



Better Together (5)

THE HARVEST CELEBRATION
(DEC. 28, 2025)

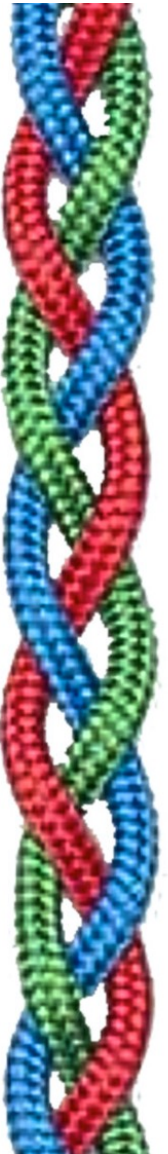
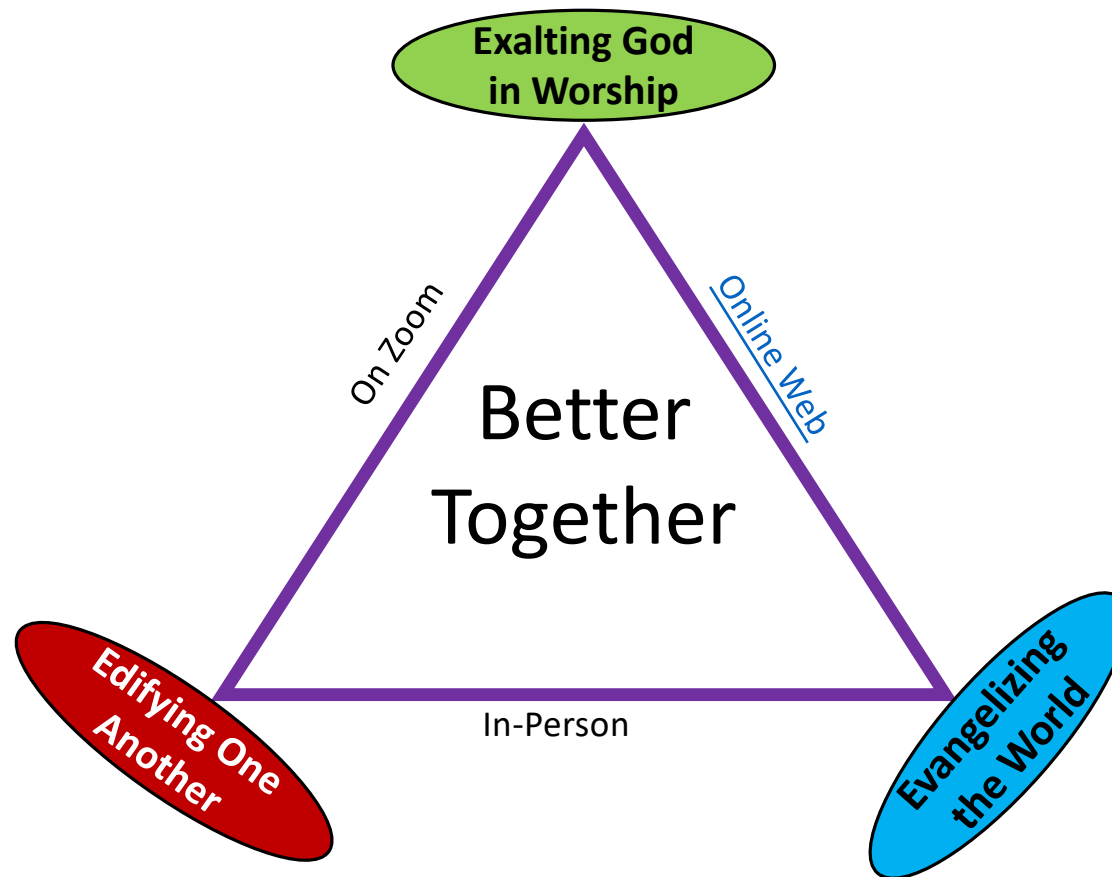
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Shalom Grove 2025 Theme: Better Together

