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KINGDOM MINISTRIES

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*It Starts With Believing.*

Jesus was once in a conversation with a group of people who asked Him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” (John 6:28-29)

Jesus is clear about the primacy and centrality of faith. Christians are primarily called “believers,” not “achievers.” The way that we achieve is by first believing. And what we believe about God, ourselves, and others determines how we act towards God, ourselves, and others. In this way, a genuine belief in Jesus doesn’t just stay as a belief or trust in Him. It is designed to bubble up and overflow from our lives to those around us. As Romans 15:13 says, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Since its founding in 1907 as a little home Bible study in Los Angeles, Christian Assembly has been a place where Jesus graciously calls people to believe in Him. As people from every generation and ethnicity respond to the gospel of Jesus, we are indeed seeing God fill us abundantly, so that we overflow with the hope of the good news of Christ. Locally, we now have 33 different partnerships where these streams of the hope of the gospel are flowing. Globally, it’s currently flowing into 29 different countries, including impacting 35 unreached people

groups. And everywhere it is flowing, we see signs of life: the gospel is being shared, people are being saved, disciples are being made, lives are being restored, and goodness is coming in too many ways to count—all of this done from the overflow of believing in Jesus, the one whom God has sent.

In these pages, you will get to go beyond the numbers to the many stories of changed lives from the overflow of the belief of those who call Christian Assembly home. Without your faith, prayers, serving, and financial giving, none of these stories would be happening. I hope the stories and partnerships inspire and encourage you as much as they do me. May God use them to invite you to do the work of God: to believe in Jesus for the first time—or maybe to believe again—and then let that belief overflow from your life too.

*With Hope & Gratitude in Christ,*



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“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

# Local Ministries

## KIDS HOPE

# Andy & Alejandro's Story

*by Sarah Dornbos*



When we began our Kids Hope mentoring program at Eagle Rock Elementary (ERE) in January of 2008, the first student referred to us was a second-grader named Alejandro. Struggling with behavior issues at school, Alejandro was matched with Andy Balch, a CA volunteer mentor, who met with him for an hour each week over the next five years.

When the two started meeting, Alejandro was missing academic instruction due to behavior, and Andy didn't have any special behavior modification training. However, after just a few weeks of mentoring, Alejandro's teacher, Ms. Oliva, reached out to me and asked, "What are you doing during Kids Hope?"

I explained to her that we try to "go FAR." We do something fun, something academic, and something relational each time we meet. For Andy and Alejandro, that meant playing a lot

of basketball, reading together each week, and talking about Alejandro's frustrations about fairness in school. "Whatever you're doing, keep it up," Ms. Oliva encouraged me. "Alejandro's spending a lot more time in my classroom—and not in the principal's office—because he wants to impress Andy with a good behavior report on Tuesdays."

The simple act of someone coming to school each week and checking in on Alejandro met a need that was crying out in his heart, resulting in a positive behavior change all week. This is not uncommon in our Kids Hope classroom. Ordinary people from our church show up week after week, and change the trajectory of a child's life.

When Alejandro graduated from sixth grade in 2012, that was a huge win. So you can imagine my delight in April of 2024 when

"I marveled at the redemptive work of God in the life of a little boy who struggled with behavior in school—now a police officer in Northeast Los Angeles."

Alejandro's mom invited me to another graduation—this time from the Los Angeles Police Academy. As I cheered Alejandro on, I marveled at the redemptive work of God in the life of a little boy who struggled with behavior in school—now a police officer in Northeast Los Angeles, including the neighborhood where both the school and church campuses are located!

Even more, God used Kids Hope to draw Alejandro's family into a relationship with Himself. As the pastor from their Spanish-speaking church in Highland Park prayed a prayer of protection over Alejandro at his graduation, I thought of Brian Taylor and Bob Walsh, prayer partners who prayed weekly for Andy and Alejandro for those five years that they were part of Kids Hope.

Alejandro's mom shared with us, "Andy impacted my son's life in so many ways. The love that Kids Hope gives to children changes their lives, and if we parents make an effort to have Christ in their lives and ours, God does wonders like what He has done with my son. You're not just impacting the student, but the family, and the whole community through Kids Hope."

