Geeta (Grace) Mondol, class of 1991, grew up in a conservative Hindu family in Kanpur, a city in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, India. Her father is a very successful businessman and her mother a homemaker. She describes her family as a “joint family,” meaning that her father and one of his brothers, along with their families, lived together with his parents (Geeta's grandparents) in one compound.

Geeta says she enjoyed living in a joint family—with her two sisters and brother, plus her six cousins. “We grew up listening to the stories of how my grandparents and parents came to India, after the partition of India and Pakistan,” said Geeta. “My grandparents were the oral history books for us, teaching us Hindu scripture, stories of life, and connecting the whole family together.” Geeta enjoyed learning from them, though, admittedly, she struggled with her grandmother's view of males being superior to females. “Reading Hindu scripture was something else I liked to do,” she said. “I was searching for a personal God, which prompted many debates with my father over what was ‘right’ and ‘good.’” During her grade school years, as a result of her search, she began to have serious questions about her family's faith. After graduating from high school, Geeta left Kanpur and enrolled at Indraprastha College in New Delhi, India's capital city.

Enter the word “leadership” into any Internet dictionary, and you will get a definition that mostly has to do with “rule” and “power.” If the word is entered into an online thesaurus, it will come up with dozens of synonyms, including absolutism, authority, dominion, grasp, supervision, supremacy, control, might and many other words that conjure up visions of a leadership style where those who follow provide for the leader. However, add the word “Christian” in front of leadership, and the opposite becomes reality—the leader provides for the followers.

As a ministry-focused Christian leadership college, Kuyper trains and equips Christian leaders for a life of service. What Kuyper seeks to do is summarized by the words of Jesus in Mark 10:43-45—“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to...”
Living on the “frontiers of faith” is so often a story of extremes: overwhelming challenge answered by overwhelming blessing. The “frontier,” as I’ve experienced it, is when you’re out of the context of familiar surroundings or personal control and you know the only help or rescue you can expect must come directly from God. It is the point at which there is no sense of mystery or magic at work; it is a quiet understanding that it is simply The Truth.

My wife, Gloria, and I first experienced this astounding reality several times when we served on the mission field in Mexico. There were points where, for us or for close friends, He moved us to know that life’s challenges came down to a simple fact: either God steps in or the situation isn’t going to turn around. And, He not only turned situations around, but He turned us around as well, teaching us a deeper lesson of what childlike faith is actually like to experience.

The stories in this Kuyper College News remind me of those experiences in our lives. These are stories of people coming to know personally the truth of Zechariah 4:6 where the Lord says it is “not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit.” It is amazing to see what happens when God’s Spirit is displayed across the stage of human powerlessness!

There is something about being moved to and living on the frontier that brings our spiritual awareness to a new level. When there is no other recourse, there is only God. And what is amazing is that it is such a beautiful place to be…and it’s a wonder that we resist being there by the way we like to normally live our lives—“me in control.” I’m glad I was reminded of this again through the witnesses featured in the following stories. I hope you are encouraged too in your frontier experiences, simply knowing that in every situation The Truth is ready to be revealed to you.

Dr. Nicholas V. Kroeze
President

The power of prayer

Barbarita (Davis) Lee, class of 2002 and a church planter for Christian Reformed World Missions in Tijuana, Mexico, spoke on the power of prayer during a chapel service at Kuyper.

Lee credited her call to missions in Mexico to very specific prayers that she prayed for a long time. “I came to know Christ when I was 21,” said Lee. “Right after that, I began to pray about going into the mission field.” Lee began contacting mission agencies, and despite her eager enthusiasm, she ran into many dead ends. However, one of her letters found its way to Dr. Dick Van Halsema, president of RBC from 1966 to 1987, who wrote Lee encouraging her to spend a summer ministering in Mexico. Lee agreed. “I learned to be a Christian that summer because God was the only one I could rely on,” recalled Lee. “After my summer of ministry, I prayed and prayed, and even though finances were a major issue, I trusted God and enrolled at the College,” she said.

While at the College she continued to feel God’s call to be a missionary and began praying for a Spanish-speaking husband. After a few months, she met James Lee, class of 2001, who, though Korean, spoke fluent Spanish. James and Barbarita married in 2001.

