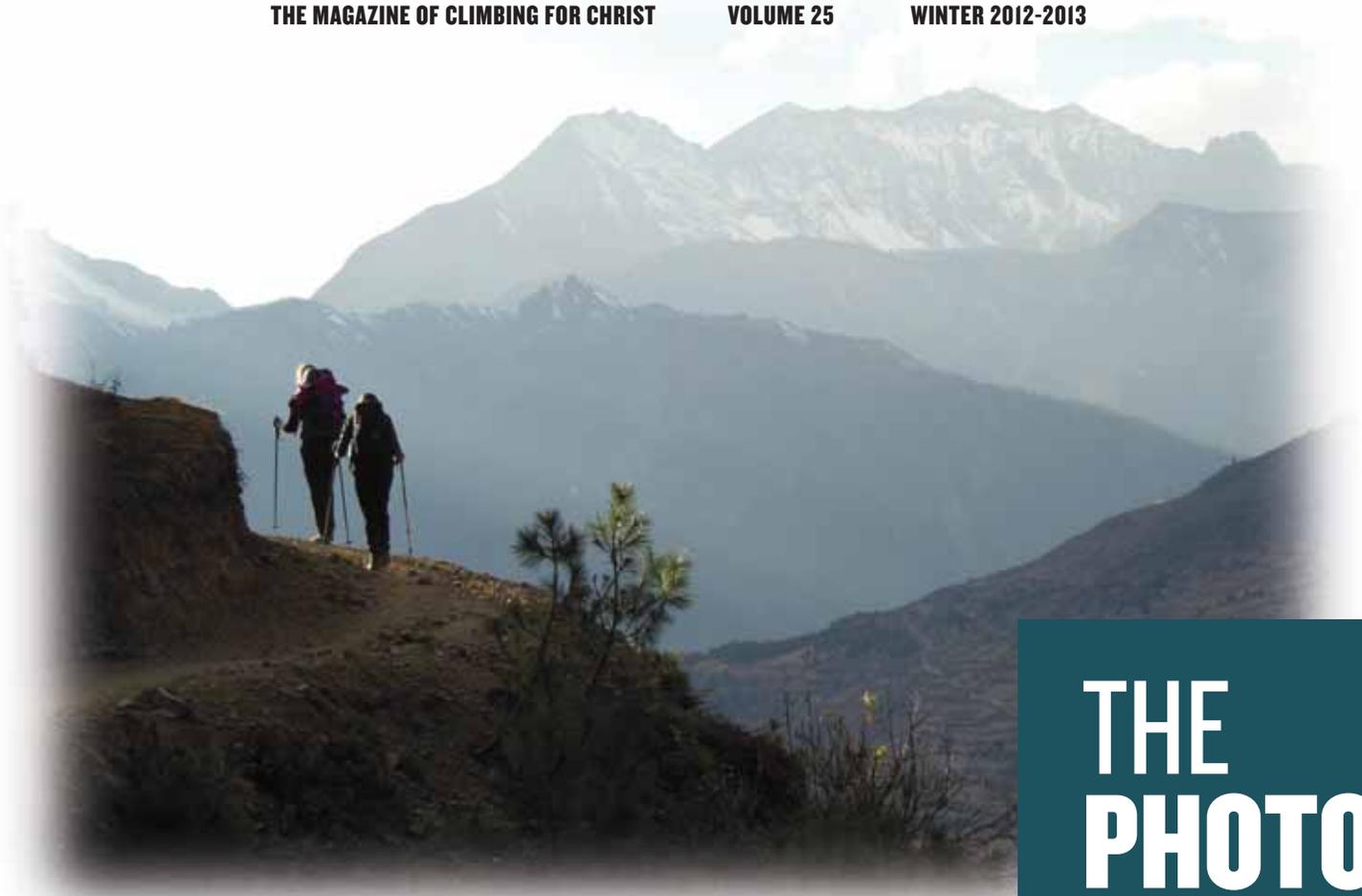


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COVER: Images from Mission: Nepal 2012 trip in November (clockwise from top) as team trekked through the Far Western district of Humla, prayer flags flew at a temple in Kathmandu, and the remoteness of the Himalayas was evident in a place where there are no roads, only trails to reach the unreachable.

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Turning little moments into big results

By Elaine and Gary Fallesen

Sumitra, a beautiful Nepali child of God, met our Mission: Nepal team in Kathmandu in November 2012. We requested that she be brought from the village of Dapcha in the East to visit us one day because we were not going to be able to go to Dapcha on this trip.

It was a surprise for the team, many of whom had heard us share Sumitra's story and the impact her life has had on us and on His ministry of Climbing For Christ in Nepal.

Sumitra's testimony has blessed the pages of this magazine before and there is a video of her story on our Web site. But to understand the effect of her visit, we offer a short version: Sumitra was paralyzed by a fever at the age of 7. Her Hindu family did everything possible to help her, including visiting witch doctors. Her father spent all that they had — to no avail. Then, on CHRISTmas day in 2007, they went to a Christian house church they'd heard about in their village. The believers prayed over Sumitra and she was healed. Sumitra, her father and her brother, accepted Jesus as their Savior on that day.

