

MISSIONS 2025



MISSIONS GLOBAL WORKER

Christ commissioned the church to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Global Workers are called by God and sent by the church to make disciples by the power of the Spirit across cultural and linguistic barriers. They live and proclaim the fullness of the gospel amongst those who need the love of Christ by ministering to the whole person; body, soul and spirit. They bring hope, that is Christ, to the world.

R.A.N WORKER?

A RAN worker is one who chooses a non-missionary identity to accomplish the Great Commission calling and advance the Kingdom of God in places where the gospel is restricted. Creative strategies are used to live and present the gospel amongst those who have little or no access to the gospel.

OPPORTUNITIES?

Several members of GT church are serving in ministries other than “traditional” global workers. These are second-career workers, working full-time or part-time, worldwide. Please support them in your prayers and giving. The Arndts are pouring into university students in Thailand. The “M” family, sharing the gospel in Central America. The Laings teach and provide medical assistance in Thailand. The Amarals are experiencing life-changing miracles in Liberia. The Cantelons partner with local pastors and leaders, serving the most needy in Malawi.

 **called to go.**

"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE
THE FEET OF THOSE
WHO BRING GOOD
NEWS!"

ROMANS 10:15



**TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A
SENDING CULTURE**

**EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO CARRY
CHRIST'S HOPE WHEREVER HE LEADS.**

**FROM OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE
NATIONS, WE BELIEVE EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS
IS CALLED TO GO, TO LOVE, AND TO LIVE ON MISSION.**



**WE ARE CALLED TO GO—LOVING, SERVING,
AND SHARING THE GOSPEL EVERYWHERE GOD
SENDS US.**



PETER + PATRICIA DEWIT

THAILAND

Peter and Patricia DeWit have partnered with Liferaft to support the city's refugee community. Language classes for women have grown to 30, with a new class for 20 children. They lead youth and haircutting events and are currently exploring establishing a "Serve the City Bangkok" team.

They partner with Rahab Ministries, an outreach to women on Patpong Road.

Peter utilizes his skills as a hairstylist in an underprivileged community, while Patricia employs her artistic talents to host art events that help support refugees. The DeWits are guest speakers at local churches, a seminary, and other ministries.



From Patricia: As I prepared, I kept hearing the phrase from childhood: Wash your mouth out with soap. If we said something inappropriate, our mothers scrubbed our mouths with soap—no doubt, a tradition passed down from their mothers.

I also remembered the old sayings our mothers or grandmothers used to keep us in line. “If you don’t clean your ears, potatoes will grow out of your head!” We believed those words, but when we grew up, we realized they weren’t true.

Yet there are other words—spoken by mothers, families, or society—that we still believe, even though somewhere deep inside we know they’re lies. These words shape how we see ourselves. My Mother’s Day message began to take shape.

I brought a heart-shaped canvas and asked the women to call out the things they had been told and had come to believe about themselves. As they spoke, I wrote their words in red watercolour crayon across the heart: You’ll never amount to anything. You’re too stupid. You’re too ugly. Who do you think you are?

Soon, the heart was covered in red words of accusation.

I told them: maybe it’s time not just to wash our mouths, but to wash our hearts. I held up a spray bottle full of soapy water and asked, “Who here is tired of these words? Who here has carried a scribbled heart because of them?”

With soapy water in a spray bottle, I squirted the canvas. The red words began dissolving. One by one, the women took the bottle and sprayed until the heart canvas turned a soft pink. From beneath the pink pigment, words I had painted earlier in indelible, non-dissolving white paint, began to emerge: “You belong.”

. . . You are worthy. You are the apple of God’s eye. You are beautiful. You are enough. Tears fell as the women washed away the lies and let the Father’s truth show through—truth that had been there all along. We hugged and prayed. It was a holy, healing moment. I’m so thankful that we got to be part of it.



HECTOR + RUTH ARAGON

ChildCARE PLUS GUATEMALA

Our joy is ensuring that every child and youth in the program succeeds in their schooling. We follow up to see that each student registers, stays engaged, and completes their school year well. Together with parents, we encourage one another so students can graduate ready for work, as technicians, or continue to university. This is made possible through a local board of trusted church and school leaders, and through ChildCare Plus, the sponsorship program of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Without it, many children could not attend a Christ-centered private school. Unlike the public system, where dropout rates are high, these schools care deeply for the well-being of their students.

We are grateful for a team of over 200 teachers, 36 principals, and pastors serving in 16 local church-based schools across the country. Your prayers for them are greatly appreciated.

