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A RETROSPECT

When Israel was about to enter into the promised land and face many unknowns they were told to "Remember what the Lord your God did..." Deut 7:18. In Ps 103:2 we are also encouraged to, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits." Looking back over the past 20 years here at North Cotes, we have many memories of what the Lord our God did to establish our headquarters and missionary training centre North Cotes College.

God stirred our leaders to look for a bigger property to enable NTM to expand its training programme to serve our growing needs. Search was made throughout the UK, and the former RAF station at North Cotes, Lincolnshire was brought to our attention. It was immediately clear that this site with its buildings could facilitate the desired expansion. The asking price was half a million pounds and what seemed an insurmountable obstacle was God's opportunity to demonstrate His power in providing that amount, without any solicitation, in one gift. Let us not, "Forget all his benefits."

The consultants estimated a cost of £430,000 to fix up the basic

infrastructure to be ready for the first intake of students in 1999. At the end of the first year the Lord had provided, through his family, over £750,000 to undertake more work than had been anticipated and many helping hands who had a mind to work. Let us not, "Forget all his benefits."

Over the past twenty years, there have been many other stories of God's interventions to make provisions for the ongoing developments of the campus. However, the greatest transformations that our staff team has witnessed, are those that have taken place in the lives of the hundreds of students that trained here, who grew to know God through His Word, and to trust Him with their lives. Lives that are now serving God in Asia, Africa, Central and South America as well as those involved in the home end of the work.

The wonderful news of God's benefits to mankind, through our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, is being made known among peoples who have had no access to God's truth. Praise God with us as we remember what the Lord our God did, and continues to do and let us not forget all His amazing benefits.

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We give thanks to the Lord for the life and service of Marie Still, who went to be with her Lord and Saviour on January 1st. Marie served with NTM for over thirty years; first serving in Liberia then, after having to evacuate, at NTM-UK's Bible school in Matlock. After marrying her husband, Kevin, in 1993, they moved to the Philippines where they served for three years.



Kevin and Marie have served at NTM North Cotes for twenty years; Kevin in the Finance Office and Marie in the Cross Cultural Communications Course.

Marie taught phonetics, phonemics and grammar to our missionary candidates. Many of these students have gone on to serve as missionaries and use these tools to learn and

analyse unwritten languages to enable them to share the Gospel, translate the Bible and continue working to see churches grow and mature. There will be many believers in heaven from around the world who Marie has never met before, but she played a key role in their lives through her teaching of, and praying for, the missionaries who ministered among them.

Marie was known for her generous and warm hospitality and her infectious laugh. Many individuals have been blessed by the time she took to talk, listen and pray with and for them. She will be missed greatly by all at NTM North Cotes. Please pray for Kevin and their children, Caleb, Samuel and Heather, and the extended family, as they adjust to life without Marie.

**Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth.
Psalm 46:10**

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ISA DOUGLAS



Isa Douglas passed into the presence of her Lord and Saviour on January 16th after a short battle with cancer. Isa always sang praises to the Lord in her home; as Jack wrote, "She loved to sing and now she can join the heavenly choir in praising the One she loved and served."

Jack and Isa began their journey with New Tribes Mission in 1966. The Lord led them to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in 1970 where they lived and faithfully served among the Pawaia tribe for 37 years. After learning the Pawaian language and culture, and developing deep relationships with the people, they were able to teach and present the Good News of Jesus Christ. By God's grace many responded to the

Gospel and a church was born. The Pawaian people have the complete New Testament in their language. Lives have been transformed by the grace of God and there are now many Pawaian believers in PNG.

Jack and Isa have been steadfast in their service for the Lord. When it was clear that the believers could continue without them, Jack and Isa retired. However, in subsequent years, they continued to travel across the world and trek into the remote Pawaian village to visit and teach the believers. Their most recent visit took place in 2017. They are well loved and missed by those they served for many years. Pray that the believers would continue to grow in their faith, and in reaching out to their neighbouring villages.

Isa will be fondly remembered for her love and interest in others, always asking people about their own stories of faith. Her humble service for the Lord was a challenge to many over the years. Please remember Jack and their children, David and Sandra, and all the extended family in your prayers at this time.

