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"WE KNOW GOD WANTS TO USE US IN WHAT HE IS DOING IN OUR AREA AND ACROSS THE WORLD. **THROUGH THE HELP OF THE GUIDEBOOK, WE** WERE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH OUR MISSIONARY **FAMILY AND GET "REAL TIME" UPDATES, AS** WELL AS PRAYER NEEDS. WHEN OUR GROUP **REACHED OUT, OUR PARTNERS WERE EXCITED TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH US. WE** LOVE KNOWING HOW TO PRAY FOR THEM, AND **THEY LOVE TO SHARE HOW THEY SEE GOD MOVING. MAKING THESE CONNECTIONS GIVES US ALL A BIGGER PICTURE OF THE GREAT WORK** THAT OUR PARTNERS ARE DOING, HOW GOD **IS TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGHOUT THE** NATIONS, AND HOW WE CAN JOIN IN!"

EMILY CASON BENTON

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BENTON LOCAL PARTNERS

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THE CALL OF SALINE & PERRY COUNTIES

GET INVOLVED

Have you considered adoption or fostering? If so, The CALL is the place to get all your questions answered. They are ready and willing to answer your questions about navigating the process of serving waiting children. The CALL of Saline and Perry Counties has a specific need for extra funds to cover the cost of their annual retreat, which offers continuing education and support to foster and adoptive families. There is also a great need for deeper engagement in Perry County. If you have any connections to churches, potential foster families, and business leaders in the Perry County area, please let us know

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On average, there are only 73 families available to care for these children. The foster care system is in desperate need of families to step up and respond to the call to care for the orphan and work towards a home for every child.

In conjunction with the statewide organization known as The CALL of Arkansas, this organization works to train up families to take children waiting for foster families or adoptive parents. Through partnerships with the Department of Children and Family services — The CALL recruits, trains, and supports new families to serve the children in the system. This past year The CALL of Saline and Perry Counties opened The CALL Home, which is used as a neutral, off-site visitation center for birth parents to spend time with their biological children instead of having to meet at the DCFS office. In addition to this new venture, this team is busy working towards growing their influence in Perry County and building new relationships with churches throughout their district.

NEW BEGINNINGS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

The transition to motherhood can be a challenging experience, even for those who planned their pregnancy for quite some time. Imagine being a young woman who experiences an unplanned pregnancy and the difficulty that would come as you try to sort out the right steps to take. The idea of raising a child is incredibly overwhelming, and for some mothers, the first step to take is finding someone to listen and walk them through the initial news of the pregnancy. This is where New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center comes in.

Serving more than 4,000 central Arkansas families a year — the New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center is there to provide immediate and long-term support to mothers who need a listening ear and a helping hand. They offer pregnancy services such as testing, life skills courses, and Bible studies that prepare new mothers for a lifetime of successful parenting. Also, NBPRC provides post-abortion care for women who decide to terminate their pregnancy. These courses help women deal with the emotional strain of having an abortion and provide hope in the neverending grace of Jesus Christ. New mothers are also offered basic baby care necessities to get them started in the care of their newborn.

GET INVOLVED

There are many opportunities to volunteer with New Beginnings. Leaders for life skills classes, mentors for new mothers, and bible study leaders are always needed. There are also opportunities to be trained to provide post-abortive services. New Beginnings also accepts donations of new baby items such as diaper bags, diapers, clothing, etc.

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MENTOR

DONATE



SCHOOLS

ALEXANDER COMMUNITY CENTER

GET INVOLVED

Alexander Community Center needs volunteers throughout the week helping to prepare and serve meals. D-Groups could easily sponsor a meal and volunteer together to serve on a monthly basis. There are also opportunities to help with childrenfocused activities throughout the school year. Long-term volunteers are especially needed to build relationships with repeat clients. More in-depth interactions and connections are crucial to breaking the cycle of poverty.

CONTACT

Terry Harper 501-590-8007 tharper1777@gmail.com It doesn't matter where you look in the great state of Arkansas. You will find people in desperate need of food, shelter, and hope. Poverty is a wicked, cyclical phenomenon that affects people across racial, political, and religious lines. It is a problem that can be seen while driving through towns across our state. Terry Harper saw the devastation up close as he worked as a bus driver in the Alexander area. Seeing the living conditions of the people in his community stirred his heart to take action.

After Terry responded to the call to serve those in need, he helped to open the Alexander Community Center as a place for those who need a helping hand and a hot meal. Since its inception four years ago, the center has served over 35,000 meals to children and adults throughout the Alexander area. Each week, children and adults can come in four days a week to receive hot meals and get a brief respite from the stresses of living in poverty. This past year, the center began offering a GED program to build into the education of adults. Breaking the cycle of poverty is hard work, but Terry and the multiple volunteers are working towards that goal.

CHAPEL RIDGE APARTMENTS

More often than not, the Gospel spreads through relationship. We all know the command to "Love thy neighbor," but we often forget to start with the people right next door. Sometimes, God strategically places His people next to and around communities for this very reason and the Benton Campus is fortunate to be placed right down the road from the wonderful community of Chapel Ridge Apartments.

For the past several years, the Benton Campus has done extensive ministries with the residents that have brought about amazing lifechange. Our first connection with Chapel Ridge is the annual Family Fest event held each Fall. Every year, we host our family-friendly Halloween event on the apartment campus where Fellowship and Chapel Ridge families interact and enjoy time together. In the summer, we host Backyard Bible Club at the playground of Chapel Ridge. The Club is a four-day outreach that includes Bible stories, crafts and games. During this time, biblical storying lays out the Gospel plan, as we share with children that get to be a part of a welcoming, loving environment. We not only serve the residents through programs, we also seek to meet needs of those on the property. Often times, we hear of physical needs of the residents that we try to meet. Whether it's furniture, clothing or other help, we want to help meet their needs and let them know that Jesus and Fellowship Bible Church loves them.

VOLUNTEER

DONATE

GET INVOLVED

There is always a need for Fellowship families to get involved during the Family Fest event, but more support is needed during the Backyard Bible Club as well. We also encourage you to think about saving your gently used furniture and clothing until a need arises for us to bless the families in the complex. Please let us know what items you have and we can let you know when there is a need.

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HURRICANE CREEK ELEMENTARY

local school.

GET INVOLVED

Men and women are needed to help with the planning and preparation of the Daddy & Daughter Ball each year and extra help is needed on the night of the event. We also have a need for steady volunteers to assist with the EPIC Afterschool Program. It meets at Fellowship Benton, and this is a great opportunity for kids that attend Hurricane Creek to serve alongside you.

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Day after day, teachers and administrators work tirelessly to educate and inform students to be the next generation of leaders around the world. Many times, the connection between the church and state can be rocky at best, so when an opportunity presents itself for the local church to serve the local school, we must be ready to answer the call.

