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2019 Dearborn Bible Fellowship (DBF) and Stones Cry Out Annual Report

New ministry developments in 2019:

- Expansion of the support of the Liberian Orphans.
- Production of several ministry videos that can be viewed at www.DearbornBible.ORG and on YouTube.
- Release of a new book, FINISH! What Christians Must do to Avoid Ending up in Hell.
- Release of a new Gospel of John, the SCOT Giant Print Edition.

Year 2019 Financial summary:

About \$ 7469 was donated to this ministry during 2019. (There was a beginning balance of \$ 709 carried over from 2018.) About \$ 6827 of this was disbursed during the year leaving a balance in the bank of \$ 1350 at the end of 2019.

Of the total money disbursed, 64% was used to support the Liberian orphans that Patience' mother cares for in Liberia.

30% was designated and used for the general ministry support.

The remaining 6% was designated for special ministry needs. These included printing of 5000 new color tracts, several of the new SCOT Gospel of John's and money for a new DBF ministry of serving the elderly where Pat McMahan now resides.

Just a reminder to anyone who wishes to donate to this ministry:

Any money received can be designated by the donor for any of the following funds:

General Ministry (This includes Stones Cry Out and Dearborn Bible Fellowship support)

Liberian Orphan Ministry

Special Designation

Benevolent fund (to be disbursed to DBF members if and when they experience financial hardship)

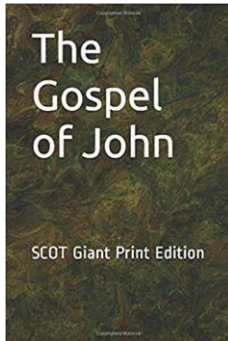
Stones Cry Out Evangelism and Training Ministry Updates

Door to door evangelism of East and South Dearborn (Mostly Muslims)

About 14 years ago, we began going door to door on a weekly basis in East and South Dearborn to proclaim the gospel to the Muslims living there. This outreach continued throughout 2019 and weekly reports were sent out that detailed the conversations so Christians could pray for those contacted. We were initially commissioned by Grace Evangelical Fellowship (Taylor, MI) to proclaim the gospel with a goal that a church be established to meet the spiritual needs of those we meet going door to door. A small church is now established (DBF). Besides my long-time friend Pat McMahan and a man who lives near us, it is comprised mainly of people we met going door to door. The number of people who attend varies and currently, there are still no people with a Muslim background that attend as followers of Jesus. Generally, the Muslims that have visited do not embrace the gospel yet, but we fully expect that God will raise many Muslims to new life in Christ in the future as Christians pray. I believe that the gospel is God's power to bring about the ultimate salvation of all who believe. Therefore, I have

every reason to believe that God will indeed raise many who have heard and continue to hear the gospel here in Dearborn as a result of this ministry.

New SCOT Gospel of John Giant Print Edition



Stones Cry Out Ministries has had a longtime desire to sparingly provide a nice, Giant Print Gospel of John with a good tract in the back of it. So, in late 2019, we produced a new translation that fills this need called, [The Gospel of John, SCOT Giant Print Edition](#). (<Click this link to go to the Stones Cry Out web page that describes the GOJ.) We are very pleased with the accuracy and quality of this Gospel of John and plan to provide it sparingly to those people that seem most interested in the gospel. (We will continue to provide the less expensive gospels to others we meet who seem not as interested.)

Evangelism training and support ministry

God continues to bring Christians from other parts of the country to Dearborn and we occasionally have the privilege of providing training and orientation to them.

Book Ministry

During 2019, I published one new book...[FINISH, What Christians Must do to Avoid Ending Up in Hell](#).

I am convinced that many Christians today need to hear and take heed to the message of this book. But so far, it seems like some Christians who have heard about this book are either offended by its content or happy to avoid thinking about it.

Production of several new ministry videos

Testimony Video: A 6-minute video of Tom Bear giving his personal testimony of God's saving and sanctifying work in his life. (www.DearbornBible.ORG)

4-part video gospel tract: Four short videos that convey the information on the color gospel tract. Some people who receive the tract view these videos. (www.DearbornBible.ORG)

Dearborn Bible Fellowship Ministry Updates

This is a small flock of Christians made up mainly of people we met through the door to door ministry. Though the number of those attending is small, those attending are learning God's will and growing in their knowledge of the gospel and obedience to it.