The part of Sumitra's story that has inspired us however, came in 2011 when she said she was "sorry" she did not know Jesus when she was younger. "What if I have got Jesus earlier before being paralyzed?" she asked. And she apologized again, as if her not hearing the life-changing message of the Christ had been her fault.

We have told many audiences that this was not Sumitra's fault, but our fault. We as the church had let her down by not going, by not delivering the Good News, by not serving as His hands and feet — as we are so clearly called to do.

That was the backdrop to our team meeting Sumitra. She wowed everyone because she is a sweet shining light.

Several team members listed meeting Sumitra as one of the highlights of their trip to Nepal. Melissa Waheibi, a sister in Christ who grew up in our church and now works in New York City, listed it both as a highlight and a lowlight. "She made me cry A LOT!" Melissa confessed. "OK, that was not 'low' at all, but I felt broken for sure."

Moments like this occur frequently in the mission field. We are often broken — just as Christ Himself was broken — for those suffering around us.

If we are open to being broken, God will use that time and us to change eternity. Souls will be rescued out of darkness.

On the pages of this issue — our 25th volume of *The Climbing Way* — we share photos of moments that have been captured, and some of the stories that go with them. See photos of the "Faces of the Reached" on pages 10-13. They are people in places where God has shared His work with us. May this Photo Issue be a testimony to His greatness, and glorify the One who is sending us.



Justin Rowley playing soccer with a child in Peru.

An example of what we are talking about is observed in and through this photo: Justin Rowley of Rochester, NY, USA, playing a game of soccer with a child in the village of Ranraucro in the Cordillera Negra during Mission: Peru 2012.

"We were walking through the village inviting people to the *Jesus Film* presentation (that night)," recalled Jordan Rowley, Justin's brother and Climbing For Christ's spiritual coordinator. "We had a few minutes of down time at one point and a couple local boys were kicking around the futbol. Justin and I got in on it, and then he (Justin) took it to another level. He represented U.S. soccer well!"

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Climbing For Christ's Mission: Nepal team with Sumitra. Left to right (front row) Pearce Beissinger and Chris Michele, (second row) Pastor Tej Rokka, Elaine Fallesen, Sumitra and Gary Fallesen, (back row) Ann Marie Pavone, Caryn Stiteler, Kathy Maniace, Leanne Bohn, Brandy Everts, Jill Stojkovic, Melissa Waheibi, Adrienne Michele, Sumitra's brother Prajwal, and Michael Heitland.

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS, from page 3

"It's often the little moments that God uses to open a door for the Gospel. Whether it's putting people at ease by letting them know that you're not that different from them or building a friendship, sometimes small things like playing soccer can build a bridge to the Gospel for someone. I think that maybe this game put the other locals at ease, too, because afterward, several who had been watching asked for prayers, and we were able to distribute some Bibles."

Read and see how God has been using us in Peru in "Help wanted: plentiful harvest available" on page 8.

The type of ball that was used to start a relationship in Nepal was different, but the outcome was similar. Melissa Waheibi and C4C Canada coordinator Brandy Everts took time out during our trek through Humla in Nepal's remote Far West to play volleyball with some teenage girls.

Read and see the results in "Bump, set, spike for Christ" on page 5.

Another moment in the HISTORY of Climbing For Christ occurred in 2007 when God introduced us to Pastor Winford Mosha in Marangu, Tanzania. It was part of God's plan, directing us in service on and around Mount Kilimanjaro.

Read and see how Kilimanjaro has a special place in the C4C story in "A View: The GOes of Kilimanjaro" on page 20.

The images and words in this issue of *The Climbing Way* are only a few examples of special God moments. There are many more that have been experienced and many, many more waiting to be realized. All that needs to happen is for you to say, "Here am I. Send me!" God has already taken care of the details. †

Gary and Elaine Fallesen are the president and vice president, respectively, of Climbing For Christ. They served together (again) on Mission: Nepal 2012 in November.

Bump, set, spike for Christ

By Gary Fallesen

Melissa Waheibi was shocked to see a volleyball game being played as our trekking team climbed up a trail into the village of Hildum in Nepal's remote Far Western district of Humla. "It took all of three seconds to know what was going to happen," recalled Waheibi, a Climbing For Christ member from New York City.

Melissa and her tent mate, C4C Canada coordinator Brandy Everts, both played volleyball in high school. "When I saw the court I looked at Brandy and gave a quick head nod. She was also excited and even commented that it was all girls there so we could play."

Brandy and Melissa asked me if they could go play. No question. We meet people where they live (and play) and use these unique relationships to share the Good News. If God opens a door to us, we try to be quick to walk through it.

Waheibi said she couldn't believe she was playing volleyball on a cliff in the Himalayas. "Oh, God," she thought, "You are too funny. Clearly, You're going to use this. I can't wait to see how."

