

“And he came and preached [gospelled] peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.” (Eph 2:17)  
Christ is our peace; Christ makes peace; Christ preaches peace. (Eph 2:14, 15, 17)

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F A R & N E A R

*In collaboration with Antioch Network*

OVERVIEW / v1.5 / JAN 3, 2025

**VISION:** Fulfilling my role in God’s story through Christ’s reconciling gospel of peace—and advocating for honor-shame missiology—for the honor of all peoples, for the glory of God.

**PURPOSE:** In a world of lostness, loneliness and division, hostility and nihilism, provide resources to the global church for learning, proclaiming, and practicing Christ’s reconciling gospel of peace, far and near.

## AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Christ’s gospel of peace for all persons and peoples
- King Jesus, our example of true humanity
- Honor-shame in missiology, theology, and the gospel

## VALUES

- Courage — foundation for all other virtues.
- Humility — essential for healthy relationship with God and others.
- Integrity — private and public, local and global, my family and God’s family.
- Listening — is *the* catalytic skill in local and global collaboration.
- Learning — curiosity and scholarship to love God with all our minds.

## ACTIVITIES

- Writing about various facets of Christ’s gospel of peace for all persons and peoples
- Facilitate conversations and conferences about the gospel of peace and honor-shame
- Speaking, teaching, writing—advocating for Christ-centered peacemaking, and honor-shame in missiology and theology
- Serving locally and globally through open doors of ministry

**BOOK LAUNCH IN 2025:** *One New Humanity: Glory, Violence, and the Gospel of Peace*, by Kristin Caynor and Werner Mischke (William Carey Publishing, April 2025).

- *One New Humanity* argues that Ephesians 2 offers a vision of human dignity and peace that challenges the violence of the Roman Empire and the contemporary world. Drawing on insights from early Christians, the global church, social sciences, and the biblical narrative, we show that through Christ’s life, death and resurrection we gain a peaceable way of *being human for the world*—impacting identity, relationships, church, and vocation.
- In the process of deeply examining glory, violence, and the gospel of peace, we answer the question, “What does it mean to be human?”
- Book includes: Appendix 1: theological article by Brad Vaughn, “Reconciling Atonement in Ephesians,” and Afterword by D. Zac Niringiye, who was book advisor

## DEVELOP CURRICULUM — short videos with discussion guide

- Collaboration of Werner Mischke and co-author Kristin Caynor
- Short videos—3 to 5 minutes—for each book chapter
- Easy-to-follow handouts for each chapter with Scriptures, activities, group discussion
- To be made available on YouTube channel and promoted on social media
- Incorporating segments from Zac Niringiye, possibly other global church leaders
- Made available in conjunction with book release in April

## Other 2025 ministry activities planned

### Ephesians 2 Gospel Project

- Q1–4: Book project — *One New Humanity: Glory, Violence, and the Gospel of Peace*: final edits, gather endorsements, book launch, promotion activities.
- Q2–3: Teach at Hindustan Bible Institute & College, Chennai, India: “The Gospel of Peace in Indian Contexts.”
- Q1–4: Conference in October in Nairobi, Kenya, “One New Humanity: Glory, Violence, and the Gospel of Peace in Africa.”
  - Being planned in conjunction with Dr. Zac Niringiye — and Africa International University, formerly Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST).
  - To address the challenges of collective identity violence in African nations.
  - Currently in idea-and-planning stage—a two-year journey (2025 thru 2026) of research, conversation, and gatherings of African scholars.

### Local ministry in Phoenix / Hispanic community

- Collaborate with Pastor Martin Gonzalez to encourage and serve Hispanic community, including pastors and other non-Anglo leaders.
- Introduce evangelistic tool, *The Father’s Love Gospel Booklet*, Spanish edition (*Amor Del Padre* ([click here to see](#)))—for sharing the gospel among friends and family.
- Teaching “Honor, Shame, and the Gospel” to show how the Bible speaks to the honor-shame concerns of Hispanic peoples.

### Honor-shame in missions and theology

- Q3: Teach “Honor, Shame, and the Gospel,” pastors conference for Transformation Nepal, Mission ONE partner in Katmandu, Nepal.
- Seed-sowing for survey: “Status of honor-shame in missions and theology”—exploration for survey to be conducted in 2026 among colleagues in missions and theological communities.
- Explore possibility of updating (writing 2nd edition) of my book *The Global Gospel*.

### FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR “HUMANITAS GROUP”

- Werner to explore in 2025 the feasibility of launching “**Humanitas Group**”
  - An organization and network that advocates for Christ’s gospel of peace—reconciling persons and communities for human flourishing, for the honor of all peoples, for the glory of God.
  - *Comprising*: 1) colleagues in the global church who participate in this vision, 2) an appropriate organizational structure, and 3) funding.



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