



Touch of Fire Ministries

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Message from Scott & Brigit

When we think about this year, one thing comes to mind..."Wow! It was so busy!" It was busy in a good way. It was a year of triumphs and lessons learned. It's warmed our hearts to think about our ministry partners and school sponsorships, because so many lives have been changed because of your giving. Thank you for caring so much and for giving as you did. What's in store for the coming year? The year ahead is bright with hope and promise, because of what Jesus Christ has done and is continuing to do through people like you and us!

Thank you to those who've answered the call to travel overseas – what a great time! Whether you gave toward sending someone else, or decided to come yourself, you made an impact in God's Kingdom.

In 2014, we touched people together in the countries of Costa Rica and Nepal - oceans apart, but the same in many ways! Thank you for noticing that there are people out there who are really hurting, and for doing what you can. Whether at Uvita Christian Academy, in the simple streets of Costa Rica, or in the nation of Nepal, I believe others felt the love of Jesus Christ through you, and through us. Thank you for partnering with us to see lives changed eternally!

Scott and I would like to thank Jean and Lexi Hooten who assist with special ministry details stateside from their home in Greenwood, Indiana. A special thanks also goes to Steve and Mary Ann Sell, who often gather and ship school supplies to Costa Rica. Finally, thank you to Steve and Nancy Barcus who have allowed us to live in their home in Costa Rica. We are truly grateful!

Costa Rica and Nepal: the Faces of Ministry



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Highlights of 2014

TOFM was excited to welcome Jean Hooten to its Ministry Staff. Jean works diligently to take care of various details for the ministry, and also enjoys traveling with mission teams from Greenwood Christian Academy (GCA) and Educators/Future Educators on a Mission when they come to Costa Rica.

During 2014, the TOFM website was completely “renovated” to make it more relevant and applicable for those traveling on mission trips and choosing to partner with TOFM. We are grateful for Jean as she constantly updates and maintains this important website.

TOFM gave to local families in need in the Uvita area of Costa Rica, especially by providing Christmas gifts and toiletries to families who could not afford them.

The Annual GCA Mission Trip took place during July of the 2014 year. Students from an Indianapolis area Christian high school had the chance to put their faith into action, and to practice their Spanish!

Also in 2014, TOFM partnered with John Smithwick Ministries International (JSMI) to conduct street ministry and a mass evangelism crusade in the town of San Isidro, the second largest city in all of Costa Rica. Thousands had the chance to hear the Gospel message, and there were more than 1,000 people who were born again.

In Nepal, Pastor Thomas Rai, who is an overseer of several churches in his area and who personally cares for and houses orphans, received support from TOFM to continue his personal work in that country.

Mission Trips Hosted

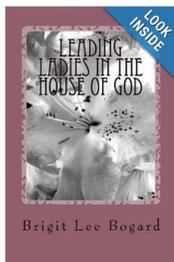
Matthew 28:19 tells us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

TOFM served as the hosting ministry for John Smithwick Ministries International (JSMI), Greenwood Christian Academy (GCA), and a group called Educators/Future Educators on a Mission, all in an effort to see this scripture fulfilled.

These organizations worked together to bring over 70 students and adults from places in the United States like Indiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. They linked arms ready to share their testimonies, and their love for God. They went into the streets in towns along the Pacific Coast from San Isidro to Ojochal, conducting street evangelism, playing with kids in parks and orphanages, painting youth centers, acting as teaching assistants and doing special projects at UCA, leading mass crusades, and ministering to local families in need through serving dinner and providing care packages. Through the actions of these teams, over 1,500 people witnessed the power of God’s love, and several made decisions to commit to serving God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

What’s to come in 2015

TOFM will continue to host mission teams from the United States, and is already planning another trip for more students from GCA in Indiana. Scott and Brigit also plan to give locally as needs arise in Costa Rica, and to continue their support of the work in Nepal.



Ladies, are you looking for a ‘how to’ for women in Christian ministry as well as your everyday lives? Look no further! Brigit shares practical insights and real life examples that will help you effectively lead ladies God has entrusted to you both in ministry and personal life.

Highlights of 2014

The start of UCA's second year brought with it the excitement of new students, new teachers, the addition of a Kindergarten program, more Related Arts classes, additional classroom space, new after-school clubs, and the launch of a new website. UCA is the "premier option in education" in the southern zone of Costa Rica because it offers an excellent, Biblical education.

Student enrollment for the 2014 school year increased significantly, with excitement about the Kindergarten and Elementary school programs. Most students came to UCA without knowing Christ as Savior – six students this year gave their lives to Jesus Christ.

The UCA Staff expanded to include Krista, Ellie, and Joy. They brought their own special talents, love for children and education, and above all, a love for the Lord, in order to advance classroom and elective programs at UCA.

UCA introduced more electives, and after-school clubs. New Related Arts classes included a Physical Science class, a Film Studies course, a Creative Writing course, and a special unit dedicated to the study of dinosaurs for elementary students. After-school clubs included surfing and soccer.

Sponsorships / Donations

*Thank you, thank you, thank you....*we cannot thank you enough or begin to express how truly blessed we are to have you partner with us to serve the Lord. Through your prayers and generous financial partnerships we have been able to continue to grow UCA and offer excellent, Biblical education. Below are just a few of the things we're thankful for:

- Kindergarten Table & Stools
- Construction Paper & Markers for art class
- Microscope
- School Supplies
- Teacher Car
- Air Conditioner for the Elementary Learning Center

What's to come in 2015

In 2015, we expect UCA to grow by leaps and bounds! We feel specifically that several more students will enroll during the course of the coming school year; and that because so many students have spent time listening to the Word of God, more decisions will be made to serve Him. We will be adjusting our chapel services so that they are longer, include the whole student body, and include time in worship before Scott shares a message each week. This may seem like a small detail, but we really believe it will be important for our students because of how they will encounter God.

We are also excited to welcome a new teacher – his name is Adam! Adam will join Brigit as an Assistant Supervisor in the Elementary Learning Center at UCA.



UCA Student Sponsorship

We want to see students who desire to attend our school receive that opportunity.

Through partners of UCA this is made possible.

Consider being a UCA Student Sponsor.



UCA Teacher Sponsorship

As we enroll more students, we need to increase our teaching staff.

Our teachers are required to raise support to pay for living expenses, about \$1500 per month. These living expenses include housing, utilities, food and transportation.

Consider being a UCA Teacher Sponsor!



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with passion and purpose!

2015 Calendar

Mission Trips -

Educators on a Mission: June 2 – 9, 2015

Annual GCA Mission Trip: July 16 – 23, 2015

UCA Calendar Highlights -

First Day of School: February 2, 2015

