

*Greetings and Best Wishes
For a Joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year
From Terry and Sharon Overstreet
December, 2017*



As many of our dear friends and family know, Dale Crowley, Jr., was not very fond of celebrating Christmas because of its many pagan connections. However, being surrounded with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and influenced by his Christmas-loving wife, Mary Crowley, he finally stopped resisting and instead began promoting the event from a biblical perspective. These are his words of greeting from The Capitol Hill Voice, Winter of 2012.

"During this season of thanksgiving, giving, and receiving, let us rejoice for God's great gift of His Son for our salvation. The prophets predicted it: "Unto us a son is given." The blessed virgin Mary confirmed it: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." The angel announced it: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." John the Baptist proclaimed it: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus Himself affirmed it: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Jesus' disciples preached it: "Neither is there salvation in any other." The Apostle Paul expounded it: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (The scriptures cited before are Isaiah 9:6, Luke 1:46-47, Luke 2:11, John 1:29, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, II Corinthians 8:9, and II Corinthians 9:15.) Dale Crowley, Jr.

We are also thankful for how God has sustained The King's Business Ministries this year, 2017. After Dale Crowley, Jr. went to be with His Lord one year ago in 2016, KBM understandably lost some support; however, we were still able to continue helping the many missions and projects he loved. Enclosed are updates on both the Cambodian mission and the Nicaragua outreach. Earlier in the year we were also able to support some of the efforts of the fight against sex trafficking in the state of Hawaii. For this we thank our many friends who have continued to support the ministries of The King's Business.

In the meantime, the KBM office has been working hard at collecting all of Dale's writings from the Capitol Hill Voice issues, his radio and message manuscripts, his many news articles and letters to the editor, speeches he made over the decades, and even his many books he published. Not only do we want to be certain all of these are preserved and filed away where they can be accessed when needed, but Princeton Theological Seminary wants to archive everything he has written and done so that it can be preserved both in house and online for research. This effort is taking hours and hours of tedious work to be sure Dale's many messages and publications are passed on and archived.

By now we are hoping most of our KBM family and friends have discovered and perused the KBM website, <http://kings.business>. We have posted over one hundred of Dale's Sound Doctrine messages, a few of his books, and hope to post his many wonderful writings, as well. We also have prompts so that our supporters can keep up on the mission outreaches around the world. The Right Start for the Day radio program on WFAX, featuring Dale Crowley Sr., can be accessed live on Saturday mornings at 7:45 am through a link that is on the website.

The website is a work in progress. For those who are NOT technologically challenged there is also a way to email the KBM staff and make contributions through PayPal instead of by check. The wonders of the modern world!

We believe that God would have us continue The King's Business Ministries to help with the many outreaches He placed on the hearts of Dale and Mary Crowley. As we have explained in previous letters, because of our limitations in knowledge and understanding on many of Dale's favorite topics, we are unable to continue to address those; however, we ARE able to continue the mission outreaches, posting his messages on the website in MP3 form, reprint his many extraordinary writings, and distribute both his books and his father's books. For this opportunity we are grateful.

Through The King's Business we want to continue to impact the world for the Gospel and for the glory of God. Pray for us as we attempt to undertake this great ministry without its founder. Please pray also about supporting KBM on a regular basis or send a special year-end contribution toward these vital ministries and projects.

With love and thanksgiving in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Terry and Sharon Overstreet

Nicaragua – Kings Business Ministries

In September, Steve and I returned to Solidaridad, Nicaragua (outside of the capital city of Managua) for a seven day high impact trip. Hurricane Irma did her best to get in the way of things, but in the end, though delayed, we were able to reschedule better flights with our preferred departure airport at the same rate of our original fare.

Our team consisted of Steve, Marcos (our driver), Isabelle and her husband, Isaiah, who translated for us and me. Though small, we had a lot to accomplish. Steve's primary purpose was to help scout out and obtain information concerning purchasing a van for the church and school in Solidaridad. He, Marcos, Isaiah and Emanuel the pastor's son looked at several vans ranging in cost, from used to brand new. The Lord even allowed a surprise meeting with a foreign Christian educator there who has purchased vans and licensed them legally in Nicaragua through the help of two local lawyers. God was looking out for us and in all honesty, we know so little of Nicaragua and need Him to guide and go before us. These unexpected meetings encouraged us along the way.

