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## A VIEW FROM THE BOARD

Chairman William Frantz

In the book of Philippians an imprisoned Paul expressed his joy in the context of two "calls", namely his work of the Gospel (present) and "heavenward in Christ Jesus" (future) (Phil. 3:14). At one point, he explained his itinerant ministry as involving the message, the method, and the motive (Phil. 1: 15 - 18). Paul's message was Christ and his method was proclamation. This likens to the mission of AFCI to "Preach Christ, Edify His church and Glorify God."

I was first introduced to AFCI approximately 35 years ago as I attended an early morning Bible study led by one of our founders, Ian North, now "heavenward." My continued association with AFCI has been as a donor, attorney and, for approximately the last 15 years,



as a board member. I have been honored and humbled to serve with our itinerant ministers. We, the board, have witnessed their proclaiming Christ in word and deed. They reside in the United States, Singapore, India and Fiji.

They proclaim Christ literally "to the ends of the earth." The "marketplace" for their ministry includes churches, prisons, seminaries, Bible studies, men's conferences, revivals, athletic events, disaster areas, the Navajo, Eskimo and other nations and many more.

The hearts of these ministers sacrificially look "also to the interest of others" (Phil. 2:4). Paul explained that we are "in partnership with the gospel" when we support this work (Phil. 1:3). Paul knew that he would suffer because of his distinctive of apostolic



calling. He noted that the partnership included sharing in his troubles (Phil. 4:14). He concluded thanking the church at Philippi for their gifts, noting they were "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18). As chairman of the board, I express to you our heartfelt thanks for your partnership with this ministry as we, like Paul, do the work of the Gospel for the glory of God. ☺



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## AFCI Service Center Update

The warm weather is here and we have been celebrating the Easter season and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Lord continues to use the staff of the service center in a consistent and wonderful ways to support the ministry of each minister on the AFCI-USA team and also to reach out to our neighbors and community with our regular Bible studies, luncheons and fellowships.



We have been having special devotions and lunch every Tuesday at the Service Center through Easter. We will be hosting some lunch and learns and other fellowship events over the summer at the office. Please stay tuned! You can check us out on *Facebook* for the latest information

and events: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marietta-GA/Ambassadors-For-Christ-International-USA/146077788748579> or link from our website [www.afci.us](http://www.afci.us).

We do prayerfully ask that you please consider allowing us to add you to our email list for future communications and receipts. Send us an email at [info@afci.us](mailto:info@afci.us) or visit us at [www.afci.us](http://www.afci.us) and sign up!

It is such a blessing to belong to a team that has a deep and lasting devotion and commitment to preach Christ, edify His church and glorify God in the details of daily living. ☺

# AFCI USA Ministry Team



Premend Choy

It is a joy to report to you that our Gracious God has continued to sustain my family through all the different seasons in our Christian journey here in the states. When we faced challenges, He taught us to see what opportunities there were to grow in our walk with Him. Besides, I have had opportunities to minister both in our church and among some Fiji Indian Christians living here in Los Angeles. I am indeed thankful to the Lord for the opportunities to encourage and shepherd others, apart from my seminary obligations.

Seminary is going well and I am at the mid-way point of this semester that ends on May 14th. The work is tedious and I will continue to value your prayers for diligence and perseverance. Upon completing the course by the end of this year, our plans, to return to serve in the Fiji Bible College and the Bible Churches remain intact.

Another highlight for me this month has been to take part in the Shepherd's conference at Grace Community Church. It no doubt was once again filled with faithful instruction & fruitful investment. Ashwin and Charlene are both doing well. Charlene is expecting a sister by mid-May! Your prayers, support and encouragement means a lot. ☺



Wallace Francis

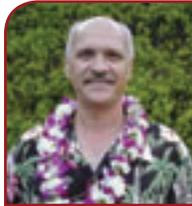
Beloved saints, these are difficult times in the land, but I thank God for the grace He is giving that we might be faithful in this generation. The Lord is answering our prayers as we enter into the many opportunities that are coming weekly.

I have seen great response at the Fellowship of Christian Athlete Conference and meetings this year. And there are opportunities coming for speaking at their leadership conference this summer and fall. Please pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit among these young athletes.

Camp Pioneer in Jackson, Mississippi is gearing up for the weekly summer camp meetings. The Lord raised up a church that has become a strategic partner with us in the camp ministry that will enable us to have a greater impact among the youth throughout the year. This relationship is a great answer to prayer and we are rejoicing in God's abundant loving kindness through this church.

I am trusting God for new church

contacts this new year to minister His word to the saints, "...Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power..." (Psalms 110:3). Please continue to labor with me in prayer that the word of God might have free course. ☺



Stan Hankins

Solid standing on shifting societal sands; priceless. Redemptive presence in tenuous times: ministry. Firm footing on icy roads across three U.S. regions in January: perilous ministry! By God's grace, in each place a footprint was made for the gospel.