Ruth shares: "It has been a joy to participate in the CCP program for the past 28 years, visiting schools twice a year, watching children grow, and hearing their dreams—whether learning a trade, pursuing university, or finding work to help their families.



HECTOR + RUTH ARAGON

(Right) Elda, a single mother who survived a major volcanic eruption and is raising six girls—four her own and two abandoned. Each visit we pray with them, take photos, and gather letters from sponsors. Comparing new photos with past ones is a blessing.



SERVING UKRAINIAN & RUSSIAN REFUGEES “B” FAMILY

Two teens, Daniel and Umid, began attending our youth meetings. Both were in deep trouble with their parents and school. Daniel had been suspended for being disruptive, but after prayer, his teacher let him return. Umid’s problems were worse—conflict at home, trouble at school, and even a police interrogation for a crime he committed.

Umid comes from a Muslim family and once said he didn’t want to hear about Jesus. He even influenced Daniel, who asked if he could believe in both Jesus and Allah. We began praying earnestly for them. As we built relationships, we shared God’s love and the importance of forgiveness. Their rebellion had strained family ties so much that they were sometimes kicked out of their homes.

Daniel’s parents, though not believers, reached out to us in desperation. We prayed with them, and they were amazed when Daniel began asking forgiveness each time he disobeyed. Soon they started attending our meetings, and this Saturday, Daniel’s mother will be baptized.

On Daniel’s birthday, after an argument at home, we took him shopping for sneakers and invited Umid. In the car, Umid shared that his parents told him they regretted adopting him. Our hearts broke for him. Yet soon after, Umid began watching Christian videos, and God touched his heart. He started declaring, “I love Jesus!”—even posting about Him online. He stood before our youth group to ask forgiveness and recommit himself.

At our back-to-school event, both boys gratefully received backpacks and prayed for salvation. Since then, Daniel has repented of his addictions, throwing away his vape and giving up alcohol and energy drinks. He now prays daily and seeks God’s help. Please pray for Daniel and Umid, that they will grow strong in faith.



Daniel, being baptized along with his mother.

L'VIV THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, UKRAINE

With the war in Ukraine, people continue to suffer deeply. At our campus, 35 students are enrolled, including 17 in a new group. After difficult times, we are growing again, with 50 new bachelor's students and 16 in the master's program. In total, nearly 300 students now study in Lviv and at satellite schools.

We continue to house over 30 refugees and distribute monthly food packages to more than 200 people. Saturdays, we serve children in six government orphanages.



Oksana's parents were deprived of parental rights because of alcoholism. She and her sisters were sent to the Dobromyl orphanage. There, she was ministered to by our students. Oksana enjoyed spending time visiting our summer camps, and we were able to witness her growth. She loved to listen to Bible stories and sing.

Oksana has graduated from the Dobromyl orphanage and is studying culinary arts in Drohobych. Oksana will be a student of Lviv Theological Seminary from September 2025.

Ruslan Myakota is from the Donetsk region of Eastern Ukraine. His hometown of Hirnyk has been occupied and destroyed by Russian forces, leaving his family with no home.

"I moved to Lviv for safety. I'm in my final year at seminary, preparing to preach and serve. This training is one of the greatest blessings of my life, equipping me to minister in churches and orphanages. Thank you.



My name is Polina Kosych, and this is my last year at the seminary. When the war started, I left my village because the Russians bombed our town.

In 2019, I accepted Jesus and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I committed to sharing God's message. I now teach Sunday school, help with youth ministry, and sing and play piano at church. Our church is small, and many people have left due to the war, so I became a youth leader.



THE “L” FAMILY

RESTRICTED ACCESS NATION

I learned something unexpected this year. We had the opportunity to hear from a veteran worker who has witnessed God move in unprecedented ways among Muslims in the Middle East. He shares this nugget of wisdom. The Hebrew and Greek words for "faith" (such as the Greek pistis) often encompass both concepts of faith (belief, trust, conviction) and faithfulness (dependability, loyalty, consistency). When we think of the miraculous move of God, of God moving a mountain, we often think of simply having faith. But what if, just maybe, it's not about the measure of our faith, but the consistency of our faithfulness.

If we have the faithfulness of a mustard seed. To be daily faithful in doing as God designed, like the tiny mustard seed grows over decades into a mighty tree. Perhaps he has destined our faithfulness to grow steadily, even over decades. This past year, our family has spent time back on North American soil. Traveling weekly to churches and continually meeting with individuals.