There is no government institution that has a greater impact on society than the

Through the encouragement of the administration and teachers of Hurricane Creek elementary, there has been over a decade partnership between the school and Fellowship. The first step into our partnership with the school is our Daddy & Daughter Ball. This annual event is full of fun, laughter and meaningful moments with little girls and their fathers or father-figures. Girls are treated like princesses as they enter the ball and enjoy food, having photos taken and getting to dance. A highlight of the evening is having the dads and father-figures sit down with the girls to affirm their love for them and to speak words of encouragement into the lives of these precious girls. This partnership with the school also led to the EPIC Afterschool Program. EPIC works with kids who need a little extra help in their studies. Students get to sit down with a volunteer to go through their weekly assignments and practice skills like reading and math. After this time, Epic kids learn about God's Word and the Gospel. Through EPIC Dinners, kids and their parents talk about what they've learned and enjoy connections with Fellowship families, as we develop relationships together.

CABOT LOCAL PARTNERS

WESTSIDE Elementary

Elementary schools are meant to be a place for young children to learn their letters, basic math, and gain valuable social skills to aid in their long-term future. For some children, the elementary school serves an even higher purpose. It is the place where they can count on a hot lunch, a caring ear to listen to their problems, and a brief respite from the stresses of living in daily poverty. By partnering with a local church, the elementary school can also become a place to experience God's people.

When a local church walks into a school and says, "We're here to help!" You can count on great things happening. This happened between Fellowship Cabot and Westside Elementary. This partnership has grown to include two primary focuses: a school store and a mentoring program. Children can earn reward dollars through acts of kindness, completing school assignments, and perfect attendance. These reward dollars can be spent on toiletry items, gifts, and essential clothing. The mentoring program was introduced to allow Fellowship members to engage with students during the recess or lunch hour to provide support for students who need extra encouragement or help.

GET INVOLVED

The school store is always in need of new items to be donated. Items such as socks and underwear, toiletry items, snacks, etc. are significant incentives for the students. Mentors are also needed to volunteer an hour a week at the Westside Elementary Campus. Teachers decide which students need a mentor and the school works to pair you up as needed. As the program grows, Fellowship is looking to expand to other schools, so please pray about how you might help with the expansion.

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MENTOR



GET INVOLVED

In a remarkable show of support, many of Fellowship Cabot's junior high students are already involved in the E3 experience, and all students who attend an E3 school are encouraged to join in. A new student-led lunch program will start on the 9th-grade campus with support from the E3 team, and former E3 club members are needed to lead this effort. As E3 expands its offerings, it will need volunteers as mentors, guest speakers, and enrichment class teachers.

CONTACT

Amy Hill 501-590-0441 amy.hill7@icloud.com The teen years are some of the most exciting, yet challenging years of a child's life. From building new relationships to studying new subjects to finding your place in this world, being a teenager is a difficult road to travel. Some kids feel like they are navigating this road alone and are in desperate need of a guiding voice and a steady presence. Teenagers will look for this stability in a variety of settings, so it is crucial that a healthy path is available to them.

If there is one thing teens love to do, it's to eat! E3's Lunch Club meets regularly to Engage, Empower, and Equip teens using the E3 High Five methodology. Through games and object lessons, students learn safety, commitment, respect, responsibility, and healthy thinking/ encouragement. E3 meets at Cabot Middle School South, Cabot Junior High North, and Cabot Junior High South. Students ranging from 5th-8th grade participate in the program, and there is a push to expand the program to the high school level.

TEACH

VOLUNTEER.

HOPE'S CLOSET

Living in poverty is a hard and stressful experience. For some people, poverty is a generational experience that has carried over from childhood into their adult life. Others experience poverty for the first time as an adult after an accident or life circumstances that prevent them from holding steady employment. Sometimes life presents a series of unfortunate events that keep families from escaping the grips of financial insecurity, homelessness, and hunger. While there are many programs available to those in need of assistance, the local church has always been at the center of offering hope, resources, and counsel to those in need.

After starting Hope's Closet out of her garage, Kimberly Buchberger experienced the call to grow her ministry to those living in need. After a series of great blessings, Hope's Closet moved into a permanent building and began offering new services. Today, Hope's Closet serves close to 2,000 people a month. They provide clothing, housewares, furniture, food, toys, and toiletry items to families throughout Lonoke County. Their drive-thru kitchen offers hot meals every other Thursday night, and during November, Boxes of Hope are distributed to provide Thanksgiving meals.

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GET INVOLVED

Hope's Closet is always in need of volunteers to help run the food and clothing bank on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday as well as participate in preparation for fundraising and holiday events. There is a pressing need for a bigger facility to house the growing ministry as well as more financial resources to help expand Hope's Closet.

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VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT

OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

GET INVOLVED

The greatest need right now is for committed mentors who are willing to engage with new mothers and fathers after the birth of their children. There is also a need for teachers to lead life skills courses and volunteers to run and manage the baby store.

CONTACT

Vicki Parker 501-743-5120 vikki@optionspc.org You stare down at the pregnancy test, and your body goes into a state of shock. You can't believe you tested positive and your mind is filled with thousands of "what if's." The thought of caring for a child is overwhelming, and you are afraid, alone, and desperate to find help. Many women experience these feelings every day and have to choose the future of their unborn child. We all know that sadly, abortion is a choice that many want to make without seeking other alternatives. For others, finding support regarding their decision is a delicate and emotional process.

From the moment a new mother calls to get assistance, the team at Options Pregnancy Center welcomes them into a supportive and caring environment. Through initial intake meetings, mothers are presented with multiple options for providing the best opportunity for their babies. Mothers can see ultrasound images and hear their baby's heartbeat. Mothers that choose to keep their child are given opportunities to take classes on raising children and are provided with basic necessities such as clothing, diaper bags, and other baby items. Mentors offer ongoing support after the birth of the child, and there are even programs in place for the fathers to learn from different fathers. Options Pregnancy Center has locations in Cabot, Jacksonville, Beebe, and are working towards a mobile unit.

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TEACH

THE CALL OF LONOKE & PRARIE COUNTIES

Think about this for a second. In Lonoke and Prairie Counties, 117 churches meet regularly. In these same counties, 83 children, on average, spend time in foster care each day due to abuse or neglect. On average, there are only 51 families available to care for these children. The foster care system is in desperate need of families to step up and respond to the call to care for the orphan and work towards a home for every child.

In conjunction with the statewide organization known as The CALL of Arkansas, this organization works to train up families to take in children waiting for foster families or adoptive parents. Through partnerships with the Department of Children and Family Services, The CALL recruits, trains, and supports new families to serve the children in the system. Just this last year, The CALL of Lonoke and Prairie Counties grew to more than 60 families and are working towards an even larger pool of families who are ready to serve at a moments notice. They offer info meetings and training events as well as operate a CALL Mall that provides material goods to families with specific needs.

