

SALM67 Ministries

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Praise Report Winter 2024

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit Titus 3:5

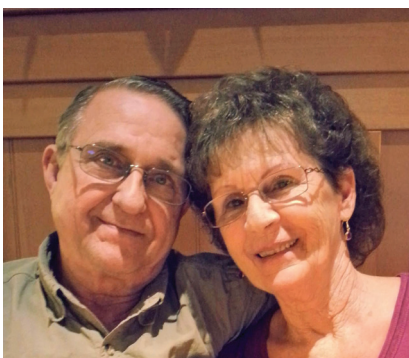
What an awesome God we serve. Our ministry's focus is on **Personally Encountering God** so that it leads to a **Public Display of His Love** so that His Gospel can be **Purposefully Preached** to whomever we encounter. You will see from this update that it is not just a mission statement but truly how we walk out the work the Lord has set before us every day at SALM67 Ministries.



Pastor Luc arrives in Jacksonville

Sometimes we forget that life is not just made up of days, or hours, but of people and experiences. Last year was filled with much joy and victory. In 2023, SALM67 Ministries welcomed one of our lead pastors on our Vietnam team to the states – a first for this ministry. Pastor Luc was able to join us for several weeks and during his stay, we visited many of our partnering churches to share first-hand the work God is doing in that nation. While we were on the mission field last summer, we hosted 5 different teams and witnessed a countless number of lives transformed from the Gospel. What a special year 2023 was for us and yet also a challenging year of loss. We had several of our very dear friends and faithful partners of this ministry

step into their eternal home and we would like to remember two of them here: First, Mrs. Susan Carr who was so precious to me and my family. I first met her and her family in Two Egg, Florida in 2004 when I was attending my first semester in Bible College. I was called to be the pastor of their church yet they ended up helping me. You have heard me say, "I was born in Deland but raised in Two Egg". This refers to how they helped me mature, and grow in the Lord and His call for my life. They have walked with my family ever since. Mrs. Susan was always a rock and great source of wisdom and encouragement and we are forever thankful for her.



Joe & Joyce Chaffin

The second precious partner of this ministry that went to her eternal home was Mrs. Joyce Chaffin. I met Mrs. Joyce about 6 years ago at FBC DeLeon Springs in Florida. She was leading worship at the time and doing an amazing job to say the least. I was invited to help out during a season when they were looking for a new pastor and I was home for a couple of months from this ministry work in Vietnam. God truly honored our time together and a real friendship began. Mrs. Joyce and her very special husband, brother Joe Chaffin, became so near and dear to me and my family as well as faithful supporters of this work. Shortly thereafter,

Mrs. Joyce was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer. The Lord kept her safe through all of the Covid years and watched over her until He called her home in mid-December. Please pray for brother Richard Carr and brother Joe Chaffin as they navigate through this difficult season.

We wanted to honor Susan Carr and Joyce Chaffin here to illustrate how this ministry is championed and pushed along by so many Godly men and women like yourself. We do not take your love and commitment to this work lightly. In the pages that follow you will read how God is working through this ministry and allowing miracles to occur where we never thought possible. The truth is that God has used so many Believers, like Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Susan, to grow this ministry over the past ten years and we so appreciate your partnership in prayer and financial support. A heart-felt **Thank You** to you all because together we are doing it.



Pastor Luc sharing at The Springs Church



Fellowshipping in Two Egg



Celebrating Susan Carr's last birthday

Bible College Training



Training in the Central Region

We are thankful for the Word of the Lord! This year we were able to hold 13 week-long trainings for our pastors and leaders - 8 of them were online sessions and 5 in-person trainings. We felt led of the Lord at the start of the year to begin a study through the entire book of Acts. Each training produced a contextual synopsis and outline; list of applicable lessons; verse-by-verse commentary and a minimum of three sermons from each section studied during the training. When we are finished with the book, each student will have a wealth of information that will enable them to accurately and powerfully preach and teach from the book of Acts.



Teaching can be a challenge with a 12-hour time difference



Training in the South



In-person Training in the Central Region with Pastor Eoin O'Sullivan from The Springs Church, during his trip to Vietnam last summer

When we got to chapters 3-5, the Lord reminded me of how powerful the early church was and how, when we first began in Vietnam in 2012, we experienced such a move of God. The pure excitement and faith that we had in those early days was like no other time or thing we have ever experienced. It was a very special season in our life and the life of the church in Vietnam. However, we also know this present time is special and God is in our midst. We know the Lord used all of our 13 weeks of class together to refresh, encourage and edify His servants, and we are thankful.

Pastor Support

SALM67 Ministries exists to partner with national pastors and leaders throughout the nation of Vietnam to reach their country for Christ. We equip them to do this by training them, encouraging them through fellowship and giving ongoing financial support. Over the last couple of years, we have felt a burden in this ministry because many of our pastors are experiencing financial difficulties. Because of Covid, many have had to take on unwanted debt in order to provide for their families. Now that Covid is over, they are having to pay back that debt and while they feel the call on their life to serve the Lord, they have a real responsibility to care for their families by paying off these debts. This has been an ongoing struggle for so many of our pastors and we would really like to ease their burden. Currently 25 pastors receive support from his ministry at a level that provides for some needs (\$50/month) but does not really allow them to get out from under debt. Our goal this year is to not only expand the number of pastors we support but increase the amount of that support (\$150/month) as a way to bring them some measure of financial peace and allow them to continue serving the Lord. Please reach out to us if you would like to partner with us in this specific way.