## Expanding Partnerships

Alejandro's second grade teacher retired from LAUSD a few years ago. After seeing the positive impact of Kids Hope at her school, Ms. Oliva knew she wanted to be part of transforming the lives of children through Kids Hope. Ms. Oliva is now a Kids Hope director at her son-in-law's church in Chatsworth, CA.



In the 17 years that we’ve had a Kids Hope program, God has used Christian Assembly to help start 18 other Kids Hope programs at other churches—ensuring that kids in those communities have mentors too.



### New School

In the fall of 2024, we expanded our CA Kids Hope program to a second school site! In addition to serving our students at ERE, we added Delevan Drive Elementary (also in Eagle Rock) to the students and schools we serve. Please join us in praying for favor with the staff and for stories of transformation as we invest in this new school.

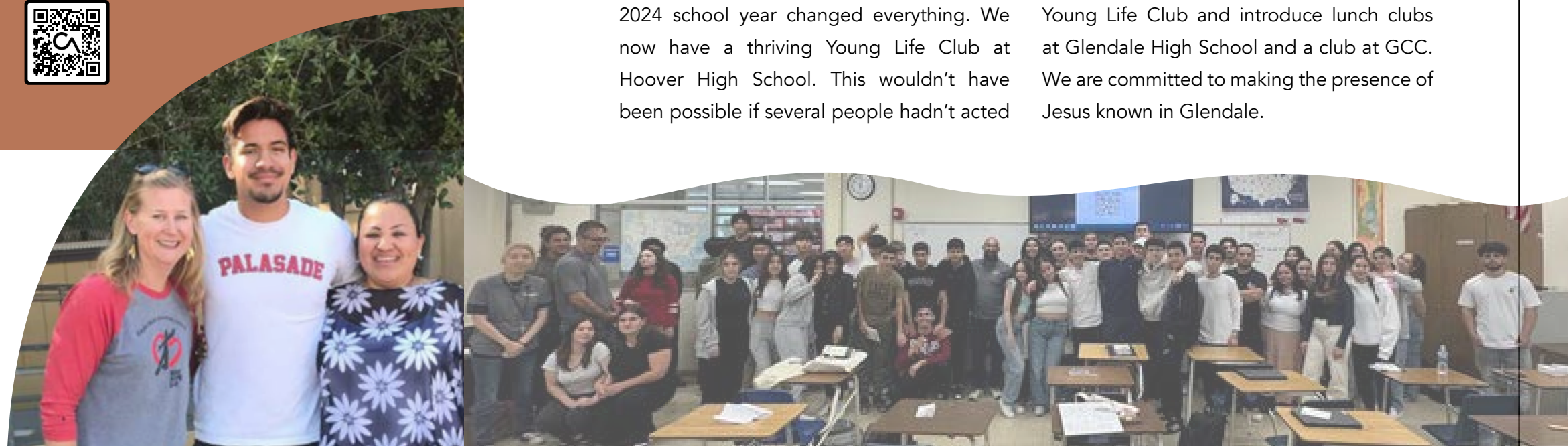
To CA and to all of those who contribute monthly to the Kingdom offering, thank you for your unwavering commitment to mentorship. Mentors and prayer partners,

thank you for embodying the love that Jesus Himself has for each child. Your service in Jesus’ name matters for eternity!

### A Note About Kids Hope

Kids Hope is a national mentoring program celebrating 30 years of service. Christian Assembly has served more than 981 students locally through our Kids Hope programs at Eagle Rock and Delevan Drive Elementary Schools. Volunteer mentors from CA are screened, trained, and matched with students referred to the program by school staff. These mentors work one-on-one in the Kids Hope classroom, once a week, during the school year. We aim to help LA’s most vulnerable children experience the “hope and a future” promised in Jeremiah 29:11. Our goal is simple: to intervene in the lives of kids in our neighborhood with “no strings attached” and become agents of transformation, affirmation, and hope!

To find out how you might join our team as a mentor, on-call super sub, prayer partner, or events volunteer, visit our website ([kidshopeeaglerock.com](http://kidshopeeaglerock.com)) or use this QR Code:



## GLENDALE YOUNG LIFE

# Making<sup>the</sup> Presence of Jesus Known

*by Artur Asaduriyan*

Halfway through the school year, a Young Life leader at Herbert Hoover High School shared a moving testimony. A parent told the leader that she had started reading the Bible for the first time in over 20 years. Inspired by her daughter, who had organized Bible studies for her friends after attending our Young Life Club during lunch, this woman’s story highlights the transformative impact of Young Life’s presence on campus.

