

The Crowder Report

August 2022



I had been thinking that things were fairly quiet lately, given a summer lull in activities. In reality, I have still been relatively busy. In the midst of it all, my brother Paul, passed away after a short battle with cancer. Paul was the youngest in our family and struggled with health issues all of his adult life. Nonetheless, he was a warrior, and only lost this final battle. We will certainly miss him.



Remember that I taught a couple of courses in Uganda in May? The students had to write two Bible Interpretation papers and one Old Testament Survey paper. Those have all been submitted, graded, and returned to them, which was an interesting experience. It further increases my appreciation of teachers. I have set the exams which will be written this fall, and I'll have the task of grading them. That will complete my responsibility in those two courses. Then we'll start to think about next year and what courses I may teach then. Yes, I've indicated I would consider returning next year.



The International Academy of Suriname is without a Director again, but I am pleased to say that the school reinstated structures and systems I put in place while I was there, and things are ticking along just fine. While I am happy that the school is functioning well, I am disappointed that I

am not needed there in person. It would be good to see all of those folks again.

But Spain is on the horizon. On September 22, I will fly to Madrid and then travel to La Granja (Segovia) for a week to help train new European missionaries. These people will come from several countries, and return to their home locations for ministry. About 95% of BCM's missionaries are national people. That means they serve in their home countries.

Please pray for Ukraine. BCM has 14 missionaries there who are continuing through the war. Much of their work is now in humanitarian efforts to get people out of the country, to provide food and other supplies to those who remain, and to continue sharing the Gospel with people in need of the Saviour. Where possible, they hold church services. Some of the missionaries are in the safety of other countries where they assist their fellow-countrymen who have also fled for safety. Others are in occupied territory. Regular emails remind us that the unprovoked attack on their country by Russia is unrelenting. **Please pray for an end to the war.**

Another country in crisis is Sri Lanka. Nine BCM missionaries continue to do ministry despite the turmoil there. Basic necessities are in short supply; safety is always uncertain; government action is unpredictable. **Please pray for safety and provision during this time of political instability in Sri Lanka.**

Some good things are happening in closed countries as well. Recently, about 450 children participated in an online Bible Club, and many came to know Jesus. We praise the Lord for this. However, in the midst of one of the online sessions, two of the teachers were arrested by the police and taken away. There has been no word on their whereabouts or their safety for nearly one month. **Please pray for these ladies. Pray for their safety; pray for strong faith; pray for release.**

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Much is happening in Uganda. God is moving quickly and surely. There are now six volunteer missionaries, five potential children's worker trainers for Central Uganda, and thirty-three trainers who have already trained over 500 children's workers! In addition, Africa Renewal University, for whom I taught, and Uganda Christian University are adding credited courses in children's ministry to their course offerings, and have asked BCM to take the lead in teaching them.



The land that we dedicated for a ministry centre in Arua has now increased to ten acres after another financial gift was received. Someone will donate drawings for the building, and a new career missionary is coming from Germany. The centre will include administration offices, training rooms, a medical facility, and perhaps some other needed services in Arua. **Please pray that all of these plans will receive the Lord's blessing, and thank him for all that he is accomplishing in Uganda.**

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Delight yourself in the Lord, for he has done marvelous things.

Blessings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'D' followed by a stylized flourish.