Latin America is a repository for bad news with diverse social, economic, and spiritual challenges. Latin colleagues and I infused good news training indigenous pastors in Guatemala in settings ranging from foggy mountains to steamy tropics. Preaching in the capital city sounded clarion hope in Christ.

Surfing a small wave of local preaching in my home Hawaiian Islands, in March it was off to Big Sky Country of Wyoming with my wife Brendalyn P. for Missions Emphasis ministry. The lasting partnership with folks out west is noteworthy.

Immediate months ahead promise preaching in two new Indiana churches

sandwiched around a significant evangelism and missions consult in Florida. Extended ministry follows throughout the South Pacific where I will teach at a Theological College then minister in the unique cultural context of outer islands.

Commencing the year on icy footing on the continent and soon navigating sandy shores in the South Seas, praise God, in Christ we always stand on Solid Rock! ☺



Roger Marini

My recent trip to Guatemala was blessed beyond belief. I was invited to speak again at the annual gathering of the indigenous churches around Guatemala City – about 1500 people in

attendance this year and members from at least one church came all the way from El Salvador!

A show of hands told us that over a third responded to the challenge to "know Christ Jesus and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). I was accompanied on this trip by my good friend, Matt Villalobos. Matt is an elder and worship leader at Chantilly Bible Church in Virginia who played guitar and sang in the church services and taught on "the minister and his family" during the teaching times. His fluent Spanish established him as the "gringo preferido" to my "gringo tipico". (We had a lot of fun with that!) Our teaching ministry trained over 60 pastors in two different locations. On the second Sunday I was in-country.

I preached at the 5th anniversary service of a local church in San Lucas, just outside the city. Again, it was an outdoor service and several came forward to profess Christ at the invitation. I'm hoping to be back again this coming Summer, ministering in both Belize and Guatemala. "Dios lo bendiga" (God bless you). ☺



Narayan Nair

This last month we have seen God work in the lives of many people as we took the message of Christ and His love to them. We had an ordination for eight brothers who are graduates of our Fiji College of Theology and Evangelism who are set apart to be leaders of the local church. We also had a baptism for several people in the community who come from non-Christian homes and where Hinduism is widely practiced. The Hindus do not object believing in Jesus, but they do get very upset when believers get baptized because to them baptism is becoming Christian.

Currently, our Sunday extension classes are held in Lautoka Bible Church. Many of our students are Indians. This semester they are studying Evangelism, New Testament Survey, Christian Growth, and Introduction to Theology as well as courses on the Book of Revelation. We have Monday and Thursday extension classes for students who come from various denominations such as Methodist, Pentecostal, Assemblies of God, and Brethren. They are all leaders, Sunday school teachers and youth workers in their churches.

We ask for your prayers for our family, for the Lord's provision over our ministry and college and for our upcoming Easter Convention in Lautoka and for our Suva and Labasa Conferences. We want to

thank you for your friendship, prayers, and financial support. They have been a great encouragement to us. ☺



Jay Orvis

Recently Jay spent over a month in itinerant ministry in India. He reports on the trip:

“January 20 - March 1, served in Sikkim, Nagaland, and Bidar (south Central India), site of Asia’s largest fort. In

Sikkim, was denied permission to speak because the conference was located on government property. (With a tourist visa, public speaking is not permitted.) So, 617 participants were organized into small groups with Scripture portions to read and questions to discuss. They reported their findings in a plenary session followed by an illustrative skit. PTL, the youth (ages 17 – 35) really loved this way of gaining information.

Later spoke in churches with no further visa hassles. In Nagaland, we held

a first-time ever youth camp (28 attended), spoke in several churches in Kohima, then conducted revival meetings



over 3 full days among the Konyak Naga (the Lord did some wonderful things!) After this, went to Bidar where Muslims constructed the fort which surrounds much of the city, perhaps 20 miles around. Huge!!! Spoke in churches, a staff retreat for an eye hospital and at a leper village.

Now home and five regular Bible studies resume in the D.C. area, and various ministry opportunities keep us busy!” ☺



Dan Rudman

God’s providence is amazing! Weekly, we continue to share the Gospel with dozens of inmates. Recently, I saw an inmate I had not seen in years. He clearly seemed like a different man. He told me of our influence on his life as he came to faith in Christ and that he was now being discipled by Prison Fellowship ministries. Through this inmate, I was introduced to the state director of Prison Fellowship. He spoke of the many men who had been influenced by our local work and were now in his state prison program. He asked me to come up and preach.

Two weeks after this, I met a good friend, the chief legal counsel to the Kansas Governor, for lunch. He’d been telling



me of the opportunities for the Church and state. Upon entering the restaurant “by chance” we ran into the new Secretary of SRS-the very person he had just been telling me about. Within a week a meeting was set up where, like Barnabas in the book of Acts, I was now able to align Prison Fellowship, a local pastor, and the State to discuss how the Church may be able to assist.