For almost 20 years, Glendale hasn’t had a Young Life presence. However, the 2023-2024 school year changed everything. We now have a thriving Young Life Club at Hoover High School. This wouldn’t have been possible if several people hadn’t acted

on the movement of the Holy Spirit. By God’s gracious guidance the leadership committee was formed, and we got to work. After some networking meetings, we met two people at Hoover High School who wanted to start a Young Life Club.

The Hoover High Young Life Lunch Club has seen around 150 students come through our doors and hear the gospel this year. We’ve averaged 40 to 50 students weekly, many of whom are hearing the gospel for the first time. We’ve also started weekly Campaigners gatherings (Bible studies), which meet on Wednesdays during lunch. Many students shared about how the Lunch Club has gotten them to read the Bible for the first time or draw closer to God throughout the school year.

Our goal is to establish a presence at every high school and junior high school in Glendale, as well as at Glendale Community College (GCC). In the 2024-2025 school year, we plan to start an after-school Glendale Young Life Club and introduce lunch clubs at Glendale High School and a club at GCC. We are committed to making the presence of Jesus known in Glendale.



## FCA IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

# For the Win

Josh Brodt works with athletes and coaches in the San Fernando Valley as the Area Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). The Valley is a diverse space, so Josh works with a diverse group of student athletes, all for the purpose of “leading every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.” Erick Quintanilla and Victor Garcia are two of those athletes and new student leaders for FCA at Vaughn High School.

Over the 2023-2024 school year, both Erick and Victor grew tremendously in their faith due to their consistent attendance at FCA huddles and Bible studies, often asking good questions and engaging in deep conversations with the adult leaders. At one of the huddles, Erick courageously shared his testimony about God providing for him and his family after his father passed away from Covid. Josh and the adult leaders were very proud of Erick for stepping out in faith in this way.

Victor took big strides in his faith as well, and he plans to attend FCA's first high school summer camp since before the pandemic. At

these camps, FCA aims to host an exciting time of inspiration and perspiration, where athletes get high level instruction in their sport and in the Word of God. Josh looks forward to cheering on Victor and several other Vaughn High School athletes who have already signed up.

This year, FCA also hosted many successful competitive events on campuses throughout the Valley—from basketball and dodgeball tournaments, to capture the flag, to several flag football tournaments. All of these were run with the help of student leaders like Erick and Victor, as well as coaches and volunteers. Student leaders gathered even more students at the huddles after the tournaments concluded.

For FCA, sports is a vehicle for the gospel. Josh and the coaches, volunteers, student leaders, and guest speakers gave away



close to 100 Bibles and shared the gospel on campuses across the Valley through FCA Huddles this year. At least seven students made first-time commitments to Jesus, and all 28 FCA student leaders in the Valley took meaningful steps to deepen their faith this school year. Since 2015, close to 5,000 students have made decisions to follow Christ through FCA's campus huddles in the San Fernando Valley. That is what FCA calls a win.





## DUARTE MONROVIA YOUNG LIFE

# Dylan's Story

*by Gina Quay*

As a young child, Dylan went to church sporadically with his family, but eventually they stopped going to church altogether. The first time Dylan came to Young Life Club he talked about the kind and energetic leaders and how much he enjoyed hearing about God. As he continued to be involved with Young Life, Dylan's hunger to know God grew. He started asking questions and decided to get serious about his faith. Through mentorship from our Young Life leaders, attending Campaigners (a Bible study), and going to Winter Camp, Dylan's faith and passion for God took off.

Some of our Young Life leaders started taking Dylan and some other unchurched students to CA Students at Christian Assembly. He loved the worship and the caring community

at CA, as well as the powerful messages from the Bible. Dylan just graduated from High School, but he plans to attend Fusion (CA's young adult service) in the fall.