Along the same lines, Steve visited the community leadership/government officials for the landfill community of Solidaridad to speak with them about utilizing the field adjacent to the church and school as a "sports complex." In a way that only the Lord can lead, the officials responded by saying, "Oh, we were planning to visit the field today to begin our design of a park." We pray the the officials will allow the church and school to use the park as an opportunity for local outreach. Since our return, we have been sent the plans for the park. Though it doesn't include a baseball field like we had hoped, there is an outdoor basketball court and a few nice pavilions in the plans. During the first few days of our planning for the field, Pastor Manual, Emanuel, his son, and Steve met with some of the older teen men to ask them what the church could do to help their families since many of the already have children. It was a good opportunity to show them God's love and let them know that the church and school were interested in their lives and their children's lives. These are rough-looking guys and many of them are probably in a gang. Please pray for them. **We want the Lord to open doors into the lives of these men who already seem so hardened.**

My purpose during this trip was to begin the skills training among the younger teenagers who are part of the School of Hope. Many of the young girls could actually be of marrying age in the next few years. Without a skill, carrying for their family will be difficult. These are children who have heard the Gospel. They have received spiritual Hope, but because of their living conditions and surroundings, they have little opportunity for making a wage. Most have dropped out of school at fifth grade for a variety of reasons. Without finishing the tenth grade, they will not even be able to go to a trade school for skills training. This is part of my burden for these young people.

Since there is no working oven, I found a recipe for making bread in a pressure cooker. It is an easy recipe and bakes small batches of bread which could help feed their families or give them something to sell to a neighbor. We had so much fun baking bread. It was messy, sticky and we laughed a lot. During Bible study we talked about the Bread of Life and how, through His miracle, Jesus met the needs of the thousands of people who were hungry. The best part was eating fresh baked bread slathered in butter and guava jam—a treat for all of us. Watching young women write their names on their loaves of bread and then opening them up to eat them was priceless.

After bread making was over each day, we would take a small break for lunch and move onto sewing. By far sewing was the most practical skill. Someone before us came to Solidaridad and began a sewing ministry. She hasn't been back for years, so I mustered up my few skills with sewing and taught a simple pillowcase dress to the girls. Each of them cut their fabric, and over the next few days finished a dress that they made!!! We made such a big deal when they finished. You could see the sense of pride across their faces. These were special moments. They had such satisfaction that they accomplished making a dress. What I loved was that some made their dresses for someone else. This spirit of giving is just developing. In fact, few of the mature women had even thought that they could begin giving their time to mentor younger women to teach them how to sew.

Sewing is a skill which is really transferable for future skills. It opens opportunities for sewing a basic school uniform which could be sold to a neighbor all the way to opportunities to work in a factory in one of the 100,000 jobs offered in the textile industry located about 45 minutes away and completely accessible by local transportation.

Because of shortness of time, the ESL class was pushed to the back burner. I was able to have a good class toward the end of the week. The lessons that I created use Creation as the backbone of the classes. Although I wasn't able to spend as much time on English classes as I had wanted, I was able to finish our time in Solidaridad with a clear presentation of the Gospel.

God put so many people in our way during this trip. Clearly, He intended it to be a team of two, with other local believers offering support along the way. We had such flexibility to change course as needed. We praise Him for this.

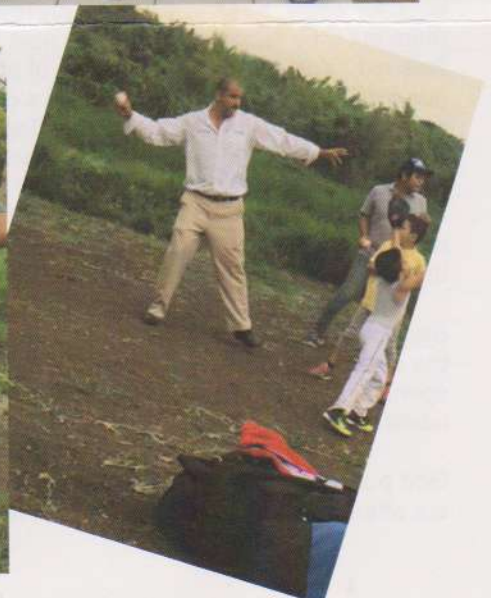
Our return dates are set for January 23 - 30. Please pray about this trip.