"There are many Christian ministries directly focused on reaching people through the commonality of sports – and we just happened to walk up a hill and find a net and some girls. God is amazing."

God sent a team of 13 from North America to Nepal. Five women from Hope Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY, were sent to work in a Kathmandu orphanage that Climbing For Christ supports. The other eight were sent to trek in Humla. In order to reach the village of Hildum, they'd flown 27 hours from New York City to Kathmandu, traveled another 17 hours across Nepal, and walked for three days. It didn't just happen; it was all God's plan.

"After we decided to play, thoughts filled my mind: 'What is God doing here? Is it really going to be this easy to watch people come to Christ? Through volleyball?!'" Brandy recalled.

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Brandy Everts, in red (top left), and Melissa Waheibi, in white, playing volleyball in Hildum, Nepal.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10:10 (NIV)

Opportunity to GO



Pastor Tej, back row on left, with his wife and orphans supported by Climbing For Christ.

HIStory: Climbing For Christ began ministering in Nepal in 2008, when a team of 11 trekkers hiked to Everest Base Camp. There have been four mission trips since, including two in 2012. Climbing For Christ has funded the construction of two churches in remote mountain areas.

PRAY: For the light of Jesus to shine brightly in this former Hindu kingdom, which remains mostly enslaved to false gods. Nepal is more than three-quarters Hindu and another 10 percent are Buddhist. Of the nearly 30 million people, an estimated 850,000 are Christian. Ninety-three percent of the people in this nation are considered unreached. Workers are needed to reach those who have not yet heard about Jesus.

GIVE: Support the ongoing work being done in Nepal by Pastor Tej Rokka and brother Megh Gurung. Church bodies are being built up and church buildings are being constructed. Thirty-one orphans are helped through Project 1:27, which provides up to US\$50 per month for each sponsored child. Numerous orphans are available to sponsor.

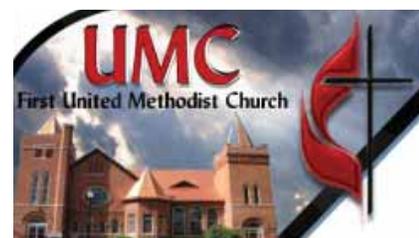
GO: There will be two Evangelic Expeditions in 2013. In May, a team will trek into the Makalu region in Eastern Nepal. In late September, we will return to Humla and again send a team to work at the Project 1:27 orphanages in Kathmandu. **Length of trips:** 14 days each. **Team size:** 4-10 members. **Purpose:** To continue work with indigenous missionaries in Kathmandu and visit remote villages. **Cost:** Estimated at US\$2,800-\$3,600. Prices include airfare, ground transportation, accommodations and food. **To apply:** E-mail info@climbingforchrist.org to request a mission application.



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“Playing volleyball at 9,000 (plus) feet is a completely different game. Especially when you have one bad pass and the ball goes flying down the embankment into dirt, spiky bushes, and (donkey) poop. As we played, the girls asked us the normal questions: Where are we from? Why are we here? We then invited them to come and watch the *Jesus Film* that night. Our new friends came curious to see.”

The volleyball players were among the 15 people who viewed the film that night. The next morning several of them returned to again see the team. Megh Gurung, a Nepali Climbing For Christ member and our trekking guide, talked to the people about Jesus. We then gave Brandy and Melissa Nepali Bibles to share with two of the girls.

“Brandy and I walked up to the girls, handed them Bibles, and talked about why we were there,” Melissa said. “Something great was about to happen.”

Everts shared about our faith in Christ and Waheibi felt the Holy Spirit as she boldly told her new friends “if they accepted Him, we’d all play volleyball in heaven together.”

Initially, the girls did not accept our invitation to surrender their lives to Jesus. Another man from the village wanted to follow Christ and we prayed with him. Megh was about to bid farewell to the villagers when I felt something. I looked at Reshma Shahi and I knew the Spirit was stirring in her heart. I told Megh to ask her again.

This time, she said “yes” to the invitation. We prayed with and for her.

“I was shouting and dancing inside,” Everts said, “and tears were pouring down my face. I was amazed that God used volleyball, and it was that easy.”

We huddled the villagers together before hiking out of town and prayed over them one more time.

“Reshma was on my right and I had my arm around her shoulder,” Melissa said. “Halfway through our prayer, I felt her raise her arm and wrap it around my waist. My heart sank in awe as I knew this was my new sister in Christ.

“I was really glad to be a volleyball player that day.” †

Gary Fallesen is the founding president of Climbing For Christ. He is a former volleyball coach and his daughter, Hayley, plays college volleyball at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.



Melissa Waheibi, left, and Brandy Everts, right, with their new sister in Christ, Reshma Shahi.



Mission: Peru

Help wanted: plentiful harvest available

By Jordan Rowley

As Climbing For Christ has served God in Peru for almost three years now — including two missions to Peru and the continuous work of our missionary, Jaime Servat — we have witnessed the reality of Jesus' statement recorded in Matthew 9:37, "*the harvest truly is plentiful*" in the remote villages of Peru. This powerful truth has leapt off the pages of the Bible and into the hearts of those who are serving Him in the mountains of this beautiful nation.

