give in to sin. Joseph has his character tested in Potiphar's house. It would have been easy for Joseph to say the dream is over and give in to the temptation. Don't allow compromise and temptation to destroy your dream. In the tough times, cling to your dream.

## The Dream in Prison

Potiphar's wife becomes frustrated with Joseph's refusal to give in, and falsely accuses him of rape. Joseph is promptly thrown into prison. In that moment, the dream must have seemed further away than ever. Joseph received his dream years early. Since then he has been thrown in a pit, sold into slavery, taken to Egypt, sold to Potiphar, accused falsely of rape, and finally thrown in prison. But remember, in all these moments God is still in control. The dream delayed is not the dream denied. Just because the dream looks further away than ever to us does not mean that it cannot come true tomorrow. When you are in those prison seasons of life, let the dream sustain you.

## The Dream in a Palace

While in prison, Joseph translates the dreams of two other inmates. One of those is freed and when Pharaoh has a dream that no one can interpret this man remembers Joseph. Joseph is brought from

prison and correctly interprets the dream of Pharaoh. Pharaoh makes Joseph the second in command of all Egypt and in that moment, his dream is fulfilled. The dream that God gave Joseph all those years earlier is finally achieved. Yet, Joseph knows, and we must remember, to be careful in that moment. The dream achieved does not mean that you have reached the end. Don't stop at that moment of fulfillment. Often, at the completion of the dream comes boredom, complacency, and temptation. When the dream comes to a conclusion, do not give up. Instead, ask God for a new dream. Joseph dreamed right up until the end of his life. Even when the dream had come true and he had everything he could possibly want. Joseph, the ultimate dreamer, continued to dream.

The life of Joseph is a call to each of us. Ask God for a dream. If you already know that dream, then hold onto it. Refuse to let the pit or the prison rob you of that God-given dream. Then, once the dream has been fulfilled, ask God for a new dream.

That is our goal at Global Servants. As we achieve a dream we are constantly calling out to God for a new dream and a new vision. We desire to do more in more countries. Once a dream has been fulfilled, we begin to dream again. We are so grateful for your willingness to partner with us to help people around the world fulfill their dream. We know that those dreams could not happen without your support and faithfulness. ◀

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President Travis Rutland, and COO Tyler Ellis, visit the village of Binangam, located in remote Northern Ghana.

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