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## EDITORIAL

# 75TH ANNIVERSARY



### GOING WHEREVER THEY ARE

“By unflinching determination we hazard our lives and gamble all for Christ until we have reached the last tribe regardless of where that tribe might be.”

This statement appeared in the very first edition of NTM’s magazine in March 1943. That same determination, resolve and passion for Christ compels us to take God’s life-saving truth to the ends of the earth. The need is still huge; but what has changed is where those people groups are today, and how we can reach them.

### THEY ARE ISOLATED FROM THE GOSPEL

New Tribes Mission’s founders focused on “tribes” — remote people groups, isolated from the Gospel and this is still our focus today. God has given us tools and methods that have proven effective in establishing churches in remote places. There’s plenty of work to do for years to come, and we’ll keep working in such places.

Our founders “didn’t want people to be confused” and think that we only ministered to remote peoples. Our goal has always been to bring the Gospel to unreached peoples whether in developed places like Japan or remote locations like Papua New Guinea. This changing world has prompted NTM to look at other opportunities.

### THEY ARE ALSO URBAN AND REFUGEES AND MORE

We’re exploring the best ways to provide training, teamwork and other tools to missionaries already active in other countries — some of which are off limits to Western missionaries. That’s happening in Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia — places where some people groups live in urban settings.

Recently a representative of our International Ministries Team visited a major refugee camp in Africa to see where and how we can assist the work already going on there. NTM is also seeking to share tools and methods for cross-cultural ministry that will serve churches here in Europe engaging with people from other cultures.

God hasn’t changed since NTM’s founding in 1942. His goal is the same. Our passion should be the same. And we are compelled by the love of Christ to reach people for Him wherever they are. As some have rendered Matthew 28:19, “Wherever you go, make disciples ...”

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## NORTH COTES CAMPUS

Back in August last year, **the windows were changed** in the William Carey building which houses the single students. They have improved ventilation and security features, and make the rooms cosier. The contractors took out the old frames and 78 UPVC units were fitted in just ten days!

A few months ago, the site underwent quite a change with trenches running across roads and grass. A **new central biomass heating system** has been installed, fuelled by wood pellets. Now the grounds are gradually being restored to the usual well-kept appearance.

Not all the projects are so large but the **sandpit at the nursery** has probably been one of the cutest and was certainly well received.



# EUROPE REFRESHER COURSE

We have had the privilege of attending the European Refresher Course in 2011, and also in 2016 soon after we returned from time spent working in PNG.

The refresher course takes place every year as a ministry to returning missionaries. It is held three out of four years in Germany, the other year at North Cotes.

IT IS A VERY SPECIAL WEEK OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER RETURNING MISSIONARIES AND NTM HOME STAFF.

As the name suggests, its aim is to provide refreshment and encouragement. It does this through a varied schedule. We meet most mornings for worship, Bible teaching, and other seminars. The missionary reports are always a highlight.

IT IS SO ENCOURAGING TO HEAR WHAT GOD IS DOING IN VARIOUS TRIBES AND COUNTRIES.



PAUL AND LESLEY MCKNIGHT are from Northern Ireland. They have three children. They have been serving as support missionaries in PNG since 2003.

Also how He continues to meet the individual needs of our missionaries as well as local believers, through both positive times and challenging times. It is a privilege to be able to pray for each other and to meet with leadership, while also having informal times to catch up, eat together and laugh together.



While the adults meet together, the kids have their own special programme each morning, with time for Bible stories and devotions; followed by crafts, games and outdoor activities. This is run by Stephen and Yolanda Jerrard, who do an amazing job, helping the kids to look together at how God can help them through the many changes they face as missionary kids.

Our kids had fun from the moment they arrived. It was such a treat for them to meet up with friends from PNG, and to make new friends with kids who face similar issues as themselves.

We felt the week really helped all of our family to adjust to our year at home.



## COLOMBIA A WORK OF GOD

"Lord, what should we do?" we prayed as we struggled to find even six new students every year for our missionary college in Colombia. That's how our enrollment was for almost 20 years, which meant that sometimes we even had to cancel a course. We tried changing our schedule so as to accommodate those who were working and studying; but with little change. "Should we quit and go to a tribe ourselves?" I asked myself. No we shouldn't, because we can reach more tribes if we multiply ourselves.

Then two years after leaving the capital city and returning to our campus, which we had to leave in 1994 because of civil unrest, our total student enrollment went from 13 to 29. The next year it grew to 42, and this year (2017) it could be close to 50! Even though developing relationships with pastors and holding an annual youth retreat at the college have helped our growth; this increase is a work of God.