He shares, "Young Life has been amazing, because I have grown with the Lord and have learned about His Word. I have connected with others who have an amazing relationship with Jesus. Christian Assembly is great for people who have just started learning about Jesus and want to know more about Him. God is the most amazing Heavenly Father ever, and our Lord and Savior."

As we connect our unchurched students to churches, we have seen family members also start to come to church. One of our students received Jesus at Winter Camp and began attending 678 (CA's middle school ministry). A few months later, his mom began a relationship with Jesus while attending a Sunday morning service at CA. In Dylan's own words, praise to "the most amazing Heavenly Father ever, and our Lord and Savior!"

## More About Duarte Monrovia Young Life

Last year Duarte Monrovia Young Life was nominated as one of the fastest growing areas of Young Life in the Southwest Region. We are currently on four public school campuses in the Duarte/Monrovia area, loving each student and sharing the gospel during lunch. In the past year around 22 students began a relationship with Jesus, and our 30 leaders now know over 350 students by name.

We took 130+ students to Young Life Summer Camp—more than double the number of students we took last year. Six of our high school students have become leaders for Wyldlife (Young Life's middle school ministry), and six student leaders at Duarte High School are leading Young Life Club on their own campus. We know that God loves each student, and we celebrate the ways they have experienced His love and presence this past year!



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## CRU BOISE STATE

# Maddie's Story

Growing up in Christian Assembly, Maddie Torres developed a heart's passion for ministry. As a college student, Maddie found an outlet for that heart's passion through serving on the Cru Boise State Campus Ministry team in Idaho.

This past year, Maddie led a range of activities within Cru, including weekly Bible studies, Wednesday gatherings, and special outreach events. She even organized a spring break mission trip to the Middle East, where her team shared the gospel on college campuses, fostered relationships, and connected with locals in the region. She also engaged students in evangelism on the Boise State campus and mentored several women, nurturing their faith in Jesus.

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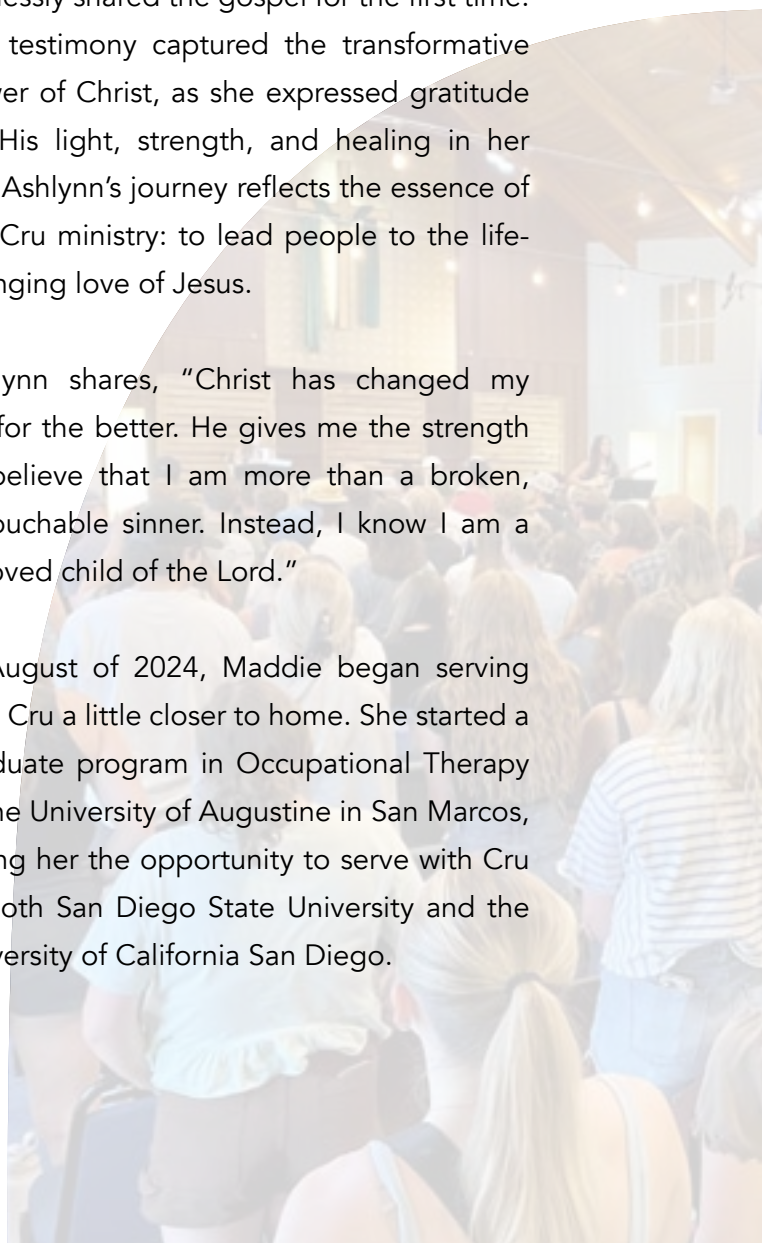
The mission of Cru is to turn lost students and faculty into lifelong, Christ-centered, multiplying disciples.