We are praying for those who know how to cut hair to go with us. This is an identified skill for the community. In addition, **we are praying that the Lord would send us someone who knows hypoponic gardening, carpenters and electricians.** These are skill-sets which would offer those in the community and church an opportunity to explore and possibly get further education.

We cannot reach "their world" like they can. Offering skill-sets to believers allows them to live and provide for their families while witnessing to those in their circles. They can reach their community better than we can. We are committed to continue to enrich their lives by coming along side of them to offer life skills. The Gospel is the center of the ministry of the Baptist church in Solidaridad. The School of Hope is offering basic education skills to the children. We are continuing that education by offering exploratory skill sets which people can learn.

We are grateful that the Lord is using us in this area. **Please continue to pray that He will bring others to help along the way. Thanks for your prayers.**

Matthew 25:35-40—For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. "Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The king will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

in the Kingdom of Cambodia

Fall, 2017



His Kingdom is Forever

It just happened that our second session of Pastors School coincided with the 500th anniversary of the official beginning of the Protestant Reformation, October 31, 1517. Not only did the dates coincide, but also the subject matter, as we continued our study of Systematic Theology, delving into doctrines such as Christ's Work, Salvation, the Holy Spirit, and the Church.

The church leaders were transfixed by the history of the moral and doctrinal decline of the Roman Church in the Middle Ages, and the courage of the men and women who reclaimed the gospel and the Scriptures at great cost.

The students had never known before about the tens of thousands who gave their lives to preserve the gospel and give us the Bible in our own languages. Half of these students are involved in tribal Bible translation projects, and they were encouraged to see their own projects at the end of a long list of Bible translations since the time of the early church.

The names of Martin Luther, John Wycliffe, John Calvin, William Farel, and others are now familiar to them, as well as the Five Solas of the Reformation: Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, and the Glory of God Alone. Each day they lifted up their voices to God, singing Martin Luther's *A Mighty Fortress is our God*—it was a moment of heaven on earth. (You can hear them sing at this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/k02pd8q6ctd7frv/Mighty%20Fortress.mp4?dl=0> Hat tip to Brian Kane)

In the next session this May we will begin a unit on Biblical Theology, written by our own Jeremy Farmer. Pray!



This is the first time most of the students have studied history and geography.

God keeps answering your prayers

• We leave for the States this week to join in the happiness of **Zak and Jenna** as they become husband and wife on November 22. Many of you have faithfully prayed for God's blessing on Jenna, and now He has provided a committed Christian husband. Your prayers are powerful and effective.

• On November 2 Ethan and Emily welcomed **Shiloh Kalyana Onalenna** into this world. Kalyana is Khmer/Sanskrit for beautiful and blessed. Onalenna means "God has protected me" in Tswana, a language of South Africa, where Emily grew up. Shiloh is our 7th grandchild.

Pray that she would indeed be blessed and protected!

• **Commentary on Romans for Vietnam** just passed the government censors without a single red line! I admit I was a bit disappointed that nothing in my book offended the VN government. Harbor Church in Hawaii has paid for all of the translation and printing costs for 3000 copies. Soon the books will be in the hands of pastors. Pray!

• We have an opportunity to produce a 20-minute daily **Tampuan gospel broadcast**. A faithful young church leader has been chosen to lead the project, if we can raise \$100 a month for salary and airtime. That's just a quarter a minute! Please pray and give as you can.



Jacqueline J., a Swiss-French Bible translator working on one of the local languages, gave a riveting account of the blood-baptized French Bible of 1535, underwritten by the persecuted Waldensians, and translated by John Calvin's cousin, Pierre-Robert Olivetan, who was later rewarded for his work by being poisoned to death in Rome. (Behind Jacqueline is a map of Reformation Europe.)