It wasn't a mountain-moving kind of year, but what it was was a year where we saw the Lord lead us to take steps of faithfulness and then stand amazed at what He did as a result of it. We watched Him bring along, at just the right time, all the finances and documentation we needed to acquire new visas and attend new schools. And we felt the steady hand of the Lord leading us to a brand new country.

We were rocked this year to learn that the place we called home for the last 5 years had closed its doors to us. God is moving. Omanis are coming to Jesus. And the Omani church is starting. But along with that comes the persecution and challenge. While it came as a surprise, it didn't surprise the Lord. It didn't "rock" him. And we felt him say. If you have just as much faith as a mustard seed. I'll move the mountain!

Off to the unknown. Off to the new. Taking steps of faithfulness. Believing for the church to be planted in the Arab World... And watching God do what only he can.



MARGARET PFEIFFER

ChildCARE PLUS GUATEMALA



I am enrolled in full-time Spanish studies. While it has been challenging, I am encouraged to see steady progress as I gain greater ability to communicate and understand.

My teacher (Right), a lifelong resident of the Antigua area, has become my “culture coach,” helping me better understand the people of Guatemala, deepening my appreciation for the families we serve.

As I have settled into my new home, I have experienced God’s faithfulness in countless ways. He has provided a safe and welcoming place to live, as well as a supportive community of both Guatemalan and international missionaries. Every need I have had has been met by His provision.

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to accompany Hector and Ruth Aragon as they visited several schools where our ChildCARE Plus students are enrolled. Meeting the children and teachers has been a great joy.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the students and witnessing firsthand the impact of sponsorship—reaching over 500 children in Guatemala—is a profound reminder of the importance of this ministry. It is truly an honour to serve here.

Looking ahead, this coming January marks the beginning of my transition into a more active role with ChildCARE Plus. I will be working closely with the Aragons to learn the day-to-day operations of the ministry and prepare for the responsibilities that lie ahead. I look forward to all that God has planned with anticipation.



ERDO CHILDCARE PLUS

A testimony from Barry Slaunwhite, ChildCARE PLUS supporter and volunteer – When Barry transitioned out of work life, he began volunteering with ERDO. Visiting Guatemala and Honduras, he saw our child sponsorship programs firsthand. He was blown away by how our partners reach children physically, spiritually and socially.

In Guatemala, Barry visited a church under a bridge in slums controlled by gangs. He watched children living in this dangerous area as they were ministered to by the church. He heard stories about the adults who had grown up there, how they came to Christ, and saw that they were now working at the church.

In Honduras, Barry met volunteers and employees of the church who had been sponsored as children. They told stories of how the enemy wanted them involved in drugs and prostitution, but God changed their lives. Barry returned home, telling his wife about the impact of ChildCARE Plus program. He said, "We're in. Both feet."

"We need to care for the everyday needs of children. We need to educate kids so they can break the generational cycles of poverty. And most importantly, we need to introduce these children to Jesus, who changes their destiny. ERDO's partners are not only educating children, increasing nutrition and improving sanitation, but they are also connecting children to the local church, where the context allows."

"Eighty-five per cent of adult Christians report coming to Christ as a child between the ages of four and 14. Barry's own personal research indicates that typically, when a child becomes a Christian, an average of four other family members come to faith."

"God empowers people to change their lives as they come into a relationship with Him. God brings people into a community of believers where they can be loved, supported and disciplined. When a family sponsors a child, they become missionaries to that child. They cover the child and their family in prayers. They write encouraging letters, and they minister to that child."

"If every family sponsored a child, if we took that sponsorship not as a donation or a transaction but as a spiritual exercise where we become missionaries, and we then involve our children, imagine the impact it would have.. Your investment in a child has the greatest impact of anything you can do as a Christian."



MARK + KIM STEINFIELD

CORNERSTONE BIBLE
COLLEGE, NETHERLANDS

Mark is preparing to publish an article as part of his doctoral studies this fall. At Cornerstone, in addition to teaching four theology courses and another on the book of Revelation, he will develop a new course on the theology of the Holy Spirit.

Kim has started a new course in master's studies: Cross-Cultural Counselling. She is looking forward to counselling, coaching, and debriefing more students this year. One young couple has asked for coaching as they discern where God is calling them.