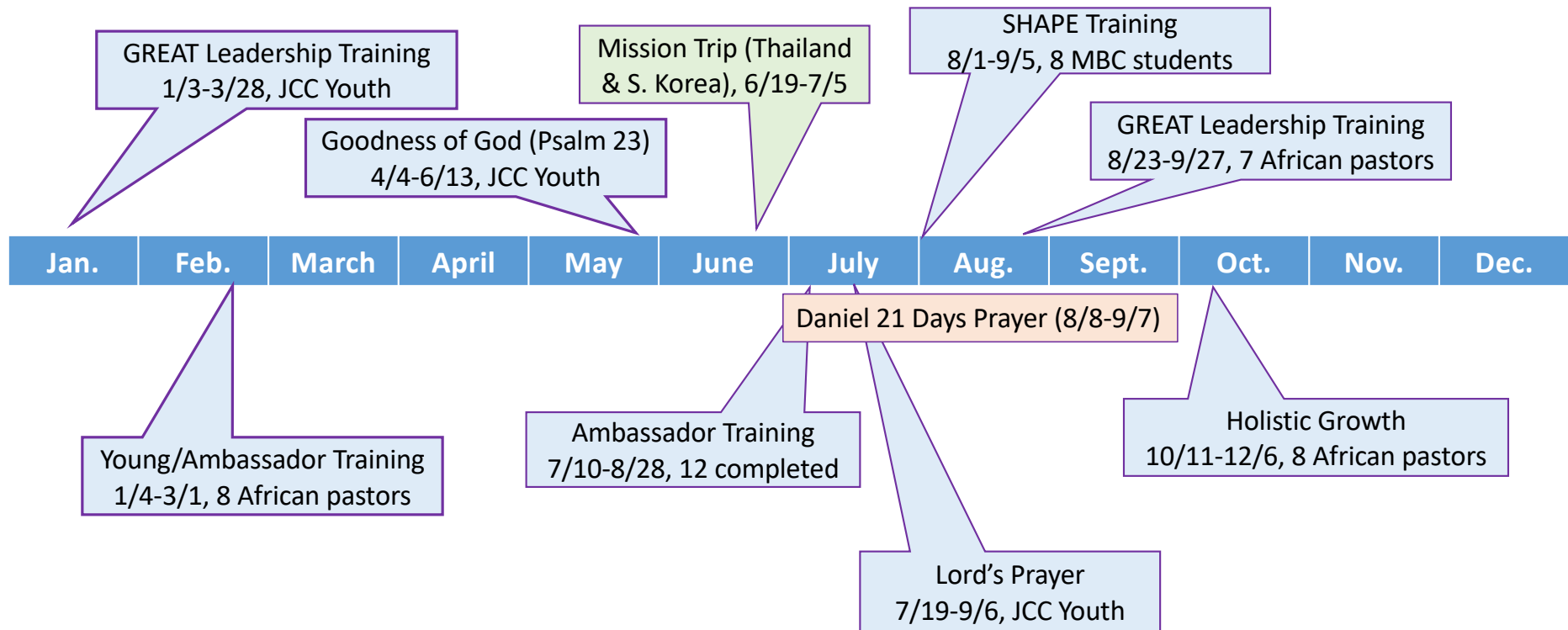
- The theme of 2025
 - A cord of three strands is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12)
- The Rule of Three
 - The number three (Gimel in Hebrew) refers to divine fullness, completeness, perfection.
 - **Trinity**: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14).
 - **Jesus' ministry**: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people (Matthew 4:23).
 - **Prayer**: I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit (3 John 2, NLT).
 - **Loving God**: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37).

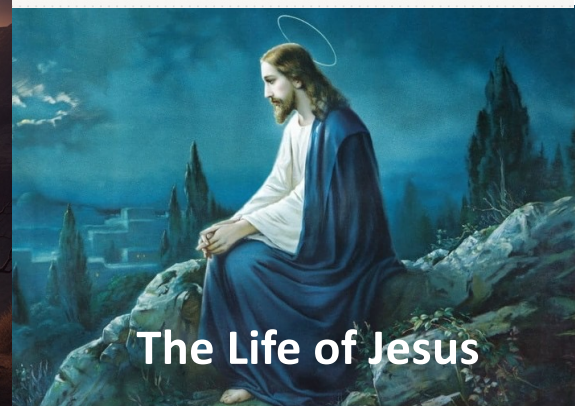
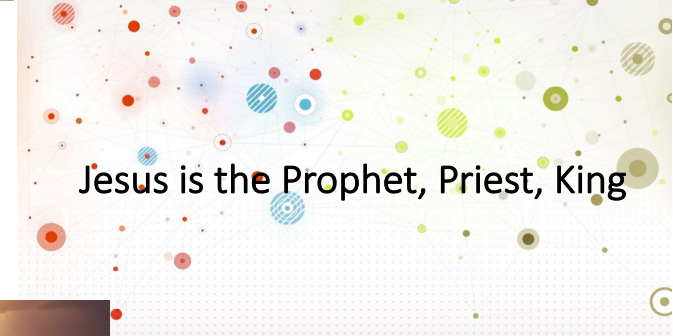


