



Paul & Julie Kraus Intercultural Ministries

Happy New Year



Julie and I wish you a blessed new year. In looking over this past year, we rejoice in God's favor and in our partnership together with you in the gospel. Some friends and church families have supported us since 1987 at the start of our first term, language studies in Quebec, and the Ivory Coast. Thank you so much for your untold sacrifices, countless prayers, and generous giving. We also rejoice in the explosion of Pentecostal growth in global Christianity during these years.



January 1, 2019 begins a new 4-year mission's term for me and Julie. We believe this past term (2015-2018) has been one of our best ever despite major health challenges. I continue to direct the NYMN's Intercultural Ministries Department coordinating strategic cross-cultural efforts, training, and special events. An added privilege was serving as interim AG World Missions Director for the Network (2016).

At that time, Superintendent Duane Durst challenged all three newly created NYMN mission departments: World Missions (Esther Terry), US Missions (Dave Nuzzolo) and Intercultural (Paul Kraus), to implement a working 'synergy' in order to reduce the gulf between world missions and our international family in New York. Nuzzolo refers to synergy as direct inter-cooperation stating, "We can share resources, education, information and policies, with each department contributing its specialty for the benefit of the whole."

By God's grace, I will also continue the Doctor of Applied Intercultural Studies program (DAIS) with the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS). Having finished all 12 courses, I look forward to the final research project. The study will endeavor to highlight the "far and near" of mission activities among NYC churches and use the gathered information to help create an ethnic ministries database. The academic disciplines have been a tremendous personal and spiritual blessing as well as a key to our ministry success here in NYC. The studies were also instrumental in choosing texts and shaping curriculum for the 5-course Intercultural Studies Track (NYDSOM elective program) launched in 2016.

It's fascinating to see how God has worked. In the AGUSM renewal process, we were asked to list our missionary successes for the past term. I filled several pages; too many to list here. I can see the Lord's grace in everything and especially in the great ministry team I am privileged to work with.

Together we have...

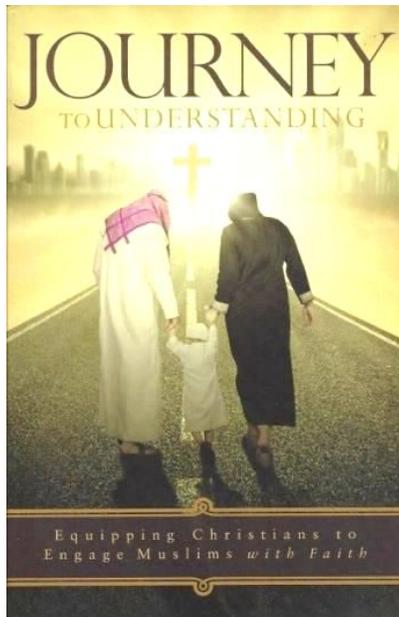
- Advanced cross-cultural studies and outreach opportunities to non-Christian cultures
- Directed a strong focus towards ministry to Muslims
- Established closer ties with national mission leaders and local ethnic representatives
- Spearheaded strategic Intercultural ministry events for all-night prayer, spiritual fellowship, cross-cultural training, and outreach collaboration for end-time harvest

Thank you for your continued prayers. I have achieved very good partial remission of an incurable Multiple Myeloma cancer, and because of God's love and tender mercies, I continue in His strength, grace, and anointing for ongoing missionary service. Julie is a wonderful caregiver.

We love and appreciate every person who has lifted us to the throne. Because of you, your faithfulness, and hopeful pursuit of this shared vision for NYC and the unreached lost, we will persevere unto victory. Thank you for standing with us.

Paul and Julie

January 2019



SAVE THE DATE!

NYC Intercultural Seminar -
Who's My Neighbor?

Saturday, APRIL 6, 2019 –
Bellerose AG

Please join us for this upcoming



The Good Samaritan - Van Gogh

NEW MINISTRY RESOURCE!

Journey to Understanding: Equipping
Christians to Engage Muslims with
Faith

A timely new work produced by Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim Peoples. Several authors contribute to help Christians share the truth about Jesus with Muslims. It provides a scriptural

seminar. Mark and Lynda Hausfeld will be our special speakers. Mark was a missionary to Pakistan, became the AGWM Area director for Central Asia, directed Global Initiative, served as president of AGTS, now serving as consultant to Global Initiative and Europe. His wife Lynda directs 'Say Hello,' an international women's ministry for Muslims through Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim Peoples.

Registration will open soon.

framework for dealing with attitudes and love. It presents a rare form of wisdom, the type that Jesus used, in dealing with questions often posed by the opposition as traps to make Christians look foolish. It highlights the power of 'story' telling, and we all have one. It offers a clear picture of power encounter, and finally, it outlines Christian beliefs in order to better disciple new converts. I recommend this book to every Christian for everyday living as well as cross-cultural evangelism.

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Paul serves the Assemblies of God in New York as the Intercultural Director for the New York Ministry Network. Prior to that, Paul and his wife Julie served as AG World Missionaries for 20 years, mostly in the French-speaking country of Ivory Coast. In 2007, the Kraus family answered God's new call and the Network's invitation to minister to the growing foreign populations and unreached people groups in New York City. Paul and Julie are both U.S. Missionaries for Intercultural Ministries and are both ordained with the NY Ministry Network.