But the highlight of Maddie's year was mentoring Ashlynn, a freshman college student with a background averse to religion. Yet through her meetings with Maddie, Ashlynn had a change of heart. She encountered Jesus, embraced the gospel, and prayed to receive the Lord as her Savior!

At the annual Cru Winter Conference, Ashlynn fearlessly shared the gospel for the first time. Her testimony captured the transformative power of Christ, as she expressed gratitude for His light, strength, and healing in her life. Ashlynn's journey reflects the essence of the Cru ministry: to lead people to the life-changing love of Jesus.

Ashlynn shares, "Christ has changed my life for the better. He gives me the strength to believe that I am more than a broken, untouchable sinner. Instead, I know I am a beloved child of the Lord."

In August of 2024, Maddie began serving with Cru a little closer to home. She started a graduate program in Occupational Therapy at the University of Augustine in San Marcos, giving her the opportunity to serve with Cru at both San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego.



## CRU LOS ANGELES

# Ryan's Story

A student-athlete with surfer-blond hair and piercing blue eyes, Ryan\* is the perfect amalgamation of raw talent and relentless dedication that typifies UCLA's culture of athletic excellence. However, after suffering through a string of injuries and setbacks early on in his NCAA career, Ryan found himself lonely and depressed. Seeking solace and escape through a life of promiscuity, alcohol, and psychedelic drugs, Ryan quickly spiraled into cycles of guilt and shame.

He eventually hit rock bottom midway through his junior year, but soon remembered that his childhood neighbor Megan\* had recently started following Jesus and attending Cru at UCLA. After many long talks with Megan

and her Cru friends, Ryan knew that he had found what he was looking for all along—a relationship with Jesus. Today Ryan can't help but tell others his story of how God has made him new. When he compares his life before and after knowing Jesus, it's clear that even Ryan's massive six-foot, seven-inch frame can't contain the overflowing joy of the Lord.

He shares, "I was like the prodigal son. Being welcomed into the Cru community was an embodiment of the Father's warm hug. I have never been happier than I am right now."

*\*Names changed to protect the privacy of our students.*



## STUDENT MOBILIZATION

## Gracie's Story

Bella Hardy met freshman Gracie Minneman at the University of Wyoming the second week of school in the fall of 2023. Raised Lutheran, Gracie would have called herself a follower of Jesus, but her life did not reflect that at all. Introduced to drinking at a young age, Gracie had an unhealthy relationship with alcohol and was living for the world. She sought affirmation from her grades, friends, and boys. She found fulfillment in substances and was always searching for ways she could be "in the party."

Bella built a friendship with Gracie and began sharing the gospel with her right away. Gracie made Jesus the Lord of her life in September of 2023. It has been incredible for Bella to witness Gracie's life change, as she fights

for holiness and spends daily time with the Lord. Even more, Gracie recently shared the gospel with her friend Jordan, and Gracie will soon be part of an eight-week discipleship program called Kaleo.

Student Mobilization's mission statement is, "To build spiritual leaders for Christ from the college campuses of the world." Bella joined the Student Mobilization staff team at the University of Wyoming in the fall of 2023. She shares, "In just this year we saw 29 students make a profession of faith in Jesus, eight of whom are freshman or sophomore girls that I met in the fall and got to personally lead to Christ!"

In a recent text to Bella, Gracie shared, "If I never met you, God only knows what my life would look like right now. You saved me from the darkness I was living in and helped me realize that a life with Jesus is a life worth living!"