Three Strands of the 2025 Ministry



What We have Done in 2025





Shalom Ministries International 2025

- Vision into action

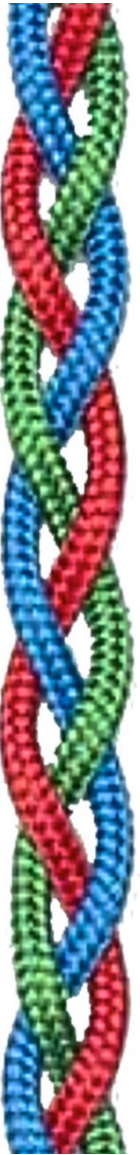
- Practice three commitment: exalting God, edifying one another, evangelizing the world together
- We will partner with 25 countries by sending out 25 ambassadors of God by the year 2025.
- Regularly hosting online worship services with at least 30 participants.



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- Reflecting on the seeds planted during the year of 2025

- We reached 20 countries, 35 ambassadors as of 2025.
- 15-20 people regularly attended in the Zoom worship + 10 regularly participated in the training programs.
- Teaching 8 courses (110 people participated in) by pastor Lee.
- Teaching, mission projects by Shalom Global Partners.
- This year, we have cultivated a faithful community and laid the cornerstone; from this foundation, we shall rise to meet the goals God has set before us.



Appreciating Shalom Global Partners

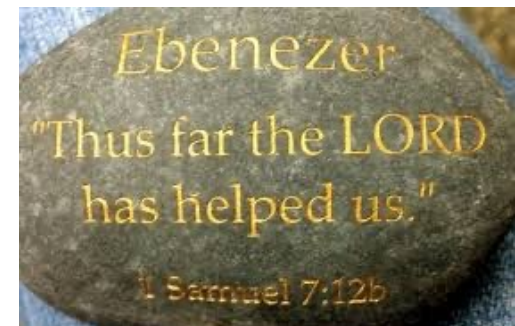


- Shalom Global Partners
 - Shalom Global Partners are committed Christian leaders who partner with Shalom Ministries International and serve as a living 'Ebenezer' in their nation, commissioned to transform their community into a testimony of God's peace through the strategic advancement of the Gospel.
 - I honor our Shalom Global Partners who served across Africa and Asia during a year of unprecedented challenge.
- The Gospel impact
 - Our mission work together across Africa/Asia has been more than a collaboration; it has been a testimony of God's faithfulness.
 - Thanks for all your faithful work to advance God's kingdom: 1) preaching the gospel and baptizing new converts; 2) conducting educational programs continually (such as GREAT, SHAPE, and Ambassador programs); and 3) initiating mission projects (street evangelism) to share the Word of God throughout the year 2025.

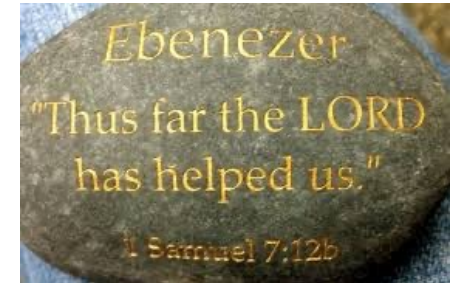


The Harvest Celebration

- What goals did you set for 2025?
 - Reflecting on your journey this year, what is one blessing or victory you can celebrate, and what is one challenge you must continue to bring before God?
 - If God was faithful up to this point, why would He stop now? As you look toward 2026, name one fear you are ready to lay down at the base of His altar.



Ebenezer Sunday



- Samuel subdued the Philistines at Mizpah
 - While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:10-12).
- Eben (stone), Ezer (help)
 - When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep (Genesis 28:11).
 - But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay (Psalm 70:5).



Raising Your Ebenezer

- Memorial stones recognizing God's faithfulness in difficult times
 - 12 stones (Gilgal): Crossing of Jordan River (Joshua 4).
 - Jacob's pillar (Bethel): Dream of heavenly ladder (Genesis 28).
 - Ebenezer stone (Mizpah): Victory over Philistines (1 Sam. 7:12).
 - It is a reminder of past faithfulness which marked the point where God had intervened, preventing Israel from forgetting His power and mercy.
- How to apply it to us?
 - Personal level (individual remembrance): journal entries, prayer stones;
 - Community (Shared faith experiences): Church memorials, group testimonies;
 - Growth marker (Tracking progress): Milestone celebrations, spiritual retreats.
- The Ebenezer prayer
 - Heavenly Father, like Samuel, we set up our Ebenezer today. We look back at 2025 and declare that every breath, every victory, and every survived trial was by Your hand. May these stones in our hearts remind us that the God who helped us 'thus far' is the same God who will lead us home. Amen.