Students come from 18 countries – including Tunisia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Australia, Switzerland, Wales, and Germany. We are excited to get to know these students, walk alongside, and spur them on in their journey to be lights to the people groups who do not yet know Jesus.

Just before the college's men's retreat, the guest speaker pulled out. Who could come to the Netherlands on short notice to encourage the male staff and students? As the staff discussed the needs of staff and students, Mark realized he already had materials that could be suitable.

“Looking at the story of Saul and David, from Saul's perspective, I can talk about the inner struggles of men regarding purpose and potential, finding one's way when stuck, and jealousy of others.”

Each day, Mark shared a message. Looking at Saul's victories and defeats, and sharing from his own joys and challenges in cross-cultural ministry, Mark encouraged the men to be purposeful, to keep trusting the Lord, and to be secure in their calling.

PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ZIMBABWE

TIMOTHY FUND



A testimony:

Many like Lorraine would not be able to take their biblical studies without The Timothy Fund. It takes very little funding to fully support a student studying for full-time ministry. Almost every graduate enters the ministry, often with the task of planting new churches.

"I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Timothy Scholarship Fund for your generous support towards my school fees. Your endorsement has been a privilege and a significant blessing, enabling me to pursue my studies at Pan Africa Christian College.

I am thankful for God's goodness in my life, which has led me to this institution. Your intervention has been a crucial help, as I have been facing financial difficulties in paying my school fees. I am inspired by our dedicated lecturers, who passionately serve God and the school, providing profound teachings that challenge and enhance our understanding.

My desire is to serve God faithfully, diligently, and effectively. I pray that God continues to bless you as you support me and other students. I am committed to completing my studies, and I encourage you to continue providing this vital assistance to students, funding their school fees and supporting them in their academic journey."

Yours Faithfully,
Lorraine Mutanga

For over fifteen years, the Timothy Fund has provided scholarships of \$600 each to over 30 PAOC partner colleges worldwide. In 2024, we distributed 210 scholarships to 31 institutions in 28 countries



THE “M” FAMILY

CENTRAL AMERICA

This family has recently transitioned from living in our community, where they attended GT church. They are committed to changing lives in some of the most notorious and dangerous areas in the country they now minister in. The following is a report of their efforts:

The three “lanes” we’re focusing on:

Community Development: Supporting and empowering vulnerable families and communities.

Discipleship: Strengthening men and believers through intentional mentoring, spiritual formation, and leadership development training.

Freedom & Restoration: Helping reach women working in markets and brothels with the Gospel. We are developing relationships to provide pathways to freedom, restoration, and dignity.

We’ve partnered with an amazing couple who conduct weekly outreach in the markets and brothels of the capital city.

Last month, we sponsored three events in bars, which 30 women attended and learned more about God’s love for each one of them.

We are excited to share with you that we have officially taken over the leadership of a grassroots ministry that has been conducting evangelism throughout the country.





THE “W” FAMILY

SOUTH EAST ASIA

For the past 8 years, our children have attended a multicultural international school where children come from around the world. Many students and their parents know nothing about Christianity. We pray they get to hear the gospel for the first time.

Vera has successfully led various school events. At the “Moms in Prayer”, ladies from a dozen cultural backgrounds gather twice a month at our school to pray for the students, teachers, and the school's needs. It's not uncommon to hear several languages spoken. It was a surprise at the end of one of our meetings that two new mothers from China, who had joined us, were not yet believers – they wanted to attend a prayer meeting to see what it was like. Because Vera speaks Chinese, she was able to join a discussion in Mandarin where the ladies were presented with the gospel. One of them decided to give her heart to Jesus.

Another group is the school's Parent-Teacher Organization, which organizes a wide variety of activities to help build community among the school's families.

Vera's favourite activity is the 'Christmas Mingle Jingle' outreach for parents. Recently, we were able to put on an interactive drama that explained the reason for Jesus' coming and why we celebrate Christmas. Afterwards, a Chinese mom, with tears in her eyes, said, “I've heard the story before, but I never really understood it until now!”

Vera helped facilitate an Alpha Ministries parenting course for Mandarin-speaking parents. During the sessions, some non-Christian parents were deeply impacted by the biblical truths presented. One of the dads shared that he was encouraged to read the Bible following the course and was so excited that he told the others, “I've begun reading the Bible, it's really helpful – you all should read it too!”

Pray that the Lord would give opportunities to “plant and water” the seeds, and that He would cause them to grow into a mighty harvest!



LOCAL OR GLOBAL

WHAT IS A “MISSION CANADA WORKER”?