During our first mission to Peru in 2011, many souls came to Christ and many beautiful relationships were begun. On the most recent trip in July 2012, those relationships grew deeper and an even greater harvest was experienced. During this mission, the team brought the *Jesus Film*, a number of Bibles and

Christian study materials, and the Gospel message to share with mountain farmers. Throughout our daytime outreaches and evening *Jesus Film* presentations, many souls received the best gift possible — salvation — and then were given the second greatest possible gift: God's precious and powerful Word.

Brother Jaime has continued this work as C4C's sponsored Peru missionary since 2011. He has trekked to and through many remote villages, shining brightly for Christ and bringing many more believers into His kingdom. Jaime has delivered Bibles, Bible study and school materials, and medicines to those in need. We praise our great and mighty God for all of the work He has privileged us to do in the ripe fields of His harvest in the Andes Mountains.

Opportunity to GO



Alison and her mother, Taina, who Climbing For Christ helped to reunite in 2011 after they'd been separated for more than three years.

HIStory: Mission: Peru 2013 will be the third Evangelic Expedition to South America in as many years.

PRAY: For the Lord to send more laborers into the abundant harvest in the mountains of Peru. Pray that God would move in the remote villages in which we are working, and that He would bring many more to salvation in Christ.

GIVE: Support the ongoing work being done through missionary Jaime Servat, who receives US\$300 per month from Climbing For Christ.

GO: June 2013. **Length of trip:** 14 days.

Team size: 4-6 members. **Purpose:** Trekking village to village in the Cordillera Blanca range to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ. This expedition will pick up where the short-term teams from the last two years have left off and Peruvian missionary Jaime Servat has been ministering. This mission will include evangelism, discipleship, worship, and sharing of the *Jesus Film* among God's most magnificent creations – the Peruvian Andes. **Cost:** Estimated at US\$2,000 plus airfare to/from Peru. Includes ground transportation, accommodations, food, and trekking expenses. Does not include airfare. **To apply:** E-mail info@climbing-forchrist.org to request a mission application.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” – Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV)

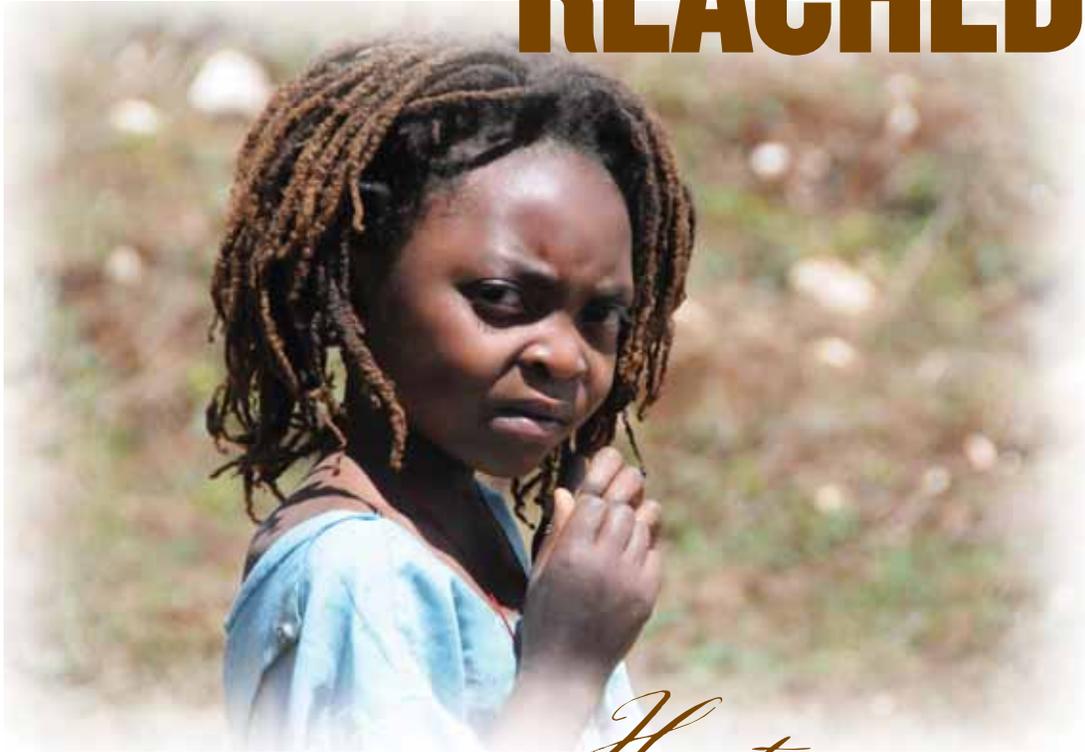


Mission: Peru 2012 team members Justin Rowley, Pastor Cesar, Jaime Servat and Edwin Milla trekking to Ranraucro.

