

THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Doug Gehman

The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts. ~ C.S. Lewis

Irrigating a desert with the hope of one day producing a garden is long term and very patient work. So too is providing education to the human soul. Missionary teachers and leaders who engage this process have no illusions about the time and patience required for the spiritual and intellectual formation of a human being. Every parent knows it takes about eighteen years to raise a child to adulthood.

In this issue, we highlight some of Globe's teachers and educators who have invested their lives in this essential task.



PAUL

went to Mexico fifty years ago to bring the Gospel to indigenous people. Today, Paul and Teresa work in Asia helping train laypeople and leaders to tell the story of the Bible to unreached people who do not read. Currently, they are helping build a Storytelling Training Center to prepare hundreds of national leaders in Biblical Storytelling.



JUDY UBICO HERNANDEZ

has spent her entire adult life, nearly five decades, working in Guatemala. Today, the Alfa y Omega Christian School she founded provides K-12 Christian education to nearly 1000 Guatemalan children. The school continues to grow and is now expanding its facilities to accommodate at least 300 more students.



CHERI THOMPSON

went to Africa with her husband in the 1970s. Rick was a college professor. While he taught in a university, Cheri began reaching out to street children. Eventually, Rick and Cheri focused together on reaching street children by providing them a safe home and a hope-filled future. That future included Christian education. Today, Challenge Farm provides hundreds of street children with a whole new life. Plans are underway to build a Christian school on the ministry's property.





MCLEAN & COLLEEN

For nearly four decades McLean and Colleen have been training Asian leaders – who come from almost every nation of South East Asia to several key centers – to prepare them for ministry in theology and Christian leadership. Their expertise in the fields of leadership, counseling, and theology have impacted hundreds of fruitful ministries in Asia.



JOHNNY & IVONNE CRUZ

Veteran Globe missionary Johnny Cruz serves as the International Director of INSTE, the Institute for Theological Education by Extension study program. INSTE provides Bible and Christian leadership training to tens of thousands of Latin Americans – from Mexico to Chile. INSTE is expanding its four-year curriculum in Brazil right now, and will eventually train nearly 50,000 Brazilians.



Other, younger Globe missionaries, have launched new education ministries in several Latin American nations.

- **STUART & EUGENIA LI** have started a Christian school in the mountain city of Jinotega, Nicaragua.
- **JOHN & JILL HUTCHINS**, are building a Christian school and daycare center for migrant workers in Costa Rica.
- **CODY & JESSICA MATHEWS** will be leaving the United States to provide biblical education to leaders in Peru, South America.



Many other Globe missionaries incorporate Christian education into their work as a vital and necessary part of reaching and serving people. From basic knowledge about God's word to training in life skills, to academic education in reading, writing, and the arts and sciences, Globe missionaries are investing their lives and their energy into the spiritual and intellectual formation of people around the world.



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