GET INVOLVED

Have you ever considered adoption or fostering? If so, The CALL is the place to get all your questions answered. They are ready and willing to answer your questions about navigating the process of serving children who are waiting. The CALL of Lonoke and Prairie Counties has a specific need for a permanent location to house their ministry. Currently operating out of a personal home and two storage units, this ministry would love to have a permanent place to call home. Volunteers are also needed to help plan events, organize the CALL Mall, train families, and serve as church liaisons.

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WEST LITTLE ROCK LOCAL DARTNERS

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AR KIDS READ

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The future of any state's economy rests on the preparedness of future generations to take the lead. Unfortunately, the K-12 education system in central Arkansas is in a place of crisis with seven out of 10 fourth graders reading at or below grade level. Approximately 65 percent of these students will drop out of high school, end up on welfare or enter the prison population if there are not decisive corrective actions taken. Does the church have a role to play?

Is there a way forward?

Founded in 2012, AR Kids Read has been working across central Arkansas school districts to prepare children for a life of literacy. Around third grade children make the switch from learning to read, to reading to learn. This crucial transition is vital to the long-term earning potential, employability, and social stability necessary for successfully navigating adulthood. Through partnerships with teachers, administrators, and school districts, AR Kids Read provides reliable mentors for students in need of extra assistance in reaching their literacy goals. Their ultimate goal is to help kids learn to tap into the wonderful opportunities that learning to read grants them in their immediate and long-term future.

GET INVOLVED

What good is the Bible to a child who can't read it? What better way to love little children than giving them a gift that will help them for the rest of their life; the gift of literacy. In just one hour a week, you can make a permanent difference in the life of a child. AR Kids Read will provide you with initial and ongoing training to help you get started in the process. They have a vast network of 48 schools, so you will easily find a convenient location at which to begin your mentoring relationship. This is a great opportunity for men and women who work for companies that encourage volunteerism. It is also perfect for stay-at-home mothers and fathers who have some flexibility during the school day

CONTACT

Charlie Conklin, Executive Director 501-244-2661 cconklin@arkidsread.org **THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HELP KIDS** LEARN TO TAP INTO THE WONDERFUI **OPPORTUNITIES** THAT LEARNING TO READ **GRANTS THEM IN THEIR MMEDIATE AND** LONG-TERM FUTURE.

Imagine moving to a foreign country, stepping off the plane, and staring out across the horizon of your new home. You have no relatives to greet you, no friends to take you to dinner, and no car to get you to your destination. You are excited, afraid, nervous, and hopeful. But mostly, you are alone. For hundreds of international students, this is the exact situation they face when they come to Central Arkansas to study at one of our colleges or universities. Who will greet them? Who will take them in? Who will welcome them to their new home?

Through partnerships with various colleges and universities around central Arkansas, IFO provides opportunities for Christians to connect with international students from countries all across the globe. They assist students with their initial arrival to the US and then offer opportunities throughout their stay for building community, practicing their English language skills, and enjoying the wonderful traditions and holidays of America.

GET INVOLVED

There are so many opportunities to serve with the team from IFO. You could find yourself enjoying dinner with a young man from China at one of the monthly conversation club gatherings. You could pick up two students from India from the airport and take them for a quick trip to Walmart to purchase some school supplies. You may host a young woman from Nigeria who needs a place to sleep for three nights before her dorm room opens for the semester. You may have a group of students from Rwanda join you for their first American Thanksgiving! No matter how you get involved, you have the opportunity to make the first impression of America filled with the love of Christ. For some students. you may be the first and only Christian witness they have ever encountered. What an amazing opportunity!

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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP OUTREACH

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

WELCOME



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When a cancer diagnosis changes life, sometimes the only thing that remains the same is the familiarity of home. For many patients with Multiple Myeloma, even the comfort of home is stripped away due to the necessity of traveling for treatment. Treatment can often last for months at a time, which can lead to financial strain, unfamiliar living conditions, and a great sense of loneliness. Hotels and hospitals aren't the same as being home.

Little Rock is home to one of the top Multiple Myeloma institutes in the country. This means that families are uprooting and moving to our great city to receive treatment and hopefully make a full recovery. Home Away from Home exists to make the transition as welcoming and hopeful as possible. By providing affordable, beautiful, and well-maintained housing, Home Away from Home relieves some of the logistical stress of finding safe, affordable housing for patients in their time of need. Not only that, the ministry provides meals, cleaning, words of encouragement, and genuine biblical hospitality throughout the patient's stay.

GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways to serve through Home Away from Home, and it's a great opportunity for your D-Group to serve together. Nothing says welcome home like a home-cooked meal. You can prepare meals or desserts for families as a way to welcome them to Little Rock. Your kids can write encouraging words and prayers for healing and restoration. If you're a handyman, you could offer to do minor repairs as time permits. Some patients need transportation to and from appointments, or for a quick trip to the supermarket. Other patients are very open to having visitors or Bible studies in their apartments while they are here for treatment. No matter how you serve, you are showing Christ's love to people in a place of great vulnerability. They are alone in a new place, and although we can't give them their home, we can help them feel at home.

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GET INVOLVED

Immerse Arkansas provides great training for all its volunteer opportunities. There are opportunities to serve food at the weekly gathering where you can meet and interact with youth and staff. You can serve as a mentor for young men and women, providing ongoing support to youth in crisis. Special mentoring relationships are available for women who are willing to mentor young mothers who are having children for the first time. There are also a wide variety of administrative tasks such as sorting clothing or household goods, filing paperwork, or providing assistance at special events. Youth in crisis have unique, complex needs, so be prepared to be challenged but amazed at the work God is doing at Immerse.

CONTACT

Eric Gilmore, Director 501-404-9890 volunteer@immersearkansas.org immersearkansas.org Tonight, a 19-year-old young man will lay his head down on the couch of a friend. It will be the third couch he's slept on this week. After aging out of the foster care system, this young man entered into a new reality of homelessness and social isolation. He lacks the resources necessary to hold a job, pay rent, or provide for himself. He is alone. He is afraid. He is hopeless. How did this happen? How did he get to this point?

The foster care system is complex, and for many children, especially those who do not get placed into a permanent home at a young age, they lose access to support after their 18th birthday. Immerse Arkansas saw this gap in the social services field and felt the call to do something. Each day, Immerse Arkansas serves youth (ages 16-22) in crisis situations including those who are runaways, homeless, trafficked, or sexually exploited. They provide safe, permanent housing as well as basic supports, counseling, opportunities for connection and relationship with mentors and friends. They are also seeking to address the problem of failed fostering situations by providing support to foster families through their Immerse Families initiative.

