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Meet Jon McCormick (Staff Writer & Newest MP Worker)

We are pleased to have Jon McCormick join us as our new staff writer. He will be helping us develop curriculum and other material. Jon was raised in a Christian home in Central Texas and is a graduate of The Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, TX. He has worked in full time local evangelism for over 20 years where he has served congregations in Texas and Missouri. Jon hosts a local live radio program each week called "Just the Bible." He currently works and worships with the Cass County church of Christ in Texas where he serves as the preacher. Jon has also worked as an adjunct instructor for the Texas School of Preaching. He is a frequent speaker at brotherhood lectureships and Gospel meetings. Jon is married to Holly and they have been blessed with three wonderful children, Lucy (15) Emma (12), and Noah(9). Jon has a deep love for souls and a commitment to sound Doctrine. We are blessed to have him at TMP!



We Want To See You!

We would love to schedule a time to come visit and give a report at your congregation. Many of these events had to be postponed because of the pandemic. We're ready to get back out and see folks! Lots of great work is going on and we can't wait to tell you about it! Call, text, or email Josh to make it happen: josh@mannafarm.org or 636.222.3534.

A Note From Our Director:

The New Testament describes "open doors" in several different passages (1 Cor. 16:9, Rev. 3:7-8). These "open doors" are simply understood as opportunities to serve the Lord. God has often provided us with open doors to serve Him throughout the years here at the Manna Project. Sometimes these doors are unexpected funds, other times its new and excited workers, and yet at others its places around the world seeking our help. As of lately it seems as if a semi hauling doors wrecked at our front door and dumped all the open doors on our front lawn. In the last few months God has provided more workers, more funds, donors, more places, more ideas, more teaching, more encouragement, and more souls being reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is truly a blessing to serve the Lord as the Director of the Manna Project. I am constantly reminded of His bountiful blessings and His goodness. In the last two months we have had workers travel to Tanzania and Nepal to teach and organize new efforts. We have added a new school director in Uganda. In October Josh Robinson started working with us and what a powerful tool for the progress of the work he and his wife have proven to be. This month we have added a new teacher and writer, Jon McCormack from the Cass County Church of Christ in Texas. Even just this week we are now planning on a new work in central America! Stay connected with us on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, and Email to hear more about all these awesome opportunities. God is Good and so are you. Thanks for your faithful support. —Gage Coldwater (Director)



A Note From Josh:

It's been a busy start to the year! I was able to spend three weeks in Nepal as we traveled the country, meeting with the brethren, and making plans for the future. I'm very excited about the work happening in Nepal and can't wait to be back with those great brethren!

It was wonderful to see so many supporters and encourages at Freed this year! I'm looking forward to being at MSOP and PTP with the booth as well. If you're at those events, please come see me!



I would also love to come to your congregation and talk about the great work being done at The Manna Project. If we haven't been there in a while, now is the time! I would love to see you!

If you want to schedule a report, please email me and we can make it happen. josh@mannafarm.org

—Josh Robinson (Director of Communications)

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Rwenzori School of Preaching | UGANDA

Tom Musisale (Director): “We are a preaching school for faithful men to acquire Bible knowledge and be able to go into the the world, make converts, established Congregations and edify other established Congregations. The existence of the school has become a reality that holds water. RSOP sends students to different Congregations every Lord's days to edify them. We also seek to establish many new Congregations by students of RSOP. Many have been started in Uganda and the Congo. While we wait for new students; the instructors do regular evangelism on individual basis As a result, baptisms are taking place in different areas in the region. We are keeping goats, chicken, ducks and Rabbits. We have different gardens for Maize, Beans, Banana, Sukuma ,Acra, lemons, Spinach and others to be sustainable.”



Talawanda School of Preaching | TANZANIA

Maurice Gasper (Director): “We all doing great serving the lord and all is well. Our school academic schedule is going on as it scheduled, we look forward to our final quarter. All students are doing great in class. Thanks God, we are doing great in reaching the souls. Brethren here are working with many area congregations and new studies, restorations and encouragement is ongoing. We have increased one day for reaching the souls. Our animals are doing great as we have goats, chickens, and rabbits. Many new babies this year. We have finish with two fish ponds for tilapia and catfish. We have harvested, corn, gnuts, sunflower and water melon. We are in preparation of planting corn, casava already planted, sweet potatoes is in the ground, our school garden is feeding the school now with veggies.”



Jhapa Resource Center | NEPAL

Pramod Dhakal (Nepali Director): “Greetings from Nepal. One month after visit to east Nepal together with team of Manna Project, last week I made another round of visit to brethren from Mangalbare church of christ. This visit was made in the side line of our monthly training program. It takes place every month in Kathmandu. For the month of February we had training program at Jhapa. Along with training program we had a good bible study with a family who are regular visitors for Mangalbare congregation. Few days I spent with brethren. Both congregations had lost their loved ones last year about the same time or few days apart. I had privileged to share gospels among the invitees on the occasion of memorial fellowship. People in east Nepal sends their greetings to you all.”