STEPHEN & HELENA BROWN are from the UK and Colombia. They have three girls and have been training missionaries in Colombia for 24 years.

IT HAS BEEN EXCITING TO SEE HIM CHANGING LIVES!

A pastor recently said that they like to send their people to us because, when they return to their church, they help out in any way they can. God left the church here to reach the whole world; so we train the missionaries to help the church in any way they can.

We have students from Colombia, Panama, Peru, Mexico, USA, and Venezuela; and we are praying for more, because there are over 60 tribes in Colombia and 2600 tribes worldwide without a church in their language.

TO PLANT A CHURCH IN EVERY TRIBE, WE NEED TO INVOLVE EVERYONE AND EVERY CHURCH WE CAN.



## PAPUA NEW GUINEA WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Lourens Laureti has some good news to share! "Recently I spent the week with my Mengen co-workers, Edward and Francesca, who are working in another Mengen village doing outreach. So here is a quick bit of history just to put you in the picture.

Two years ago, Edward went to visit this village which is some distance away. One of the men from there had heard some Bible teaching from the first outreach that took place in Edward's village. The man was excited and anxious for his own family to be able to hear. He said to Edward,

"LOOK OVER THERE—THAT'S MY WIFE. LOOK OVER THERE—THOSE ARE MY KIDS AND THAT'S MY FAMILY OVER THERE. IF THEY DIE AND GO TO THE PLACE OF FIRE, WHOSE FAULT IS IT? IT'S YOUR FAULT BECAUSE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS TEN YEARS AGO AND HAVEN'T COME AND TOLD US YET."

Because Edward has been the main Bible teacher in our home village, it took some time before he was freed up and able to go.



However, on 1st October, 2016 he and Francesca and their three young children moved to the village to begin their new ministry. As soon as they arrived, people came and wanted them to start teaching that same night! So a couple of days later,

EDWARD BEGAN TO TEACH AND TAUGHT SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FOR THIRTEEN WEEKS!

Absolutely incredible! Even his little daughters got in on the action, helping to explain the Bible story posters casually to different people!"



# SENEGAL TREASURED AND LEARNED

"I KNOW MY SHEEP AND MY SHEEP KNOW ME...THEY...WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE" JOHN 10:14,16

Recently we had a tremendous privilege of meeting one of those 'greats' in God's kingdom. Of course we are not the judges of that, but we certainly met someone who is 'great' in our eyes.

Let me introduce Vieux Maané (Vye Mar-nay). We can tell you this particular believer's name because, even in a society where he could be severely persecuted, **VIEUX MAKES NO SECRET OF HIS FAITH IN JESUS.**

Our first interaction with Vieux was when he was a boy. He apparently came and played with the throng of other children who used to come and play with our children at our house among the Baynunk people here in Senegal. I have to admit I don't even remember him, but of course we would pray for those children and, thankfully, God does not forget those prayers. "The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God..." (Rev.8:4)

**WHAT LITTLE HE HAD HE TREASURED AND LEARNED.**

Later Vieux would attend Bible teaching lessons at our house, but it was not long before he left the village and moved to the capital city, Dakar.



VIEUX MAANÉ (VYE MAR-NAY)

When we were forced to live in Dakar for a while, (because of civil unrest in the southern part of the country) Vieux once again listened to Bible teaching. He was even one of my translation helpers. But then we left Senegal for eighteen years.

After all our children had flown the nest we returned here to Senegal in February, 2016 and have been gradually catching up with the Baynunk people in various locations. We found Vieux Maané after nearly nineteen years.

Vieux leapt at the opportunity to come and see us when a mutual friend invited him down to the courtyard in which he was sitting to guard a set of offices. Vieux came bouncing in, his infectious grin unchanged, but with a few grey hairs that now qualified him to be called "Vieux," (Old.)

WHAT VIEUX RELATED TO US IN THAT COURTYARD LAST WEEK WAS VERY MOVING AND A REMINDER THAT THE TRUE SHEEP KNOW AND RECOGNISE THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE.

Vieux related to us how he had put his trust in Jesus when he heard about Him at our house. A bit later he moved to Dakar, taking various Bible teaching cassettes and written lessons with him. Listening to them on a regular basis was his method of feeding his faith.