IMMERSE ARKANSAS

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FAMILY PROMISE **OF PULASKI** COUNTY **PROVIDES THE ONLY OPTION** IN THE COUNT **FOR FAMILIES TO STAY** TOGETHER **BY OFFERING A SHELTER** WITHOUT PERMANENT **BUILDING.**

GET INVOLVED

Starting in the summer of 2019, we will host four weeks of the Family Promise Program. You will have the opportunity to serve in one of three ways. First, we need families who are willing to stay overnight in the church with our guests. This is a great way for families with children to serve together. You will be responsible for hosting our guests from 5 pm-8 am on the days/nights you are available. We also need people to volunteer to provide dinners for our guests (breakfast and lunch are grab and go style). You or your D-Group could make a meal or cater the dinner, and we encourage you to plan on eating together and fellowshipping with the families that are staying at the church. You can volunteer for either role on a nightly basis or for the whole week. Look for more info as we get closer to the summer!

CONTACT

Debi Blaylock 501-224-7171 dblaylock@fellowshiponline.com Families experiencing homelessness face a unique challenge. Many of the local shelters that are available to meet their needs are not set up to keep the family unit together, so mothers and their children are separated from their husbands and fathers. Although this separation is intended to be a temporary inconvenience, the separation creates its own set of issues leading to an increased struggle in an already difficult situation. A challenge like this calls for a unique solution.

Family Promise of Pulaski County provides the only option in the county for families to stay together by offering a shelter without a permanent building. Through partnerships with local churches, Family Promise provides temporary housing within the walls of the church, providing living space that accommodates up to four families at a time to stay for up to one week. Families move from church to church as they search for permanent housing and 70 percent of families find permanent residence within three months. Families are also provided with free child care during the day so they can work, search for jobs, or get help with life skill development.

CITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting the local church with other nonprofits and government entities to meet the needs of the community.

DOWNLINE LITTLE ROCK

Existing to strengthen and elevate discipleship in the local church by equipping men and women to make disciples.

GET INVOLVED

We need business professionals who can connect their expertise to one of the 300+ nonprofits we serve.

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GET INVOLVED

Join an Institute from August to May where Believers of all ages and backgrounds get equipped in Bible and Disciple-Making [Little Rock, Conway, or Little Rock Español]. You can also join Emerging Leaders. In addition to completing the institute, these recent college grads and young professionals develop community and focus intensely on organizing their lives for kingdom impact in their sphere of influence.

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KINGDOM QUILTERS

Providing handmade lap quilts and encouragement to those in need.

FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATES

Training leaders to establish gospel-centered and community-influencing churches that multiply and plant additional churches.

GET INVOLVED

Sew with them twice a month on the first Monday and the third Saturday. New quilters are welcome whether they have experience or not.

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GET INVOLVED

Pray for our leadership team as we train new leaders. Choose a church planter to pray for and follow their journey. Visit a Fellowship Associates Church plant when you travel. Take a group of men through 33 The Series.

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CITY CHURCH NETWORK OF ARKANSAS

Uniting, strengthening, and mobilizing the local church by providing opportunities for prayer, leadership development, and strategic church initiatives.

SEARCH MINISTRIES

Creating comfortable venues in and around the marketplace for seekers and skeptics to engage in meaningful conversation about the big questions of life and God.

GET INVOLVED

Opportunities are available to serve at prayer and leadership events such as the Global Leadership Summit. In addition, there are opportunities to assist with administrative support.

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GET INVOLVED

Sign up for Apologetics Training & Equipping Class, attend our monthly Leadership Network Meeting, participate in an outreach event by bringing a seeking or skeptical friend.

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FIRST C.A.R.E.

 Meeting the physical and spiritual need of the hungry, indigent, transient, and those with specific needs in the community and church.

I CAN! OF ARKANSAS

Dedicated to enriching the lives of children with special needs with a wide array of extracurricular activities including dance, art, music, culinary skills and tumbling.

GET INVOLVED

The only qualifications necessary for volunteers are a passion for people, a commitment to serve, and a willingness to share your testimony. Volunteers greet clients, interview clients to determine the best way to meet their need, sort and display clothing and other donations, and sort and bag food donations and purchases.

CONTACT

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GET INVOLVED

Be a buddy and assist students in their art, dance, music and cooking classes (great for anyone third grade and up). 45 min-1 hour, once a week for 4-10 weeks. You can also help at one of their fundraisers and special events.

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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of vulnerable children and families through quality social services.

THE CALL PULASKI COUNTY

The CALL mobilizes the Church in Arkansas to love foster children with the extravagant love of Christ through fostering, adoption, respite care, mentoring, and other support ministries.



GET INVOLVED

Serve as a direct volunteer through administrative and board service any day of the week. You can also serve as a non-direct volunteer Monday through Friday helping clients with cleaning, food prep, and event assistance. Bethany Christian Services also needs casual volunteers for clerical work on an as-needed basis.

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GET INVOLVED

We are always looking for people willing to serve as foster or adoptive parents. You can also provide respite care, provide help with meals, babysit, transport Fellowship foster families, mentor a teen, train foster/ adopt families, advocate, volunteer in a DCFS office, join the bedside angel for foster children at AR Children's Hospital, and volunteer at events at the CALL Mall. Come to a CALL Info Meeting in your county. Go to TheCALLinArkansas.org to find out more.

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CARING HEARTS PREGNANCY **CENTER**

Assisting women and their families who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, and offering Godly solutions to their challenging situations.

CASA

Advocating for orphan children as they navigate the complex foster care system.

GET INVOLVED

Hold a diaper drive or organize a baby shower to collect much-needed items for women in crisis. We also have opportunities to facilitate Bible studies with the mothers and are always looking for client advocates to advise and offer support to young men and women in unplanned situations.

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GET INVOLVED

We are looking for advocates who can represent the best interest of the children at the doctor, in courtrooms, at the school, and anywhere they are unable to advocate for themselves. Advocates must be over the age of 21, pass criminal and central registry background checks and complete a 30-hour training program. You can coordinate volunteer time with your schedule, with the exception of court days. Average time spent working a case is approximately 10-15 hours per month.

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PROJECT ZERO

One goal: to have zero kids waiting in foster care to be adopted.

THE EXODUS PROJECT

Discipleship Academy for pre-release inmates from Arkansas Community Corrections.

GET INVOLVED

We host several events throughout the year and are always looking for hands to assist. If you have a special talent or passion, you can serve by teaching children these skills. We also need drivers to transport waiting children to events in the city.

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GET INVOLVED

Help by being an instructor or mentor to inmates in the program or visit graduates in prison. You can also participate in our missional community by serving as employment liaisons or internship supervisor.

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PATHWAY TO FREEDOM

Spreading the Gospel to inmates of Wrightsville Correctional Unit, through an 18 months pre-release program and training, and up to 12 months post-release. Re-Entry assistance.

PROGRAM

Encouraging African American men and African American police officers to work closely together in mentoring African American males, 12-18 years of age.