However, in spite of the fruitfulness of the harvest we've been blessed to experience in Peru, a feeling of discontent groans within. We ache for the souls who have not been reached. We yearn for the next village where the feet of those bringing good news and glad tidings have not tread in many years. We long to bring the light, love and life of the Gospel message to those who have yet to hear it. And we look forward to continuing to labor in the Lord's harvest field in the years to come. We know that many more are ready to receive! They just need to be told of the love and the truth of the Gospel! But who will tell those who have yet to be reached? Who will go to the next village? May the Lord search the hearts of His people and find many saying: “*Here am I! Send me.*” †

Jordan Rowley, Climbing For Christ's spiritual coordinator, has served on C4C's two Evangelic Expeditions to Peru. He will be leading the 2013 mission.

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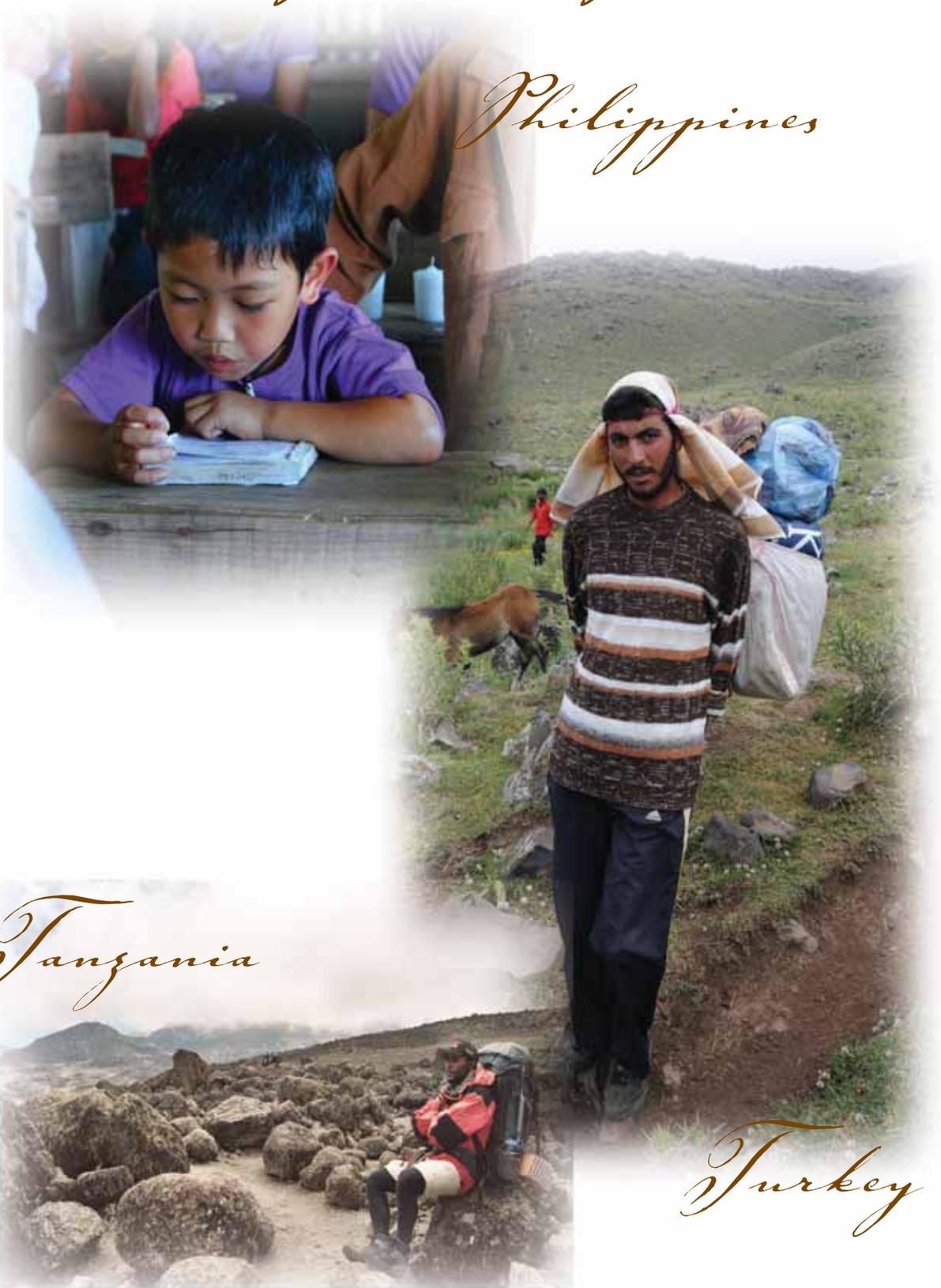


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Blessed to be a blessing in Badeo

By Ace Concordia

We felt as if we were only scratching the surface in the villages of Kibungan as we began our fourth Mission: Philippines expedition of 2012.

