



Randy grew up in a nominal Christian home and began following Jesus and Savior as a freshman at North Dakota State University. Within the first week his new Christian friends were training him to share his faith in Jesus. His first Bible study was "Witnessing for Jesus." In one of his first witnessing experiences a friend asked the question, "What happens to those who have never heard?" Romans 10:14-15 spoke to his heart. He wanted to be one who brings the good news of Jesus to those who had not heard and make disciples among the nations. He shared the gospel with lost friends and prayed for missionaries. He began to learn about unreached people groups and to pray for peoples he had never known before.

In the midst of Randy's studies, a friend asked him to travel and visit missionaries around the world. One of his first stops was in Japan. He still remembers talking with a Japanese student and realizing that he had *never even heard* of Jesus before. This deeply impacted Randy. He wanted to bring Jesus to those who had little or no opportunity to learn of the Savior.

God gave Randy a wife (Debbie) who also has a heart for the nations. They joined a parachurch organization (The Navigators) and worked with them for over 25 years, serving in university ministries in the US and then with a traveling ministry to the Soviet Union. They partnered with others to begin Navigator ministries in Central Asia with Muslims. Randy led others in strategically thinking how to share the Gospel so it would flow out among the Central Asian peoples.

After almost thirteen years in Central Asia, they joined Common Ground in 2006. This organization's mission is to train and equip others to more lovingly and effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus to and among Muslim peoples. Randy has traveled to twenty-five countries around the world training others to effectively bring the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom to Muslim peoples.