GUR KIDS

GET INVOLVED

Receive training to serve inside the prison as teachers, small group facilitators, or mentors. Church groups can also volunteer for our Prime Time service on Wednesday evenings as scheduled. The Executive Director may also schedule special volunteer events.. A volunteer who is trained to serve as a mentor to a PTF member who was released may meet with the member on the day and time they schedule.

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GET INVOLVED

Pray for more African American men to answer the call of mentoring in their communities. We also need more business owners willing to provide jobs for at-risk youth.

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STEP MINISTRIES

Fostering intentional, one-on-one mentoring relationships between Ohristian men and women and children in need.

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GET INVOLVED

We are always looking for new mentors willing to meet with children once a week. In addition to the yearlong opportunities of mentoring, STEP hosts a Summer Literacy Camp for two weeks in August, focused on one-to-one tutoring and academic achievement.

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PAUL ABISILI | GHANA

Church Planting, Leadership Development, Care with Gospel

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Our heavenly Father changed my view of the world through a challenge from His word in Matthew 9:36-38. In this passage, the words that spoke to my heart were "...had compassion...they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Because of this passage, our heavenly Father changed my view of the world to see a world without Christ to be a helpless world, like sheep (world) without a shepherd. The heartbeat behind Good News Bible Churches of Ghana is to do work of soul-winning, discipleship, and churchplanting.

CONTACT

AFRICA NEW LIFE MINISTIRES



RWANDA

Child-Sponsorship, Church Planting, Seminary, Hospital, Care with Gospel, Education

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

Africa New Life continues to grow as an organization on many levels. In the last year, the number of sponsored children has increased from 8400 to just over 9200, including nearly 800 students sponsored directly by members and friends of Fellowship. New Life Bible Church in Rubavu, where Fellowship sponsors so many children, has now been operating for one year with Pastor John Baptiste leading well. Attendance is strong, and many have come to faith for the first time or returned to Christ. The Dream Medical Center, a 65-bed hospital with an emphasis on women and children, will open in Kigali in September. Africa College of Theology continues to grow, training approximately 230 pastors and ministry leaders in Bachelor's Diploma and Certificate level ministry degrees this year. We have also introduced a mini Bible certificate that each of our sponsored students who graduate from high school complete during their gap year. This year there were 257 students in this program.

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HOWARD & AILEEN OSTENDORFF

FREEDOM IN CHRIST, INTERNATIONAL Africa Director

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Over the 44+ years of ministry, we have seen that while cultures vary and specific issues arise in different cultures, the basic needs of men and women are the same. They need God's truth to transform their lives. They need a willingness to humble themselves before God, and a willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to show them areas to think differently, truly repent, and replace lies with Biblical truth. We all need to see how we are not only saved and forgiven in Christ but that we have His resurrection power to live in the Spirit and apply the truths that set us free. Discipleship is the felt need of the church globally.

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JOEL SENGOGA | RWANDA

Church Planting, Pastor Residency, Care with Gospel and Micro-Businesses

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

My family and I were invited to Little Rock to be a part of Fellowship Associates for their one-year church planting residence in 2014. We returned to Rwanda in the summer of 2015 with a vision to start Destiny Leadership and Church Planting Center. The center would serve to identify, equip and unleash leaders that would transform the nation. In the fall of 2016, we launched our first group of four men, three of them planting in different districts of Rwanda and one in Uganda. Fall 2017, our second class of three men began the residency program and commissioned in May 2018. With this strategy, our dream for God to plant at least one church in each of the 30 districts of Rwanda could, by God's grace, become a reality! I am so thrilled by the multiplication effect! Fellowship's prayers and support are invaluable in the pursuit of this dream for Rwanda.

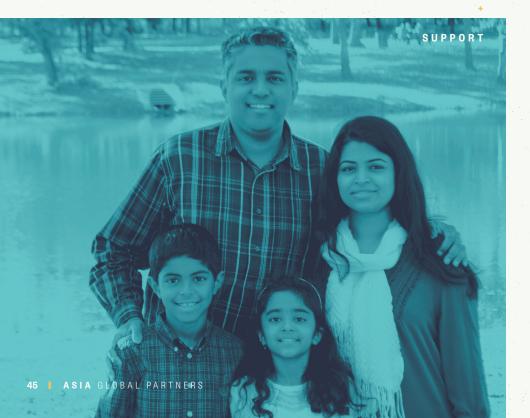
And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2 NIV

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ASIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY





STEPHEN & RACHEL G | INDIA

Church Planting, Seminary, K-12 school, Hospital, Children's Home, Care Ministries & Sustainability

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

The Lord helped us start 37 mission stations and 13 church buildings in the past 10 years. Of over 1,000 ACA Seminary graduates in the past 40 years, most continue to work as pastors, teachers, evangelists, and pioneering missionaries. We use social services to reach out to the unreached with the Gospel of Christ. We also help our graduates establish churches by providing financial and prayer support. In the midst of opposition to evangelism and propagation of Christianity, the Lord helped us to influence the society and win people for Christ through a K-12 school, hospital, children's home, and are now planning to start a Christian liberal arts and science college. There is nothing impossible with God when we walk by faith and not by sight.

CONTACT

CENTER OF MISSIONS MOBILIZATION

Team Leade

HOW WERE YOU CALLED TO MINISTRY?

statistic that there would soon be more our hearts to spend a season mobilizing and serving our Chinese brothers and sisters with a hope to multiply our lives and laborers among the vast harvest of unreached people in Asia and the Middle East. China borders 14 countries, and Afghanistan. Chinese believers can welcomed into these countries. Because of that, we see our work as incredibly strategic. We need the Chinese church. that Westerners can't! There wasn't calling, we just started saying 'yes' to Him in small ways, and He has grown our

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HATLEY & KRISTI H

GROWING ENTREPRENEURS INTERNATIONAL SOUTHEAST ASIA

Business Training, Linking care with the Gospel

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

We have seen God work in multiple ways through living and working in Thailand. First, we have seen Him work through spontaneous connections of new relationships with local people every week. Second, through the practical opportunities that God has given us, He has used our team to invest in over 450 locals through skill training over the last four years. Last, through our relationships, training, and business development, we continuously have the opportunity to communicate the truth of the Gospel. Through these divine moments, 16 women have made decisions to follow Christ.

CONTACT

ANDREW & SARA N

EAST ASIA

Serving Ethnic Minorities of the Region & Muslims

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

When we first started spending time with our Muslim friends, only two or three students would show up, but over the last two years, God has given us and our Chinese brothers and sisters a lot of favor. Now our group has grown to about 20 Muslim students. Other pastors and missionaries in our city with a similar focus have told us that, in two years, God has opened more doors for us than in their last decade.

