

Terry Lewis's phone rings from an international number. It's bad news. Roughly seventy-two hours earlier Joseph Bagaza and Jake Friesen successfully boarded their flights from Canada to Rwanda for a multiple



week mission trip with a local ministry aiding refugees of genocide within Congo. Following all travel guidelines and both having full vaccination status, Joseph tested positive for Covid-19. The Rwandan officials inform Joseph he will need to quarantine six days in a designated facility until his next test. If he is positive again, he will have to quarantine another ten days.

With a mission as intense as this one, time is of the essence, and this could wreck everything.

Immediately the prayer teams are notified as Terry shares with them something that has been true from the beginning of time: *when*



**Much needed food distribution**

*you do God's work, you run into God's enemies.* Thankfully there is another reality as true

as the first one: *God answers prayers.* The next day we hear from Joseph with an update that somehow for some reason the authorities decided to bypass the six-day waiting period and tested Joseph at his hotel. The results: negative. Jake and Joseph were free to go. Glory to God!

As the story unfolds it brings us to another reality that we have all faced in life: that God is good, and evil exists. Through the rest of the trip tears of joy and tears of sorrow flowed as Jake and Joseph brought hope to many – while at the same time, they were too late for others lost to the genocide. Grandmas and Grandpas currently lost in the jungle from hiding; teenage girls raped by invading soldiers only to become pregnant and now caring for their children. This makes us ask, “if God is in control, why does He allow this to happen?!” We might not receive the answer this side of heaven. But one thing does hold true in the face of all apparent evil: the promise of Romans 8:28 that God works for our good “in all things”. It reminds me of he who once said,

“Life is like a mosaic painting. If all you can see is one piece it might seem drab, dull, and dark. But if you can take a step back and look at the whole picture and see how each piece fits with the others, you will see just how beautiful the big picture is and how masterful God is with the colors of our lives.” Imagine during the most tragic of times how love answers the call. Where there are starving people; there are others working on bringing them food. Where there is war; there are others working on bringing peace. How even while we were still enemies of God, we were reconciled to God by the sacrifice of His Son (Romans 5:10). When life is tragic, take heart for God is painting! The women in this picture; victims of rape and forced into pregnancy, have decided that their love is stronger than the hate shown to them. Despite tragedy they are loving these children with all their hearts as good mothers do. Why? Because they understand that when God paints, it is we who are His brushes. – Brian James



**Constantly traveling for safety**



**Listening to a message of solace**



**Victims of rape – now teen mothers**



## Christmas Gifts to Cuba 1 - Letter of Gratitude from Ricardo Rodríguez

Dear brothers, certainly God is good. I thank Him with all my heart for His infinite faithfulness. He has surprised me and my family doing a great miracle in front of unbelieving people (my in-laws), showing that God is real and listens to the prayers those who call on Him day and night.



**Happy first time home-owners**



My wife and my daughters jumped for joy when we found out someone purchased the house for us that we had been saving so long for, because now we have a backyard where we can play with them without fear of traffic. My wife and I can now raise our daughters God's way as well as having greater privacy as a married couple. God bless you richly and abundantly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thank you very much, brothers!



## Christmas Gifts to Cuba 2 - A New Fridge and Tears of Joy

Yanitsy is a single mother with three teenage children whom she raised by herself. At forty years old, she still works in

mountainous areas crossing rivers by horseback to reach addicts and prisoners' families. Friends sent us a video of her receiving the fridge a donor like you had sponsored for her. Jumping up and down with joy through tears, this is what she said: *I thank the Lord because this was always my dream. I never thought I was going to have one (a fridge). Well, I asked the Lord but never thought it was going to be so big and so good. He remembers me and my children. That is why I thank God so much. I thank Him a thousand times. He is so good with me. He truly loves me.*



### Truck to Honduras – Ernesto Pinto

After many troubles with the covid pandemic and the hurricanes, finally we finished the purchase of a house with a piece of land to build a feeding center for the children and a Church sanctuary as well. We are still supporting local families and currently are feeding 120 kids once a day for five days of the week. We give them solid biblical teaching in effort to introduce them to Jesus and keep them out of the gangs – a problem that is only getting worse as more people become out of work. Praise God we have a group of men who started to work on the foundation for the sanctuary,



but we still need to fundraise a bit more to complete the building. And thanks to a very generous donor and wonderful brothers and sisters who made this possible, a truck has been donated and shipped to Honduras. Bless you!



