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# **KINGDOM Newsletter**

#### THE FIELDS ARE RIPE!



#### Kenya

Preparing the Next Generation

The new headquarters is going up and already being used for conferences and Atlanta Bible College extension classes. Thank you all who contributed! Please continue to support this important work. (More pictures on page 2.)

## Philippines

Missionary Travels Continue

Larry Rankin is back in the Philippines preaching, teaching and evangelizing. Please pray for him and his team as they travel and share the gospel of the kingdom and the name of Jesus. Follow Larry on Facebook!

## Croatia

Free from the Watchtower

Igor, once a Jehovah's Witness Elder and translator, escaped from the cult and is now speaking out and exposing the lies of the organization and teaching what the Bible really proclaims. (Continued page 2)



#### PASTOR FRANCIS BAPTIZED

Carlos and Sarah Jimenez of Restoration Fellowship visited Edwin Mauricio Alza and the brethren in Peru in November and Carlos had the blessing of baptizing Pastor Francis. Please continue to pray for Edwin's health and ministry.

#### Skype: The Blessing of Technology



I was blessed to spend hours on Skype discussing and translating with Maksim and some brethren in Canada and the UK this past month. It is very encouraging to all to hear what the others are doing in ministry and the struggles they have speaking truth in the world around them. We were all strengthened and edified by one another. I look forward to seeing John from the UK at the 2019 Theological Conference in

Atlanta, April 11-14. You can find more info on the conference at: <u>TheologicalConference.org</u>.

If you have never attended, it is a fantastic opportunity to meet people of like-minded faith from all over the world and hear some wonderful faith stories of people's journeys to Bible truth. *Don't let the title scare you off!* ③

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Meet Igor and Irena from Croatia. They are an amazing couple who were brave enough to walk away from the Watchtower

Organization when they studied themselves into the truth. Restoration Fellowship has been making videos with Igor in hope of reaching many other JWs who may be on the internet trying to get the courage to find answers to their hidden questions. Please pray that people seeking would find!









Download a poster to advertise in your community a *Livestream Debate Party* at your church! (7pm EST) Or invite your friends over. This will be more exciting than the Superbow!! kogmissions.com/debate

Please pray for Dr. Dale Tuggy as he debates Dr. Michael Brown. I was "found" on my doorstep by two nice Jehovah Witness ladies, who were knocking on doors. And I had many questions.

I was a pioneer (full-time minister) for 7 years, an elder for 7 years, delivered talks at District Conventions, was a part-time translator for the Croatian JW Branch Office (Bethel). I translated confidential documents as well as the JW Broadcasting programmes. (At the Bethel Course for Translators I unwittingly realized how inconsistent the New World Translation really was!)

After the initial shock we experienced as we kept discovering many "twisted" doctrines of the Watchtower Society, we were increasingly interested in finding out what was the real truth.

Igor's full letter can be viewed at: https://kogmissions.com/jehovahs-witnesses

Danijel was born into a JW family, Igor and Irena were in for 20 years, and Ante and Mirjana were in for 30 years! Praise God for their freedom!



Split, Croatia Fellowship, Apr. 2018.

Igor's Testimony

https://youtu.be/S0IHkAulbuk



Elder, Translator *Escapes the Watchtower* 

A special thanks to Restoration Fellowship with Carlos Jimenez for their efforts to help free Jehovah's Witnesses! YouTube: <u>Ex-JWs, Watchtower</u>

# **EXCITING** Homefront Evangelism!

"I need to drink some chamomile tea and calm down. Preaching the gospel can be very stressful! Stressful, but worth it, because we HAVE to obey Jesus, even if we do suffer for it.

Preaching the true gospel even when it stresses me out is taking up my cross like Jesus said to."

#### ~ Theresa, WA

Theresa found the truth and made a private FB group. She invited all of her friends and former church people and is sharing words of truth and engaging in some tough discussions. Many seeds are being planted in the minds of the people dialoging with her.

It will be good to hear the words, "Well done good and faithful servant!"

### Thank You to All Who Participated!

Grateful Giving was the MN Missionary Society's autumn fundraising campaign. It ran from September 8 through November 30, 2018, as a friendly competition between the Minnesota churches to encourage creative ways of saving for missions and raise awareness of the many ways we are blessed.

\$1423.69 was raised in the campaign from Minnesota individuals and churches, as well as individuals outside of Minnesota. People used various methods to provide for their giving amounts, such as competing between siblings in



families, rounding up receipt amounts, and giving amounts set aside for an expense that God met in a different way.

We adjusted church contributions based on membership numbers provided by the churches and St. Cloud Church of God was our competition "winner." Congratulations!!

Thanks to the generosity of all who took part in Grateful Giving, the Missionary Society will continue to be able to contribute to foreign and domestic efforts to spread the Gospel message.

Submitted by Terri Moore, MN Missionary Society Treasurer

Thank you all for your prayer support and financial partnership in the Great Commission in

2018! May God bless you richly!! Please pray for our scattered brethren and for the work of those serving on the front lines.

Together with you we look forward to proclaiming God's Bible truths to all nations in 2019! May those seeking God find the One True God and His kingdom hope through His Son, Messiah Jesus!

KOG Ministry & Missions will do our best to follow Christ's example in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom to all nations and equipping the saints. We will keep our light burning so those seeking have an opportunity to find truth and fellowship with like-minded brethren.

If you or your church are thinking of reaching out locally, please consider *Fair Evangelism*. You can find more info on the website: <u>kogmissions.com/fair-evangelism</u>.

Maybe you are thinking you would like to actively engage in front line mission work. If so, our 2019 trip to Mexico may be of interest to you: <u>https://kogmissions.com/mexico-2019</u>. We will have more details hopefully by February. Keep watching the newsletters or our <u>Facebook Page</u> !

Minnesota Missionary Society Missions Conference March 10, 2019 PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. DETAILS COMING SOON!