On Sundays, in particular, he would spend a bit longer learning from these materials. He told us how he kept these things as a precious treasure, refusing to lend them to others for fear of losing them. At one point he met with some people from a western cult who really tried hard to get him to join them. But this particular sheep did not recognise the Shepherd's voice in what they were saying. He listened carefully to what they said, but then returned to his now scruffy written lessons.

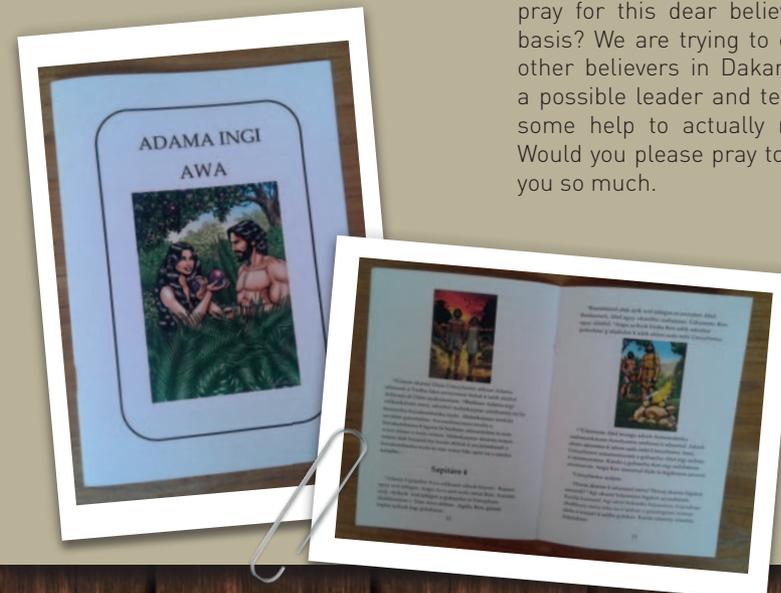


IN TRUE BEREAN FASHION, HE CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED WHAT THEY WERE SAYING AND COMPARED IT TO WHAT HE HAD LEARNT FROM THE MATERIAL WE LEFT HIM.

Seeing their message was different he rejected it. Wow! I'm in awe of that.

Vieux is one of many Baynunk people who are now trusting in Christ. There are other amazing stories of faith we can hopefully share another time. But he really needs your prayers. Is there anyone who would pray for this dear believer on a regular basis? We are trying to connect him with other believers in Dakar. We see him as a possible leader and teacher who needs some help to actually reach that point. Would you please pray to that end? Thank you so much.

Moira Poulson



# CANADA FIRST NATIONS

It happened at a boarding gate in one of the busiest airports in Canada. The director of NTM Canada, who is also a dear friend of ours, Tim Whatley, happened to be reading his Bible between flights. The hall was full of fellow travellers, when all of a sudden an Inuit lady, from a village in the far north, approached Tim. "Is this the Bible you are reading?" she asked. "Yes ma'am, it is" was his reply. "Are you a Christian?" she queried next? "Yes ma'am, I am" responded Tim. "Are you a born again Christian?" she asked next. "Yes ma'am, I am" was the reply once more. Upon hearing this, the lady went down on her knees, right there, in the airport, not minding what all the other passengers might think. She then begged Tim, saying:

"IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD SEND SOME PEOPLE TO MY VILLAGE SO THAT THEY COULD TEACH MY PEOPLE THE WORD OF GOD?"

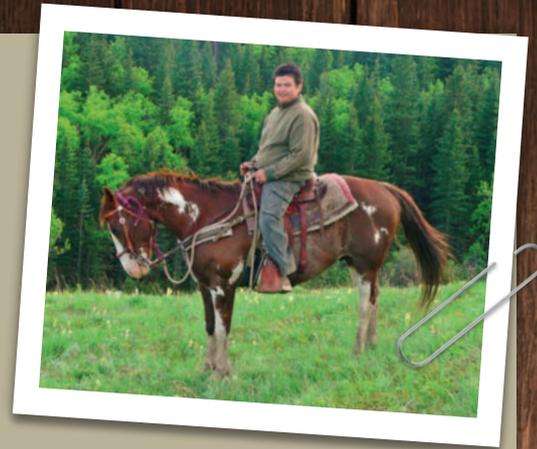
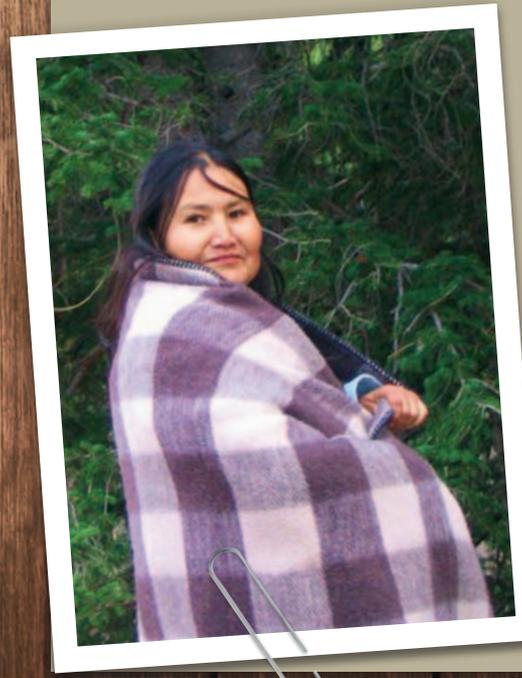
She had no idea that Tim was the director of an organisation that sends people all over the world.