When visiting the Pawaian people in 2017 Jack and Isa were repeatedly told that their work has borne fruit and that there is a 'present' (reward) waiting for them in heaven. Jack and Isa said in their newsletter, "It was all very embarrassing and we had to tell them that their rewards are also awaiting them in heaven. They sent us off with the Pawaian Salute, as we call it - hands raised to heaven where they expect to meet again one day."

After ten years as SUMMIT Co-ordinators Norman and Angela McCready retired from their role after the SUMMIT trip to Papua New Guinea last year.



They organised 17 trips and led 16 of them. 2010 was their biggest year when they organised and led four teams. They never tried that again!

Visiting Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Liberia and the Philippines, the biggest challenge has been organising the tickets and travelling to the countries but God has blessed in that too and always shown Himself faithful even when things have not gone to plan.

Their biggest group was to Brazil in 2011 when there were seventeen members in the team.

The smallest group was the trip to Liberia with five, which included them as leaders. Initially Norman and Angela were disappointed that there were not more team members but when they got to the field they soon realised that five was the perfect number in regards to travel, work and accommodation in the village. God always knows best!

When asked to sum it all up Norman and Angela said, "One of the biggest blessings of leading the SUMMIT teams has been the privilege of meeting so many faithful dedicated NTM missionaries in every country we visited. Also, seeing young people get a vision for the unreached tribes of the world."

Norman will continue travelling to North Cotes from time to time as he is a trustee of NTM. He will also continue taking building teams to help missionaries as the Lord opens doors. It is rewarding for them to see their nephew and his wife now living and learning language in a tribal village in the Amazonas, Brazil. Their son and his family moved to Asia-Pacific to work with NTM in November, 2018.



SUMMIT TRIP

Norman and Angela had a marvellous SUMMIT trip to Papua New Guinea last summer. A lot of prayer went up for their passports and visas to be returned in time for them to travel. God answered - one Swiss lad got his the morning he flew out! The international team (2 Swiss, 2 German, 1 Romanian, 1 Faroese, 1 English and 4 from Northern Ireland plus Norman and Angela) gelled well together and everyone was challenged by what they heard and saw. Norman and Angela are praying God will take up and use each of the eleven young people in His service in the future.



It was thrilling for Norman and Angela to meet up with national believers who had come to know the Lord while they were there in the 1990s and to see how God is using them today to carry on the work, now that the missionaries have left the field. It was really special that they could spend time with Flavia who worked for them for ten years. She loves the Lord but please pray the Lord will strengthen and protect her.



TESTIMONIES

"I'm grateful for the amazing opportunity to join the SUMMIT trip to PNG. It has increased my understanding of what it means to be a missionary in a remote place. It was a time of spiritual growth and deep fellowship with the team. I heard stories of what God did and does, seeing the need, but also having great fun during outdoor activities and admiring the beauty of creation and much more... Sorry for everyone who missed it."

HANNAH KLEIN from Germany





“Something that really stood out to me was when we went to the Soi tribe and we were able to spend some time with the believers there, working on building a guesthouse. In the tribe there was a Mengan believer from another village, who had been sent out as a missionary by his church. One evening we heard the missionary preach and I could just see how much the Lord Jesus meant to him. It was an amazing thing to see first-hand the result of someone giving up their life to serve God in a remote tribe. I sat there listening to this tribal man who had probably been living in fear of the spirits some years prior, preach with boldness and thank the Lord for His goodness. I was so moved by his words. It was without a doubt one of my favourite moments of the trip and one which I will not forget.”

PETUR POULSEN from the Faroes



 **North Cotes**
COLLEGE



1ST YEAR:

BIBLICAL STUDIES

A foundation for living and a heart for World Evangelism



2ND YEAR:

CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Specialised training for Cross-Cultural Evangelism



3RD YEAR:

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Specialised training in Analysing Unwritten Languages

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY

5:30 I am awakened by the religious prayer call. I also hear noises above my head. The bats found a hole under my roof where they can enter and they are making that place very dirty!

6:20 I get up and go outside to open some of my window shutters that I closed the night before because of the wind and rain. I decide to weed in my yard for about an hour. In rainy season the weeds grow fast.