"A life with Jesus is a life worth living!"

CSUN YOUNG LIFE  
A Student Impact Story

*by Ugit Wu*



One morning on a Young Life weekend retreat, I ran into a student wandering around the coffee shop and sat down with him. After chatting with me for a few minutes, he shared that for the last eight years he had been heavily addicted to drugs. Lately he was feeling angry and stuck in life. At that point, the Holy Spirit prompted me to ask, "Would you like a redo?" One thing led to another, and the student ended up deciding to commit his life to Jesus Christ! After some ugly tears, we laughed, hugged, and went on with our weekend.

The next night, on the way home from camp, the student confessed that back at his house he had stashed over a thousand dollars worth of marijuana and shrooms. As we drew closer to his house, I told him that if he was sincere about following Jesus, the Holy Spirit may convict him that he needed to throw the drugs away. After what felt like an eternity, I broke the silence and asked, "Are you ready

to give up the drugs you have hidden in your room?" He responded, "Yeah, I think I am, but I don't think I can do it on my own."

When we got to his house, he invited me in and said, "Hang on a sec." He disappeared into his bedroom, and after a few moments, he returned with a large plastic bag full of drugs and said, "Here, you take it." That student ended up joining one of our small groups and is learning to follow Jesus in deeper and more meaningful ways.

Young Life College at CSUN is an outreach ministry that exists to reach, build, and launch students into a life long relationship with Jesus Christ.



# HUME CHRISTIAN CAMPS

## Joy's Story

*by Dr. John R. Boal*

When I think of powerful stories of transformation at Hume Christian Camps, there are so many that I could share. But one compelling story that comes to the forefront of my mind is that of a young girl we will call "Joy." Joy arrived at Winter Camp at our Hume SoCal campus as a pronounced atheist. The winter camp's theme delved into the meaning of life through the book of Ecclesiastes, where Solomon describes life apart from God as ultimately meaningless. After the first message, Joy's curiosity about Jesus, God, and the Bible was piqued. The very next evening, during an invitation for those who had not yet committed to Christ, Joy was the first to stand, publicly declaring her newfound faith. Many of her peers soon joined her.

Joy arrived at Winter Camp as an atheist, seemingly far from God. Within 36 hours, she

left as a devoted follower of Christ. By the grace of God, these are the kinds of stories we see all the time at Hume Christian Camps.

At Hume, our mission is clear and unwavering. We aim to: lead individuals to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, nurture their growth in faith and Christian character, and help them establish priorities in prayer, Bible study, and fellowship within their local churches. Our desire is to inspire a lifelong commitment to serving Jesus, both at home and abroad, with a special focus on ministries to youth, understanding their pivotal role in shaping the future of the church.

Students like Joy—far from God—often find Him to be very close when they come to camp at Hume. We praise God for His hand over this ministry and look forward to all that the Lord is doing and continues to do here at Hume.



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## More About Hume Christian Camps

Founded in 1946, Hume Christian Camps began with a vision to create a place where people could encounter God in a profound and personal way. That first summer 670 campers attended Hume Lake Conferences, supported by 15 volunteer staff. The vision, patience, and labor of these early pioneers birthed what would become a cornerstone of Christian ministry. Since then, more than a million young people and adults have experienced God's love and discovered His wonderful plan for their lives through the programs at Hume Lake.

Now with three locations, Hume Christian Camps has been a beacon of hope and transformation for countless individuals seeking a deeper connection with Jesus Christ. For over seven decades, Hume has been at the forefront of Christian ministry, creating a sanctuary where youth and adults can encounter God in life-changing ways.

In January of 2024, Christian Assembly gave \$75,000 to Hume Christian Camps. In response to this gift, Dr. Boal says, "We are profoundly grateful to CA for their generous gift. With \$25,000, we advanced our due diligence project at Hume SoCal, paving the way for future developments and enhancements. Another \$25,000 allowed us to replace worn-out mattresses at Hume Lake's Ponderosa Camp and provide new Bibles to campers, ensuring they have the resources for a comfortable stay and spiritual growth.

