CROSSING BRIDGES, INC. 2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT (Summary)

Submitted to the Board of Directors, meeting February, 2022.

Once again, COVID and the increased cost of airfare limited our activity abroad.

May 17-28, 2022 – Kenya

Tedd Dideriksen accompanied and assisted me on this trip. Scheduled activities included:

- Teaching on neurodiversity and inclusive education to the staff at Acorn Special Tutorials.
- Preaching at Karen Community Church and meeting with the pastoral staff.
 KCC is the home church of Eva Nyoike.
- Teaching on ministering to and with persons and families affected by disability at CITAM church, the home church of ministry partners Loyce and Lazarus Omusula.
- A short flight to Kisumu in western Kenya to visit with my Kenyan "son," Dennis Okoth. This involved visiting several Christian ministries for which Dennis is a consultant/advisor and opportunities to teach the staff/faculty: (1) Teaching on neurodiversity at a school/home for students with hearing impairments. (2) Visiting a children's home which serves neglected or abandoned children who have experienced abuse or neglect. (3) Speaking on inclusive education at Winyo Christian Academy.
- A "mini-retreat" for the families we have been serving, teaching, and supporting since 2015. This one-day retreat was held at Acorn Special Tutorials.

October 2022

Attended the "Table-Talk Conference" sponsored by Bridge Ministries and held Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, WA, on October 17th, and held as part of Bridge's Beacon Church Initiative. CBI Board Members Florence Anderson and Eunice Powell also attended. The presentation was by Dr. Erik Carter (Baylor University), and focused on integrating people with disabilities into church fellowship, moving from simply being present to their being befriended, needed, and loved.

ON-GOING

We continue to mentor via Zoom Kenyan ministry partners Lazarus and Loyce as they serve the Lord in many ways.