The next group of workers ministers in or from Canada, with some serving globally from here. Some are PAOC workers, some are connected to GT.

A growing movement of God's people actively cares about the least reached in Canada. Missions Canada have focused efforts on the five 'missional gaps' where Jesus is presently underrepresented:

- Next Gen—children, youth, post-secondary campus students
- The people of Quebec and Francophones in other provinces
- Cultural Language Groups (Newcomers to Canada)
- Indigenous Peoples of Canada—First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- Canada's growing urban centres

These assignments are the “Samaritans”, harder to reach places in our nation. We are committed to identifying and equipping those who pursue their calling to share the gospel in unique ways.

PAOC MISSION CANADA is led by our own Brian Egert who also volunteers at GT. If you are interested in more information, he's always willing to help.



“B”

NEIGHBOURS & NEWCOMERS NETWORK

A vinyl sign flapped in the wind on the chain link fence while, beyond it, three brightly coloured tent canopies stood out clearly against the grey rec centre behind. Nearby stood a board full of tags handwritten with the names of 50 individual children whom we awaited with great expectation; the majority of whom are from Muslim families.

If you had looked out your window and peeked into my neighbourhood that morning, you would have been met with the sight described above, plus a group of people in red shirts gathered below a tree, discussing the day and week ahead and praying together for the Holy Spirit to lead, for God's presence to be felt, and for seeds to be planted in the hearts of these precious children and their families.

The camp theme revolved around God's "Upside Down" Kingdom and the life of David. The way things work in God's Kingdom (like turning the other cheek and loving your enemies) is very different from the way things normally are done in our world! The kids were confronted with these concepts throughout the week and encountered amazing facets of God's character that are non-existent in the teachings of Islam.

David, or Dawud, is also a prophet in the Quran, providing a meaningful bridge to introduce these concepts. I explained that Dawud foretold that someone would come many years later to open the doors to the Kingdom of God for us. That person was Jesus, also known as Isa al-Masih. At the same time, one of our sweet, Arabic-speaking volunteers had opportunities for wonderful gospel conversations with some of the Muslim moms who stayed around while their kids were at camp.



Please pray that these children and their families would discover Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Also, for gospel conversations with the Muslim moms who stayed around while their kids were at camp. Pray that these families would discover Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and Life!



ANDREW DHANIPERSAD

MISSION CANADA

After hearing and responding to God's call, Andrew has returned to the University of Toronto, St. George Campus (Downtown), as a campus minister.



We took students through the Gospel of Mark this past semester! We created a space where they could explore who Jesus is and ask any questions .

Eve is a second-year voice performance student in the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto. Before Eve attended our weekly Bible study, she was unsure whether God existed. Three weeks into our weekly sessions, Eve came to faith in Jesus Christ! I then explained to her what baptism was, and she immediately wanted to get baptized. I was honoured and delighted to baptize Eve!

At her baptism, Eve shared that she had an encounter with Jesus while performing a song on stage at U of T:

"It was a very packed song about grief, and it was really, actually, quite emotional for me to be preparing that—so much so, that I got very wrapped up in this negative perspective.

I was praying with all my heart to Jesus before going on stage and listening to worship music...and then I step on stage and I feel like I can feel this unconditional love that is unexplainable when I'm singing, and I feel like I'm singing to one audience, and that is Jesus himself.

And that moment really helped me believe entirely that Jesus is real...that moment was really when he kind of infiltrated my soul in a way that it's just unexplainable."

I was amazed when I heard Eve's encounter with Jesus, because on the day of her performance, without her knowing, I had prayed that her singing would be a worship to Jesus.

Praise God for what he continues to do and how he transforms lives at the University of Toronto! It was a holy, healing moment. And I'm so thankful to God that we got to be part of it.



MAURY BLAIR

BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES

Enduring an unimaginable home life filled with nightmarish torment, this gripping true story tells of one soul's relentless fight for hope against impossible odds. Until... a little church on the 'wrong side of town' reached out to the 'worst kids in town'—and light pierced the darkness. A true story of survival and resilience—told with Maury's trademark humour.”

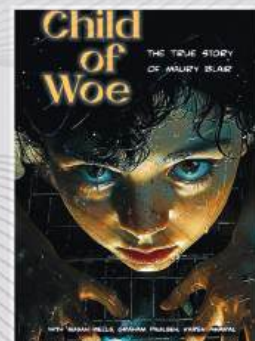
From youth conferences and prison ministries to leading Teen Challenge for over twenty years, Maury's impact has reached thousands worldwide.