GEORGE AND ULLI HERTWIG have ministered among Canada's First Nations people since June 1984; first in Ft. Liard Northwest Territories, among the Deh Cho Dene, then on Eden Valley Reserve, Alberta, with the Nakoda Sioux. They are currently co-directors of FirstStory Ministries. They reside near Longview, AB, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

We have several million Native people living in Canada; some are full-blooded First Nations people (they used to be called Indians), many are of mixed blood. In the far north, the people are called Inuit in the Eastern Arctic and Inuvialuit in the Western Arctic.

Several missions exist in Canada that have, over the last 70 years, worked with Canadian Aboriginal people groups. A dear friend of mine with NTM, who has insight into missions globally, once told me he believes work with Canadian Aboriginal peoples must be one of the hardest assignments out there.



We, who have given our lives to this work, agree with this assessment. It was the difficulty of this work that drove some of us, who have been working with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, to train with NTM USA and NTM Canada. We felt that so far a worldview transformational ministry had not been well understood in Canada.

TO MAKE A VERY LONG STORY SHORT, WE HAVE ASKED NTM CANADA TO PARTNER WITH US IN THIS WORK. OUT OF THIS GREW A NEW PARTNERSHIP CALLED "FIRSTSTORY MINISTRIES".

We are excited to let our friends with NTM (globally) know that if your heart longs to work in Canada with First Nations peoples, there is now a way for you to do so, even within the framework of NTM. We are looking for those who are prepared to love the First Nations people with sincerity and endurance. We can promise you that your resolve will be tested.

YET, OUR HOPE IS THAT MANY FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE WILL ONE DAY SURROUND GOD'S THRONE, PRAISING HIM FOR THEIR REDEMPTION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THEIR LORD AND SAVIOUR.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT INDWELT FOR A REASON

In Mark 5:1-9 we read the account of the Gadarene demoniac and see what possession by an evil spirit looks like; the invisible evil spirit shows through the possessed person's body what it is like!

THIS BEGS THE QUESTION, THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING THE BELIEVER; WHAT DOES HE PRODUCE?

We read in Philippians 2:5-7 that when He came into this world "He made Himself nothing!"

The Lord Jesus being God, set aside those Divine privileges and submitted Himself to the limitations that make man a man. Why? The reason being that His Father, God, might live in His human body so that everyone could see a total outliving of the character of His Father through His humanity - John 14:9 "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

What did He do with the body the Father had given Him? Hebrews 10:5-7 states "That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, 'You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin.' Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God, as is written about me in the Scriptures.'" - SO THE WRITTEN WORD WAS WONDERFULLY FULFILLED IN THE LIVING WORD.

The Lord Jesus created the first man, Adam, to be inhabited by God so that God might through him make visible His own invisible character.



ALLAN & MANDY CALEY have three children and are from England. Having previously served among the Palaka people of Ivory Coast, they have now been working at North Cotes for over eight years.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT WAS CREATED TO BE INHABITED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT Proverbs 20:27 "The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD." Lamps in those days needed oil in order to burn. In Scripture, oil symbolises the Holy Spirit. This verse is telling us that every human being who has ever lived was created to be inhabited by the LORD, but only those people who have the indwelling Holy Spirit are able to shine. Everybody else is just an empty lamp.

So, what are we who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit to do? We are to do what God tells us to do in Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." IN THIS WAY HE WILL SHOW THROUGH OUR BODIES WHAT HE, THE INVISIBLE GOD, IS LIKE.