We keep busy preaching God’s Word, teaching students, sharing the Gospel, and discipling men. Pray that we

would remain faithful.

We rejoice that the simplest and least desired of our culture, a criminal and prison inmate, can be used by God to link His work throughout an entire state! ☺



Al Whittinghill

In our days the Lord is shaking everything that can be shaken so that the true value of the things that cannot be shaken will be clearly understood. God says, “I am the Lord and I change not.” Many people are desperate for

REAL answers and have become open to the unchanging Truth of God’s Word.

Current events and history seem to be trumpeting out the urgent message that “it is time to seek the Lord.” In fact, it’s past time; our land seems ripe for the imminent judgment of God. Who is foolish enough to deny that? But where are the voices of those crying out in the night watches of prayer and then heralding His desires to the people? It seems that restraint has been thrown to the wind. Warnings abound on every side, and the scriptural symptoms of divine displeasure flood our news media every day. They are seen as “problems” that man must solve, but the Bible says that “vain is the help of man.” Our only hope will be found “in the Name of the Lord.”

The church must recover the revelation of God as He is, and then prayerfully and humbly turn radically to Him. We need revival! Otherwise America will soon follow the example of all the nations that have gone before who are no longer nations because they “forgot God”.

God’s mercy will follow genuine repentance and sincere faith. It is our privilege to trumpet this message in the churches and to God’s people. ☺

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# AFCI **International** Ministry Associates



**Joseph Tan**  
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Joseph was in HCMC, Vietnam during February 25-March 3, 2011 ministering to Vietnamese Seminary students. These 49 students will finish 3 years of study studies in April. Many of these students face difficult circumstances.

One student needs special prayer because his village endured heavy rains, floods and landslides that washed away his church, his house (everything), books, etc. Many of the 50 church members' houses were also washed into the Mekong River. Now, he has the difficult job of rebuilding his church building, house and helping his church members and the whole village. Joseph and Esther are praying to help him complete his remaining studies and in the reconstruction of their village.

Joseph & Esther will spend much of April in the Philippines and will join the 49 Vietnamese pastors in their graduation. While there they will be involved in encouraging

many believers there and ministering to leaders from more than 12 denominations that attend Philippines Alliance College of Theology in Manila Following this, Joseph & Esther will conduct a 2 day seminar in Bohol, Philippines for about eighty people who will come from many nearby islands. Many of these will be simple fisherman. Please pray for a blessed and fruitful time of ministry. ☺



**Chris Mohan**  
**INDIA**

"He remains faithful" (2 Tim 2:13). Wow! What an amazing and life-sustaining truth this is! Rita & I have been reminded of the marvelous faithfulness of our God repeatedly as we continue serving Him. We have experienced the faithfulness of God in opening doors for the ministry and touching lives through the preaching & teaching of the Word. During the Past few months, the Lord gave me multifarious opportunities to spread



the Gospel; such as preaching in various churches, family retreats, home Bible studies, a Pastor's retreat, a missions conference. He also blessed me with opportunities to glorify Him in marriage counseling, pastoral visits and praying for the ailing, counseling youth on various issues in practical Christian life and more (in and outside of Bangalore).

Last week I visited Kodad, a fast growing town in Andhra Pradesh State. There I was reminded of our Lord's words about 'fields white unto harvest'. During four days of ministry about eighty people of all ages and from other backgrounds as well as college students and instructors were touched by the Spirit and they joyfully responded to the call to receive and follow the Lord Jesus. Please pray for their ongoing walk with the Lord and spiritual growth and for our ministry in this. ☺

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**Cathy Kreis**

The e-book version of BEYOND ALL REASON: God at Work in the South Pacific is available online at [www.winepressbooks.com](http://www.winepressbooks.com). This electronic edition has updated revisions and will become

available on the discount bookselling sites as they list the new releases. Look for the revised hard-copy edition in April. For

more information or for the nine-item insert sheet for the copy you have in hand, please contact Cathy at [cathyrkreis@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyrkreis@yahoo.com).

The work of "Two Cathys On Mission" is shaping up for the year. We're expecting to complete our California assignment in April. A commitment has been made to serve again on the island of Kauai over the summer and prayer is still being lifted about the mission to Fiji in October. Our relationships at the Navajo reservation provide challenges and the need for prayer. Cathy Kreis was recently

in Georgia and Tennessee on business and fellowship including a visit to the AFCI service center in Marietta, GA.

We lift praise and thanks for completed tasks, anticipated assignments, bountiful provision, protection, and Jesus' presence each step of the way. Please pray for Cathy Bibb's daughter, Sarah, and expected granddaughter, Ava Joy, due in April. Please pray for guidance during our long absence from home in Kingman.

For updates, visit our website: [www.2COM4Him.com](http://www.2COM4Him.com). ☺

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