

FROM ANGEL'S HEART

*"To my cheerleader, you taught me how to believe in myself. I am always thankful to God for having you ma'am Angel & HIM in my life. Thank you for believing in me & helping me to become a licensed professional teacher. Indeed you are my Angel. Love you so much, ma'am Angel."*

*"We love you miss Angel. Alikea and I pray for you and Lexi every night. We never forget you and will never. My shop is advancing praise the Lord, I just want to thank you once more for your support miss Angel. We are always praying for you and your family and your ministry."*

*"Thank you for partnering with us in the ministry. I am grateful to have you and the team. Thank you for extending your help to us. I am no longer scared to preach because I have my license to preach. Thank you for encouraging, supporting and helping me to reach this goal."*

*"Thank you very much for your love and support to us. God bless you. Say hello to your family for us. A big hug to you dear sister and friend. You are in my heart. We are so grateful with you and HIM for everything. You are very special to me."*

These comments speak volumes to me because they show the true relationships that we have with our partners all over the world. We don't just go visit one time and move on with our lives; we don't send them money and say we supported them – WE LIVE LIFE WITH THEM. As you can see, we communicate, support and encourage each other often. I often think I'm the one helping them, but time and time again I'm the one who is blessed.

This is the beauty of HIM. We REALLY KNOW our partners. We want you to know them too. You too could have a personal relationship with one or more of these very special people.



LOCAL STAFF & PARTNERS

Although you usually only see or hear from a few of us, it takes an entire team of people to make HIM work. We are so blessed to have an amazing group of people involved to help make HIM what it is. Here are some of the people around Kansas City who are part of our team:

**Jenny Cedillo** has become a great help to Angel, assisting with some of the admin duties and she is an incredible prayer warrior.

**Josh & Steph** at ERO Media Group have helped us with our website, FaceBook, blog, and all of our mailings.

**Brian Slater** has an unbelievable skill for photography and media/communcations and continues to be a part of our team, having a heart specifically for Nicaragua.

**Tiffany Ninemire** is one of our newest PALS and is heavily involved in serving the poor in Africa.

**Cathy and Support Kansas City**, our business and accounting company, have been crucial as HIM has grown.

**Luke and Adrian Murray**, who spend many hours helping with Fred's projects, stuffing and mailing literature and praying for the ministry!

**Barb Kornis** spends hours each week, putting each receipt, inserts, into envelopes, adding the proper postage and getting them to the Post Office!

IN MEMORY OF

Every week before we process the checks, we pray over them and give thanks for every single person who's given. Then, as we go through the envelopes and read the praises and prayer requests, we lift those up to the Lord as well. We love hearing from you and getting the privilege to pray for you. Please continue to send them in and know that we love you and pray for you often.

- MARY BEHRENS, BY JANE & JARY ARCHER
- JAMES SHERWOOD, BY DANIEL & LAURA SHERWOOD
- MARY BATES, BY ROGER & ANITA STALEY
- LYNDA BRANCH, BY DAVID & DEBORAH BINGHAM
- MAXINE WALLACE, BY ROGER & ANITA STALEY



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FROM FRED'S HEART

I often ponder how we've hardly begun to scratch the surface on what PRAYER is all about. "Talk is cheap," we say and we definitely TALK more about prayer than actually PRAYING and TALKING to God Himself! At this time and season of my life, when my intensity after 60 years has caught up with me, I'm convicted with this reality and honestly, it's really not pretty. I've been a pusher, a mover and a shaker all my life, but now so much has come to a screeching halt. I have been going 100 miles an hour all my life and suddenly I'm forced to go at 15 or 20 miles an hour! Real "grace" is now working deeper and greater than ever in my life. Weird and painful mental battles go on about not being able to blaze any trails, not being deserving, and not earning any love or support for our lives and the ministry.

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me..." Even after 50 years together, Barb and I are facing some of the greatest challenges physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially, and domestically of our lives right now. I'm coming to you to ask, as honestly and humbly as possible, that you might "practice" some of your prayer life on us. In a weird way, we are excited that God has led us in a new and deeper way at this time, but we know we can never go this alone, so we are reaching out to you for prayer. It seems God is actually calling me to a new labor and work in the realm of PRAYER. It is so hard to summarize and explain all the details, complications, circumstances and issues that we juggle, but you can use your imagination. God bless you who've always prayed for us and be assured we know who you are. Believe that we pray for you and love you also (Matt. 6:6). God's timing and provisions continue to shock and surprise us.



My heart LEAPS at the new leadership for HIM that is **"exceedingly, abundantly, above, all that I could ask or even think..."** (Eph.3:20). My beloved friend and co-worker for many years, Byron Whetstone, has been appointed by the Board as the new President/Executive Director of HIM. Add that to the amazing heart, experience and skills of Angel Hecht as our Director of Development and I can't help but smile with the reality that HIM will definitely out live me! PRAISE THE LORD!! I can almost "relax" now (LOL!!), knowing that God has put together a solid system and teams of hundreds of quality workers around the world. 24/7 the Word of God and many practical Ministries are affecting ETERNITY! You have no idea...