His passion for future generations has inspired the release of graphic novels in multiple translations. COMING, Dec 1, an animated film documentary.

Featuring the talents of GT church members: Susan Wells, creator and director of the graphic novel and video; Graham Paulsen, who brought illustrations to life in novel and film; and Karen Amaral, whose captivating design made the book impossible to put down!

Youth and young adults are embracing graphic novels: themes of abuse, bullying, and depression offer no solution. Maury's message, "Hope is Here," is brought to life in the book's gripping imagery.

We are equipping ministries to youth, and those at risk – here and worldwide. Now in French and Spanish, Ukrainian and Russian coming soon, and more.

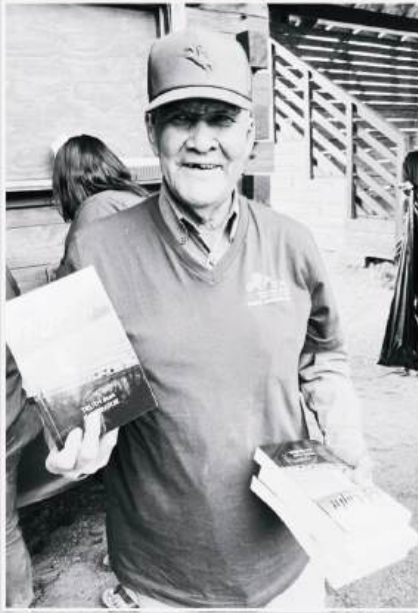


Spanish Version from Central America:

"My name is Juan Carlos. A simple pamphlet changed everything. I felt lost, and God seemed far away... but then I saw myself in the stories. To some, it's just a piece of paper, but it opened my heart to Jesus. I am now in a bible study."

"There is NOTHING like this out there!" The critique about materials for Christian youth is that the stories are 'too milk toast and not relatable'. Why the Canadian Bible Society is distributing Child of Woe—in English and French—to every prison in Canada, youth detention centers and drug rehab programs

For inspiring stories and videos: overcomingabuse.ca. @MauryBlairChildofWoe
How can we help you? susanwells@overcomingabuse.ca



FIRST PEOPLES'S VOICES

CROSSROADS CARES

In 2018, an elder from Blueberry River sent letters to Christian ministries requesting prayer for these communities. Bev Hadland, was the only one to respond.

As a result, Crossroads FPV was invited to visit this community along with 4 other ones along the Alaskan Highway and has since built a strong relationship through prayer, spiritual support, and encouragement. These communities don't have churches or any other missionary presence.

Many of Bev's visits over the years were filled with the funerals of people who died by suicide, drug overdoses, untreated diseases and terrible accidents. Bev knew that God loved these beautiful communities and praised Him when the opportunity came to bring intercessors with her.

Bev's most recent visit with the team this past June was filled with encouragement and gratitude. What began seven years ago as a simple plea for prayer and spiritual support has since grown into a powerful movement. Crossroads' vision is to see individuals walking in spiritual wholeness and empowered to reach their own people with the gospel. Through friendship and the consistent extension of Christ's love, we've helped them learn to listen to and follow the Holy Spirit. As a result, they're now equipped to share the gospel within their own circles. Weekly prayer gatherings and Bible study groups have emerged, strengthening the faith of members and shining brightly as beacons of hope in spiritually dark places.

According to Beverly, "This last trip really solidified the foundation of revival and lifelong relationships between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous. There was much healing in repentance and forgiveness.

We express our heartfelt appreciation for your faithful support. One woman's cry for prayer support has been answered because of your investment into the vision and mission of Crossroads First Peoples Voices. Together, we didn't just offer help— it ignited hope. We truly believe these visits were a catalyst that helped us reach a powerful turning point for these forgotten communities. Where there was once silence, there is now momentum. Where there was struggle, there is now strength. Because of you, change has already begun.



JASON W.

LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

Jason W. is the new Director of Light for the Nations (LfN), a mobile missions training program under PAOC Mission Global.

LfN equips mission-minded Christians in "missions-receiving nations" to become "missions-sending nations."

Many believers in these countries are called by God to go, but they often lack access to training for cross-cultural missions. The vision of Light for the Nations was born in the heart of Les Paulsen in 2002. Since Les's retirement in 2024, Jason has continued this vital work.