7:45 Little Sanpu, my namesake, is begging me for breakfast. She loves oatmeal and because I do not have any bread today, I make porridge for us both. It is always a game for her to finish eating before I do and she often wins! Fama her sister has also come in to greet me and after a while, I tell them both to go outside so I can read God's Word.



9:05 Eve, Sanpu and Fama's mother, come in with a box full of mobile phones. Because she did not charge phones yesterday, Sunday, she brings in a lot. Lately the average number of phones that she brings in is about eleven a day. As I talk with her, I take

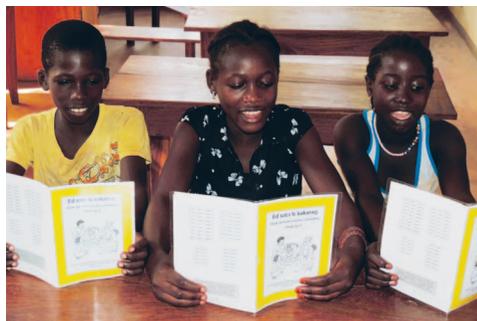
my half-defrosted ice bottles out of the cooler to change them for frozen ones.

9:30 I jump on my bicycle and go to the neighbouring village where I have a freezer in the house where we teach literacy, I change the bottles and say hi to my co-worker Yolanda and her two literacy students. When I get back to my own village, some friends from church, who are living an hour's walk away, come by to say hi and they give me two cucumbers. One of them actually came to see the doctor, but both health workers went to town this morning, so she has to come back tomorrow.



10:30 I start to write my newsletter and am interrupted by Sanpu who wants to watch what I am doing. Then she takes out some toys to play with on the porch together with her friends.

11:45 One of the neighbouring girls brings in my food. Rice with peanut sauce. There is also fish and pieces of squash in the sauce. I wait half an hour before eating, and then I go outside for a bit.



13:00 I read Acts chapter 18 and 19 in Landuma. After my literacy class, I have to read these chapters to Bety who is going to tell them back to me so that we can see how well the translation is communicating and make improvements. My co-worker Kirk will soon have the book of Acts checked by a consultant, so he is working on the final preparations.

13:50 I get on my bike again to go to the other village for a literacy class at **14:00**. Today we are reading part of the practice reader that follows the third primer. Then the children write a story. I only have three students left but they are very motivated and doing well.

15:05 My class ends and at **15:30** Bety shows up. We work for two hours reading one and a half chapters of Acts. Tomorrow we will start with chapter 20.

17:30 I go and give Kirk the notes that I have taken while checking the translation with Bety. When I get back to my own village, I stay outside and visit until it gets dark at **19:30**.

I go inside and eat supper. Eve has given me a loaf of bread so I eat some of that. Then I continue writing my letter.

It does not rain tonight so people are hanging around outside. At about **22:00** Sanpu calls me from outside and says that her mum is not home and she wants to sleep at my house. I phone Eve, she is home, so I take Sanpu to her mum. After taking a bucket shower, I go to bed at **23:00**.

The Landuma people's names have been changed



ANS WESTERVELD is from the Netherlands. She has been a missionary in Guinea for 22 years. The first six years she taught missionary children and after that she worked among the Landuma people. In December 2018 she returned to the Netherlands. Her desire is to visit her friends in Guinea for a few weeks once a year.

THE GREAT REBUILD

A lot is back to normal after the massive earthquake on the 28th of September. Most shops and offices have re-opened. Kids are back in school. The great rebuild has started. More than 70,000 people lost their homes, and even more experienced damage to their houses. Thousands still live in tents while they wait for the government to build temporary housing.



Ethnos360/NTM has been working together with other organisations and churches in distributing aid; basic food items, tents and medicine to a large area south of the city. The roads leading there were destroyed by mud slides. In the beginning helicopters were used, until the roads were accessible again.

The first phase of the aid work is finished and the rebuild phase has begun.

We have been extremely blessed in that none of our co-workers or friends were badly injured or killed in the earthquake, or the following

tsunami and liquefaction. God still has work for us here.

I was in a large shop with friends at the time of the earthquake. Falling shelves and produce hit us as the building shook and everything turned dark. We did not know there had been a tsunami or that several large neighbourhoods had been swallowed up, until I was evacuated three days later. I had been living/sleeping in front of my house with friends. Having to leave people behind made evacuation traumatic.