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BEAUTIFUL FEET | EAST ASIA

Leadership Development

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

We are seeing God show up in amazing ways. More people in villages hear about who He is and His Good News. This is all happening through the work of our local partners! We have recently moved to our third generation of disciples in all dialects of the people group to whom we minister. They are actively working to press our vision forward. Despite all the resistance and persecution they face, we are always amazed to hear the stories of how God guides and delivers them!

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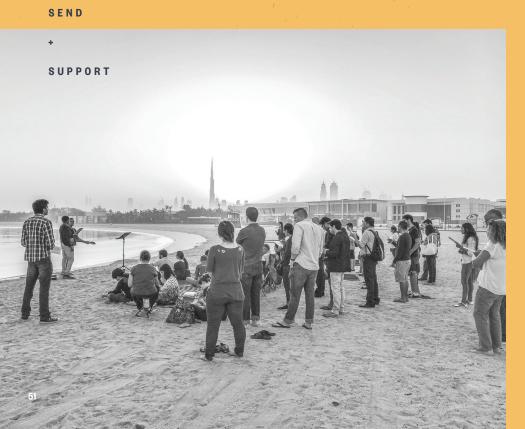
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH | EAST ASIA Senior Pastor

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

We aim to make and mature disciples of Christ who love God, love each other, and love our neighbors. We especially want to see this happen in the missionary and marketplace communities within the city we live in. By God's grace, we've seen many people growing in their faith, missionaries brought to places of health, and folks in the business and education arena equipped for a lifestyle of ministry. Praise God that we've seen a growing diversity in our work here as well. At our last members' meeting, for instance, God brought in four new members from four different countries! We've also seen God work to strengthen churches, plant churches, and grant boldness to Believers in the midst of growing government opposition. We have felt and ministered through that opposition. Around us Christians, schools have been closed, churches were kicked out of meeting spaces, and others were shut down completely. One church member was locked in a re-education facility. In all of this, the church continues to cling to Christ.

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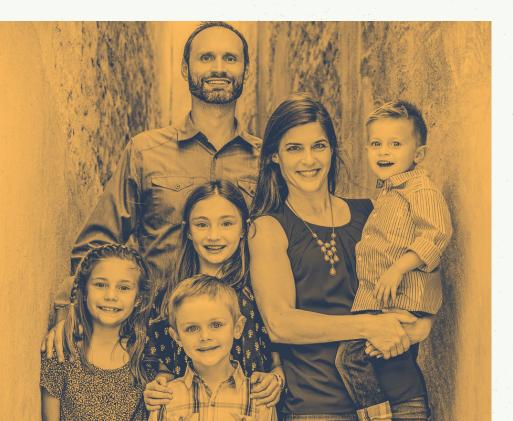
BRIAN & JOANNE PARKS Church Plant Senior Pastor

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

The heartbeat of our work is to continue to grow our one-year-old church into an even more powerful and bold witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this Muslim country. Much evangelism and discipleship are happening in the church now, and we've grown over 50 percent in the first year. Recently, the government forced us out of the hotel that we were meeting in and into a crowded church building where up to 25 churches now must share space. Our congregation has continued to gather faithfully each week for worship and to meet with one another for mutual discipleship and evangelism. Some are having to travel more than an hour to get to our new meeting space. Even more than before, I understand that each person, no matter what their economic background or nationality is in the image of God and that the Gospel and Scripture have all the answers to life and give the necessary wisdom that they need to have a life pleasing to God.

CONTACT

REDEEMER DUBAI



DAVE & GLORIA FURMAN

Senior Pastor Church Planting, Seminary Training Center

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

We have seen God save university students, adults, and even those who have been far away from Him. We've seen new churches start in difficult areas and people called into the ministry. We've witnessed new elders being called to our church and the government permit for it to meet publicly. He has sustained us through precarious times and blessed us with His grace upon grace!

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Psalm 67 has been our battle cry. Let the nations be glad! We've seen men, women, and children come to faith from a variety of backgrounds. Our church is made up of over 60 different nationalities. We've seen that God loves people from every tribe and tongue and nation and loves calling people to Himself. This has radically changed how we view people — all are made in the image of God and loved by God. It's encouraged us to share our faith with everyone and pray for the salvation of all, even from the hardest-to-reach groups.

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KEVIN & BROOKE PHILLIPS

Church Planting, Leadership Development, Evangelism, Care with Gospel

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

We see that to reach the unreached masses we must be focused on 'movement-oriented ministry.' The work has brought me to my knees, overwhelmed me by the great need, and filled me with zeal faith, and hunger to give my life away to make Him known where He is not known, and invite as many people as possible to join us in our expression of the Great Commission. We call it FAMM! God has shown up in amazing ways this season by continuing to open up new doors of ministry in tough-to-reach places. Over the last few months, we exceeded 800 adults baptized per month! We are seeing God show up in how we see a church being planted every 1.5 days across our ministry!!

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KELVIN & KATHLEEN SMITH



CITY NETWORKS | TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

Over the past few years, we have encountered God's grace in miraculous ways. We saw as He enabled our annual event, Breaking Bread, to move forward when a 100-year flood hit our city. The epicenter of the flood was in the very northern part, the coordination hub of the island-wide event, and our hometown. The churches still came together to serve those afflicted by the flood as well as experience Breaking Bread together as one church, crossing all denominations. Last year, the week of the Breaking Bread event saw my wife ill, my employee had an aneurysm, both hospitalized and more issues to work through. But, God's grace won the battle, and the event went perfectly. This year, as Fellowship joined us in preparation for the Breaking Bread event, I reached out to have the team praying in advance. Our new home in the south of Tasmania, Hobart, was hit by another 100-year flood in the south, which took out our office! Due to the conviction of the team, the day, again, rolled out seamlessly. These are just a few of the ways God showed up. Lesson: Satan attacks, but we have the covering of Our Almighty Father. Thank you for standing in the gap!

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, INTERNATIONAL

Evangelism, Leadership Development, Church Planting Support

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

We want to accelerate the spread of the Gospel through local churches all over the world. Our vision for EvangelismSHIFT is a movement of transformed churches across the world whose people have a culture of living as witnesses in their everyday encounters, calling others to respond to Christ.

We see churches re-planted as their leaders begin to live as witnesses in their personal lives, and who now have a clear pathway for developing people all the way from non-churched, to being multiplying disciple-makers on a church planting team.

"I have learned to view every encounter with every person in every circumstance in every day of my life as an encounter I have been SENT INTO by Jesus to help that person take one step closer to Him." John North

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REACH

TIRANA, ALBANIA

Holistic Discipleship, Leadership Training, and Church Planting

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Largely because of a poor and corrupt economy, Albania has one of the highest rates of emigration (people leaving the country) in the world. The vast majority of Albanians live hand-to-mouth and the struggle to make ends meet is very real. The reality has reinforced two realities in us. Number one: this world is not our home! Number two: God is the provider of our 'daily bread'. It's in the middle of these two realities we find ourselves striving to build Christ's church in Albania. Thanks for your prayers and your partnership with us here.