The remaining \$25,000 initiated crucial repairs at our Wagon Train outpost, the chapel where countless children hear the gospel message and come to know Jesus. Christian Assembly's donation allows us to do the work on camp, so that campers can hear the gospel message, deepen their faith, and create lifelong memories."

## DOOR OF HOPE

# Lily's Story

When the domestic abuse that Lily suffered escalated, requiring police intervention, she finally fled with her young sons, and found herself homeless. With no personal savings, work history, or resume, Lily was lost. "I was in a marriage where I solely depended on my husband," she shares.

At that critical moment, Lily discovered Door of Hope—a discovery that changed her life. Working with her case manager and job and career developer, Lily found her passion for medicine. Through comprehensive career guidance, Lily started to turn her plans into reality. She secured three scholarships from Door of Hope, enrolled in educational programs, and obtained licenses as a certified nursing assistant and phlebotomist.

One year after moving into her own permanent housing, Lily is flourishing. She holds a full-time job and is enrolled in UCLA's Medical Assistant Program on a full scholarship, thanks to a Door of Hope partner. With a promising career and a stable, higher-paying job, the future is bright for Lily and her boys, all because she walked through a door of hope.

### More About Door of Hope

Door of Hope is a Christian nonprofit organization with a mission to empower families facing homelessness. We operate four transitional shelters in the Pasadena area that are unique in housing whole families—parents and children together. As they transition from our shelters into their own homes, we provide ongoing case management, therapy, spiritual care, and emergency assistance. In 2023, we sheltered 66 families, and 28 moved into permanent housing.

Serving 204 families in 2023, our Homelessness Prevention Program offers short-term rental assistance, case management, and spiritual care. Our Alumni Support Program promotes long-term stability through continued case management, financial counseling, support groups, Bible study, therapy, and emergency assistance. In total, we served 430 families through our various programs in 2023!

In May of 2024, CA gave a gift of \$20,000 to Door of Hope to help four families who are vulnerable to homelessness. Door of Hope has seen 97 percent of families who graduate from their prevention program remain housed one year later.



## HOPE THE MISSION

# Sheila's Story

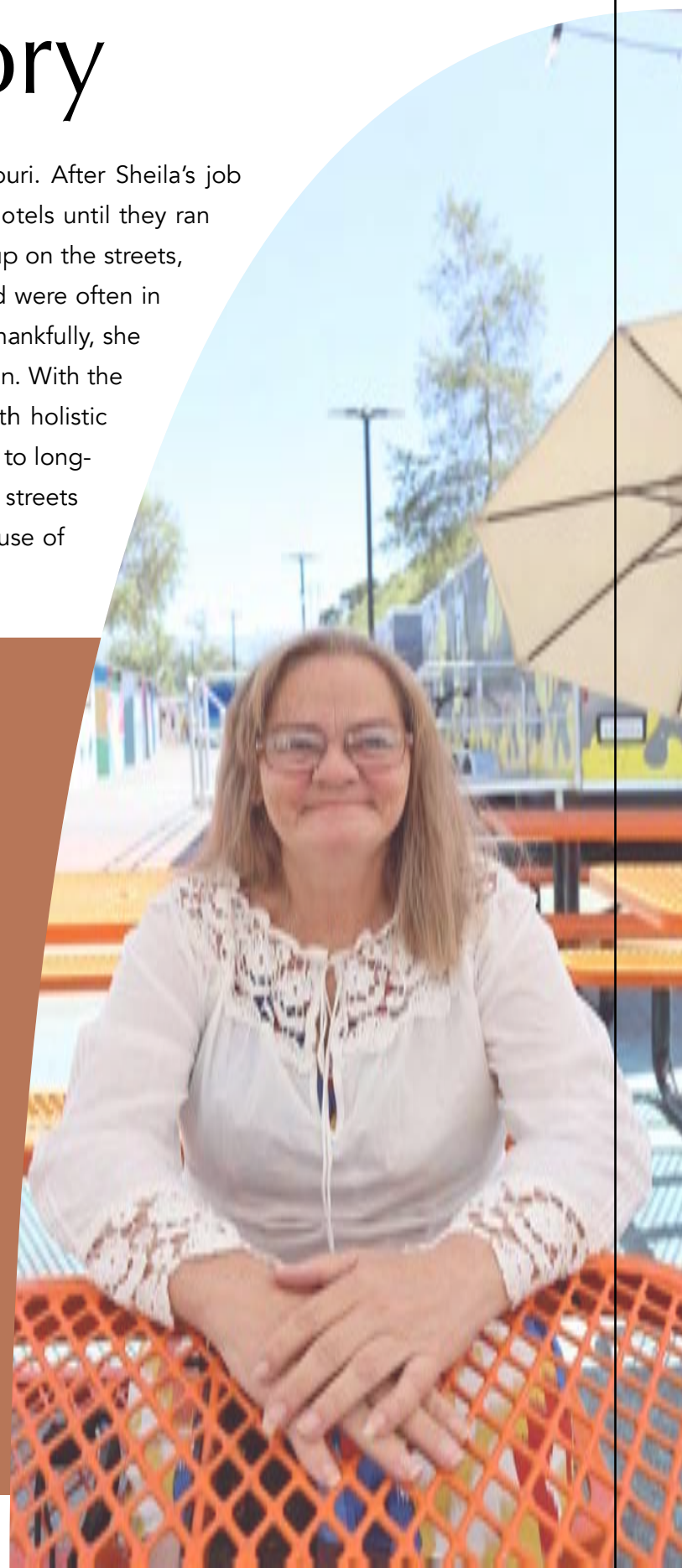
Sheila and her son came to Los Angeles from Missouri. After Sheila's job unexpectedly fell through, she and her son lived in hotels until they ran out of money. With nowhere else to go, they ended up on the streets, where they lived in a tent for about eight months and were often in danger. After a city cleanup, Sheila lost everything. Thankfully, she had a friend who connected her with Hope the Mission. With the help of Hope the Mission, her case workers, and with holistic support and job training, Sheila has received the keys to long-term housing. She is one of many who are now off the streets and able to walk in the hope God has for them because of Hope the Mission.