As she concluded, Lee challenged the students to tell God what they want for their lives. “The more you seek Him and enjoy Him, He will replace your desire with His desire,” she explained. “He changed me to want His will for my life.”

Lee is also thankful for Kuyper’s influence in her life. “What did Kuyper give me besides a husband and a diploma?” she asked. “I did not come from a Reformed background, but Kuyper gave me a Reformed worldview. The idea that our faith touches the whole of our life impacted me. In Tijuana, there are drug wars and dirty needles on the street. However, it is comforting to look at the fact that God claims every place on this earth. Kuyper taught me about this hope!”
Conference attendees also heard from Rebecca McDonald, president of Women At Risk International (W.A.R.), who shared during one of the conference’s sessions how many women throughout the world are at risk because unscrupulous individuals tend to prey on them, the most vulnerable people in their culture. McDonald stated W.A.R. International is working to create safe places for people where the worth of Jesus Christ can be whispered into their hearts. W.A.R. helps women by rescuing them and teaching them the life skills necessary to survive on their own. In addition, they maintain relationships with local governments to ensure vigilance against exploitation of women. And finally, they are committed to raising awareness of the issue on a worldwide basis.

Tim Nolan, a Bethany Christian Services Refugee Foster Care case worker, led a session entitled “The Truth behind Child Slavery.” “Whenever a large natural disaster occurs, traffickers spring into action,” said Nolan. “In Haiti, there were 380,000 orphans prior to the earthquake. Now we are getting reports of children disappearing in droves,” he added.

Staff from The Hope Project, a faith-based, nonprofit entity which seeks to eliminate human trafficking and to facilitate in the recovery of victims, also made presentations during the conference. During a conference session, Martin asked the audience to think of words to describe the way that they were feeling. Audience members came up with words such as evil, unfair, sick, broken, hopeless, challenged, angry, and fearful. Martin then asked the audience to think of passages of Scripture that could “provide a cover” for the words they had called out. One audience member said John 16:33 to cover the word “broken”—“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Another pointed to Colossians 1:13 for the word “evil”—“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.” Other suggestions included 1 John 4:18 for “fear,” Ephesians 6:12-13 for “challenged,” and Psalm 42:11 for “hopeless.” Martin closed with a passage from Jeremiah 22:16—“He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me? declares the LORD.”

“This is what is desired to be said of us, of our generation,” said Martin. “We need to take action and have hope.”

Four years of sustained growth

Just four short years ago on a sunny May morning in 2006, the Kuyper College sign went up at the East Beltline entrance to the College. Back then, Kuyper offered 17 majors to its student body. Today, Kuyper’s academic offerings have almost doubled, as it offers 30 majors to a student body that has grown by an average of ten percent per year over the last four years. During this time, Kuyper also literally “jumped” into men’s and women’s basketball by joining the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). And during the fall of this year, the sports program will be expanded by adding women’s volleyball and men’s soccer.

What does this continual growth mean for the present and future of the College? Sometimes growth for the sake of numbers can lead to a loss of mission, vision and values. Kuyper’s growth has been strategically and carefully planned to ensure that, as a ministry-focused Christian leadership College, we continue to carefully expand as we remain true to the purpose of our being—bringing God’s grace into today’s culture.

An example of this orderly, mission and vision-centered expansion is represented by one of our new programs—the sports ministry major—which integrates with the Bible/theology major and the communications minor to holistically train and equip students to engage the current culture through the avenue of athletics and intentional relationships that embody the gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, all of these increases in student enrollment and expansion of offerings have also brought a marked increase in costs. At Kuyper, we do not want costs to stand in the way of young people who want to answer God’s call to serve Him as Christian leaders throughout the world. Therefore, in order to keep our tuition at approximately $6,000 less than that of comparable Christian colleges, we have to rely on the gifts and contributions of God’s people. We are grateful for people like you, who, whether able to give $10 or $100, or even 100 times that—that are at the core of the Kuyper giving family—a people whose generosity pleases the heart of God.