**40 years without a fridge – until today!**





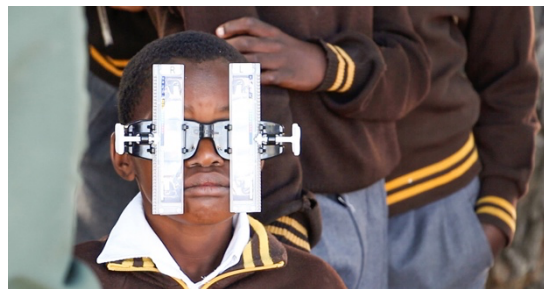
## Lima Peru – Global Vision 2020 – When I met Pastor Gregory Wiens, he



placed upon my face the strangest looking set of reading glasses I had ever seen. They had dials and slides and looked like they might have come from a sci-fi movie of the future. But they weren't from the future. In fact, they have been around for quite a long time and have already been used to help over 100,000 people across 48 countries see again! He had my attention.

He explained that what I was wearing was patented technology invented by founder J. Kevin White. The innovative USee™ Vision Kit provides prescription eyeglasses to people in the most remote areas on earth. The process is simple, just put the USee™ on, look at the eye chart a few feet away, and dial through the lens bar until they can see clearly. Once the lens strength has been discovered, they pick that strength of lens from the kit, snap them into light but durable frames, and the person can see! This invention has opened the door to hundreds of thousands of people not only receiving sight, but also an opportunity to hear the gospel. These glasses have allowed missionaries to have favor with governments they normally would not have had.

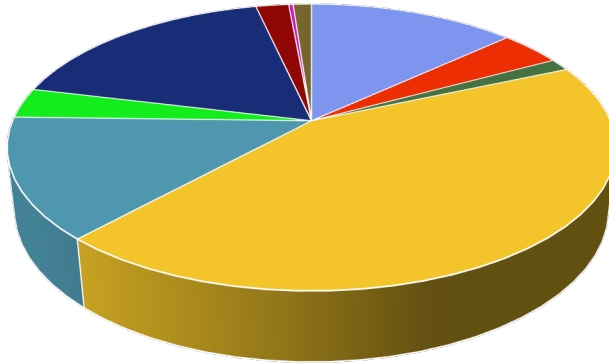
One story he shared with us was how in one communist country, for years, had a "hidden Buddhist temple" in the jungle that wouldn't allow anyone from the outside world to visit – *especially Christians*. When Pastor Greg and his team brought the GV testing kit and glasses to get permission to set up a small temporary clinic, the government official refused to even see Greg. Although the official didn't say "yes", he also didn't say "no." Setting up shop and putting local leaders to work, multiple hundreds of people were fitted with custom prescription glasses. Including one elderly lady who had been nearly blind for over twenty years. When she was able to see again, she was so excited that she ran home and told everyone in her family. They were all deeply touched. Even her son, the government official that refused to see Greg. That same day Greg and his team were invited to the official's home for dinner and were also granted permission to enter this hidden Buddhist temple to fit the monks with these glasses. The monks were thrilled with their new eyesight and these Christians were told they could come back any time and share the gospel with them.



**Would you like to go to Peru?!** Imagine discovering a place you have never been before while forever changing countless lives. CEO is looking for 4-6 people who would like to visit Peru with Greg to train the CEO Peru team with the GV 2020 ministry model. Think "vacation with a purpose." You will make lifelong memories, create deep friendships, change lives, and even have fun by the pool. If you can't make it, perhaps you'd like to sponsor a box of glasses or send someone in your stead. **Please contact [ceoministriescanada@gmail.com](mailto:ceoministriescanada@gmail.com) for more information.**

## COUNTRIES CEO IS KINGDOM BUILDING

\$890,000 in 2021



### You can donate Shares to CEO Avoid Capital-Gains Tax

C.E.O. Ministries is now able to accept and process "shares". For instance, in a recent transaction someone donated \$20,000 in shares to the ministry. They invested \$10,000 and earned another \$10,000 on their investment. If they were to cash-in and receive the \$20,000 they would have to pay taxes on the interest they gained. But when they donated their shares to CEO Ministries, they received a tax-deductible receipt for \$20,000. In this way they were able to invest in ministry rather than pay taxes on the money. This is good stewardship of the resources God has given us.

**Legacy Gift:** Did you have a loved one lifted into glory and want to enhance their legacy by supporting a missionary, or feeding program, or evangelism in a country that CEO is serving in. Perhaps you would like to give sight to someone blinded by "River Blindness" and you want to do it in their name—you can.

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### WHO IS THE MAN ON OUR DONOR CARD?

Listed below are ministries CEO aids rescuing men/families

#### Abner House/Hands Extended | Honduras

Transitioning you men out of jail into society by teaching and equipping them with skills to become carpenters.

#### Teen Challenge | Cuba

1-2 yearlong inhouse discipleship program helping men and women break free from addiction and find Jesus.

#### Victory Home | Peru

1-2 yearlong inhouse discipleship program helping men break free from addiction, find Jesus, & enter the ministry.

#### House of Hope | Costa Rica

Helping men break free from addiction and mental illness through a yearlong inhouse discipleship program.

For more of the story behind the man on the card visit:  
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