Yes, we had done entertaining dramas, but I wasn't sure if the lessons of these Bible stories really left a mark on the Kankanaey people in North Luzon, Philippines. Yes, we had fun games, storytelling and Sunday School songs with the kids, but did they really understand who Jesus was? Yes, we had a good medical ministry, but as they left with their medicines, were they taking away anything more than a free medical consultation?

As the team arrived in Poblacion in November, I found myself asking God what was going to be new in this climb. What did He have in store for us? Would there be something deeper this time around?

In the busyness of life, even ministry in C4C Philippines had fallen into a "routine." I felt we had lost focus of our "first love."

This reminded us to just go back to C4C's *Heart of Worship* (the theme song for our 2011 "Back to Badeo" expedition) and trust that if we made it "all about You, Jesus," He always comes through for us.

True enough, the ministry day went according to plan as our "Blessing Badeo" mission began. We opened with a well-received drama of Joseph the Dreamer. As the narrator, I asked the people of Badeo if they remembered the play we did a year ago and the team was so delighted to hear that they remembered David and Goliath.

We proceeded with a fun time with the children, simultaneously happening with the medical ministry and the survey for the Kankanaey Bible. And it was at this time, after the team had given its best at what we know how to do, that God opened a new door.

We had agreed on the last mission climb that the next medical mission would have a final station where the patients could be prayed for by a C4C member. After we finished with the Kids Ministry, KZ Abesamis and I went to replace Joel Syyp, who had been praying for hours.

Though I had been learning a few basic Kankanaey phrases, it wasn't enough to converse. We didn't have a translator, so we tried our best to ask the Kankanaey women what they wanted to pray for, aside from health. Most of them said the same things: health and daily needs of their family. We did our best to pray for the first two women – for their needs and that they would get to know God better.

In the in-between time while waiting for the next patient, I played Christian and CHRISTmas songs on my ukulele and KZ and I sang with the kids and the people in the waiting room.

To our surprise, the next women that KZ and I prayed for began crying as we prayed. I knew that we had a language barrier, but there is no such barrier for the Spirit of God. KZ and I realized this and we began to pray more in-depth prayers. God gave us verses and specific needs to pray for.

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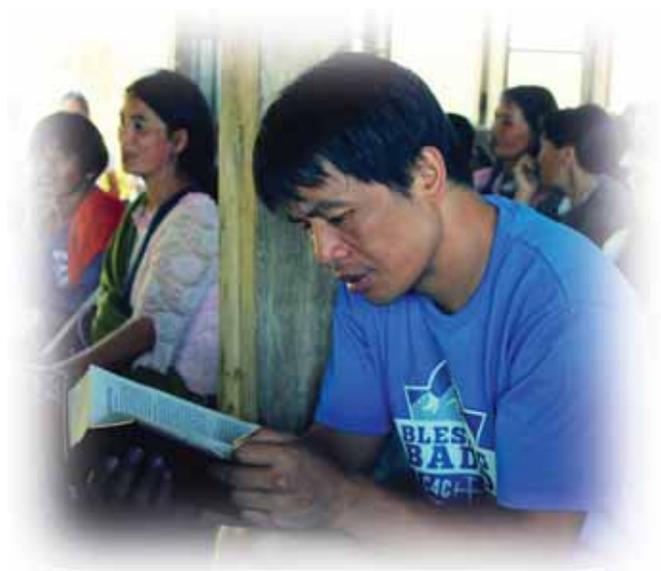
HIStory: On June 27, 2007, Adreian “Ace” Concordia of Las Piñas City (metro Manila) joined Climbing For Christ. After receiving some encouragement from Climbing For Christ president Gary Fallesen, Ace began to organize C4C Philippines. The first meeting was Oct. 19, 2007. Missions began in 2008. There have been 11 Evangelic Expeditions in the Philippines.

PRAY: For the work that He has begun in and through Climbing For Christ to continue, and relationships to deepen. May more Kankanaey people learn about and fall in love with our Savior Jesus.

GIVE: The Philippines has been added to Project Living Word, which is devoted to providing Bibles in native languages in countries where Climbing For Christ is ministering. It will cost Php500,000 (US\$12,100) to print 1,000-plus copies of the Bible in Kankanaey. The Kankanaey Bible has been out of print since 2000.

GO: March (Dalipey), June (Tacadang/Les-eng) and October (Badeo). **Length of trips:** 5-7 days.

Team size: 15 members. **Purpose:** All mission climbs for 2013 will have a common primary purpose – to prepare the Kankanaey communities that we serve for the distribution of the Kankanaey Bible. The mission teams will be teaching about the importance of the Word of God to a Christian’s life. Secondly, the missions will deliver much-needed medical supplies and conduct medical clinics, plus school supplies for children in the community schools. **Cost:** US\$75 per person in-country. This does not include airfare to/from Manila, Philippines and a financial gift to support the work of Mission: Philippines in Kibungan. **To apply:** E-mail info@climbingforchrist.org to request a mission application.



