**STATE OF THE CHURCH**

**"Celebration...Continuation...Preparation"**

**Mark 9:2-29**

1. **CELEBRATION: Touch the World 2015**

(See slides)

Identified 20 partners in 5 continents

- Church planting

- Pastor training

- Business development

- Leadership development

- Ground breaking Bible translation project in Nepal

Compassionate Justice

- Feeding programs

- Homeless ministries

- Job Skill training

- Clean water projects

- AIDS ministry

- Human trafficking

- Prison Ministry: re-entry and restoration

- Orphanages/Orphan Care

- Disaster Relief

**YOUR RESPONSE (2011-2015)**

Shades Mission Projects 171

Individual Projects 126

Total Mission Projects 297

Total People going 6000 (+750)

38 missionary units (141 people) serving around the world

**YOUR RESPONSE (2011-2015)**

Missions Giving $13,182,000

% of Total Giving increased from 19.6% to 24.6%

(Video of the world)

***Acts 11:18***

***18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."***

***Acts 21:18-20***

***18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified God***.

(\*\*Bill Perkins come up and pray)

**II. CONTINUATION: Chapters**

1. Slide used in Discover Shades that has the overview of the program $3.5 million; $2.5 million and $1.5 million

2. $7,200,000 Goal

$5,400,000 Given

$1,800,000 Remaining

3. Debt Elimination

$ 830,000 Remaining Debt

4. Mission Advancement given $1,082,000

a) LCC – photos of church

b) LCC – photo of children’s minister (Lydia)

c) Apartment of aTeam (photo)

d) Rachel – Urban Purpose

e) Azores (3 photos)

f) Syrian Refugees in Lebanon (stock photo)

g) Living Hope AgriBusiness Training Facility (2 photos)

h) NYC church planters collage

***2 Corinthians 8:10-12, “ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.”***

**III. PREPARATION: Get closer to God**

Challenge for this week:

1. Get closer to God...pray
2. Pray for God's vision for Shades
3. Pray that you will be prepared to be used by God