

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rev. Mark Stahl, FCCI President

As children, there was a racing game we played and at the start of the game everyone stood on a line and someone would yell, "Ready, Set, Go!" and as small children we would give it all we had, in an effort to win the race. There might have been Bigger, Taller, and Faster runners in our race, but we knew this might be our big day to be the winner of the race, so we stood ready with great hope and expectation.

I want to yell to you today, "READY, SET, GO!" Are you ready? Do you stand set?

As we start 2024, I want to encourage you in your race. This year is going to be a year of destiny for your life, your family, your ministry, and your dreams. There will be renewing and refiring of old dreams and visions in your life along with the fulfillment of endeavors that you have thought were never going to happen because it has been taking so long. There will be ministry opportunities and doors opening that you have only dreamed of. The key is to be ready and set and when He yells "GO!", you jump and give it all you've got allowing God to do it the way He wants. Allowing Him to lead you and guide you. Don't over think and plan out how God is going to do it for you. Naaman had that problem in II Kings 5:11, "But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy." Let the Lord direct and do it the way He has planned. You "GO!" when He directs and fulfill everything exactly as He said.

God has great victories for you to accomplish and He will be doing them in ways that you could not imagine yet. Remember "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." Proverbs 16:9. You are just responsible to be prepped and ready to go when He says "GO!". 2024 will be your year to be a winner in this race. Go and be ready to run with your Father cheering you on. He has prepped you for this time and you are a winner.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CARL CONLEY



It is with great sadness that the FCCI Board of Directors has received, as of December 28, 2023, the resignation of Dr. Reggie Wenyika from all FCCI duties. We will miss him greatly and so appreciate his heart in all he has accomplished during his time serving FCCI as Director, Elder, and General Superintendent. We as the leadership pray God's best in all he does as he **continues** his journey ahead.

Many have become a part of the FCCI family during Dr. Reggie's tenure. He will be greatly missed, and we understand the sadness that will be felt in his absence. Although we can never replace Dr Reggie, let it be known FCCI's leadership will continue to be of service to you in prayer and spiritual guidance as the Lord directs. As we go forward and continue to work together as a family, let's lift up our Lord in all He has called us to do while impacting the kingdom for this last day harvest. All to the Glory of God!

When Dr. Reggie first arrived at Oral Roberts University to study for his doctorate, we became close friends. In the early days, he was the person I sent to pick up people at the airport and transport people from place to place. He always had a serving heart. I depended on him! We shared many wonderful years of ministry together. He is a great man with a great heart. He has vast experience in travel, ministry, administration, and a unique understanding of the challenges ministers face. I thank the Lord for the years we served together and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

KENYA

Dr. John Stanko represented FCCI at the recent Annual Conference of Bible and Literacy League in Kakamega, Kenya. This is the ministry led for years by our late FCCI Elder, Bishop Javan Ommani. It was a joyful event, and six candidates were ordained to the ministry.



HAPPENINGS

February 16-19: Mark and Bo Stahl will be visiting Tucson, AZ and would love to meet all the FCCI family for a special mealtime. Watch your emails for a more in-depth schedule and location. They look forward to getting to know you!

March/April: Mark and Bo Stahl will be heading out to Missouri. Dates and details to follow soon.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDER

Carl Conley

It was more than fifty years ago that I began international ministry. Since that time, I have traveled and ministered in more than 87 nations. We faced many challenges in those days. Transportation was very limited; phone service was very expensive where it was even available. The Internet was not yet available. But we soldiered on through good times and bad. And now we can talk to just about anyone, anywhere in the globe without cost any time we choose. God's call is still burning in our hearts. The situation has changed, the challenges are different but as we use the new tools combined with the passion for souls, we will reap the promised harvest.

A New Country for FCCI!

As we prepare this update, FCCI President Mark Stahl and his wife Bo along with Elder Fred Alvarenga are conducting a Leadership Conference in Panama in Central America. FCCI has been invited by a group of twenty pastors to minister to them and introduce FCCI.



NICARAGUA

FCCI Elder Fred Alvarenga conducts a Leadership Conference in Tipitapa (close to Managua) Nicaragua.



REACHING THE LOST IN INDIA

Bishop Junior Thomas reports on this baptism of former Hindus. He's shown here with their local pastor, a former Hindu himself. The Christians in India face challenges spreading the Gospel. At a recent crusade Hindus surrounded the meeting with vehicles and shouted blasphemy against Jesus. Pray for our workers as they persevere in bringing God's love and grace to the people.



VANUATU

Officials including the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Mayor and former Lord Mayor welcomed Christian Mission Centre (CMC) delegates to the National Assembly where over 800 people from that South Pacific island nation gathered to praise the Lord together and enjoy sweet fellowship.



It is because of people like you who believe in what we are doing that we can continue the work and expand what the Lord has commissioned us to do. Please use the enclosed envelope for your prayer requests and donations. Alternately, you can visit our website at <https://www.fccichurches.com/donate>.