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As the women tried their best to answer us when we asked for their prayer requests, I felt like there was so much they wanted to say and open up about. We found out that most of their husbands work in the towns and come home only occasionally, and these women have up to 10 children. I felt such a heavy burden and sadness and anxiety in them. We sensed that as we prayed for them, mentioning their name specifically, personally, there was a Spirit of care and love from the Father that came upon them that brought them to tears.

After many prayers and songs, KZ and I were replaced by two more team members, and the praying continued. I realized that for the first time, the C4C team had finally broken through something in the hearts of the Kankanaey people.

In the past year, we had been planting seeds and gaining trust, and now, through the power of prayer, God had shown us that His Spirit knows no barriers.

For the first time, I felt the deep need of a heart of a Kankanaey woman, and this burden enveloped my heart. I knew that for the next year, I would come back to the mountains of Kibungan not only for the children, but more now for the women.

The Lord had impressed the power of prayer on me for months and I realized that He had given me the answer before the Badeo mission climb. We usually come with the seemingly big things – boxes and boxes of donations, lively dramas, ministry day programs, etc. – all of which are important in engaging the people. But I somehow forgot the power of a simple prayer. In those short couple of hours of praying for those women, I had found the open door that I had been searching for, to a more intimate ministry.

With the upcoming printing of the Kankanaey Bible, hand-in-hand with this new open door to go deeper in ministry through prayer, I sense that C4C Philippines will be entering a new season of outreach in the mountains of Kibungan. With the Word of God and the Spirit of God working through prayer to break all kinds of barriers, we expect the Mountains of Fire to rise and burn brighter. †

Ace Concordia is the coordinator of Climbing For Christ Philippines.



Kim Van Horn, left, with his 9-year-old son Kip on Mount Shasta on July 29, 2012. Kip became one of the youngest climbers in recent memory to stand on Shasta's 14,162-foot summit. A newspaper article on this feat said: "Born into a family of outdoor enthusiasts, one of Kip's earliest memories involves being nestled inside a backpack as his father hiked Fremont (Calif., USA's) Mission Peak."

Expanding the borders of family

By Kimothy Van Horn

My wife and I always wanted to have a larger family. Project 1:7 Nepal was a way for us to extend the borders of our family. My 10-year-old son, Kip, particularly, wanted a brother. My 12-year-old daughter, Kyla, takes special interest in writing to Gideon, the child we sponsor through Climbing For Christ. My 7-year-old daughter, Claire, recently surprised her teacher when she told her she has another brother.



Gideon.

We made our monthly donation a priority despite the fact that we both lost our jobs.

I was laid off from my sales position in 2008. My wife was laid off from her teaching position in 2009. Currently, we are both seeking full-time positions. In the meantime, my wife has received short-term teaching assignments and I have worked on some solid wood finishing projects.

We have three children plus our sponsored son, Gideon. We've drawn from our retirement. Our bank has been gracious to us while we've not been able to make payments on our house. Friends, family and church community have been supportive with many needs as they have arisen. We choose to not lose hope, but trust God.

"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD

In the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;

Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD." – Psalm 27:13-14 (NASB)

It is liberating to give financially even when we've been uncertain about our means for doing it. The unique thing about Climbing For Christ is its ability to take Christ to remote places in the world that others can only read about. †

Kimothy Van Horn, a resident of Pleasanton, CA, USA, has been a member of Climbing For Christ since September 2003. He was the ministry's 49th member. Van Horn's family has sponsored Gideon, a 13-year-old orphan in Nepal, since April 2011. Gideon is one of 48 children supported by Climbing For Christ's PROJECT 1:27.

PRAY, GIVE, GO

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Gary Fallesen, left, with Kevin Flynn on the summit of Kilimanjaro in 1998.

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ministry. He told me, “Don’t waste your life. You will finish in service to Me.”

Long story shortened: Climbing For Christ was incorporated as a U.S. non-profit in April 2004. We began doing missions in 2005. I left the *Democrat and Chronicle* newspaper – after 27 years – to serve the Lord full-time through C4C on Jan. 1, 2007. Six years later, Climbing For Christ has grown to more than 1,700 members in 55 countries, and God has shared His work with us in 15 nations, including Tanzania. Our mission is to reach those where others cannot or will not go, and by doing so glorify God.

In March 2013, we will hold a 15th anniversary climb of Kilimanjaro to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do.

After the 1998 ascent, I knew I would one day return to Kilimanjaro. That happened in 2007, when I led a 10-person team that included my son Jesse. It was during this trip that we had a divine appointment with Pastor Winford Moshia.

This is just one example of the way God has moved His ministry through the years: He provides the opportunity. We simply show up in obedience and abiding in the Spirit.