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Some months after going into hiding, she had the opportunity to enroll in a Bachelor of Divinity program at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Dehradun, hundreds of miles from her parental home. However, as the situation between Geeta and her family grew more tense, she felt the need to completely get away, and was invited to accompany the missionary family she was living with in India on a trip to the United States. While in the States, she received the news that Kuyper was willing to give her an International Student Scholarship. Two years later, Geeta graduated from the College with a Bachelor of Religious Education.

“When I came to Kuyper I was placed in the middle of a Christ-centered environment that cared about the students’ lives and ministry,” said Geeta. “I was especially blessed by having professors who understood my situation and my struggles, and who made allowances for my idiosyncrasies. They also took the time to help me work through the class subject matter from my cultural perspective.”

According to Geeta, academically the school was different from anything she had experienced. “Teaching was a much more informal affair,” she said, “but also more intense.” However, what made the greatest impact on her was the love and care that she received at the school. “The thoughtfulness and generosity of everyone can only come from brothers and sisters in Christ,” she said. “I remember an anonymous package placed outside my room containing a warm fleece jacket. Also, the new boots and winter clothing provided by faculty members and others to help me face the frigid Michigan winters.” Yet, Geeta said there was a far greater lesson she took away from Kuyper. “I learned,” she said, “that the people who need grace the most are sometimes the ones we think deserve it least. So, today when I come across people who are very difficult, I think of myself during those times at Kuyper and ask myself, ‘What if everyone had given up on me?’”

After returning to India, Geeta realized that she needed a more practical academic degree to get a job. Based on what she calls “a very good experience working at the College library with Dianne Zandbergen,” she returned to school and received a B.A. in Library Sciences. With her degree in hand, she became the librarian at a private Christian school for international students. She also accepted a proposal of marriage from Raaj Mondol, a student she had met years before at Jawaharlal University. Shortly thereafter, Geeta and her family reconciled to some degree, and she asked them to follow the customary procedure of “looking” at her future groom. Both Raaj and Geeta had agreed that if her parents refused to accept him, then they would not marry. They strongly believed that if their marriage was of God, it would take place. “My parents approved of Raaj, and we were married in a church ceremony, an amazing blessing of the Lord, as I was given away by my father,” she said.

Almost a year after their wedding, Samarpan Amos was born to the Mondols. Three years later, they celebrated the birth of their second son, Saday Enoch. It was only after Saday was born that Geeta realized that Samarpan was not developing properly. In addition, as a student in a mainstream school, Samarpan was struggling, and the Mondols were receiving complaints on a regular basis from teachers and parents of other children regarding his behavior. At the age of 8, after two years of trying to get
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Geeta Mondol—India

a proper diagnosis, Samarpan was finally diagnosed with high functioning autism. “When we got the diagnosis, I felt relief,” said Geeta. “I finally knew what I was battling against.”

The news started Geeta on a journey. “I tried to find out as much as I could about autism, attending every workshop and seminar I could, as well as reading every article and research document available,” she said. When she felt a distinct call of God to work with autistic children, she remembers bristling. “I could barely cope with my son,” she said. “How could I work with other children like him?” Then I bargained with God: ‘I will work with no more than four children.’ Still God would not give me any quarter.” In a very significant “burning bush” experience, Geeta says that God spoke to her about her disobedience. “I bowed before Him and finally said yes,” she said. When Geeta went to Samarpan’s school seeking to withdraw him, she shared her plans with the principal. “The principal asked me to open a section in that very school that would deal with students with disabilities,” she said. As head of the section on special education, Geeta learned about administration, teaching special needs children, counseling parents and providing support to them. After two-and-a-half years she left to start a biblically-based program called the Ashish Centre—Ashish means blessing—which provides complete intervention as well as training and counseling to parents. It also provides training to school teachers on how to be sensitive to differently-abled students. On April 2007, the Ashish Centre opened its doors with 12 students. Today, it serves 38 students, aged 3-25. Besides the Ashish Centre, Geeta heads the Sneh Sadan community project, which serves children from very poor families. In addition, they assist mentally challenged destitute women aged 20 to 60 in receiving vocational education and other therapies.