Liberian Orphan Ministry

In Liberia, when the parents die, the children receive no help at all unless a relative takes them in. Many run the streets trying to survive. Conditions in Liberia have not been getting any better so the number of children needing help continues to increase.

For several years, Patience's mother Eliza has been caring for 1-3 orphans at a time in Liberia. During the past two or three years, Patience (a DBF member) became burdened to help out by providing regular financial contributions even though she earns a very small wage. With the assistance of some of the people on the Stones Cry Out supporters and members of Dearborn Bible Fellowship, the number of orphans being helped by this ministry has increased. The number fluctuates also because street kids hear about this place and just show up unannounced. Eliza often takes some in temporarily but has to eventually turn them away because there is not enough resources to take care of them all. There are now several orphans who are there permanently. Part of this ministry also provides school uniforms and tuition for all school aged orphans living there.

For several years, Patience has been sending money to build another house on the property where her mother lives so that more orphans can have shelter. During 2018, the orphans began living in this new structure. It is not completely finished but it does provide excellent shelter for them.

As Patience asked for prayer for these orphans, the DBF members became involved and some who receive the Stones Cry Out reports have also helped out financially. It is our hope that we will be able to provide financial help to assist Patience and her mother regularly. So far, God has been providing the right amount to keep the orphanage running. In addition to their physical needs, DBF along with Patience and her mother also hope and pray that the orphans will receive sustained spiritual nourishment that will result in regenerated lives that glorify Jesus in Liberia.

New Ministry: Care of the elderly at an assisted/independent living facility in Southgate, MI.

After Pat McMahon's wife Darlene passed earlier this year, Pat ended up eventually in an assisted/independent living facility. Since Pat is in excellent health and can drive, he spontaneously began assisting others in the facility in various ways, but especially by driving those who do not drive themselves. So far, DBF has only contributed \$ 80 towards gas to support this ministry, but we hope and pray that God will enable us to continue supporting this ministry in this way and perhaps other ways also.

God has Preserved Every Word Seminar and Video series

To help DBF members and other Christians in this area, we hosted a ½ day seminar that provides evidence of God's perfect care over the N.T. Greek text. We are confident that we now know every single word of the original autographs and this seminar explains why. In addition, this material is also conveyed in summary form in a [2-part video series of four and six-minute videos](#) that are designed to wet the appetite. In addition, a full presentation with [longer videos goes into more detail](#) for Christians who would like to learn about some relatively recent developments in the study of the Greek manuscripts.

Ongoing prayer requests

Door to door outreach:

That God will raise many Muslims to new life in Christ

That God will keep moving us to proclaim the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us from Satan's snares.

That God will raise up at least one of the Muslim men to new life in Christ who will become a pastor for his people who begin following Jesus.

Dearborn Bible Fellowship (DBF):

That God will raise up a man from within DBF (future member or existing as He so desires) that will be able to eventually take over the pastoral duties of DBF.

That God will continue to shape DBF's views and practices in accordance with His will and His truth.

That God will direct in the facilitation of more ministry opportunities for the various members of DBF.

Liberian Orphan Ministry:

That God will protect and provide for the material and educational needs of the Liberian orphans.

That God will give wisdom to Patience's mother Eliza as she tends to the physical and spiritual needs of the orphans.

That God will also give wisdom to Patience who has a vision for expansion of the ministry. She hopes to make a trip back to Liberia within 3 years to begin shaping that expansion.

Misc:

While we have experienced God's loving care throughout 2019, we have also experienced many disappointments and heartaches. First and foremost, Pat's wife Darlene went home to be with the Lord. In addition to the deep sorrow, Pat also moved to Florida for a few months only to realize that he belonged here. It was obviously a life-changing time for him. But it seems clear that God has been giving him grace and has been using all of this turmoil in the sanctification process, producing fruits of righteousness. Pray that God will direct Pat in his new ministry to the elderly at his living facility, including spiritual care involving Bible teaching and gospel outreach.

Bill, one of our DBF members, suffered a health setback and will undergo extended rehab in hope of being able to walk again some day. Pray that God uses this time to establish him in the faith and also bring healing to his left leg.

Lastly, two of our DBF members are no longer attending and the number of our evangelism co-laborers have diminished. Pray that God sends encouragement and healing to all who have been affected.

Link to Stones Cry Out Web Site: [Stones Cry Out Ministries](#)

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