Nepal Trip Jan 16- Feb 3 (Gage, Josh, & Evan Manning-Youth Minster Forest Hill CoC):

We were blessed to travel to Nepal for three weeks earlier this year. It was a great opportunity to meet with brethren all over the country and learn of their needs. We are excited about the new infrastructure and educational opportunities we will be bringing to Nepal later this year.

We were able to work with World Video Bible School to provide our Nepali brethren with a “preaching school in a box.” This weatherproof case contains a battery powered projector, hard drives, and tablet that allow for teaching of preaching curriculum in all areas, regardless of access to modern utilities.

We also proposed and sought feedback on a new 12 month seminar series that will be starting soon. This program will be taught by local preachers and the brethren are excited. These seminars and lessons address the needs they have shared about growth, leadership, and evangelism. Some of the topics include elders, deacons, and we are also translating the “Back to the Bible” series by Rob Whitacre (H2H School of Evangelism) into Nepali for the brethren.

We have also been donated land in the Jhapa province where we will be establishing a Resource Center. This will provide a place to house students for short courses throughout the year, as well as, have a demo farm for the teaching of agriculture principals. This Center will allow us to train Nepali brethren and many others!

Tanzania Trip Jan 23-Feb 3 (Gregg-Coordinator for Eastern Africa Schools):

I recently returned February 3 from another trip to Talawanda, Tanzania. This time I went alone and spent all my time on campus teaching Hebrews and encouraging staff, students and their families. We also worked in the gardens planting what I brought from home: comfrey, ginger, turmeric, onion bulbs and other various seed crops. Maurice expanded the garden area to grow even more things for daily needs on campus. The more he grows, the less he needs to buy at the market. He truly is reaching further to become completely self-sufficient at Talawanda.

Also visited the other garden on rented land where watermelon, cucumber and okra have been harvested. Ground nuts, sunflowers and casava have been harvested since my return. These sales have gone back into the running of the school. Raising pigs was stopped until the price of feed comes down. But this has been a huge profit making effort for the school. Visiting from Uganda was Musisale Tom and Hangison Happy, so they could receive intensive training in administration and farm management. These two were also involved with local evangelism. Two groups went separate directions on Saturday and found many interested souls to teach. They made an impressive impact on all. Immediately on their return to Rwenzori School of Preaching they implemented many things they learned. I certainly came away with a deeper love and appreciation for the work of Talawanda and Rwenzori schools. This April 16, Justin and I return to Uganda for the third graduation of the Rwenzori school.

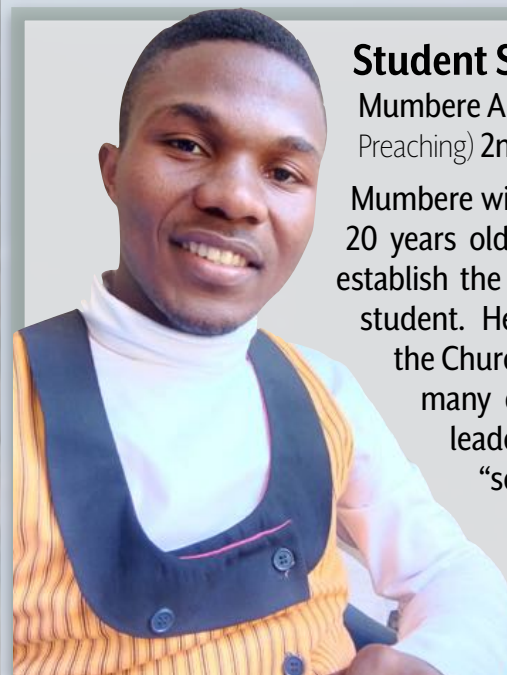


From Justin Hopkins (Director of Academics):

The first quarter of 2023 is now behind us. We are thankful to God for the blessings He has provided. On January 11, the CDC and the government of Uganda officially announced the end of the Ebola outbreak there. We were quick to book airfare to go when the travel restrictions were lifted. Gregg and I leave on April 16! We have ten students who are graduating, and there is already great interest for the incoming class under our new Director, Tom. The school in Tanzania continues to work our plan to be fully self-supporting. We have been working to improve the internet connection there so that we can more effectively teach through video chat when we are not able to be there in person. Our new School in Nepal is off to a good start.



At the end of February, I had the opportunity to travel to Morocco to study the Bible with a few interested Muslims. There is no church there that I can find. We also spent time encouraging the brethren in Cairo. They gave us Arabic Bibles to share with those in Morocco that we were studying with. The church in Cairo is small, and the closest congregation to them is in Sudan, roughly fifty hours away by car. The persecution there is very real. As much as we were able to encourage them, I was reminded of how blessed we are with the freedoms we have here. We do not fear imprisonment or violence in response to our efforts to share the Gospel, both of which are a reality there. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, support, and encouragement



Student Spotlight:

Mumbere Aubrey (Rwenzori School of Preaching) 2nd year student

Mumbere will graduate in April. He is 20 years old and single. He helped establish the Kiddo congregation as a student. He loves to be a member of the Church that Jesus built. He has many characteristics of a good leader and loves the verse “seek the kingdom first.”

“Know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”
-Mumbere Aubrey

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