“It is God's grace alone which gives us the humble joy of seeing miracles every day,” said Geeta—“A mother, who once was ready to kill her child, becomes a trainer and helps support other mothers, or a child starts communicating for the first time, and another who no longer needs help feeding himself. Watching our students win gold medals at the Special Olympics, and as a mother, seeing my oldest son go to the market all by himself to buy batteries—these are some of my greatest moments.” However, there are difficult times as well. “Wondering every month whether there are enough funds to pay staff salaries, or having to say, ‘I'll see if we can,’ to a parent who threatens to kill her child unless we can take her into the school—these are the kinds of tough decisions that we have to make every day,” she said.

Through highs and lows Geeta always goes back to Isaiah 49:2-3, her life verse: “He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.’”

“So I wait—polished—in His quiver, ready to be shot at the right time, by God, my archer,” she said.

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be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” How, then, does Kuyper teach and equip its students to live this kind of life? What do the programs that seek to produce ministry-focused Christian leaders look like at Kuyper?

Kuyper seeks to train and equip students for a life of service through a purposeful and integrated combination of carefully developed curriculum, biblical and theological application, and Spirit-led course work. Kuyper’s program has been developed first to ensure that in every class, every teaching moment, and in every interaction with faculty and staff, students see, sense and learn of the empowering Spirit of God, which ultimately gives them the desire, the ability and the skills to lead by serving others. And, second, the program is designed so students will not only gain intellectual course work knowledge, but that as a result of their relationship and surrender to God, they will gain strength of heart and character. The latter can only be developed by the transformational power that comes from submission to Christ, which is manifested throughout the world by influential Christian servant-leadership at home, at church, in the community, in the workplace, and to the ends of the earth.
Haiti earthquake—eyewitness account

On Tuesday, January 12, one of the most devastating earthquakes in modern-day history hit the small Caribbean country of Haiti. The earthquake killed over 230,000 people, left 300,000 injured, and over 1,000,000 people lost their homes. For close to 20 years Ruth (Postma) Van Dam, class of 1988, and her husband Howard, have been serving with Christian Reformed World Missions in Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital. Following are three e-mails from the Van Dams relating their first-person experiences.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 5:47 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 5:47 p.m.

Thank you all for writing and sharing your concerns. I want you to know that we are physically fine. It was a terrifying night of aftershock after aftershock. We joined our neighbors trying to get some sleep in the street last night. The people in the ravine beside our house were praising and singing to God all night long. Still this morning we feel aftershocks, but just slight ones.

We are now beginning to clean up our home slowly. There is a lot of damage. We’re not sure if it’s actually livable. Both our water cisterns, without which we have no water access, have leaked out all the water. We have walls broken down outside our house and serious cracks inside. Please pray for wisdom as we decide what to do. We are hearing reports from friends and co-workers. Most are fine, and we are so thankful. But we have also heard some horror stories and we are burdened.

Please keep praying. Pray that we will find peace and feel safe.

Saturday, January 16, 2010, 6:58 p.m.

Dear Family,

In the midst of the terrible suffering of the Haitian people after Tuesday’s earthquake, we give thanks to God for the grace he has given us. All expatriate staff members of our mission have been accounted for. Our families are doing well, but are still a little shaken up from the experience, as is everyone. We have not heard from a few of our Haitian staff members, nor do we have news of all of the staff of the Haitian partner organizations we work with. Over the next few days we will be attempting to make contact with as many people as possible. But at this point, it is difficult because the phone connections are either down or overloaded with traffic. We can hear many large transport planes landing and taking off from the Port-au-Prince airport, so there is beginning to be evidence of a relief response to this tragedy. One bit of good news: an engineer stopped by yesterday to examine a couple of the missionary houses that sustained damage. He told us that despite cracks in the walls, they were structurally sound.

Please pray for the following:
1. Patience and wisdom for decisions about the next steps for mission staff and ministries. A team has been appointed by our mission to make decisions about staff security in Haiti. Some plans are coming together for relief projects, but they depend on how things develop the next few days.
2. Trust and faith in God’s provision for our lives. Currently, our missionary families have adequate amounts of food, fuel, water and other supplies. We remain hopeful for basic services to be available in the coming days and weeks.
3. Opportunities to contact our Haitian staff, partners and friends that we have not heard from.
4. Coordination for efforts to deliver food and water to the suffering Haitian people.