On the eve of our 2007 trip to Tanzania we heard from an American who was coordinating a secular organization, the Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project, in Moshi. She asked if I wanted to meet a Lutheran pastor in Marangu. When I first met Pastor Moshia he immediately launched into a plan that God had put on his heart to work with the guides and porters. As he finished, he looked at me and asked:

Opportunity to GO

HISTORY: In 2007, a Climbing For Christ team of 10 visited Kilimanjaro for the first time. God opened the door to us at a Lutheran church in Marangu, one of the gateways to Africa’s tallest mountain. We met Pastor Winford Moshia and a relationship and plan started to develop. Ensuing missions in 2008, 2010 and 2011 focused on teaching evangelism to guides and porters who have joined the Kilimanjaro Chapter of Climbing For Christ. To date, 19 C4C members have participated in Mission: Kilimanjaro expeditions.

PRAY: For the possible planting of a full-time missionary in Tanzania to work with the guides and porters year-round, providing discipleship and teaching them evangelism so that more will hear of His wonderful acts.

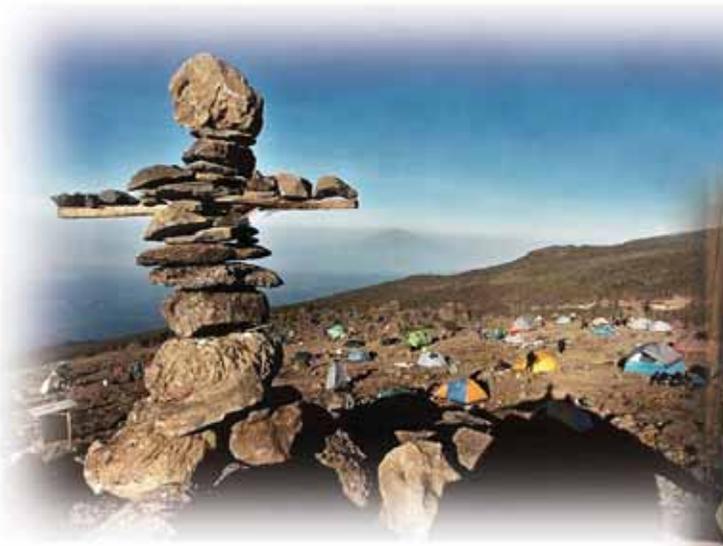
GIVE: To maintain a missionary in Tanzania will cost about US\$950 a month.

GO: March 2013. **Length of trip:** 14 days.

Team size: 4-6 members. **Purpose:** To continue working with indigenous members of the Kilimanjaro Chapter, teaching evangelism. Survey possibility of planting a full-time missionary in Marangu (one of the gateways to Kilimanjaro) to carry on the work done by short-term teams. Climb Kilimanjaro via the Machame Route. **Cost:** Estimated at US\$2,500 plus airfare.

The price includes ground transport, accommodations, food, and trekking cost. Does not include airfare.

To apply: E-mail info@ClimbingForChrist.org to request a mission application.



A cross cairn, above, built by Mission: Kilimanjaro 2007 team members at Karanga Camp at about 13,500 feet. Right, Pastor Mosha meeting for the first time with Gary Fallesen in 2007.



“How about you? What does God want you to do?”
I said, “Everything that you just said.”

God had blessed us with the same vision.

Since 2004, when God gave me our original “Mission Vision,” I have looked at Kilimanjaro as a sort of “model mission,” where we would plant a missionary who would work closely with the guides and porters. (About half of those working on Kilimanjaro are Christian. The other half is Muslim.)

For a time I felt we could raise up indigenous leaders for this ministry. In 2008 we began evangelism training in Marangu and Moshi. The idea was that the guides and porters, who often touched the hearts of the thousands who trek Kilimanjaro each year, would have more opportunities and a better platform to be heard as they shared the Gospel than we would in our once-a-year visit. This plan remains the same today.

But we have learned through the years short-term visits do not provide enough training and encouragement

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” — Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

to make a real difference on and around the mountain. That’s why we want to send a Climbing For Christ member to serve there with our Tanzanian brethren.

Prayerfully our 15th anniversary climb will not only commemorate what the Lord has done, but begin a new and important work.

In his classic story, *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, the legendary Ernest Hemingway wrote of Kili: “Its western summit is called by the Maasai ‘Ngaje Nagai,’ the House of God.” We have entered into this house of God with reverence and a desire to introduce those who do not know the One True God to our Creator and Deliverer. It is a mountain-top experience with God-glorifying eternal rewards. †

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The summit ridge on Kilimanjaro in 1998.

The GOes of Kilimanjaro

By Gary Fallesen

While training in January 1998 for my first climb on Mount Kilimanjaro, I was struck with the idea of Climbing For Christ. I was running. It was winter in Rochester, NY, which means cold and snowy. I wasn't thinking any deep thoughts or even dreaming of the summit. Just running. That's when the Lord spoke to me and directed me to start a Christian climbing organization.

I nearly did a 360 in the road, and not because the pavement was icy. I looked around in wonderment. "Why?" "How?"

I was a sports writer at a daily newspaper at the time. I was doing the only thing I'd ever wanted to do – since the age of 7. But God had other plans for my life. He called me out of the newspaper game and into His

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