



GLOBAL SHARING

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In 1982, Danny was busy planning the creation of Mission to Unreached Peoples (MUPS), headquartered in Seattle. It was a step of faith to believe that God could use a new missions agency to bring the whole gospel to the whole man throughout the whole world. Many thousands of people have come to Christ as a result of that ministry.

In 2010, Danny transitioned to lead a new organization called **Global Sharing** (GS). This too was a step of faith. GS was originally started by Rev. Roy Smith who was the missions pastor at Los Gatos Community Church in California. He started GS in order to provide funding and support for national workers who were planting churches in their own countries. Since these were the very people Danny had been mobilizing, training and placing for the past 15 years, he was thrilled to accept the presidency of this organization and lead it into the future. Danny's role is that of a visionary, believing that national missionaries will lead in the completion of the Great Commission and wants to be part of what God and they are doing. Danny also continues to serve as President Emeritus of MUPS.

The ministry that Danny was doing in Asia through MUPS was transferred to GS along with a Christian relief and development focus that he brought from his experience at both World

Concern and World Relief. Projects transferred included China, along with new endeavors in India, Kazakhstan, Romania and Malawi.

It is Danny's desire to build GS into an organization that God can use to encourage and support all the Asian missionaries who serve on the front lines of missions. They all have stories to be told and ministries that Americans should be sacrificially supporting.

Prayer requests:

- ◆ Pray for wisdom and God's guidance in overseeing this ministry.
- ◆ Pray for staff and volunteers to help support the Global Sharing efforts.
- ◆ Pray for God's financial provisions for both Danny's ministry and personal support costs.

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Danny provided the following information to further clarify his activities with GS (Jan 2011):

When I replaced Pastor Roy Smith as President, I inherited five projects that Global Sharing was already funding. These include:

1. Supporting a group of house church planters in rural **China**. I met these young people last November and was thoroughly impressed with them and the work they are doing. Although they are facing local persecution, they continue to preach the Good News to tribal people, especially the Tibetans. Pray for them to know how to respond to the persecution. They also asked for prayer as they raise up a new team on church planters to be trained in 2011.
2. Supporting a local church planting effort in **Central Asia**. One of our board members visited this area a few months ago and recommended that we stop funding this project because they've changed their focus since that project was planned. So we will not provide further funding to this group, but will look for new projects among Muslims in 2011.
3. A large part of our budget goes to support the church planting ministry of a man who works in **Romania** and now **Turkey** as well. He is a fine example of how partnering with American Christians can allow a successful local ministry to expand. God has taught him many lessons about how to establish churches in difficult areas. We want to continue to expand this work throughout this next year.
4. A local pastor in **Malawi** has been training and placing new church planters throughout his country for many years now. Global Sharing is underwriting the support of ten church planters in Malawi. Their main prayer request is for rain. They've been enduring drought for several years now, and that has affected the economy tremendously. Pray for rain and a good harvest so that people can get beyond the survival level.

I have been working on expanding the number of projects which Global Sharing will support this year and beyond. I introduced one to you last month: Mr. Z's home for the handicapped and orphans. We will continue raising support for this selfless work in **China**. I will be traveling to **India** and southern **Thailand** in February to explore building relationships with 3 new projects in these locations. The two in India are already training Indian church planters from the NE of that country. The one in southern Thailand is working among 2 unreached people groups in that area.

Later in the year, I will also be visiting the **Philippines** where a friend is working with the Aeta people, and **Malaysia/Thailand** where another friend is working with the Moken sea gypsies. I also will be going to **Indonesia** where a family is training Indonesian church planters to work among the eight unreached people groups within the Steeler family of peoples.

I ask you to pray regularly for me and the work of Global Sharing. I will continue teaching my course on Tentmaking for churches in Asia and also the new course called Discover Your Calling. I will continue vocational counseling both in the States and overseas, and ask for wisdom as I guide many toward serving their God through their vocations. I also will continue exploring ways to train and place Chinese Christians who want to serve the Lord as missionaries. Please pray also for my wife Joan whose ministry beyond supporting me is teaching first and second grade at a school in San Luis Obispo.

Remember that prayer makes ministry work. You are involved in releasing God's power to complete the Great Commission.

Thanks for all you do!

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