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### God bless you and Merry Christmas.

### 2023 was a powerful year for God's Kingdom





### **Overview**

2023 has been a wonderful year for Connie and me. We have been learning more about walking with Jesus on a moment-by-moment basis and learning to rest in his love in good times and in bad. Connie: For me, two key words have stood out. One is Influence. God has expanded and deepened my influence in the lives of young 20 and 30 somethings in a way that surprises and blesses me. Second is encouragement of overseas missionaries. God has opened doors for me to encouage amazing missionaries in Nepal and Thailand and to expose others to the great work that is going on in those two countries.

## Thailand



Connie just returned from Thailand working with trafficked young boys and girls.
I'd like her to tell you about it in her own words.

Connie: Going to Thailand and seeing God's presence in that country was truly amazing and faith-building. A key part of the joy for me was going with three young women with whom I had built a special relationship through our Community Group. Seeing their faith grow and their vision ignited for this ministry overwhelmed me. We saw God at work in and through the love and ministry of Zoe International. We saw the redeeming, restoring, and rescuing work of God in the lives of those who have suffered in human trafficking. We were able to participate with the Zoe staff and Bible students in an outreach to thousands of students who are refugees from Myanmar where they heard the gospel (over 300 said yes to Jesus!), and of the ploys of human traffickers who are seeking to enslave them. The message that jumped out to me was HOPE. God is at work saving, rescuing, preventing, and building new lives of faith in Christ. I came home tired, but with a full heart!

## Nepal



I just finished my second year with godly, committed students and now they are ready to graduate into the Lord's work. This year I taught Biblical Theology 1 & 2 where we covered "the story of God" as it's told in His word! It seems that this has been the most effective time of disciple making that I have ever had the privilege of doing. They are now able to walk through the entire Bible understanding the overarching theme and how each book fits into that theme. I closed my teaching time by spending my last week on the book of Revelation. I taught Revelation 3 times this year and each time, the conclusion of the story of God becomes more real to me and my hope jumps out of my chest as I say "even so come quickly Lord Jesus!"

I'm excited to let you know that we have over 8 new groups of Pastors who are anxiously waiting for us to come and bring the two year Pastoral Training Program to them. We can handle two areas for the 4 annual visits, and we're also training Pastors to use our training materials to open up other areas who are also waiting. So, we'll be busy in Nepal for the next few years!

# Burundi

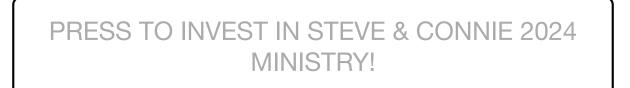


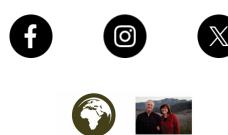
I just finished my first year of training in Burundi and these people have captured my heart. Even though it is a very poor country, these people love God and they love his word. They are passionate about planting churches and the church is growing throughout Burundi! In my first class, I taught the basics of knowing who God is, the truth of his word, and the power of the Holy Spirit. In this second class, I taught, how to counsel and mentor people through the truth of God's Word and the power of His Spirit! The response to both classes let me know that God has a lot of work for me to do in Burundi!

I'm excited to announce that the national leaders want Connie and me to come a week early in May and train the leaders in Parenting!



Thanks for allowing us to share God's work with you. This year we are trusting God for your generosity as you invest in us for 2024. Please know that every dollar you give goes to cover ministry trips and expenses.





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