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AMOS & MEREDITH ANDERSON



REBECCA LEMASTER

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Seminary Support, Bible Study Leader

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

In Colossians 3 we read, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." The mission I share with the Evangelical School of Theology is to 'equip Christians for effective ministry to strengthen the evangelical movement in Poland.' My desire is to faithfully serve the Lord and the Polish people through my ministry, as I lead the women's Bible study and spend time with friends in Wroclaw.

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MAREK & AGNIESZKA KUCHARSKI WROCLAW, POLAND EST Chancellor

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

The goal is to serve as an interdenominational, accredited academic institution that serves churches, fellowships, Christian organizations and Christian individuals. The mission of EST is to "equip Christians for effective ministry to strengthen the evangelical movement in Poland."

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Ministry practice is part of the EST curriculum in the B.A. program and students are involved in ministry internships that engage them in a wide variety of Christian service both in Poland and other parts of the world. Also, as an accredited school, EST faculty, staff and students have the opportunity to participate in programs that extend across the European Union, which expands their worldview and gives them opportunities to meet people outside of Poland.

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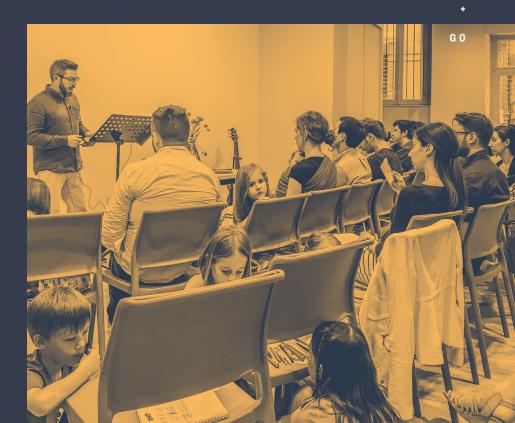
Pastoral Residency Development, Church Planting, Training, and Preparation

HOW WERE YOU CALLED TO MINISTRY?

After serving and being discipled at Fellowship Cabot, God broke our hearts for the state of the evangelical church in western Europe. We now help Italians make disciples, plant churches, and train leaders. Our heartbeat is to share our lives with others and to see a church planting movement that impacts the city and is an encouragement to other Italian leaders as well as the church, Breccia di Roma. Hearts are transformed by the Gospel and testimony of the local church. It is a personal faith, visible as believers seek to serve the city, and live honestly in a corrupt and idolatrous place; a faith committed to the Word of God and the Biblical Gospel, striving to live for the glory of God alone.

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FELLOWSHIP GUATEMALA



GUATEMALA AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Church Planting, Leadership Training, Care with Gospel

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

Wherever we find ourselves shopping to prepare for teams to come to Guatemala, cleaning dishes, repairing cabinets, the humble position required for our given service will reflect the values highlighted in Ephesians 4:11-16, the diversity of the church body. We must speak the truth in love to more wholly make use of one's gifts. Our hearts must be humble if one is to truly speak in love. The essence of our work is based in four main areas; evangelism, discipleship, pastoral care, and leadership development. These four things are together and are continuously spinning to bring the energy that every church and church plant needs so they can do the work of the ministry. The core of our churches is that we are family oriented.

CONTACT

WORLD GOSPEL OUTREACH



PRAY

MIKE & LYN FERGUSON | HONDURAS AND BELIZE

President and CEO

Meet Physical Needs and Share the Gospel, Care for Orphans, Develop & Equip Believers for Kingdom Work

HOW WERE YOU CALLED TO MINISTRY?

We have worked with World Gospel Outreach since December of 1999. We initially became interested in missions at a deeper level when our daughter became interested in becoming a medical missionary when she was 11 years old. When she continued to have this strong interest in high school, we decided to get more involved. During our time on trips to Honduras, the Lord stirred our hearts and showed us that it was us He was calling into this work for the Kingdom. We explain our call as God's "bait and switch" because He used our daughter to get our attention about missions and then switched the message to make it evident that we were the ones called.

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Equipping Christian Leaders in the Deaf Community/ Bible Translation Project Manager, Translations Facilitator

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

In many ways as a missionary serving in the Deaf community, I have spent the last 18+ years working with those who by the world's standards are "the least of these." I have learned that whatever "credentials" I had for coming on the field (a master's degree, sign language skills, experience in Deaf ministry) paled in comparison to the rise of strong Christian Deaf Hondurans with whom I have served alongside. God has entrusted these servant leaders with translating the Word of God into their own heart language, Honduran Sign Language: A Deaf pastor who didn't know his own name until he was 12-year-old, a Deaf woman who accepted Christ before she ever learned the word of Jesus, a Deaf pastor and project director who returned to school in his early thirties and completed 9th grade, a woman who became the first Deaf person in Honduras to earn a two-year college degree, and a Deaf teacher who became one of the first two Deaf people in the history of Honduras to earn a Bachelor's degree. It is the heart and desire to place God on the throne of their lives that allows "the least of these" to do great things for His glory.

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DAVID | PANAMA Church Planting, Leadership Training

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MINISTRY IN A SPECIAL WAY?

The most significant and most motivational thing in our ministry is the continued presence of our Heavenly Father. He is always with us. He guides us. He provides for us. He protects us. He consoles us. Without His presence, we could not do anything, but we give thanks for His promise to accompany us always, and that is why we are always confident in the fulfillment of our assigned task of leadership preparation for church planting in Panama and beyond.

WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

To feel called to collaborate with our Creator in the fulfillment of His plans for humanity, and that one day, every language, nation, tribe will together praise Him for eternity!

CONTACT

HOSEAN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES





CALEB & DEBBIE LUCIEN | PIGNON, HAITI

School, Life Skills Training, Economic Development, Leadership Expansion & Family Life Transformation, Child Sponsorship

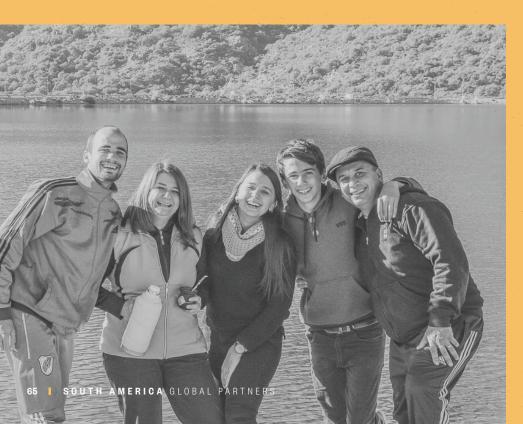
WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MISSION?