Above - Pastors in the Tribal Highlands



Left - A few of the pastors we work with in the South and Central Regions. Very often the wives are instrumental to the success of these ministries

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
James 1:17 (NASB95)

Extending the Love of Christ to Thousands



Handing out backpacks at a school in the Highlands

Our pastors were blessed this past year with opportunities to minister to their communities in a number of ways. Thanks to your support, food bags went to the needy; filled backpacks and jackets when to school children; VBS blessed orphans and touched thousands of lives; Christmas events brought New Believers into God's family. The five different teams that joined us on the mission field last summer helped with a number of these outreach events as well as encouraged our pastors and leaders through trainings and testimonies. Everyone returned home feeling more blessed than those they had come to bless. There is nothing we cannot accomplish when working for the Lord!

Food Bags to the Needy

Last year at this time, we were able to put some resources in the hands of our pastors to bless their community at the Lunar New Year (TET). They distributed 450 food bags while delivering the message of the Gospel in churches throughout the nation. The Lord really used this tangible reminder of God's love for His children as three were led to surrender their life to the Lord after hearing of God's saving grace.



Food bags in Quang Ngai



Children enjoying VBS

VBS in the Central Regions & Tribal Highlands

VBS was a great success this summer and particularly in the Central region, that Pastor My and his wife oversee. These two dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to spread God's message of hope and love as well as disciple and encourage fellow Believers. They planned their VBS activities with a team from the highlands of Kon Tum and prepared for over a week, scheduling ministry activities in over 19 of our churches throughout this region as well as Tribal areas of Kon Tum. Traveling during August proved challenging and they had to navigate through storms, rough terrain and mountainous roadways - taking buses, motorbikes, bicycles, boats and cars in order for them to reach all the churches they had on their schedule. However, the Lord used this team in a mighty way - over 1100 children showed up with 325 of them giving their life to Jesus. What a work of GOD! When you look at their effort and ask how they could have endured such a month, you realize it was the Lord that gave them the strength as well as the fruit. He is so good!



Dr. Bill Coleman and his team from He's Alive Church helped with VBS at the orphanage

Summer Mission Teams

We hosted five different mission teams while we were in Vietnam last summer which made for a very busy time. At times hectic and difficult as we had to quickly adapt to some unexpected situations, we knew the Lord was with us every step of the way. When one door or opportunity for ministry seemed shut, He always provided a way for His work to continue. We welcomed teams from The Springs Church, He's Alive Church, Richard Grangard from World Challenge; fellow co-laborers in this ministry and Board Member Judson Hatfield and his wife Jane and The Springs Church Executive Pastor, Eoin O'Sullivan and Jonathan Lowe.



Arrival of the team from The Springs Church who proved themselves resilient and adaptable as they worked diligently for the Lord in spite of a number of unforeseen obstacles

Christmas 2023

This Christmas season saw the Lord move in such a powerful way. Out of our 45 churches, 41 held Christmas events to celebrate the birth of our Lord and evangelize about His great love. A total of 4,750 attended with 82 people praying to make Jesus Lord of their heart and life. Thank you to everyone who prayed and gave to make these events possible.

The churches invited their communities to join them at Christmas, sharing the hope found in Christ and then offering a meal and often a small gift. Some of the children most in need received a new bicycle that will serve as transportation for the whole family.





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Proclaiming & Displaying The Gospel Throughout Vietnam

SALM67 Ministries 2023 Highlights

Establish

45 National churches partner with us throughout the nation

25 National pastors supported every month

558 People surrendered their life to Jesus

74 New believers were baptized

The Lord used this ministry to shine His light and love to the people of Vietnam in a mighty way this past year - Join us in this work because Together We are Doing It!

Encourage

Miles family In-country June and July

5 In-person training sessions for our 77 pastors and leaders

8 Week-long online training sessions for our pastors and leaders

5 Mission teams joined us to bless and encourage Believers

Extend

VBS reached over 1100 children across 19 churches with 325 giving their heart to Jesus

110 Orphans and workers heard the Gospel at a VBS party with gifts & food

400 Backpacks with jackets handed out in 2 local schools

700 Food bags given to needy families

Over 4,700 people attended Christmas events in 42 churches with 82 decisions made for Christ



Miles Family Update

The Miles family are remaining stateside for the foreseeable future and currently reside in Orange Park, Florida. Dr. Shaun is on staff at The Springs Church, overseeing the activities at their Westside campus while also directing all the training, discipleship and outreach programs of SALM67 Ministries through our Vietnam-based team of national pastors.

Liên assists Dr. Shaun with ministry as needed, both at The Springs Church and with SALM67 Ministries while managing the household with two active boys. Shaun Fisher is almost 8 and loving 2nd grade - Daniel Hai, almost 5, is thriving in Pre-K. Everyone is healthy and the boys are learning to serve the Lord - and we thank God for all His blessings.