WE LOVE THIS KIND OF TALK!

Have you met Dr. Andy Toth? He's the missionary to the cartel-controlled High Sierra of Mexico who's in our film, "Finishing Well." We recently received this email from Andy:

Hi Lynn - Thank you for the work you and Jim have done and what that has done for the ministry of the brothers [pastors] in the High Sierras [in south central Mexico]. The reactions to the film continues the same: "I have prayed and supported your ministry for years now, but never really understood what you do until this documentary." "Wow! I just never knew."

I have a separate account with MSS (Missionary Support Services) to handle the income for the ministry down there. We are getting about \$1,000 per month for the [missionary-pastors] to use as needed. The entire fund is a result of the film. . . . Love you!!

By making it possible for the Toths to have a documentary, you are not only blessing Andy and Docianne, you are helping provide for the basic needs of Mexican missionary-pastors to plant and serve churches in this remote area that is under control of the local drug cartels. Andy has been trying to figure out a way to raise support for these brave men and women for years. Because the Lord sent us there with your prayers and gifts, he finally had a resource to win hearts for this amazing Great Commission work!



Stock a missionary's pantry



Provide ministry transportation



Provide family shelter

Thank you for making it possible for Andy – and others like him – to experience this kind of blessing!

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- * Jim edited 3 documentary films: Finishing Well, Mission Japan, and Committed to His Harvest (World Indigenous Missions). He also edited 6 short films and a Spanish sub-titled version of Mission Japan.
- * We purchased a documentary storytelling course from which we learned: 1) We were already doing a lot right (Whew!) & 2) We can learn to do it much more efficiently (FANTASTIC!). We are using this in our upcoming films.
- * We went to Port Orchard, WA to make a film for the Northwest District Mission Leaders Assembly.
- * Andy Adams developed our new, improved, beautiful website.
- * With Andy & Rebekah on the team, we produced 4 short videos to help missionaries and those who send them understand who we are and why we make missionary documentary films.
- * Jim did a re-edit of the Costa Rica Documentary Of The People. It's shorter and more powerful.
- * Jim produced a short film for Foursquare Disaster Relief (filming took place in Bangladesh).
- * Jim produced two short Bangladesh films for the Gateway District Conference in Colorado. We also produced a short Creative Impact promo. All three were shown in main sessions for pastors and leaders from over 120 churches.
- * We are training and assisting Andy & Rebekah in the process of building their partnership team. They have a long ways to go before they can go full-time with us.
- * We are in pre-production meetings for missionary projects in Europe this Spring.

- * It is surprising how much work it is to communicate with potential missionary "clients" and their sending organizations. Some of <u>our</u> partners have helped us find new "clients." How about you? Do you know a missionary we might bless?
- * Also, if you are a member of a church who has interest in partnering with a ministry like Creative Impact, we would be happy to present our ministry to the leaders of your home church.

THE 2017 BIG DEAL

You may have seen something like this at the end of our documentaries:

"Special Thanks:
To all of you who partner with Creative Impact Ministries to make these films possible."

Our current financial partnership team (32 individuals/families) are all friends of ours. All of them! It's humbling and wonderful that we know so many people who really care about Great Commission work around the world. And who trust us to help advance that work!

But this year, the Lord challenged to become fully-funded and sustainable in this ministry. Our first goal is to double the number of our monthly partners. We are looking to increase from 32 partners to 64 partners by the end of 2017.

In December, we contacted about 18 new people to share our mission. In the end, we added 3 monthly partners. (Our average partner gives \$75 - \$100/month.) We also received 2 special gifts that were equivalent to one year of monthly partnership. This partner-building is what most missionaries must do – *continually*! – in order to fund their work.

Here's the challenge we face: If our averages hold true, we will need to contact over 200 new people this year to reach our partnership goal. We don't know that many people. Our contact list that is only about 1/4 that size!

So, we could use some help. If you know anyone who is interested in Great Commission work, maybe they would be interested in what we do. We love opportunities to talk with people and tell them about Creative Impact. Skype, Google Hangouts and FaceTime have become a regular part of our day with both missionaries and potential partners.

WE TAKE PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU SERIOUSLY

PLEASE KNOW that we are deeply interested in keeping good contact with you. But just like you, there are *many* urgent things to attend to. You are busy. We are busy. But we are not too busy for you! Please know that we WELCOME personal phone calls from you. It helps us to stay connected and to pray for each other. If you face a specific prayer need, please don't hesitate to call, text or email us so that we can believe with you for good things from our Father.

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