

May 31, 2017

Dear Bro. Mckey and Friends,

I hope this note finds you well and encouraged in our Lord Jesus Christ. Chris and I are doing well and our ministry here at the **Missionary Training Center** in Camdenton, Missouri is going well. We are excited to report that we had 28 new candidates graduate this month. (NOTE: For security reasons, not all of these



graduates were able to be in the class photo.) They will be concentrating on raising their support and getting out to various fields as quickly as possible. There are still about 45 students in training who will be starting their third semester in August. We are also expecting around 40 new first semester students to enter the training in the fall. You've been praying for more laborers and the Lord is answering.

Chris and I want to take this

opportunity to thank you for your faithful and generous support. I want to encourage you by letting you know that the Lord has blessed us and provided for our daily needs through you. You are truly "partners" in the ministry the Lord has given us and we count it a privilege to serve Christ here, helping to prepare these students to become effective missionaries in whatever ministries the Lord leads them to in the future.



Another exciting announcement is that **New Tribes Mission** has a new name; **Ethnos360**. The name may have changed but **the doctrinal stand, goals and core values have not changed**. You can check them out here: <https://ethnos360.org/about/what-we-believe>

The reasons for the corporate name change are given below.

### **A thriving church for every people**

Of the world's 6,500 people groups, 2,500 are still unreached. **Ethnos360**, founded in 1942 as **New Tribes Mission**, helps local churches train, coordinate and send missionaries to these peoples.

### **Why have we changed our name to Ethnos360?**

**Because we're positioning to reach a changing world.**

**Our founders had a vision for reaching the world:** *"By unflinching determination we hazard our lives and gamble all for Christ until we have reached the last tribe regardless of where that tribe might be."* (*Brown Gold* magazine, Issue 1, May 1943)

That's a far-reaching vision. A vision that represents God's heart for the world. A vision that's worth our getting passionate about and working together to make it a reality.

That vision hasn't changed, but the world has. We face new challenges, and we are learning to face them together — relying upon God to unite His people to overcome them for His glory.

**Ethnos360 is the name that anchors us to our foundations and points us to our vision.**

**Ethnos** is the "nations" that Christ referred to when He commanded His followers to "**make disciples of all nations**" (Matthew 28:19) and "...that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all the nations..." (Luke 24:47). It's the word from which we get *ethnic*, and it means people groups.

**360** represents the entirety of the globe — all 360 degrees. Our goal is to go wherever in the world is necessary to see a thriving church for every people, not only to focus on one particular type of people group.

**360** also represents the full-circle work of a Great Commission ministry. We begin with thriving churches sending believers as missionaries to an unreached people group, and keep working until there's a thriving church sending out other believers to reach the unreached.

**Our vision** is the same today as it was 75 years ago: **A thriving church for every people.** As we move forward, we'll draw from those lessons God has taught us in our 75 years of ministry to pursue new opportunities opening to us. Opportunities to reach a changing world.

**Together let's continue to embrace God's vision of reaching the whole world as we passionately pursue Him and His goals.**

**We minister among unreached people groups:**

In 2,500 of the world's 6,500 people groups, there is no indigenous, new testament church, nor is there any work being done to establish a one. These are the people among whom Ethnos360 works.

**We work in the tribal culture and language:**

These people groups' cultures and languages have isolated them from the gospel. Missionaries must learn their language and understand their culture in order to clearly present the gospel and effectively plant a church that will grow and mature.

**We present foundational Bible teaching:**

Unreached people groups have little or no concept of the God of the Bible. So Bible teaching begins at the same place God began with His chosen people: at the beginning. Chronological Bible teaching presents a foundation for understanding Jesus' death and resurrection.

**We establish mature churches:**

Following the pattern seen in Acts as God's people carried out the Great Commission, missionaries seek to establish mature churches that can take their rightful place as agents of change in their own communities and partners in the Great Commission.

Chris and I would appreciate your prayers for us and our coworkers as we make the transition to the new corporate identity. I'm sure that by now, you have received more information about these changes in the mail from our head office in Sanford, Florida. If you would like more information about this or if you have questions we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Gratefully in Christ,

*Marvin & Chris*