

# Jacobson KeyNotes



News from Charlie and Jeanie Jacobson  
Missionaries with Reach Beyond serving at SonSet Solutions

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## Ministry Highlights:

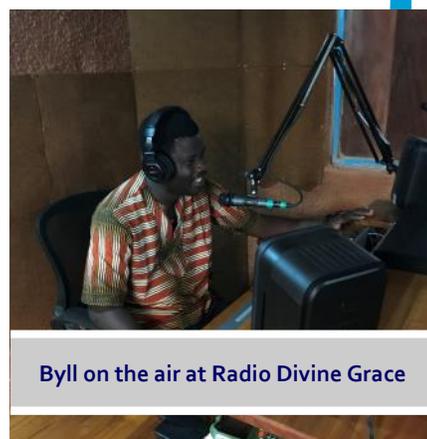
- ◆ During 2019 SonSet Solutions assisted 140 ministries in 60 countries.
- ◆ In the last month 11 local work teams have prepared 4,600 SonSet® radios for partners in Peru and Uganda.
- ◆ This fall we spoke with over 200 students at 7 colleges and have accepted our first intern for 2020. Intern recruitment is one of Charlie's main jobs right now.
- ◆ God has opened doors of ministry for Reach Beyond in refugee camps in Lebanon, Greece and Bangladesh. Pray for the work teams serving these desperate people.

## New Radio Station in Northern Togo

Did you know that in Sub-Saharan Africa there are 653 unreached people groups with a population of 887 million? These are cultures and places where Christ is largely unknown and are typically less than 2% evangelical. Many of these peoples are illiterate and oral learners. Despite the arrival of the Internet, radio is still the most used source of information and a vital tool for proclaiming the Gospel to these unreached.

Two such people groups, the Fulani and Kotokoli, are located in the countries of Togo, Ghana and Burkina Faso in West Africa. Today they are receiving the good news of Jesus through a new community FM station called Radio Divine Grace in the Dapaong region of northern Togo. This station, run by an African missionary couple went on the air in August with the help of Reach Beyond and SonSet Solutions.

Jeanie and I have a special interest in this station because in July we joined former Reach Beyond President Ron Cline and his wife Barb for a week at the Marantha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, MI, to present the work of Reach Beyond and to highlight this project. We praise God that his people in attendance at Marantha that week fully funded the costs of the equipment, installation and training needed for the station.



Byll on the air at Radio Divine Grace



When there is no UPS truck

Our team here in Elkhart made or purchased all the equipment, packed it up, arranged the shipping and provided long-distance consulting during the installation. Reach Beyond's staff in Africa helped install the equipment and train those who are operating the station.

Byll, the African missionary, desires to use this radio station to reach into the communities where he is already working as an evangelist. "We believe having a radio station will help us reach these people, to know Christ and to know how to manage their own lives every day according to the Word of God."

Please pray for Radio Divine Grace, and especially for Byll and his wife in this new venture. They have already run into bureaucratic problems that have temporarily forced them to go off the air. Pray that this can be resolved quickly. Pray for our team at SonSet Solutions as we partner with this kind of ministry. This year we have provided radio equipment for new or upgraded stations in Kenya, Zambia, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Colombia and Bolivia.

# Family Update

The highlight of our year by far was our trip to Ecuador in April. We led a team from the church where Jeanie is part-time organist to serve at Bonsai, the children's ministry with which our daughter Anna serves. We provided a week long Creative Arts Camp for the 30+ kids and also helped with a special outreach to the moms. Jeanie taught the main Bible lessons and we both did a lot of translation. We found out how much work organizing and leading a trip like this requires but could not have asked for a better team. The music, art and group activities went well as each team member used their special skills with the kids. The Bonsai staff was a great blessing to us and I think we were able to encourage them.



This Christmas will be different for us as neither Anna nor Carl will be home. In fact, **Carl** is in Ecuador for two weeks, his first chance to return since 2004. He is on track to finish his masters in music composition this coming May. We are excited to see his work getting broader exposure and look forward to hearing some of his music performed this spring.



**Anna** continues to serve with Inca Link in Manta, Ecuador. Her hands are full coordinating Bonsai's social media and child sponsorship communications. God also gave her the opportunity in October to attend another international conference, this time in Thailand.

Our son-in-law **Jon** is doing very well in his studies and actually has a part-time information technology job now. **Bethany** continues to provide care for mostly inner-city children before and after school, and during the summer.

The grandkids are growing so fast. **Lorelei** is four and in preschool, AWANA and ballet. **Jamie** is a very active and verbal two year old.

## Support Update

We are so thankful for the 44 families and four churches that are part of our regular financial support team. Our ministry would not be possible without their generous giving. Five families have joined our team this year but just in the last few months we have had several long-time supporters pass away. **We currently lack \$1,746 in monthly support and have a deficit in our ministry fund. If you are not already a part of our support team, would you consider giving \$25, \$50, or \$75 a month, or possibly sending a special gift?** You may send tax-deductible gifts to account 110197 at the Reach Beyond address at the end of this letter or online at [www.reachbeyond.org](http://www.reachbeyond.org). Thank you for your prayers both for our ministry and our support need.