Caleb started Hosean International Ministries back in 1986. He was an undergrad education major at Washington Bible College and had a clear vision for wanting to return to Haiti to create a youth center and any development project possible (ask him about the variety). As he applied to be a missionary with various organizations at the time, those organizations did not accept him because they did not want to "send a national back to their own country." At the encouragement of his professors and classmates, Caleb began Hosean as a mission organization to "transform lives by pointing people to Jesus Christ through education, life skills training, and economic growth. The rest is, as we say, History of the Lord's provision and helping others.

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TIEMPO DE DIOS



MARCELO & GUADALUPE CENTINEO Merlo, Argentiná

Founder and Senior Pastor for Tiempo de Deus Leadership Training, Church Strengthening

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY?

Undoubtedly, when one finishes his studies in a theological seminary, he thinks that he has all the tools to carry out a successful ministry in any place where he has to serve. However, over the years, we realize that although we have much knowledge, we are unarmed of the essential tools that the ministry demands, such as patience, mercy, love, empathic counseling, construction, organizational structure, etc. On the other hand, we have found that the life of people both outside and inside the church is much more difficult than we thought. Many people live in constant conflicts, and undoubtedly the Lord is the ONLY answer to each one of their needs! When we see the true individuals He has called us to through the eyes of Jesus Christ — we find that in His grace, as we pour ourselves out, His Holy Spirit ministers through us!

CONTACT

KAREN TUTTLE

CRU, THE JESUS FILM PROJECT ORLANDO, FLORIDA Recording Partnership Team

HOW WERE YOU CALLED TO AND WHAT IS THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR MINISTRY?

When I was in college, I went on an international summer mission project with Cru that changed my life as I learned to walk with and listen to the Holy Spirit. I loved doing ministry and experiencing a different culture. In the following years, I knew the Lord was leading me to full-time ministry, wherever in the world He would send me. The mission of the Jesus Film Project is to give everyone a chance to hear about Jesus in their heart language. Within that, my desire is to equip and empower the Body of Christ around the world to reach their language group. It is so encouraging to see people all over the world committed to reaching their communities!

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CULTURELINK, INC.

Founder, President Cross Cultural Training, Consulting, Resources and Experiences

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD SHOW UP IN YOUR MISSION IN A SPECIAL WAY?

Since 2010, CULTURELink has trained over 2,000 short-term project leaders that are deploying multiple teams into 122 nations. CULTURELink has strategic partners that our organization oversees in seven nations. We partner with many other ministries to help them fulfill their visions and goals. However, where we rejoice the most is in the individual stories: the orphanage school and network of churches in Kenya that have grown and are now impacting the Muslim community around them with Christ; the missionary in India whose family has been strengthened and restored as we provide pastoral care; the numerous students who have been mobilized around the world and now share stories of God's work in their hearts; the child bride rescued from being sold into a polygamist marriage; the church plants; the scholarships to orphans; the movement of Inductive Bible Studies across a nation. These stories show how special God is because they are the stories of heart, soul and life change.

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LARRY & KAREN RAGAN





HOW TO GET

Inside each of us, who walk in a relationship with Jesus Christ, lies the sweet story of redemption. Each of us has this great truth living inside that we can share with those around us, even those around the world. How can we join God in His ministry of reconciliation around the world when we live and work in Arkansas?

PRAY

We are all called to join Him on the journey of global missions. Pray about where you are on that journey. Then pray for what the next step may be.

- For God to cause your heart to reflect His heart for the lost all around the world.
- For God to cause you to be concerned and pray for those around the world who haven't learned about Jesus.
- For those preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world and for Him to open blinded eyes, soften hard hearts and for the Holy Spirit to go before the workers.

- Intercede on behalf of our global mission partners.
- Pick up a prayer tag at the Mission Wall in the plaza every Sunday and pray for a specific requests sent in weekly by our partners.
- Use this Guidebook and pray for our partners; one partner a day or one partner a week. Then start over and do it again!

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- Use the contact information in this
 Guidebook and email the partner you just prayed for. You have no idea how encouraging it is to receive an email from someone, even if they don't know you. Your prayer support strengthens their spirit more than you know! It blows new wind in our partners' sails.
- Get financially involved in sending or supporting a cross-cultural missionary.

JOIN

Family, Discipleship Group, Women's, Men's, FSM, or Service Group

- Invite a Missionary to attend your D-Group or other small group to talk about their work on the mission field. Have them share their lives and what God is doing in that area of the world with you.
- Host a Missionary while here on furlough (meal, service, etc.)
- Adopt a Mission Partner through Fellowship Global Missions (Missionary Adoption Program). For more information, email Missions@fellowshiponline.com.

GO.

Short-Term Mission Trips

- Go on a short-term mission trip yourself, or support your spouse or child when they go on a trip.
- You and/or your family financially support someone else going on a short-term trip.
- Send a member of your D-Group on a trip. Ladies or men of your group go on a short-term trip as a team.
- Challenge Your D-Group to financially support someone as they go on a trip.
- Help logistically so a mom or dad can go on a short-term trip trip. You can help take care of things at home, like picking up a child from school or bringing a meal.

WELCOME

Those from another country

- Reach out to or befriend internationals in your neighborhood, school or work.
- Engage the international group in Central Arkansas. Get involved in International Friendship Outreach.
 (see International Friendship Outreach, in Local Missions of this Guidebook)
- Ask an international person to share their culture and/or language as you share yours with them.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

One of our mission partners will be a guest speaker to share how short-term mission trips help them. We will also have roundtable discussions on the short-term trips offered that season. It will be a great time for information, questions, and answers for any one or all of the trips going out that season!

SPRING SEASON TRIPS

Trips going January-April, 2019 SEPTEMBER 30

SUMMER SEASON TRIPS

Trips going May-August, 2019 JANUARY 13

CULTURELink Leader Training Held by Larry Ragan SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 12-13, 2019

FALL SEASON TRIPS

Trips going September-December, 2019 MAY 5

MISSIONARY Adoption Program

Do you, your family, or Discipleship Group want to become more involved in Global Missions? Consider Adopting a Missionary!

WHY?

The longer a missionary is overseas, the saying "out of sight, out of mind" plays out in a significant way. Eventually, they feel disconnected and alone, sometimes forgotten. As a sending church, let's not let that happen to our people — the ones we have sent globally to serve Him!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ADOPT A MISSIONARY?

By adopting a missionary, you become an integral part of their ministry, daily lives, mission, and God's work around the world! Commit as a group to that missionary and minister to them as they minister in their country of residence — adopt them!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO ME?

Be their prayer warrior. Keep in touch. Email them. Send them birthday, anniversary, or "just thinking of you" cards. Send them a Christmas package or Easter package. Let them join your group when they come back on furlough. Help them find a dentist, doctor or whatever they may need, while they are back. Be a part of their lives. Support them emotionally, physically, spiritually, and financially!

Let's take care of those we send out. Let's take care of our own. Let's take care of those doing God's Work around the world! ADOPT A MISSIONARY!

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