This year, Jason and LfN have already provided training in Cuba three times and in Kazakhstan in April. Jason and his wife have also been invited to attend and speak at the Pentecostal Asia Mission Consultation in Nepal in November. They have also been asked to teach at the Lviv Theological Seminary in December.

We are blessed to equip God's people who are hungry to go to the nations and serve with excellence in many of the least-reached parts of the world.

The Lord has instilled a passion in our hearts for the least-reached, regardless of their location, and we can reach many more people by working together as the larger body of Christ.



WENDY HAGAR

SEW ON FIRE

Celebrating 25 years of ministry that God birthed in 2000. After a 40-day fast, Wendy sat in a pew at GT Church, committed to sewing 100 bags for an orphanage in Russia. Her mission ignited others – 1,725 gift bags followed! From her living room to a 9,000 sq ft distribution centre, Sew on Fire has partnered with over 175 organizations, sending humanitarian aid to 104 countries via short-term mission groups, missionaries, and container shipments.

Sew on Fire has partnered with Registered Charities, mission groups, and churches—especially those fostering lasting connections with communities. Recently, our volunteers packed four 45-gallon barrels with school supplies, baby layettes, and blankets destined for Jamaica. These items were prepared specifically to fulfill requests from our partners serving school children and their families.

A shipment accompanied a team from Alberta. Before leaving for Guantánamo, Cuba, they met in Toronto to pick up Women’s Gift Bags for a women’s conference and essential items like hygiene kits, first-aid supplies, and pencil cases, for local distribution.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for having played a role in both these outreach efforts in Jamaica and Cuba. This year, we had the privilege of partnering with two ministries, helping to fill three 40-foot sea containers for the Philippines.

Gifts and humanitarian aid have reached communities across the Philippines, Peru, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Mexico, and numerous local initiatives in Canada, supporting First Nations communities, refugees, homeless individuals, and low-income families with hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies and more.



Volunteers pack, sort, sew, knit, and shop over 2000 hours every month, sending 35 to 50 tons of humanitarian aid annually.

Join Jeff, me, and the team! Be part of a community that loves creatively, serves selflessly. With God, even the smallest gift can bring hope across the world.



JOSHUA MAHAFFY

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Josh is a youth worker with Youth For Christ, Waterdown drop-in center, where he engages through lunch programs, games, and personal interaction.

“Growing up, I had people to talk to here at Glad Tidings, but many youths don’t have a loving community to rely on.”

We have numerous opportunities to get to know the young people in our local community. While most interactions are simple and friendly, we intentionally push our conversations beyond the surface.

After a typical conversation with a regularly attending youth, we inquired deeper into their current feelings and worries. One youth opened up about their struggles with mental health and their inability to feel understood by the world around them as a member of the LGBTQ community.

From previous conversations, we knew that the youth’s family culture was very disapproving of their current outlook on sexuality, and did not understand the impact mental health issues were having on their child.

From the youth’s perspective, they felt alone, confused, and afraid, but they trusted us with their struggles. We inquired further about the steps this youth and their parents had taken in response to these issues and offered some of the mental health resources available to us. It is so important for young people to have trusted adults in their lives with whom they can share. I am grateful that we can be the voice of Jesus to many children from diverse backgrounds. As we walk alongside this young person, we can pray for them and be there with them through the ups and downs.



“J”

NEIGHBOURS & NEWCOMERS NETWORK

For eight years, this Mission Canada worker was engaged in full-time ministry with her husband in the Middle East as a missionary, pastor, and refugee worker.

Upon returning to Canada, they were struck by the large number of refugees arriving in Canada from the Middle East and resettling in the Niagara area. They have embarked on one of their greatest journeys yet.

It has been another fruitful year of ministry since February 2023, with a focus on reaching newcomers in the Niagara region, particularly those from Muslim backgrounds.

“J” has established connections with approximately thirty-five families by teaching English, hosting family fun programs, and providing assistance through translation services for doctor appointments, surgeries, and baby deliveries, among other needs.

A year and a half ago, “J” started Alpha for a group of thirty people who had never heard the gospel before. Since then, the Alpha group has continued to meet for Bible studies together. One of the attendees said he had a dream in which Jesus appeared to him and said, “Come to me.” He said he proceeded to go to Jesus, but as he did, Jesus disappeared. Our friends are so open to the gospel and are on a journey to learn the truth. It is a spiritual battle for our friends who are seeking, so please pray for them.

