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Message from Scott & Brigit

We hope our message finds you doing well! As I write this, I remember that God is on our side...He's on your side and mine. So, what do any of us really have to complain about? We are, after all, more than conquerors, right? (Romans 8:37) No matter what comes our way, we have more than enough on the inside to overcome because Jesus lives inside of us! It's true! This is a message that I've really taken to heart during the past year.

Because we're foreigners living in Costa Rica, we've had to cross through lots of border crossings and other kinds of police check points since we moved here. It used to really make me nervous; we'd been stopped a few times and had been picked on a little bit. Sometimes police want to check your car for the right safety items, sometimes they want to see your passport, and other times they're looking for a "bad guy." But, we learned to trust God for the favor he's promised us, and to walk in it. Thanks to Him, we rarely get stopped anymore. He's so good!

Thanks for caring about the ministry God has given us here. It's a special one. We are grateful for the Mission Team that came from Greenwood Christian Academy last year, for the school God's given us in Costa Rica, and for what we've been able to give to our friend, Pastor Thomas in Nepal, Asia. (Please remember the horrible earthquake they suffered through this last year.)

Scott and I set aside some special time to pray and seek God recently, and we feel that this is a special year for our students and parents at Uvita Christian Academy (UCA). Their hearts are getting softer, and they're steps closer to knowing Jesus as Lord. We are also really excited to host another Mission Team in July 2016 - this year, not only are GCA students welcomed, but it's open to the general public. Let us know if you have interest in joining us!

Above all, thanks for praying, thanks for giving, and thanks for CARING about what God is doing in this part of Central America - it's a small part, but a very important one. We are constantly grateful for your love and support!



Costa Rica and Nepal: the Faces of Ministry



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Highlights of 2015

Many prayers were answered when TOFM was able to purchase a much needed truck. It has been put to good use, from transporting mission team luggage, to moving UCA teachers, to transporting parts of the UCA newly constructed playground.

The Annual GCA Mission Trip took place in July. Students from a Central Indiana Christian High School, took to the streets of towns in and around Uvita, spreading the message of salvation and practicing their Spanish!

2015 has been a particularly challenging year for Pastor Thomas Rai, in Nepal, who is an overseer of several churches in his area and who personally cares for and houses orphans. Numerous earthquakes and government strife have made things difficult. Through prayer, faith and generous support TOFM was able to provide financial support.



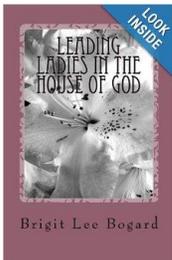
Mission Trips Hosted

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 hosted several students as part of Educators / Future Educators on a Mission. The student's worked on projects for UCA, helped with Soccer Club, and partnered with local public schools and other ministries through community outreach.

Students from Greenwood Christian Academy spent an impactful and busy week with us here in Costa Rica. Their time and efforts yielded over 100 hearts turning towards the Lord as their savior. The team ministered to caregivers in an orphanage, painted at a church, participated in community outreach in several towns, and played with children in many communities all while sharing a message of God's many blessings and love. We were very thankful and blessed to host such a great group of students.

Thank you to everyone that supported the students on both teams and for the prayers showered over them while they were ministering in Costa Rica.



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.

Available on Amazon.com

What's to come in 2016

For Touch of Fire Ministries, 2016 is an exciting year! TOFM will host a team of students and adults from Greenwood, Indiana and surrounding areas in the Uvita, Costa Rica area. This group will share the Gospel by preaching and teaching, and will do different projects in the area. Some projects may include helping at local churches, and offering support to local ministries. They will do what they can to help bring life to the local community.



Highlights of 2015

Wow, wow, wow.... 2015 certainly proved to be a year of bounty for UCA. Enrollment yet again increased. More students brings along the need for more classroom space, more teaching staff, and the need for new programs to continue to challenge our students to towards reaching their full potential. Prayers of provision where answered. UCA was provided what was needed when it was needed.

UCA was able to build a new learning center space specifically for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students. UCA added new Related Arts classes such as First-Aid / CPR, where students where taught basic important skills, and Sciences such as Renewable and Alternative Energy, where students learned how to use energy sources in various ways. The Music Club expanded to bring amazing worship times to the weekly chapels while allowing students to glorify God with talents bestowed on them. The Soccer Club continues to expand and have a positive impact on the Uvita community.

Learning did not stop at the classroom doors. Students traveled to the Children's Museum in November to spend a day in fun, hands on learning from dental hygiene to space to travel and much more.

With the close of the school year we say good-bye to Joy, Ellie, Nichole and Stephen. We are thankful for all their efforts in teaching UCA students. We pray blessings on each of them as they begin new adventures.

Sponsorships / Donations

Generous is defined as: showing a readiness to give more of something than is expected; showing kindness toward others. From the many prayers sent up on UCA's behalf to the gifts of school / office supplies by a visiting mission team from Indiana or donation of laptops for UCA student use, to UCA parent's giving of their time to teach a related arts class, design and build a playground, or raise funds for the UCA scholarship fund UCA feels so blessed to have been on the receiving end of generosity from so many supporters.



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. These living expenses include housing, utilities, food and transportation.

Consider being a UCA Teacher Sponsor!

What's to come in 2016

For Uvita Christian Academy, 2016 is a year full of promise and good things. God is bringing about all kinds of changes, and they are needed! We will begin to plan for a new campus in Costa Rica, with all the space needed for our growing student body. With this new campus will come all kinds of new freedoms for our Staff and students! With a more private, enclosed campus, students can be more secure while they attend school, and parents will know that their children are safe. Students will also enjoy having their own recreational areas, owned and operated by UCA. (Right now, UCA rents its space from a local sports complex in the area).

We are especially grateful this year for our Christian Staff who care about their students, and go the extra mile for them all the time. It's already a great year, as we work together to teach and take care of our kids! We see working with them as a special opportunity.

At the time of this writing, 68 students are hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, many of them for the first time. There will be many who make a decision to serve Him for the first time in 2016. Both Scott and Brigit share at chapel services every Friday morning; Brigit can tell you, the little ones who've never really heard about God before just sit there with their mouths wide open! They are really interested to hear about Jesus, the son of God, and to learn about who He is.

Our student body will continue to grow - we want to reach as many as possible for Jesus. Scott and Brigit firmly believe the best is yet to come in 2016!



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Taking the Gospel to the nations
with passion and purpose!

2016 Calendar

Mission Trips

TOFM Short Term Mission Team: July 14 – 21, 2016

UCA Calendar Highlights

UCA Open House: January 28, 2016

First Day of School: February 1, 2016