It has been a tough experience, but there is much to be thankful for and to learn. Thank you for all your prayers and support for the people of the city as we continue God's work here.



KRISTINE

from Norway has been serving in Asia-Pacific for five years. She is working together with the Wana church in their effort to reach the next generation.

Italians are very close to their families, it can make it hard to leave to be a missionary; it was hard for me. Relatives may put pressure on you and sometimes churches do too. There are also other things that hinder an openness to missions in Italy.

When I graduated from North Cotes College (NCC), the Lord sent me back to Italy... I had never thought to go back, but He sent me right here! We challenge young people and churches, organise mission conferences in different parts of Italy, and also organise mission trips. The leadership of the mission in Italy is just one family and they have been working in Italy for 15 years!

Sometimes we come up against 'walls' in churches because they are focused on things within, and some churches have never heard about missions.

We fix our eyes on Jesus, the One who creates faith, who moves hearts to go, to give, and who does impossible things. The number of people interested in missions is increasing little by little. We now have more students and volunteers in NCC and more people leaving to serve short term in Africa.

I love supporting people who want to know more about missions. I love challenging them, telling them the

wonderful things that the Lord has done in my life, and is still doing and the amazing way He provides for our needs because He is faithful. He makes a way where there is no way. If I get discouraged the Lord encourages my heart to keep going because it is not about my strength, He does everything!

He renews strength, gives wisdom, opens opportunities, He knows which hearts are ready to be challenged. We do things for His glory, and it is a privilege to be part of this amazing job!

From my experience Italy is not very open to missions...yet! But we are thankful to serve Him here!



ANNA CIOCIOLA

is from Italy and has been serving the Lord as a representative for ETHNOS360 Italia teaming up with an Italian family in Italy since September 2016.

EVERY MAN'S RIGHT



John Wycliffe, under whose direction the Bible was translated into English for the first time said: "It is every man's right to examine the Scriptures for himself, to read them in his own tongue..." For an estimated 180 million people in our world today that right is being denied them, because they do not yet have any portion of the Word of God translated into their language. In an age when we hear so much about people's 'rights,' surely it should be our passion to see this right realised for every man, woman, boy and girl by having the Scriptures in their own mother tongue.

When we first moved in to live and work among the Bulongish people of West Africa in 2004, they did not have a written language, so therefore did not have any part of God's Word in their mother tongue. Now by the grace and help of God they will receive the completed New Testament later this year.

The translation began in 2010, with many people being involved in the process over the years, including Bulongish believers and various consultants. Due to our children's educational needs we have been based at home in Northern Ireland for several years and carrying on the translation work via Skype. We have travelled out to the village numerous

times to have the required consultant checks and had the final one in October last year, completing the New Testament. After proofreading and formatting, it is now with the printers and will then be shipped out to the field with a proposed dedication this summer, Lord willing.

Please pray for all the practical details involved, but more importantly that God will use His Word in the hearts and lives of the Bulongish people. Pray that each one in the small group of believers will be strengthened in their faith through the Scriptures, and that many more in this people group will come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)



DAVID AND RACHEL BURKE are from Northern Ireland. They have two children. They have been serving the Lord in West Africa for 15 years.

FEAR OR FAITH

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Are you ever fearful; particularly in the realm of Christian service? Do you worry about what God might be asking you to do? Does this lead to crippling fear where panic grips your mind? If so, let me assure you, you are not alone. Fear is common to our human experience, and it is a common struggle for God's servants. Unfortunately, our fears often keep us from doing what God has asked us to do.

Some of us have learned to manage our fear by anticipating those scenarios that we know will affect us and choosing to stay well clear of them. We have not experienced moments of anxiety in our walk with God for the simple reason that we have carefully orchestrated our lives so as not to face those challenges where reliance and dependence on Him are necessary. Our avoidance strategies have insulated us from the need for faith. God calls these strategies disobedience.

