

NetWalking* News Update

An Occasional Report for Friends of Global Initiatives, Inc. From Ron Lush
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* **NetWalking** = "Walking" together through life in committed relationship, linking friends for mutual encouragement and selfless service.

OUR MISSION

To Serve Leaders,
Equip and Mobilize Leaders to Serve.

OUR COMMITMENT

Encourage and enhance effective Christlike leadership ... globally.

RECENT

The Big Tent Christianity Conference

On February 10 I attended The Big Tent Christianity conference at the Church of the Beatitudes here in Phoenix. The focus was finding common ground and seeking Christian unity among all Christian groups. Major speakers were Brian McLaren and Marcus Borg. Interesting *conversation*.

Linda Psaute and Dan Psaute

Linda and Dan Psaute have been here for their annual visit with their family. While here we were able to get with them and hear about Linda's work with the German Gospel Union, and Dan's in Slovenia. Linda told of a continuing great response from the people in the region she serves. Recently the State Church invited her to work within their organization offering financial support. Dan has been given the opportunity to serve among evangelical churches in Slovenia with exciting results.



Louisville, KY.

Last Monday I flew to Louisville, KY for the M11 - a conference for clergy and laity of the global Church of the Nazarene. While there I met with Nazarene Theological Seminary President, Ron Benefiel and NTS Academic Dean, Roger Hahn, and with representatives of Northwest Nazarene University, Eastern Nazarene College and Trevecca Nazarene University on behalf of Nazarene Theological Seminary and The Multi-Campus Seminary. I also met with Orville Jenkins, a childhood friend and District Superintendent in Florida ... and, many other *OLD* friends, all in about 24 hours.

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego

Last week I facilitated a Youth Pastors Forum for the Center of Pastoral Leadership at PLNU. A great group, and valuable time. On Thursday evening Rob Bell was with us for dinner and a stimulating session. On Friday PLNU hosted Pastors Day with pastors from many denominations and churches coming on campus for a day with Rob Bell. I was able to participate. It was a very well attended and inspiring occasion.

Len Munsil and Arizona Christian University

Len Munsil is the new President of ACU, the former Southwestern College. Len is the former president of The Center for Arizona Policy, and candidate for governor of Arizona. Jimmy Farley is the new chaplain at Arizona Christian University and brought us together for lunch. Len is interested in further conversations around issues of Christian higher education.

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OUR MISSION – TOGETHER

Strategy Shift ... Amazing Opportunities

For 15 years (18 since incorporation) we have been about our mission as 'translated,' "to encourage, equip and enhance Christian leadership ... globally."

The economy and a decline in financial support (not prayer or partnership) have hindered our capacity to serve international friends. God sent us new opportunities that increase our capacity to fulfill our mission though Nazarene Theological Seminary, Point Loma Nazarene University and Olivet Nazarene University.

CONTINUING COMMITMENT ...

To Serve Internationally

The challenge is funding. We are grateful for new opportunities that provide an important portion of what is needed for ongoing operations, but does not cover all of our needs, nor enable us to respond International invitations. Pray with us.

MARCH 6 –

Preaching at Biltmore Nazarene, Phoenix.

On March 6 and I will be teaching and preaching at BNC – 9:30am teaching a class on basic faith, and 10:45am preaching in the worship service. I am filling in for both Dr. Tharon and Barbara Daniels who are the Interim Pastors at Biltmore Nazarene.

Olivet Nazarene University Online

I have just begun teaching my first online class through Olivet Nazarene University. The class is Christian Leadership (The ChristStyle Leader) in the ONU Master of Ministry program. I have taught this on campus since 2008 in one-week intensives, but not online.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34,35 – To take strong interest in, to be committed to, to pray for and act in the best interest of one another.)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We do not do "fund raising" (Yea, right!), we do introduce "irresistible opportunities." We tell you of the ministry of our friends who need support in order to continue the great work that God has called them to. As you are comfortable, give prayerful consideration to the "opportunities" shared above, including Global Initiatives. GI relies upon your prayer, participation and gifts to make possible our commitment to serve leaders, equip and mobilize leaders to serve ... globally. Let me hear from you. Thanks. Ron

ONU Online Continued

It is a challenge putting detailed paragraphs in print of what is usually taught in person from an outline. The class is made up of people in ministry from across the US and a Salvation Army Officer serving in the Republic of Georgia ... an 11-hour time difference.

Nazarene Theological Seminary

I will continue my work with NTS this spring as *The Director of the Multi-Campus Seminary* by attending ...

- ✦ NTS Trustees. April 14 -15.
- ✦ District Assemblies in 4 US regions.
- ✦ The NTS Circle gathering in Phoenix April 17 - 19. This is a group of business leaders committed to walk with Dr. Ron Benefiel, NTS President, as he leads the seminary in historic transition.

Salgados

Jonathan and Maggie Salgado continue to serve business and political leaders in Mexico, lead marriage retreats and facilitate the establishment of Young Life in Latin America. The work with former Mexican President Vicente Fox facilitating numerous contacts and speaking engagements for Fox in the US.

John Frick

John and Debbie continue to pray about the possibility of leading an Afghan ministry. Be sure to pray with them.

Sunil and Sarah Dandge, – July in AZ

Sunil and Sarah have been good friends in India for many years. I met them on my first trip arriving Kolkata (Calcutta). Most recently I was with them as I taught in Chennai, Mumbai and Pune. Sunil is the Field Director for the Church of the Nazarene in South Asia.