Thanks for your prayers!

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 3:54 a.m.

Since January 12, our small world has been turned upside down. At 5:12 p.m. that day, a 7.1 earthquake rocked the entire city of Port-au-Prince and beyond. As you can imagine, the destruction is overwhelming, from the national palace to Catholic cathedrals, to universities which were in full session, to businesses, banks, schools, churches, electrical lines, to individual homes and even water cisterns. Massive piles of rubble and buildings, ready to fall over, are major obstacles throughout the city where certain areas were hit harder than others. In some areas, as much as 80% lies in ruins. Even though our neighborhood is relatively unharmed, our house sustained significant damage—several sections of our outer walls collapsed, our cistern cracked, along with new cracks in almost every room in the house. As I drive around the city, I am humbled that our family and our house survived. So many people didn’t have a chance to escape their dwellings when the earthquake hit.

With the death toll now over 120,000, it seems like every person knows of one or more who has died. We are still grieving the loss of one young man, Caleb Petit Homme. Caleb worked with the CRC of Haiti, overseeing their youth ministry. He was an incredible leader who had a real servant’s heart. The number of injured is also staggering—now over 200,000. One of our Haitian co-workers, Arielle, sustained a broken leg. Arielle has a newborn, and from what I heard, her brother found the baby in the rubble, uninjured. (As I write this, we just had another aftershock.)

There are some amazing stories of people surviving the earthquake.

After weathering the first couple of days, our staff has focused on emergency relief work. We were able to purchase food and tarps from warehouses here in Port-au-Prince, and with the partner organization’s assistance, we have begun to distribute these to neighborhoods throughout the city. CRWRC has also sent down a team of four international response managers to help coordinate some of our relief efforts. They are currently assessing where CRWRC could best assist families and communities in the long-term recovery process. Many trips have been made to Leogane, which was close to the epicenter. We ask that you continue to pray for the nation of Haiti.

Thank you for your prayers.
Liberia
Kuyper College Professor Greg Scott taught a two-week course—Social Work Interviewing Skills—this past January at Mother Pattern College of Health and Science in Liberia, West Africa. The social work program at Mother Pattern was developed three years ago through a partnership between Kuyper and Calvin College.

Urbana Missions Conference
This past December, several Kuyper students attended the five-day Annual Urbana Missions Conference for North American College Students in St. Louis, Missouri. There, they learned about critical global mission issues from dynamic teachers and worshipped with thousands in one of the most diverse gatherings in North America.

Passion Twenty Ten Conference
The Passion Conference, an annual gathering of students between the ages of 18 and 25, seeks to unite young Christians and give them opportunities for worship and spiritual growth. This year, several Kuyper students joined over 20,000 young people in Atlanta, Georgia, for four days of workshops, worship and praise sessions.

Kuyper Choir Leads Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
The Kuyper College Choir, under the direction of C.J. Kingdom-Grier of Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, led students, faculty and staff in a chapel service celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

New Spring Session Courses
Kuyper College is now offering over a dozen spring session courses ranging from Old Testament Survey to Field Ecology in Yellowstone National Park. Day classes run for three weeks (May 3-21), while evening classes run for five weeks (May 25-June 25). Classes are open to the public. For more information or to register, call the Kuyper Academic Office at 1-800-511-3749.

Nick Krooze Article in the Banner
Kuyper College President Nick Krooze wrote a feature article—“Our Need for Beauty: How It Connects Us to God and Each Other”—for the March 2010 issue of the Banner, a monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church.

Kuyper College Spring Celebration Gala 2010
Kuyper’s Spring Celebration Gala will be held on Monday, April 19 at Noto’s Old World Dining in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Proceeds from this annual event help the College provide students with the financial support they need as they prepare to follow God’s call. Admission is free, but reservations are necessary. For information, e-mail events@kuyper.edu or call Marrilee Chamberlain at 616-988-3709.

Kuyper International Golf Tournament
This year Kuyper’s International Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 30 at the Watermark Country Club. For information, e-mail events@kuyper.edu or call Marrilee Chamberlain at 616-988-3709.