## NORTH COTES BEHIND THE SCENES

Sonni is from the Faroe Islands and Julie is from the USA. They met and married at the NTM Bible school in Matlock England in 1981.

In February 1986 they moved into the Mangseng tribe of Papua New Guinea with their co-workers. Four years later the first Mangsengs responded to the teaching. As they progressed on through the panoramic teaching from eternity past to eternity future, more and more of them responded to the Word, were baptised, and began to take responsibility for the ministry of the Gospel. They did not have to 'lead anyone to Christ', they did not have to use words of wisdom to overpower them with, they did not have to connive them into accepting the Word.

THE OUTCOME WAS TO COME FROM THE LORD...AND IT DID. After teaching for months, 'faith came by hearing'.

By 1997, Sonni had joined the leadership team in the Islands region and was helping out as a church planting consultant. By then the Mangsengs had moved rapidly towards sufficiency in every area, and did not need missionaries anymore. They still visited them twice a year and had regular phone contact with them. Then in 2001, they moved to the mainland to the PNG Field Headquarters where they were involved in field wide leadership and church planting consultancy.

NEWS RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE MANGSENGS TELLS OF AN ONGOING GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT SEEKING TO TEACH GOD'S WORD AMONG THEIR OWN VILLAGES.



SONNI & JULIE POULSEN

This often means that these young families have to leave their home and extended families to go and live in other villages throughout the jungle. In some of these outreaches the Bible teachers are in their early stages of teaching unbelievers. Elsewhere they are teaching believers about their walk in Christ, explaining the walk, hope, and work of the church to these dear brothers and sisters.

Over the years, the Lord has given Sonni and Julie four wonderful children. He graciously saved them early on and gave them each a godly mate.

They lived in Indianapolis in the USA for eight years, working while their children completed their schooling before moving to England to serve at North Cotes. THEY ARE NOW IMPARTING THEIR EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF MISSIONARIES. Sonni and Julie joined the staff team in August 2015. Sonni teaches in the Cross Cultural Communications Course and Julie is a North Cotes College secretary.

## IMPACT FOR ETERNITY

# PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

### BRAZIL

This year Fernando and Tabitha da Silva will be changing fields of ministry from Mozambique to Brazil. They were able to bring their time in Mozambique to a good closure. Pray that God would go before them in the task He has for them in the mission school at Puraquequara. Pray that they will be a blessing and that God would equip them with wisdom, energy and insight for the new task. Also pray for their young children, Daniel and Eliana, to make all the transitions smooth in every way.

### IVORY COAST

Last year Paul and Marina Briggs helped to develop a completely new literacy programme for the Loron language and now Marina has begun teaching the literacy classes. Paul is developing Bible lessons and helping to get more Scripture ready for checking. The well drilling project scheduled for this month has been postponed. The open well has dried up and the old village pump is continually breaking down, so it has been a difficult time for everyone. They would appreciate your prayers.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The 'Post Literacy Programme' started in the Dinangat at the end of February. This course is to help the believers to work on their reading skills. Many of them can read well, but not well enough to understand what they are reading and to enjoy it. Please pray that this course will be a great tool for the people to be strengthened in their skills in order to understand and love the Word of God! Pray for Jeremiah and April Markley as they are overseeing this course!

Chronological Bible Teaching began last month in the village where André and Aurélie Tusch and their co-workers serve in the highlands of PNG. Pray that the people would realise their lostness and that through the course of the teaching they would realise that they can be redeemed through faith in Christ alone.

The Mali Baining people have been hearing the Gospel. The missionary team are excited by some of the people's responses but cannot underestimate the size of the shift, which has to take place in their thinking, and they recognise that it will take time for people to assimilate what they are hearing and to believe. For many this is a painful process as they discover all of the cult work they have so heavily invested in for so many years has not helped them at all.

### PHILIPPINES

After serving for many years among the Tagbanwa, Danny and Philippa Brooks and their two children, Isabelle and Judah, will move into a village in Ga'dang over the next two months. The missionary team have reached the stage where they are starting translation and lesson preparation.

### SENEGAL

Lív Poulsen is getting back into translation. Pray for wisdom and stamina. While at home in the Faroes Lív was able to do some work on the book of Romans and start translating Ephesians. She finds it difficult translating the Epistles. Also pray for the missionary team now that they are back in the village again, that they will be good ambassadors for Christ and an encouragement to the new believers.

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