

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

A Year Blessed Beyond Measure

In 2018, the Lord blessed SALM67 Ministries in ways too numerous to count and that far exceeded any goals we could have set. From building churches in areas we never thought possible, to allowing us to minister to poor children and needy families in ways we never could have imagined, this past year the Lord demonstrated time and time again that His glory cannot be contained and His will can never be thwarted. We are so grateful for the favor the Lord has shown on this ministry as well as for your fervent prayers and sacrificial giving that directly support our work. As you read about these accomplishments, recognize that you are partners in everything we do, while giving all the praise and glory to our Lord Christ Jesus!

Building New Churches in Central Vietnam

The new church facility in a remote tribal community located in the Highlands area of central Vietnam was completed in May. The congregation had outgrown the pastor's small house church and there was much celebration as this larger facility held their first worship services in June. Only God!



Worship/Training Facility in Central Vietnam

This past year we also saw the Training/Worship Center in central Vietnam finally come to fruition. The Lord graciously provided the funds to acquire the land and build the facility back in 2017 but it took almost an entire year for this project to get started, although not for lack of effort on our part. The initial piece of land we thought we could purchase became unavailable and additional red tape and governmental bureaucracy seemed to thwart any attempts to move forward. But we know the Lord's timing is always perfect and last June, the Lord opened the door to purchase some property that included a house. Final approvals to remodel the house into a church and build the additional facilities needed for training came in July at which point construction could finally begin. The construction proceeded quickly and the new Worship/Training Center was completed in early October. However it took an additional 45 days to acquire the necessary permits to finally open the facility for public use. This has been a great lesson in patience for us all but truly a glorious day when the first worship services began this past December. It was an even more joyous time of celebration when **Pastor John Bailey** from **The Springs Church** preached at the formal dedication ceremony during his visit in January!



First Worship in Highlands Church

Children's Support Initiative (CSI) Update

When we started our work in Vietnam, we were really not sure if this ministry could ever become directly involved in community outreach, given the nature of the government. However, the Lord opened the door and over the years, while working through the local churches, these efforts have expanded into providing scholarships for children who otherwise might not be able to attend school, visiting orphanages at Christmas and Easter, providing school children with handmade backpacks filled with supplies and helping poor and needy families with food bags. At each of these outreach events, the message of God's love has been made clear and presented an opportunity for many – including the government officials always present – to hear the gospel. This year we grouped all of these outreach efforts under the umbrella of the Children's Support Initiative and the outpouring of support for this program has been phenomenal! We had set some very lofty goals for our CSI activities this Christmas and the Lord blessed us in a mighty way as we were not only able to meet them but exceed them!



Handing Out Backpacks to School Children



Handing out Food Bags

- Over 250 children and workers at several local orphanages were blessed with a pizza parties, games, toys and most importantly, a clear presentation of the gospel message.
- Over 1600 handmade backpacks filled with school supplies, snacks, and personal items were distributed to school children. At the same time we were able to bless 200 children with the additional gift of a scholarship and give out 14 new bikes to children to get to/from school. A great opportunity for them to hear of the love of Jesus.
- 420 needy families received food bags in the three different areas of the country. These bags were handmade and included everything needed to feed a family of 6 for a week. Our prayer is that even after the food is gone, the bag will remain as a tangible reminder of God's love for them.



Christmas at the Orphanage

In addition to the Christmas outreach programs in the community, we were able to bless the pastors, leaders and children in the churches affiliated with the Bible Training Centers. Everyone enrolled in our training programs received a special gift as a way to recognize and encourage their hard work and over 250 children within our local congregations were blessed with gifts for Christmas. Also, we partnered financially with 17 of our affiliated churches to help them with their Christmas outreach ministries. These programs not only bless the church members but reach their local communities with the gospel message of love. Thousands attended these services and over 25 prayed to make Jesus Lord of their life this year.



Caryn at the Orphanage

Mission Teams

This Christmas season we had two mission teams visit us to help with our Christmas outreach programs and ministry events. **Mrs. Caryn Carson** served with us at the beginning of the year with a team from **Beautiful Feet International** and felt led to come back by herself in December to help us with Christmas events and other ministry programs. She wondered if just one person would be able to make a difference and the answer is a resounding **YES**, given how the Lord was able to use her. She blessed us with her testimony during church, taught Sunday school, encouraged and blessed women in an afternoon conference as well as worked tirelessly with us in a number of outreach activities. Her attitude revealed her heart for this nation in so many ways, particularly in her ability to persevere through one of the busiest eight days of ministry we have ever experienced. Her passionate commitment to sharing Christ's message of love and hope was an encouragement to so many and for that we are most grateful.



Christmas with the Students

Pastor John Bailey from **The Springs Church** in Florida has blessed this ministry from the very beginning. Having served on the mission field for a number of years, he is a great source of encouragement and wise counsel and both he and his church have been very generous in their love and support of our work over the years. We have waited six years for Pastor John to join us on the mission field and finally the timing was right. He and his daughter **Tori** joined us just after the New Year and our time together was packed full of teaching, preaching, sharing testimony, and serving others through community outreach. At our location in the south, Pastor John encouraged our pastors and leaders with his knowledge and experience leading and growing churches that flourish. He also led a 3-day training conference, attended by over 150 pastors, where he emphasized the teachings of the New Covenant and how it can radically change nations. At our location in central Vietnam, Pastor John preached at the graduation ceremony for the students at the Bible College there, who had just completed the initial three-year training curriculum. Pastor John also preached at the formal dedication service for the new Worship/Training Center. This was a great blessing to all involved because Pastor John and The Springs Church had been instrumental in helping to build this new facility. Pastor John and **Tori** also helped us with a number of community events including handing out scholarships and filled backpacks to school children as well as food bags to families in need, all while sharing the gospel message. At one event in central Vietnam, the Lord used **Tori's** powerful testimony to stir the heart of one elderly man to surrender his life to Jesus!



Bible College Graduation in Central Vietnam

Training Update - Training local pastors and leaders is the very foundation of our ministry in Vietnam and without your generous support we would not be able to provide this ongoing training and time of Spirit-led encouragement. This year we held 13 one week training sessions in our three locations. Over 90 pastors and leaders attend these training sessions, representing over 26 different churches. It is through these pastors and churches that we are able to do the work of the Lord throughout the nation. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for the Lord has truly used you. We are also grateful that we now have on-going monthly support for 12 of these pastors, pledged by one of the churches we partner with stateside. A monthly pledge of \$50 makes such a difference in these pastor's lives and in their ability to shine brightly for the Lord. We have several other pastors who could use this kind of help, so let us know if you are led to partner with us in this way.

Miles Family Update

This has been a very exciting year for the Miles family. In May, Shaun received his Doctorate in Ministry from **Luther Rice College & Seminary** – no small feat given he had to finish his doctoral dissertation in only three months while on the mission field. Lien is doing well and Shaun Fisher is thriving, excited to welcome his baby brother **Daniel Hai** in April. The family is stateside presently, awaiting Daniel's arrival and will be back on the road visiting and sharing in churches as soon as they are able. May the Lord openly and abundantly bless you and your family this New Year. Together we are doing it!

Love from Shaun, Lien and Shaun Fisher Miles



Shaun Fisher looking at the ultrasound image of his little brother due in April

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