“J” reports, “Our friends are working hard to make a living and start their new lives here. One of my friends, with whom I had very meaningful conversations, has started her own restaurant business from home. I helped translate for her home food inspection, and thank the Lord she was approved. It is a joy to watch her thrive and succeed in her business.”

“Most newcomers are longing for fellowship and friendship. It is lonely moving to a new country and not knowing anyone. I encourage each of you to befriend a newcomer and make them feel welcome. Leviticus 19:34 says, “The foreigner who resides with you must be to you like a native citizen among you; so you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”



DAVE & JOANNE ARNDT

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Dave and Joanne are “Second-career global workers”. They are self-supported, serving amongst university students during their school year. Their wisdom, experience, and heart for the younger make their ministry uniquely valuable. They often serve as a “mom and dad” to younger global worker families, representing GT Church here and abroad.

Being hugged and being told you are loved are foreign concepts to many young people in Thailand. They sometimes respond, “Where do I put my hands?”

One fellowship night, a young man who’d asked for prayer, I (Joanne) asked if I could give him a hug. The next day, he shared with his leader, “When Joanne hugged me, I realized God had been giving me gentle hugs all along. But since before this I’d never been hugged, I didn’t recognize God’s hugs.”

Hugs and feeling loved are such foreign concepts for these young people! But through a simple hug, God can reveal Jesus’ love in a tangible way. An attendee brought a friend to a Bible study. He began answering questions with deep questions himself. Dave & I were amazed as we watched the others help answer. When we asked if anyone needed prayer, he spoke up. “I need prayer to fill this void here (holding his chest). I need to figure out how this God-thing works for me.”

Walking by the cafeteria, we noticed a fearful young woman sitting alone. Joanne asked if she could help. She replied, “I’m so afraid. What if I contract COVID? What if I miss my exams? What if I get poor marks?”

When Joanne offered to pray for her, she agreed. Joanne told her she cared for her & loved her, but that God loves her even more. When Joanne asked to hug her, she jumped into her arms and burst into tears and sobbed. Later, she shared with us, “Mom never told me she loved me. She never hugged me!”



Sometimes all God asks is to hug them. Soon, we’ll return to work with students, equipping, empowering, and igniting a passion within them to follow Christ. One of our tools will be hugging and showing love!

GT CHURCH MEMBERS, WORKING HERE AND ABROAD



JIM & KATHERINE CANTELON

Working for Orphans & Widows (WOWMission.com) is a faith-based ministry equipping partners to care for orphans and widows, especially those impacted by HIV/AIDS and poverty. Through home-based care, WOW's army of volunteers (many widows themselves) make thousands of visits to the sick and marginalized. They provide food, medicine, prayer, and dignity. The ministry emphasizes gospel teaching, justice, and righteousness, partnering with local leaders to mobilize communities toward sustainable care. WOW Mission shares stories of transformation, inviting others to join in "being the hands and feet of Jesus".

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JOE & KAREN AMARAL

Hope For Liberia is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to bringing hope and transformation to communities in Liberia. Our work focuses on providing education and care for orphans, ensuring vulnerable children have the opportunity to learn and thrive. We bring drinking water to villages in need. We also run medical and rehabilitation initiatives, rescuing young men from drug-infested ghettos and offering them a path to healing, restoration, and purpose. Through education, clean water, and addiction recovery, Hope For Liberia shares dignity, opportunity, and lasting hope with those often forgotten.



GARY AND BEV LAING

Gary and Bev served in Cambodia for two four-year terms, where Gary taught at Cambodia Bible Institute and Bev administered the Child Care Plus program. Upon returning to live in Canada in 2018, they committed to continuing their legacy of support for Cambodia's wonderful people on an annual basis, each January. This involves Gary teaching a 2-week block course at CBI, while Bev joins a medical/dental team from Oregon that offers free medical/dental treatments to local villagers.



WHAT WE DO...

GT Church doesn't just function as a funding agency. The Mission's Committee comes alongside our Partners with regular communication and support.

Our LIFT Kids regularly send letters to our ChildCare Plus sponsored children.

Would you like to come alongside? Local partnerships, like Sew on Fire (directed by our own Wendy Hagar), are always needing help. What better way to show what being missional is about to your kids?

If you'd like to know more about the Missions team and how you could serve in any projects, we'd love to hear from you. Go to our website and connect.

Missions Team

Steve Swartwood, Pat Klein, Monica Heibrecht, Bev Egert, Jamal Faraj, Amy Ramzy, Susan Wells

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ISAIAH 6:8**

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