The Biblical answer to face such fears is not to try harder, to be more positive, or even to be more committed. The Biblical answer is faith. Faith is believing what God has said and counting on it to be true. Faith turns our focus away from ourselves and onto God. God has

given us wonderful promises. Let's remind ourselves of some of the things God has said:

Nothing is too difficult for me
(Genesis 18:14, Jeremiah 32:27)

I am the ultimate authority in all of
heaven and earth. (Matthew 28:18)

I will never leave you or forsake you.
(Hebrews 13:5)

I am with you always.
(Matthew 28:20, Psalm 23:4)

My grace is all you need.
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

My strength is made perfect in your
weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I am able to do exceedingly
abundantly above all that you ask or
think. (Ephesians 3:20)

I will build my church.
(Matthew 16:18)

You will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

There will be people from every
nation, tribe, people, and language
worshipping me in heaven.

(Revelation 7:9)

You may suffer persecution,
(2 Timothy 3:12)

but I care about you. (1 Peter 5:7)

God delights in His children when they trust Him. May we have the confidence in God to believe what He says and to count on His Word as true in our own lives. Charles Wesley expressed it this way, 'Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to God alone; laughs at impossibilities, and cries, "It shall be done!"'

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

UNITED STATES

In the March 2018 Link we asked for prayer for Danny and Philippa Brooks and family who had just relocated in the Philippines. They had to leave the field as Danny was diagnosed with cancer. He has responded well to treatment and they now serve as a family at the Ethnos360 Missionary Training Centre at Camdenton, Missouri, USA.

UNITED KINGDOM

In February two members of the staff team at North Cotes underwent serious surgeries. Pray for healing and patience as they recuperate.

Pray for the situation in our country at this present time with uncertainty surrounding Brexit. We are unsure how future changes may affect students enrolling at the college.

PHILIPPINES

Philip and Vina Le Roux serve in the Philippines and this year have joy in sharing the Phase 1 lessons with their Agutaynen friends and neighbours for the first time. They have been teaching in seven different locations seven times a week. Each session lasts two hours or more. Phil teaches the adults in Agutaynen and Vina teaches the kids in Taalog. They are teaching chronologically through the Bible with the hope of building firm foundations for future believers. Initially they hoped to attract 200 people. However, they have averaged around 250 weekly. Thank you Lord!

ASIA-PACIFIC

Thank you for your prayers and giving towards the disaster relief fund that has kept life-saving supplies flowing into remote, devastated places on the Island of Sulawesi in Asia-Pacific. Donors in the UK gave over £5000.

TO THE FIELD

ASIA-PACIFIC



ANDREW & JOANNA
McCREADY

WEST AFRICA



JONATHAN & NAOMI



PAUL AND NAOMI BORN: After finishing their training at North Cotes and a period of partnership development in England and Germany, Paul and Naomi returned to North Cotes in August 2018 to join the team for at least a year. Paul's role includes working with the Campus Management Team (CMT) and Chapel Administrator. Naomi's role is teaching phonemics, phonetics and grammar classes, in the Cross-Cultural Communications course. They are looking to the Lord for future direction in deciding between serving in Southeast Asia or continuing at North Cotes.

JONATHAN AND DIAN LANGHARDT: Last July Dian graduated from North Cotes College. Jonathan served on staff whilst Dian went through the training. They then spent four months of home assignment in Germany, making the necessary preparations for their move to Asia-Pacific. In January they started living and working at an NTM National Training Centre in Asia-Pacific. Jonathan's responsibilities are teaching classes and Dian assists their national co-workers in the area of home schooling. Dian is also preparing to restart an onsite nursery.



PETER AND RACHEL BITTLE: After finishing their training at North Cotes (2013), Peter and Rachel joined the staff team and worked in a variety of roles including CMT, Guesthouse and Housing. They returned to Northern Ireland in November 2018 to spend time with their home church and to prepare to move to Asia-Pacific in July 2019. Alongside this preparation, Peter works part time in their home church, and Rachel is getting to grips with home schooling the kids.

MATT AND LAURA PETLEY: In early 2018 Matt and Laura's NTM adventure began. Having served in their local church in Essex, the Lord opened the door for them to join the North Cotes team. After much prayer, they began the next chapter of their lives in January this year. Matt is serving in the Finance Office, whilst Laura is working with young children in the Nursery. They have two children, Bethan aged 13, who is studying for her GCSE's, and Daniel aged 10, who is attending the local primary school.

