

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Dage household!

Eloise and I are praising the Lord for each new day. Life has been kind of hectic around our house, but we are seeing God's hand at work in our lives and in our ministry! Eloise is now three weeks out from having a total reverse shoulder replacement. She is right on track for a full recovery, and is gradually getting back into a routine in her life. She is back leading our *Iron Ladies* meetings and she is back at church. She even braved the crowd at the *C.A.S.A. Light of Hope* fund raising luncheon, where I opened the event with an invocation. Physical therapy begins next week, and we expect full recovery to be a reality soon. Thanks for prayers - past, present, and future.

During her "down time", I have been happily caring for her needs, including cooking, cleaning, and laundry. This slowed me down in some ways, but the ministry continues all the while. I bring a church service at the Chateau at Sharmar Village, an assisted living facility in Pueblo, one or two Sundays per month. I also lead our Iron Men's Bible study and accountability ministry on Thursdays. Of course, every day finds me preparing and posting our daily devotioncast, *Moments of Grace*, which is in its thirteenth year. I am regularly in contact with several workers in Asia and Africa, giving counsel and support. I am often involved in counseling and other local ministries right here at home, too. Sometimes I think burning the candle at both ends could explain why I am sometimes weary. Who knew that sleep was needed?



Pastor Al & Eloise Dage at C.A.S.A. luncheon

Once again, Eloise and I plan to take part in this year's annual meetings of The Czechoslovak Baptist Convention for the U.S. and Canada. It will be in Canton, Ohio this year. We need to raise our expenses for the trip. We are also praying that our support fund will receive a boost. We are currently receiving no regular financial support, and we have been experiencing a lot of irregular expenses (medical, appliances, home repairs, etc.). Our "fixed income" is kind of broken, yet God provides!

God's work continues!

The work in India continues to thrive, thanks to GraceMode's partners in praying and giving! As we planned, there are fifty children now getting their basic education, Christian training, food, clothing and basic medical help in two Indian villages, one in the state of Odisha, and the other in Andhra Pradesh. Children's smiles in many pictures warm our hearts!



Pastor Prem just shared some pictures from **the new congregation** in one of the villages, as believers are now being trained and blessed. This is a great blessing, directly associated with the projects in these villages. The children and adults are thrilled that Pastor Prem and his staff have brought all of this right to their villages!

The initial projected costs were figured at \$1,000.00 per month for the two villages (\$500.00 for each village), but there were start-up expenses that were not fully planned for, so we needed to send an additional \$2,000.00 for "one-time" expenses, which will continue to benefit the children. That used almost all of the funds set aside for the year's budget for this new program, leaving us looking to the Lord for the remaining funds needed to touch the lives of these children. so we really do need to raise both awareness and funds to continue this already successful outreach ministry.

The actual cost of ministering to each child in all of these ways comes to \$40.00 per month, including some salary for the teachers and cooks in each project.

We can arrange for a personal photo of a sponsored child if you would like to sponsor one (or more) of these children.



A brand new congregation!

THANK YOU!

GRACEMODE News

Living in the Mode of Grace

April - 2019

GraceMode continues to impact our community and our world, and we continue to seek how we can better serve our Savior. We strive to be alert to both the Holy Spirit's leading and the needs that are brought to our attention by people living, working, worshipping and serving right where they are.

Will you help us by letting others know about us? Again, here are a few ways to share:

- Share this letter after you've read it.
- Listen to Moments of Grace & share on social media.
- Join the Moments of Grace CD Club, listen and pass the CDs on to friends.
- Invite Pastor Al to share the ministry at your church, club, or home*.
- Have a fund raising yard sale.
- Be creative - do your own thing!

* **Host a GraceMode Party!**
Party details are coming soon!

Raising awareness helps a lot!

Early in March, we held our third annual ministry banquet at the El Pueblo History Museum. The event was very nice, but the weather outside was frightful! Many were unable to attend, and we were saddened that almost no new friends or church representatives were there with us. We enjoyed the evening anyway, but we do need to find ways to increase our exposure. The above list of ways to help is intended to get your creative juices flowing. With all that is being asked of us, we find ourselves asking "How?", and the answer often includes both more people and, of course, more money, but the real answer is found in our Provider! We trust in Him, and Him alone!

