

February 2024 – Sophia Update

Hello, friends and family. I want to update those who have encouraged and supported us during our effort to make and strengthen disciples at home and in other countries.

Some have given to Sophia Fellowship based on counseling sessions, and some have donated to support the ministry or both. Either way, I wanted you to know where your money has gone. To date, 100% of it has gone to training church leaders in biblical counseling and discipleship. We continue to encourage and be encouraged by believers in Nepal, Nicaragua, Mozambique, and Pakistan.

Shana and I keep our hearts open to what God is doing and where this work is needed.

Recently, I heard from Pradip in Nepal. We hung out on WhatsApp, laughing about how God needed six days of silence and 40 days to get across to Moses (people), yet his creation took him only six days. Since Pradip's training in biblical counseling, we have often talked and shared experiences. We learn from those we teach and one another. Pradip and many leaders will head to the mountains this Saturday to worship and pray. Please keep them in your prayers as well. They must move out of their church building and ask for wisdom and God's provision.

In Nicaragua, we are working closely with Water with Blessings and the Katy Beth Carter Memorial Institute to train local women to filter and distribute clean water throughout their communities. All the money has been raised, so training and the implementation will be in March. We are excited to watch this take place. This entire project will be managed and run by locals. We also continue to pray about training a second pastor in biblical counseling and discipleship.

We continue to train online church leaders in Mozambique and pray for four churches to become "sending" churches. God willing, we will visit there again soon to see this training take hold. The amount of love, faith, and power demonstrated in these churches is so encouraging. We pray our partnership with them will lead to growth there and here. Those involved here in the United States who are connected to them through prayer and support will indeed be blessed. Please see the Mozambique Report to learn about the violence and displacement happening at the moment. Contact us to learn more about what we can do as a community to help.

To donate or get involved, click on "Take Action" button at the top right of the page. You can also reach out to Shana or me.

If you do donate, you will see the link to IXO Global. IXO Global is an organization that helps ministries like ours focus on their calling, while IXO handles the platform to collect money, reimburse expenses, and manage receipts, taxes, and nonprofit board and bylaw requirements.