

## Imagine by Bill H. Boerop

*Imagine* arriving in heaven and being welcomed by your Savior Jesus Christ. You can now thank Him in person for your salvation. Your worship will be pure and most genuine. Just think, you will be with the Lord in Glory forever and ever.

*Imagine*, all of a sudden there is a woman from Bangladesh thanking you that she too is in heaven. You say: "why thank me?" She answers: "I know you never came to my country, but you prayed that my nation would become open for the gospel. Circumstances changed in answer to your prayer. The Good News of God's love in Christ became available. I heard it and trusted Christ. Thank you for your prayers."

*Imagine* a man coming up to you, saying: "Thanks for having come to Italy." You tell him you have never been to Italy. "That's right, but you came vicariously, you faithfully supported a person from your country who came and told me that Jesus Christ died for me. Thank you for your financial investment."

*Imagine* a boy and girl from Kazakhstan running up to you, shouting: "thank you, thank you!" You answer: "Why thank me for you being in heaven?" The immediate response is: "Did you forget that you and your family came to live in my country? We came to the children's meetings you organized. We heard that



Jesus loves all the children of the world. We let Him into our hearts. Thank you for having come."

*Imagine* a pastor and church leader approaching you with a smile. They too want to express their gratitude. Again you respond with: "What did I do?" They in turn explain. "You prayed for, and supported a specific ministry called World Thrust International. This organization helped us develop a sound and balanced world missions ministry. Our people learned to pray for a desperate needy world and unreached people groups. Then our congregation started to invest more and more funds to send workers cross-culturally into the entire world. In addition, scores of our members left their comfort of home to go and make the gospel available where it is not. Thank you for having enabled World Thrust International to help our church to put its arms around the world through: praying, giving and going."

*Imagine* what a rejoicing that will be. Imagine the fulfillment of having been co-laborers together with God. It is such an inspiration that we don't have to wait to rejoice till we are in heaven. Right here and now we can experience the joy and fulfillment of being a part of what God is doing, building His church around the world. You too can be a co-laborer through prayer, funding and going.



## Seasonal Transitions by Lynwood Worley, Director of Development

The seasons come and go so quickly, it's hard to believe we last communicated with you before Christmas! As spring comes to a close and we enter into the summer season we rejoice with the sights and sounds of nature. Summer is a time to enjoy family and relax in the warm weather. It's also the time of year when we may be doing repairs to our homes and yards from the spring storms. These repairs get us ready for the next season transition, which today seems far off.

At WTl we are looking at the first half of this year to see what "repairs" we need to make. So far this year our support is down almost 50%. So the "repair" we need to make is simply to ask you to pray about helping us to get our support back to where it needs to be.

We need your help. Please pray and ask God how you can be a part of helping WTl complete our mission of helping churches to be a sending base for the Gospel of Christ.

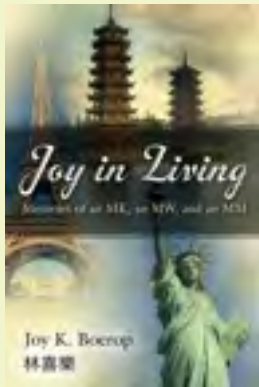


# 25 years and Counting

This year we celebrate 25 years in helping local churches become sending bases for the Gospel. We give God all the glory for what has been accomplished. In over 30 countries we have seen pastors and church leaders respond positively to our WINNING STRATEGIES SEMINAR. As a result many “Jerusalem” pastors became “world” pastors, changing “Jerusalem” Christians into “world” Christians and therefore “Jerusalem” churches into “world” churches. Over 2000 churches in South Africa alone were mobilized to take the Good News to those who had not yet heard.

What about the future? Our purpose statement says: To see every local church in the world become a sending base for the Gospel of Christ so that a clear presentation and demonstration of it is available to all people. How we rejoice in the fact that churches in Latin America, Africa and parts of Asia are moving ahead in the evangelization of the world. Churches in the West need to rekindle and restore their commitment. The role of the Western church is changing but their involvement is still vital. Many more churches worldwide need to be mobilized. Together we must renew our efforts.

At WTI we are praying and planning for the future of our ministry. We want to be more efficient and yet continue to be: “Geared to the Times and Anchored to the Rock”. We are working to revitalize our deliverables, while the principles we teach remain the same. Too many local churches don’t know the joy and fulfillment of being a part of what God is doing in the world. So we want to rekindle our efforts. How about joining us in the years to come and partner with us as never before. You can do so by prayer, financial support, and in many other ways. Contact us!



We are happy to announce the availability of a new book: **JOY IN LIVING** by Joy K. Boerop. It is Joy’s autobiography giving you insight about the many aspects of missionary life and service. It will inform you about many issues you may not be aware of in making the gospel available. Joy’s life story will enable you to pray more specifically for your missionaries.

The pictures on the cover represent the continents where Joy has lived as an MK (missionary kid), an MW (missionary wife), and an MM (missionary mother).

Laugh and cry with Joy as she shares the overwhelming faithfulness of her Savior, who has given her a life of great joy and fulfillment amidst suffering and adversity.

Available in soft and hard cover. Contact Joy at: 770-339-0961 or email her at: [lina1895@bellsouth.net](mailto:lina1895@bellsouth.net)



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