What it would mean to have your prayers and financial support in these days? Please let Byron, Angel, the Board and all our partners know you are standing with us! LET'S ROLL!

THANK YOU, FRED & BARB KORNIS, MINISTER AT LARGE, SERVING WITH HEARTLAND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



HELLO FRIENDS OF HIM,

Today I have the unique opportunity to share with all of you some leadership changes and news at HIM.

Our dear brother Fred Kornis is stepping down from his role as the Executive Director and President of HIM and assuming a new role as “Minister-At-Large.” Know that he is not leaving by any means! He will continue to have close contact and relationships with HIM donors, supporters, and PALS and God willing, after the shoulder surgery, he will be traveling to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ around the globe again.

Not only do I share this news with you as a member of the HIM Board of Directors, but I also wish to formally introduce myself to you and share with you the hopes, dreams and vision that I believe I have been given for the future of HIM as the new Executive Director and President.

God has blessed Jerri, my wife of 36 years, and I with many ministry assignments in our lives and to have the opportunity to expand upon the missionary platform of HIM is an amazing call to leadership.

I was raised in the church and like many of you, I was baptized at 12 years old after going through Pastor’s Class. I attended Phillips University in Enid, OK and I met Jerri there. We both finished our undergraduate work at the University of Oklahoma. Later we both finished graduate school, Jerri in Social Work at the University of Kansas, and I at Kansas State University. We have three children ages 31, 28, and 21 and two grandchildren.

As the children became our reality, we both made a needed decision to re-dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ and together with Jerri we have served actively in ministry since. Also around this time we founded a national distribution business which has also been central to our life’s ministry and today we employ 200+ associates in the US.

I have served as the Campus Pastor for Christ-Church Mill Creek church plant from 2004-2006, accepted the Lord’s calling as the Executive Pastor for a season for the Regional Evangelical Alliance of Churches, and most recently served as a church-planter for house churches and start-up congregations through Homer’s 2:42, Inc., where I have been the current Executive Director since 2008. Homer’s Coffeehouse is a culturally relevant gospel centered ministry focused on building communities like those described in Acts 2:42-47.

I came to know Fred and Barbara Kornis through Homer’s and for much of that time I have been a resource to Fred related to financial matters, teachings, and some work-shops for HIM and I agreed to join the board in October 2016. Hopefully, you have seen some of my writings as the Treasurer since that time.

Since becoming a board member, we have accomplished quite a lot of items to prepare the platform of HIM for growth. Most notably we completed the coordination of the HIM By-Laws and the 2015 HIM Policy Manual so that these documents were completely uniform. A major accomplishment. Late in 2017, Fred and I began meeting to talk about the future of HIM without his direct leadership as the CEO and after a few meetings, the HIM board voted unanimously in March of this year to name me the new Executive Director.

My first task as the leader has been to re-shape the HIM Board of Directors and while the process is well underway there are still many things to accomplish as we gather together this new leadership team. We would anticipate sharing with all of you the new board in the weeks ahead.

As we thought about the balance of 2018, Fred, Angel and I started referring to the balance of this year as the time to concentrate our efforts on the “roots” of HIM as we prepare for the future. To me the “roots” focus means to look at the past major accomplishments of the organization and build upon them.

This tree image reminds us all of the diversity of the HIM ministry that has impacted the world because one man, Fred Kornis, took seriously the words that our Lord Jesus shared as he was ascended to heaven, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”** (Acts 1:8). Fred took this direction very seriously HIM will continue to do so in the future.

HIM has for many years been driven by the scripture John 3:30 **“He must increase and I must decrease”** an image that is etched in our minds at HIM and as we plan for the 2019 emergence of the new HIM and the new missions that we are called to, my primary goal is this:

