The Gospel is Bearing Fruit Around the World
Colossians 1:6

PROPOSITION: It is exciting to see the gospel grow produce fruit all over the world.

I. Times had become challenging for the Colossian Christians
   A. The city had been in economic & political decline
   B. The church had been attacked from the inside by false teachers
   C. The church had been attacked from the outside by growing persecution
   D. Picture the challenges we face today as Christians

II. God encourages us with evidence of the gospel’s power
   Colossians 1:6
   A. The gospel comes to us “has come to you”
   B. The gospel yields positive results “bears fruit”
   C. The gospel grows Jesus’ universal church “growing … world”
   D. The gospel portrays God’s grace “God’s grace”
   E. The gospel changes people “doing among you”

III. Is the gospel still “bearing fruit” and growing throughout the world?
   A. Hidden ones we have been privileged to be part of
      1. Middle East
      2. Papua New Guinea (Bible translation)
      3. Quiet revival in Central Vermont
   B. Other encouraging ones happening now

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