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His question rattled me.

"CTEN has helped me a lot but just what does CTEN do?

Commission To Every Nation was only in its second year when a seasoned missionary asked to join CTEN. I was concerned as to why he was leaving the agency he had been with for over 20 years. He explained; several of the large national churches had asked him to create a school to train their people to go as missionaries to other countries. His current agency was excited about the idea and 100% behind it but they let him know, "You'll have to find another agency to work with since that's outside our vision statement."

I couldn't believe it. "They can't 'grandfather' you in or bend the vision statement a little for such an amazing opportunity?" Apparently not.

Now, while thankful CTEN was enabling this new ministry, he was asking me what CTEN does. Some agencies translate the Bible, some plant churches or start orphanages. But what does CTEN do? I had never thought about it. I only started CTEN (and rather reluctantly) because I felt God saying to do so. I thought me and my family might be the only CTEN missionaries. I knew what we did but I never thought about what CTEN would do.

The question rattled me. I spent a couple of weeks desperately asking God, "What do you want CTEN to do?" Then, one morning, in prayer, it suddenly became clear – DUH! CTEN sends missionaries. It's ok to do that. I know it sounds silly but I realized it's OK for a mission agency to send missionaries.

After we send them, we care for them so they can stay – stay healthy, stay effective, stay long-term. (Building disciples requires building relationships. Building relationships requires time.)

What does CTEN do? We send missionaries and serve them so they can do what God has called them to do. Do we build orphanages or clinics? Some of our missionaries do. Do we plant churches or translate the Bible? Some of our missionaries do. Do we work in the 10/40 window area or reach remote unreached villages? Some of our missionaries do. And we are here to help them and hundreds of others be of maximum effectiveness in whatever God has directed them to do.

Thanks for doing your part in making all this happen. You do what you do, so Commission To Every Nation can do what it does, so hundreds of missionaries can do what they do, so God's Word can go forth and do what it does.

- 1 **Marydel Glass** Philippines Praising our Lord that she is now participating in the membership of CMNetwork; also her health is getting better...
- 2 *Chris & LaChanda Roark* Thailand Please pray that the village of Baan Pong, Thailand, is transformed by the Gospel.
- 3 *Gary & Michele Gallina* USA- Mutual encouragement and blessings in connecting with their churches, partners, friends, and family this summer.
- 4 *Jim & Kappy Robinette* Uganda Please pray for conversions through their Children's Ministries and Street Kid Outreaches in Africa and for good discipleship as these children/youth come into meetings in the local churches.
- 5 **Betty Merida** Guatemala Please pray for good health, safety and that Miguel her 13 year old can continue to grow in his relationship with God.
- 6 **David & Rebecca Pater** -France Please pray for the reorganization of their multi-site church as they seek a more efficient and healthy way to make disciples who make disciples.
- 7 **Roger & Marcy Oliver**—USA Please pray for their trip this month to Mexico and their participation in a pastors conference and the PVLC graduation.
- 8 *Mike & Valerie Boado* -USA Mike and Val pioneered a ministry in the Philippines The NEOS Fellowship Center. Please pray that God would provide financially for NEOS. They need monthly supporters.
- 9 Miguel & Jennie Morel Dominican Republic Jennie will be leaving Miguel behind with the kids in June to help with a two week mission trip to India, and they have also been praying for the means and funds to start building their own house there in the DR.
- 10 **Jeremy & Meghan Barker** Nicaragua Please join them in asking the Lord to fill all open positions at our school, Nicaragua Christian Academy, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 11 **Timothy & Melissa Sudolcan** Philippines They are expecting their 4th child early June; please pray for their family as they welcome their new baby.
- 12 **Robert Newhall** Mexico Please pray for God's guidance in outreach to indigenous harvester worker families in Mexico with Buenas Nuevas, [Global Recordings Network], in KidMin leadership, and in his personal relationship growth with Jesus and others.
- 13 Whitney Peck Albania The SELAH worship school is focusing on promotion and weekend trainings while writing curriculum. Pray God protects them as they travel and gives them wisdom.
- 14 **Nathan & Claudia Hardeman** Guatemala Please pray for clarity in vision and wisdom as they continue to explore the best way to impact the lives of young people in gang-infested neighborhoods.
- 15 **Meggan & Pavlos Vasileiadis** Greece Please pray that the fruit of their personal Bible study will be digested and metabolized productively into stimulating conversation with friends and creative writing output.

- 16 **Ben & Susie Argil** Mexico Pray for resources and volunteers to carry out BrillaAdventure summer camps where Mexican children are presented with the Gospel for the very first time.
- 17 **Ethan & Bethany Magnuson** Rwanda Pray for Protection and strength for their ministry team; there has been a lot of personal adversities all at once recently.
- 18 **Michael & Bernadette Boone** Zambia Pray for wisdom, effectiveness, and efficiency as they complete their 2023 schedule. Also, partnerships with church leaders and how to expand the ministry as word of the training spreads.
- 19 **Michael & Nayeli Kolean** Mexico Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they start new small groups in a small unreached pueblo.
- 20 Caleb & Amy Eby Japan Pray that they remain daily in step with the Spirit and that they may train those they disciple to do the same.
- 21 **Dave & Eileen Bidwell** USA Please pray for many opportunities to share the Good News in unsettling, political, and fearful times.
- 22 **Robert & Debbie Wulff** Baja Mexico Please be with #thewulffpack in continued prayer for God's direction, protection, and provision in every way as they serve Him in faith on the mission field in Mexico!
- 23 **Rebecca Sanden** Ukraine The spiritual development of their national volunteers so they can continue serving together with proper focus and passion for the Gospel; and for their first-ever evangelical English Camp taking place August 20-26th.
- 24 Kenan & Vanessa Ketcham Peru Pray for God to be glorified through their ministry as they teach tribal church leaders the eternal truths from God's Word so that they can go back to their communities and teach their people what they have learned in their own language!
- 25 **Britton & Kristy Filbrun** Cambodia Pray that they finish their work in Cambodia well.
- 26 **Denis & Eileen Nogue** Guatemala Please pray for Yeimy, a 6-year-old with cancer, that her continued checkups are cancer free.
- 27 Alberto & Laura Zamacona Mexico Pray that the Lord will open doors in Puerto Escondido.
- 28 Chuck & Dawn Newell USA Ask the God of the nations to provide opportunities to share who Jesus is with the nations HE has brought to our community.
- 29 **Daniel & Anne Kompaore** Burkina Faso Pray for their health and Anne's work training Bible translators around the World.
- 30 **Suzy Uyechi** USA Pray for her as she transitions to Commission Ministers Network.