Marriages:
Rob Bergman (2009) and Stephanie VanderHeide (2010) were married December 19, 2009.
Jeremy Van Woerden (2009) and Jules Maljaars were married January 8, 2010.

Births:
Josh (2002) and Susan (Burman) Coossen (2003) were blessed with the birth of Clarissa Joy on August 31, 2009.
Al (2001) and Lisa (Walters) Gemmen (2005), along with big brother Josiah, welcomed Gideon Kilu Alan, born February 16, 2009 in Ethiopia, into their family on September 13, 2009.
Aaron (2005) and Michelle Greydanus, along with siblings Ariana and Caleb, welcomed home Eliot (Eli) Robert on October 15, 2009.
Doug (1994) and Carmine Nieuwstraten, along with their daughters Leah and Bethany, welcomed Jared Daniel into the family on October 10, 2009.
Jon (2005) and Becca Stevens, along with big brother Elijah, welcomed Evan Luke on October 10, 2009.
Nathan (2006) and Rebecca (Palmer) VanderMolen (2005), along with big sister Lydia, welcomed Joanna Joy into their family on November 1, 2009.

Homegoings:
Argyl “Arg” Loomans (1966) went to be with his Lord on Wednesday morning, September 30, 2009, at the age of 81.
Geraldine “Gerry” Vandenberg (1950) passed away Friday, October 23, 2009, at the age of 86.
Richard Weeks (1966) passed away Friday, October 2, 2009, at the age of 63, after a courageous battle with cancer.
Born in the northern city of Kabala, Sierra Leone, West Africa, Joseph grew up as the second oldest of four brothers in a loving and nurturing Christian home. “For 28 years, until he retired, my father was director, under Christian Reformed World Missions, of the literacy and of the micro-loan programs for all of Sierra Leone, and my mother presently leads the CRC women’s fellowship in our home church. So, growing up with the Bible as my guide was very natural to me,” said Joseph. He remembers the times at home of having meals together and then studying the Bible and praying. He also remembers one of the family’s favorite past times—going fishing for tilapia on the Bagbay River.

During the summer after finishing high school, while waiting to start college to pursue a degree in business, Joseph worked as an on-air announcer for a radio station call-in program targeting young people with music. “It was during this time that my eyes were opened to the power that radio has to shape the thinking and attitudes of young people,” said Joseph. Sensing a calling from God to evangelism, Joseph recalls telling his father that he wanted to become a minister. His father replied that if Joseph felt that this was the will of God for his life, he would give him his full support. His father also told Joseph that going to the United States to receive his biblical education would be best. “A friend of my father in Grand Rapids suggested Kuyper College, so I came to the United States not knowing anything about the culture, the people, the food or the weather,” said Joseph. “I remember seeing snow for the first time,” he added, “and beyond the excitement I felt as the flakes came down, a Scripture verse from Isaiah—‘though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow’—took on new meaning for me. I also was so warmly received by everyone at Kuyper, that I quickly felt as if I was at home.” At Kuyper, the experiences that Joseph had during that summer at the radio station back home grew into passion for what he saw as a means to evangelize whole new generations of young people in West Africa. “I believe that the technical and biblical education that I’ve received at Kuyper will allow me to start a radio station in Kabala,” said Joseph, “a radio station that, on a 24-hour-a-day basis, can reach a listening audience of over 1,000,000 people with the gospel of Christ through music, teaching and Bible studies.”

Joseph has a good start. Through the sacrificial giving of 19 different local churches, land for the station has been purchased on the highest hill in Kabala. “These churches are poor, but they gave so we could place the station transmitting tower on a higher elevation and be able to transmit a clearer and farther signal,” said Joseph. According to him, an access road has already been built. In addition, a radio engineer for a U.S. based radio ministry has offered to set up all the tower and radio equipment once the radio station is built. Though the total cost of $50,000 is a figure almost impossible to imagine in Sierra Leone, Joseph is sure that God will provide the funds. He explained: “God brought me here. He used Kuyper to teach me and give me a vision. The land has been purchased, the road to the top of the hill has been built, and an engineer with years of experience has offered to set it up. Now we only need the equipment and the building so we can begin sharing the gospel every day with over one million people. In Sierra Leone, $50,000 is a major fortune…but not to God.”