Homestead Ministries, which does business as GraceMode, is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit corporation, and all donations are considered to be tax deductible by the IRS. Receipts are issued at year's end.

You may mail your response to us at:
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Please add me to your mailing list. I want to host a party!

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Pastor Al,
As the Lord enables, I will support the ministry of GraceMode in the following ways:

You may use the back of this card for any correspondence, including prayer requests.

I will regularly pray for the the work, the workers, and for those you serve.

I will give financially in support of the work as indicated below:

<input type="checkbox"/> General fund (includes all ministries) \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Al Dage	<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Prem Raulo kids' project	<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Bishnu Bahadur Budhthapa	<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly

Name _____
 address _____
 address 2 _____
 City, state & zip code _____

Total enclosed: _____
 \$ _____

SPRING

There is no doubt that God is in the work of GraceMode! In a few short years, we have gone from a personal, almost "hobby" ministry to a full fledged international outreach ministry, with missionaries and ministry partners serving under the banner of GraceMode.

In this short time, we have introduced you to Bishnu Budhthapa and his wife, Goma, who serve in Nepal as our first official GraceMode missionaries. Their hearts are in the district of Jumla, where they were born, and over the course of just over two years, they are establishing a ministry rapport with both believers and unbelievers there. Local believers are beginning to trust Bishnu to lead the way, preparing local believers to join him in reaching their own people for Christ. Recently, Bishnu led a leadership seminar, including practical teaching on evangelism. Now, using a Bible or Christian literature to witness is illegal, but he shared that it is possible to witness and share the gospel without bringing out those tools. I can't share specifics of all they do, nor can I share locations. The dangers of persecution are very real, but likewise, Bishnu and Goma are for real, and they serve in their home land in our place. If you agree, please pray about your role in keeping them where God wants them.

Thank you

Bishnu and Goma now have two small sons, and Goma suffers from Lupis, Living, ministry, and medical expenses are rising every month. Their support level has not changed, but the needs and opportunities have changed. They often use some of their food budget to offset ministry travel needs. Even though they have not asked for a raise in their support level, we are hopeful to be able to meet needs, but that can only happen if funds are received.



Prayer cards are available!

INTO

Meet Pastor John Olwanda and his family from Kenya.

Many people in other countries have been introduced to GraceMode through the daily ministry of *Moments of Grace*, but last year, I got a phone call from Pastor John Olwanda in Kenya, who introduced himself after googling my name. He told me that he saw my name in a dream, and he wanted to connect with me to see why the Lord might have shown him an unfamiliar name. He had seen a sign indicating "The Al Dage Academy", and he wondered about such a place and such a man.



John, Esther, and Myles

I shared our ministry information, and a friendship began. Over the weeks and months that followed, that friendship has grown and includes pastoral counsel, frequent e-mails and texts, and we have prayed for each other regularly.

John is theologically well trained, a talented writer, a devoted husband and father and the pastor or a small church. He ministers to peasant farmers and others, and had been able to support his ministry by working for a corporation owned and operated by Indian Hindus, operating in Kenya. They expected their African workers to observe their religion, and when John would not accept their religion and organized a prayer time for believers in Christ (not on company time), he soon lost his job, bringing financial stress.

Pastor John is in agreement with our proclamation of faith, and would love to be the voice of GraceMode in Kenya. Our board will be talking more about bringing him and his wife into the family of GraceMode. If we do appoint him as one of our missionaries, we will need to raise his funding. God's people can, indeed, make that happen! **Your part?**



Your response is your vote. John's church family.

MISSIONS

India



Nepal



In both India and Asia, we are investing greatly in the lives of children. Our partnership with Helping Hands for Poor and needy children will not continue, but the same kids we've been helping will still receive help through us in our Nepal work.

Pray for our work in Nepal and for our Asia Director, Peter Kuruc and his wife, Leena, as they take time to work on their marriage. They are now living in Slovakia, working on strengthening and rebuilding both their marriage and their ministry vision. Pray that this time will bring them even closer to the Lord and to each other. Their financial base is weakened right now, too. They are part of our GraceMode family! Pray, and do what God puts on your heart. **Prayer cards available!**

Peter Kuruc
 Missionary

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