



## **SPRING 2021**

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## Dear Partners and Friends...

Greetings from FGCU & Florida Southwestern State College,

"Faithful is He who calls you, and He will bring it to pass." I Thess 5:24 -NASB

**ECCLESIASTES 3:11** starts out saying, "He has made everything beautiful in its time." A year ago I began my letter to you with Ecc3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Covid 2020-2021 has absolutely been a long season, but like Isaac in Gen 26:12, we have chosen to sow in famine and like in Jesus' parable of Mar 4:26-28 and the Apostle Paul's lesson in ICo 3:6 we have seen God be faithful. So we can offer up thanksgiving in the echo of that classic hymn, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, confessing, "All I have needed Thy hand hath provided."

**PLANTING IN FAMINE.** Farming is not an instant process. There is a planting season, a growing season and a harvest season. A farmer has need of patience (Heb 10:36). Some, in this season, have grown weary and are folding their tents- or are holding back seed from the field until a more favorable season, but we have chosen to plant, by faith, seeing a fruitful future (Ecc 11:4). We have invested in technologies like "Insta" gram and "Zoom" (catch the instant generation words?). We also continued virtual community Bible studies to equip students in evangelism and discipleship skills, because we want to shepherd well and because there is a revival coming! We attended several virtual national training conferences including one on chapter planting because we believe that God wants to expand to more campuses in future seasons. As Winter turned to the first glimpse of Spring, we were delighted our nursing students were cleared to be able to hold our first outdoor community health screening event. Harvest season is coming (Mar 4:29)! Please keep us in prayer as we seek God on His strategy for the Summer and the upcoming academic year.

WORLD CHANGERS. This issue's World Changer is FGCU Professor and IV/NCF faculty advisor Tina Ellis. Tina's IV history began with her undergraduate student membership in our chapter at Cal State University at Chico. Tina holds an MS and certification in transcultural nursing from the University of California and served with the U.S. Peace Corp and on the *Mercy Ships* before coming to *FGCU*. Two of Tina's NCF students have been selected as FGCU Nursing Students of the Year. Tina has led short term student medical mission trips to Guatemala that have literally saved lives, limbs and babies.

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. Thank You for your faithful partnership with us in our ministry to college students. If you have not done so yet this year, please consider making a generous donation to our ministry before fiscal year end, June 30th, 2021.

Your Campus Missionary, Bill





Virtual Rose Outreach 2021







Virtual Winter Conference 2021



Nursing students conduct medical screening outreach.



FGCU World Changer Professor Tina Ellis and nursing student teach nutrition class in Guatemala.