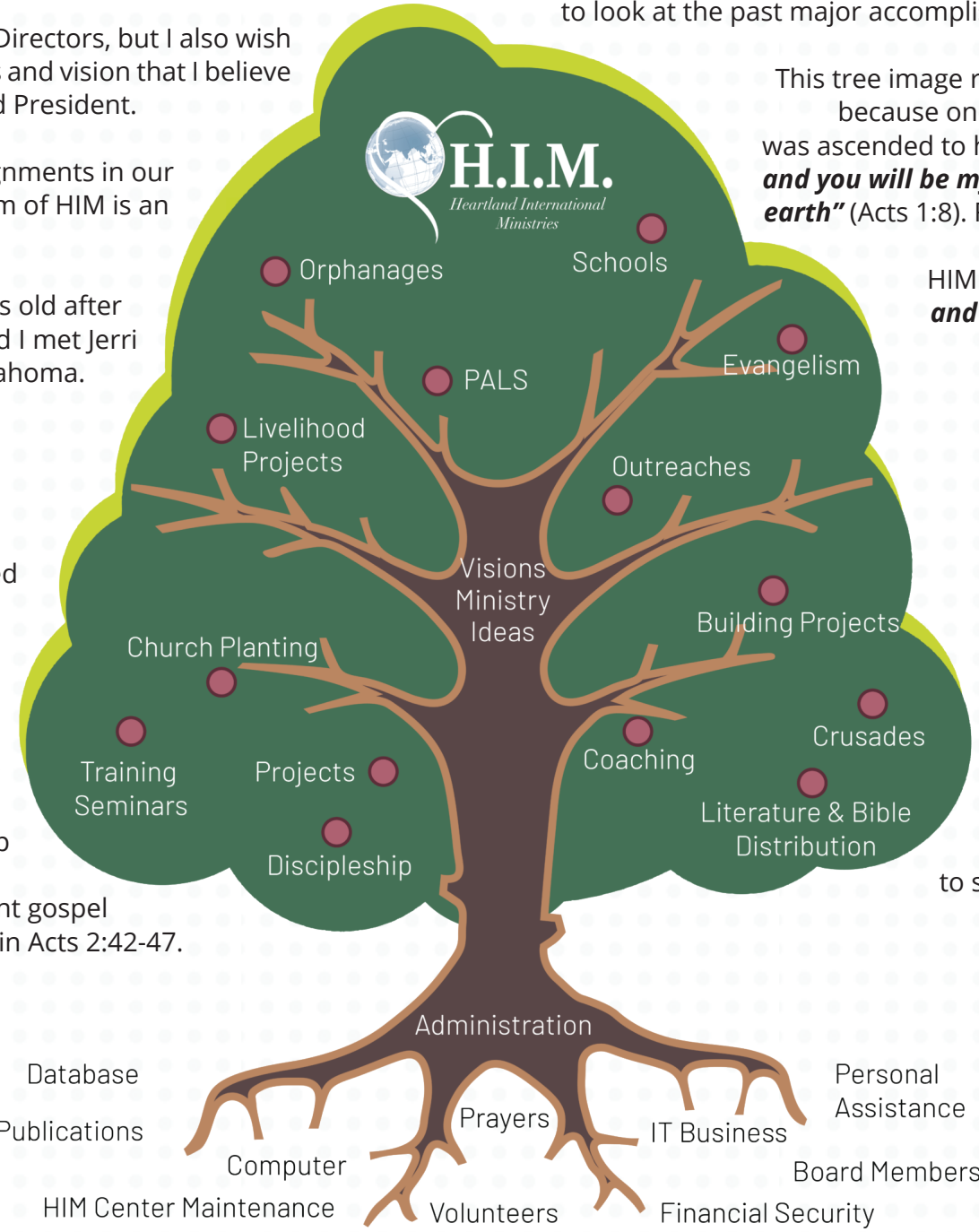
To continue the legacy initiatives of HIM in countries, like India, Philippines, Nicaragua, Africa, and so many others and doing so means being committed with additional resources and additional support. The indigenous people we have served historically are more desperate and in need that ever before. My hope is that we can raise the awareness of these folks and the ministry they have dedicated themselves to lead by being a major source of FIRST WORLD RESOURCES to the third world ministry we embrace as co-laborers for Jesus Christ, throughout the world.

A favorite verse of mine is in Acts 13:36, which says **“... for after David had served his generation according to the will of God, he died ...,”** this snippet from Acts says to me, hey Byron would that be a great epitaph? I hope you will agree that we have been given great gifts and to use them to support believers around the world is a worthwhile cause with which to serve.

SINCERELY,

Byron Whetstone

BYRON WHETSTONE  
PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



UNREST IN NICARAGUA

Please join us in lifting up all of our friends and partners in Nicaragua as they are facing some of the hardest times in history.

This national crisis started six weeks ago when protests erupted in the capital, Managua, and other major towns, against the 11-year rule of President Daniel Ortega. Ortega’s police and paramilitary gangs used force and violence, including live ammunition fired at civilians, to stop the demonstrations. Nicaraguans filled the streets again on May 30 in a mass march billed as a tribute to the mothers of the dozens of people killed during the previous crackdown.

Once again, the protests have been met with gunfire, and over 130 have been killed and hundreds missing!

For over 25 years, we have had relationships with so many people there and now they are more like family. We have been connecting and networking many new friends, churches, seminars, and teams to develop the believers there. It breaks our hearts to see them in such fear and uncertainty.



This comment is just one of the many we get daily from our partners:

“Pray for our situation. Economically the value of Cordoba is getting worse. I have a ceiling project stuck because I can’t buy some frames I need, vegetables production can’t get to the markets because of the block out of roads, stores are not getting groceries, in places we have no chicken, beef, pork or eggs. Looks like companies, don’t want to risk transporting things. Just keep praying! Gas price here is almost \$5 a gallon. Three weeks ago, we were coming to our house and there was a shooting by the bank I used to work at. We drove home and the next day I realized there was a person killed who I used to play soccer with in high school This could become worse. We can’t trust the police. We don’t trust anyone.”

WE HAVE A SPECIAL FUND DEDICATED TO NICARAGUA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND AID TO OUR FRIENDS. THANK YOU.