

Dear Friends,

December 2020

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every event under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

I want to thank all of you who backed my ministry in prayer and finances through this turbulent 2020 season. I am asking that you do so again as we enter an uncertain 2021. As always, intercession and funding are essential to the ongoing global ministry efforts I supervise for Novo. In addition to Novo staff, I am supervising some of the overseas staff within Melinda’s Orphanos mission organization.

My travel to staff locations was halted, due to COVID-19. Supervision and staff care were beefed up by increased Skype and Zoom communication. As soon as this COVID pandemic passes, I anticipate travel and site visits to resume. This staff supervision distancing season has been difficult, but manageable.

2020 International Novo Ministry Impact Report

- ✓ **80 nations impacted**
- ✓ **88 different people groups penetrated around the world**
- ✓ **71 national ministry leaders invested in who lead new ministry initiatives**
- ✓ **205 churches started, served, or strengthened**
- ✓ **107 churches trained in transforming their communities and culture for Christ**
- ✓ **967 pastors and ministry leaders trained, mentored, and coached**
- ✓ **707 ministry leaders developed by the pastors and leaders we trained, mentored and coached**
- ✓ **7,478 Jesus followers equipped for ministry**
- ✓ **4,652 new Jesus followers through efforts of Novo staff, our ministry leaders, and churches**
- ✓ **1,180 participants in Discovery Bible Studies**
- ✓ **608 hours per week in intercessory and worship prayer by Novo staff**

I will highlight one bullet point from the Ministry Impact Report, namely, the 608 hours/week in prayer. In spite of the COVID-19 global lockdown, we witnessed greater global impact for Kingdom gains than in any previous year. Much of our Novo face-to-face ministry was sidelined. Most of it went virtual, via Skype and Zoom. Holed up in homes, a large portion of staff ministry time became dedicated to more prayer. In spite of minimized direct hands-on ministry, God’s hand moved in mighty ways. Go figure!

We think that life will be as it has always been, but it will not. We think that we are the masters of our own destinies, but we are not. As our world, country, communities, and even families seem to dissolve in disarray, may we turn to God in prayer. He is calling it out of us in this time of turmoil. God has set eternity in our hearts, yet so that no one knows His work from beginning to end (Eccl 3:11). There is a season and a time for everything. Now is the time to turn our hearts toward God, purposed in prayer!

In a Season of Prayer,



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