

# DEEP SIX STUDY

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## *Signs of Life* – “A Season of Generosity”

**MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS** (You can view the full message on Facebook or at [live.capecodchurch.com/live](https://live.capecodchurch.com/live))

**Opening:** This week begins our annual “Season of Generosity,” during which we highlight what God is doing “Across the Street and Around the World” through our collective giving to the CCC Missions Fund. The best way to highlight that is by sharing stories – stories of how God is at work.

As a church, we’ve set a goal to give away \$1,000,000 over the next three years, to bless our neighbors in the name of Jesus and to proclaim his name around the world. There are 3 ways to get involved:

1. Pray – This goal isn’t about what we can do; it’s about what God can do through us. Pray for his leadership, guidance and inspiration.
2. Give – Each of us doing our part as we’re able; giving works best when it’s regular/automatic.
3. Go – When we’re involved in *doing* something, our heart follows. Over the next 3 weeks we’ll announce multiple opportunities to actually get involved in the work our giving is supporting.

### **1. When a Missionary Meets a Businessman...**

- Last year, on this same weekend, God brought a missionary from the Philippines (Greg Lyons) and a retired business executive from Cape Cod Church (Bryan Pearce) together and planted an idea: to start an online business/entrepreneurship school for students in the Philippines.
- In just a year, the Global Life University School of Entrepreneurship is up and running, providing business and entrepreneurship courses to 300 students at the same time they take Bible college courses from Baptist Bible College Asia.
- The dual business and Bible degrees will allow graduates much greater access to developing nations where they may be called by God to serve – nations where their business acumen will be highly coveted and their Bible knowledge and gospel message highly needed.

### **2. When a Missionary Meets a Doctor...** (Malachi 1:11; Romans 10:14; Ephesians 6:18-19)

- Vernon and Mary Smith have been missionaries to Tanzania for over 30 years, and have been partners with Cape Cod Church for nearly 20 years. In 30 years, God has used them to plant 21 churches, start an elementary school, a national youth camp, and an urban clinic.
- 15 years ago, a doctor who was a Congolese refugee came to the church with his family and an idea: to start a clinic near the church to serve the urban poor. Since then, Dr. Byemba and the growing staff have seen over 300,000 patients at the main clinic and at mobile clinics in rural villages – charging half or less for their services than other clinics/hospitals in the city.
- Why do missionaries (and doctors) do what they do? Because God is sovereign! And if God is sovereign, why not pray, go, give, dream, and have fun? And why not you?
- Cape Cod Church will partner with Vernon and Mary to pay (\$20-25K) for a building for their **22<sup>nd</sup> church** in 2022 – then we’ll take a team over to help complete that building next fall!

## ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

*These passages may provide additional insights related to the subject of this week's message. Verses from NLT unless otherwise noted.*

Psalms 96:1-6; Isaiah 6:8; Isaiah 52:7; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-48; Romans 10:13-15

Video of the Week: [Paul's Missionary Journeys](#) by the Bible Project

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. During our Missions Emphasis Month, we bring in missionaries from around the world as well as local partners to tell the stories of what God is doing through our giving. What's your favorite part of Missions Month, and why?
2. How important do you think it is for a church like ours to "look outward" to be generous to others outside our church, both in our local community and around the world? Explain your answer.
3. Some might say that we should focus our attention as a "missional" church on supporting missionaries who take the gospel to people in places that haven't heard the name of Jesus, and not worry so much about caring for our local neighbors, since other assistance is available to them. How would you respond to that assertion?
4. Read Ephesians 6:18-19 again. As we consider the challenge of "giving and going," why is prayer so important to our missional work as a church?
5. During the service this week we heard about the start of an international online business school in the Philippines and a clinic started by a refugee doctor in Tanzania – two very different initiatives. As we consider who, what and where to invest our resources as a church, what guidance or guidelines do you think we should use as we consider projects and programs to support?
6. Over the next three weeks, we'll hear about several opportunities to "go" – to serve as a volunteer with a local partner organization, help build a house for a neighbor, or even go on a trip to Africa to help build a church. After this week's message, what action do you think God might be calling you to in response to those opportunities?