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Sun City has currently three main areas of overseas missions: Sri Lanka, Vanuatu and Europe and very shortly Brazil will be added to that list.

Firstly Sri Lanka:

This year saw the establishment of the first new churches from our church planters. Pastor Robyn travelled there in March/April with Ps Marie Cartledge. They spoke at a women's conference and then spent a day training the church planters. Ps Peter was there in July and spoke to the church planters for 2 days. This is a long term project that has been going for a couple of years now with support being shared by a number of other churches in our state partnering with us. We have 12 new churches being established. Also Ps Cami and Karen visited us in February and we were all greatly blessed by their ministry.

Vanuatu:

The exciting news from Vanuatu is the establishment of the area bible training school for new pastors in the Banks Province. We have 10 students enrolled and they are also being supported with us by a number of others churches in our state.

In our many trips there we have noticed three things.

- 1.) People are being saved when they come into the main village and then returning to their own and planting churches with absolutely no knowledge of scripture or how to study the bible to gain that knowledge. They also have no training in any form of Christian living and principles.
- 2.) If they do decide they really want to learn or gain some ministerial qualifications they then have to travel to Port Vila to study usually for 3 years. This naturally involves great expense for the person and often families are left behind to fend for themselves for that time. We have had cases of wives and children going without food for lack of finance. Also unfortunately there have also been cases of marriages failing through immorality due to long separations.
- 3.) When the person gets a taste of "city living" (running water, electricity and all its comforts) they no longer desire to return to their village

This pilot program we believe will address these issues in the way it is being set up. We propose to bring the students in four times a year for four weeks each time. During that four weeks they will do four subjects each time – things such as how to study the word of God, Old and New testament overviews, basic Christian principles and some leadership training as well as ethics etc. By doing it this way we eliminate the need to travel to Vila and families are not separated for a great length of time. During the non

study time the student will return to their village and put into practice what they are learning. They remain connected to their roots, families and to their churches.

Pastor Robyn & Ps Mike Kinch kicked off the Training school in September and Ps Peter and Ps Scott will be heading over in November/December.

Europe: (a message from Wedrats)

This year has seen more opportunities to invest key strategy, finance, and project development to assist key churches to gain momentum. Work rolls on with projects and input into the following nations. Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Armenia, Serbia and Sri Lanka. One of the benefits of having served over 10 years in the theatre of Europe for Missions, is that we can now offer considerable input with strategic thinking into many locations seeking our help. This adds another string to the bow and helps facilitation of tried and tested church planting structures in new fields.

In July Barry met with one of the key USA AOG Missions personnel in Brussels to assist them in launching a project to plant 20 new churches in Spain. They were searching for a strategy to kick start a whole new movement of church planting in a very Catholic nation, and our experience in Poland has enabled them to leapfrog many of the common mistakes and issues that cause church planting to falter and fail. Also our project model freely shared will give them multiplication and coordination which will provide a united outcome for the churches in Spain and hence a more fruitful mission.

Barry has trips planned into Sri Lanka and Ukraine before the end of this year. He is currently networking in the USA.

And Lastly our New Project: Brazil.....

Next year we are planning to send Matt and Louise Starrs to Brazil for one year.....to do and teach power evangelism. They will (hopefully) be accompanied for part of that time by Jason and Eve Cheslin and children....it is a bold step for both them and us....what an exciting day.....there will be more on this as it draws closer.

Thank you for your generous giving this past year. I am so proud to be part of a church that always looks beyond its walls.

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