



December 2011

Dear friend of Good Shepherd,

This has been one of the most difficult end-of-year letters I have written. On Nov. 24, we celebrated Thanksgiving and my 50th birthday. This day also was exactly one month after my open-heart surgery to fix a prolapsed valve. That heart problem, which I likely have been carrying since my teenage years, caused congestive heart failure in September. It was the mercy of heaven that I survived the ordeal. As we enter the month of December, I am well on my way to recovery. The operation was an amazing success, and each day I get stronger and able to do more. I sense a new lease on life, and I believe God simply was retooling my body to tackle a whole new season. Thanks to all of you who prayed and stood with me through this trial.

Despite the attack on my health, we had a remarkable year at Good Shepherd. We started hundreds of new ISOM schools around the planet, graduated thousands of students, and impacted hundreds of thousands, if not millions, for God's Kingdom. One facet of this is our YouthBytes TV program, which now airs on more than 1,000 TV channels worldwide every week. We truly are blessed to be a part of a work that is impacting so many places!

At the end of September, we gathered close to 100 Regional Center leaders who represent ISOM in different countries. As missionaries using ISOM shared their progress stories from nation after nation, we all began to feel very humbled. There was a real sense that we were part of something much greater than ourselves.

During the Regional Center Conference and at the 20th anniversary banquet held on the final night, we launched a powerful new initiative called the Vision 2020 Plan. Its goal is to fully sponsor 20,000 training schools among the poor and unreached peoples of the world by the year 2020. We sowed the first 100 schools at the conference and banquet, placing sets of equipment in the hands of the visiting missionaries.

## Thankful at 50!



Berin celebrating 50th birthday, one month after open-heart surgery

## First Two Vision 2020 Sets Sent to Latin America



Bob Finke (Colombia) and Tim & Noemi Ost (Mexico) being blessed

## Vision 2020 for Amazon Village



Paul Perry (right) sowing 2020 set to remote Amazon village



ISOM Regional Center Conference 2011

## Vision 2020 among the poor of Peru

We [Peter and Blanca Wollensack] started our first Vision 2020 outreach a few weeks ago at two sites near Lake Titicaca (elevation 12,500 feet), close to the border with Bolivia. We hope to have another two centers started after Christmas. There are many hundreds of villages in this province without electricity, including these two. I would guess that 75% or more of the province is "unreached" and very few villages even have a church.

In these two villages alone, there have been 50 people attending the sessions, and they are thrilled! They began with Bayless Conley's [Foundations of Faith] course. They were very emotional when they received the materials and we all dedicated the project to the Lord together. They send their gratitude to you and all of Good Shepherd.



## Powerful YouthBytes Ministry in Brazil



Chad (right) ministering at a public school in Rio de Janeiro

## Reaching a Generation



Chad has held over 100 meetings in the last year in Brazil alone.

These sets include a video projector, a sound system, and a battery with solar recharging. Each set is supplied with 240 hours of content on 3 microSD chips containing ISOM, WOW, YouthBytes, and our Community Development CD BOKS program. Already testimonies are coming to us like the one above from Lake Titicaca, Peru.

Even since the October 1st launch, many more schools have been sent out to Sri Lanka, Thailand, Colombia, Myanmar, China, and even to the Quechua Indians in Bolivia. We are believing God for the funds not only to place schools among the poor all over the world, but also to translate many of the unreached languages that, until now, we have not been able to afford. Please consider taking the 2020 challenge to sow \$20 a month for 20 months to put a school among the poor. A full video explaining the program can be watched at [www.2020plan.com](http://www.2020plan.com).

In addition to the Vision 2020 Plan initiative, Lisa, Chad and I have travelled for graduations and ministry worldwide. We also have continued to develop new translations and new Youth-Bytes and ISOM recordings. Our Business Training School is just being birthed, and our Bachelor degree program is growing. Chad has seen enormous success in Brazil, where he has done over 100 meetings in the past year. We are awed at what God is doing through Chad and how the Lord is using the Youth-Bytes vision to touch a generation!

As we close out 2011, we want to thank all of you who stand with us. Included is our annual staff photo to help remind you to pray for us throughout the coming year. Thank you also for your giving, that once again supernaturally sustained us. Every cent is vital! Reaching the nations requires great financial and physical effort. Please help us especially at this end of year, and consider putting us into your planned giving for 2012.

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Much love – for the Nations to be Won and Discipled,

*Berin & Lisa*

Berin, Lisa and the whole Good Shepherd Team