

**CROSSING BRIDGES, INC.  
2016 ACTIVITIES REPORT  
(Summary)**

Submitted to the Board of Directors, meeting on February 19, 2017

**MINISTRY DURING 2016:**

**Kenya and Serbia — March 28–April 20** (Arranged consecutively to meet the needs of our ministry partners)

1. *Kenya:* (1) Met with Sunday school and ministry leaders at Karen Community Church to talk about disability ministry. (2) Spoke at a meeting of parents at Little Helping Hands School at the launch of a Parent Support Group. (3) Conducted 4-day seminar with Christian school teachers of “emerging disabilities and inclusive education.” (4) Preached at Karen Community Church. (5) Sponsored a “reunion” with families from the 2015 family retreat.
2. *Serbia:* HUB Bible School teaching: To first year students, taught Acts 16–28. To the second year students, taught “Beyond Suffering” and “Spiritual Warfare.” Preached in two churches.

**Minnesota — June 3–9**

1. Presentation at Calvary Baptist Church, Roseville, MN (our commissioning and sponsoring church) to give a ministry impact report. Also provided opportunity for “friend/fund raising” which resulted in several contributions from previously unknown people for the 2016 Kenya family retreat.

**Kenya — August 3–16**

1. Two-day disability ministry training at Acorn Special Tutorials School, the school run by our ministry partner in Kenya, Eva Nyoike.
2. One day of training for volunteers who would be working with children at the family retreat.
3. Speaking with the families (parents) at the family retreat. Theme taken from Psalm 29:11 “The Lord gives strength to his people’ the Lord blesses his people with peace.”

**Ukraine – October 19–31**

1. Zolotonosha: 2-day conference on preaching for 26 pastors. My topic was “Inclusive Gospel—Inclusive Preaching.”
2. Chepkiavka: 3-day conference for 30 young pastors on “The Tests and Temptations of Pastors.” My session focused on the tests of popularity and praise, and prosperity and possessions.
3. Cherkassy: 2-day church leadership conference for about 290 delegates on the spiritual development of a leader. My focus was following Jesus’ lead in ministry to people with disabilities.
4. Informal meetings with residents of a rehabilitation center run by the Baptist Union, and with the new director of the youth center which is developing a retreat site for families dealing with disability.
5. Preaching in two churches in Zolotonosha.

**Kenya — November 25–December 6**

1. Preaching at Kings Ambassador Church in the Kangemi area of Nairobi, and presenting a half-day seminar on engaging in disability ministry. Preaching at Karen Community Church,.
2. A two-day training staff of Acorn Special Tutorials on special education as ministry.
3. Gathering of the retreat families for another “reunion” at Karen Community Church.

#### **OTHER MINISTRY-RELATED ACTIVITY:**

1. In Cherkassy, Ukraine: meeting with the director and chief editor of Smirna Publishing House in Cherkassy regarding the formal production of a Russian language version of *Reaching Out and Bringing In: Ministry to and with Persons with Disabilities*. The initial printing: 500 copies to be used in Ukraine and Belarus. Arrangements for this were made through the foreign projects coordinator of READ Ministries (Resources for Evangelism and Discipleship), based in Minnesota-based ministry.
  - a. At the Cherkassy conference, about 500 copies of the original translation, photocopied and supplied by Smirna Publishing House, were made available.
2. In Seoul, Korea, a Korean translation of *Reaching Out and Bringing In* was published by Christian Literature center for use at Korea Nazareth University.
3. Completion of program of studies for the Doctor of Biblical Studies degree through Master's International University of Divinity, Evansville, IN.
4. Ongoing association with Master's International University of Divinity as Program Developer and Director for the M.A. Certificate in Disabilities Ministry.
5. Publications:
  - a. Anderson, D. W. (2016). Disabilities. Responsibilities, Possibilities: Working to Complete the Harvest. *Journal of the Christian Institute on Disability*, 5(2), 13–26. (Based on a presentation of the same title at Pan African Christian University in August 2015)
  - b. Anderson, D. W. (2016). Being Christlike in a broken world: Part 1, Being incarnational. *One to Another*, 111(1). Electronic journal of Master's International University of Divinity, Evansville, IN. <http://ims.mdivs.edu/news/journal/>
  - c. Anderson, D. W. (2016). A church for all people. *One to Another*, 11(5). Electronic journal of Master's International University of Divinity, Evansville, IN. <http://ims.mdivs.edu/news/journal/>
  - d. *Beyond Suffering Bible*, published by Joni and Friends International Disability Center and Tyndale House Publishers. — my contribution is related to the book of Joshua.

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