### More About Hope the Mission

Founded in 2009, Hope the Mission is committed to ending homelessness in Los Angeles. The largest rescue mission in the United States, it operates 23 interim housing facilities, providing over 2,700 beds, with 11 additional facilities opening by the end of 2025.

Hope the Mission operates two significant housing sites near Christian Assembly—the Arroyo Seco Tiny Home Community, featuring 114 units and over 200 beds, and the Alvarado Family Shelter, which offers 43 units and 172 beds, exclusively designed for homeless families. Opened in 2023 at the site of a former prostitution hotel, the Alvarado Family Shelter is a beacon of hope, redemption, and healing near McArthur Park.

In 2024, CA re-sponsored 10 tiny homes at \$3,000 each, for a total gift of \$30,000. We also gave an additional \$30,000 to the Alvarado Family Shelter to sponsor 10 family rooms. The plaques on the 10 Tiny Homes and 10 family rooms capture both the heart of Hope the Mission and CA, simply saying, "Done in Jesus' Name (Matthew 25:40)."



# YOUVERSION

Bringing  
God's Word to  
everyone,  
everywhere,  
every day.

Nigeria

## Joanna's Story

Joanna was raised in a Christian home, but she struggled to maintain a relationship with God and didn't really have a spiritual life. She shares, "I knew what I had to do to fix this, but I couldn't bring myself to make things right with God. I sinned constantly and felt guilty all the time. The only prayer I could pray was a prayer for God's grace to find me."

God's grace found Joanna through the YouVersion Bible App in September 2021. In her words, "I feel like God sent the Bible App to me because ever since I downloaded it, I've grown so much closer to Him. He always speaks through the app."

Now when Joanna doesn't know what to do, she turns to God's Word. She says, "The thing I love most about the Bible App is that it doesn't allow me to wallow in self-pity or hatred every time I sin. It's like God is saying to me, 'I still love you very much, and I will always listen to you.'"

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Australia

## Tenea's Story

Tenea started using the Bible App when she went to church, and it quickly turned into a daily habit. During that time, Tenea was struggling in her marriage and decided to start a Bible reading plan. She says, "At the time, my marriage was broken, I was broken, and I had nowhere to turn to but to God. I saw that there was a reading plan on marriage in the Bible App, so I started doing the plan every day. I even shared snippets of what I was reading with my husband."

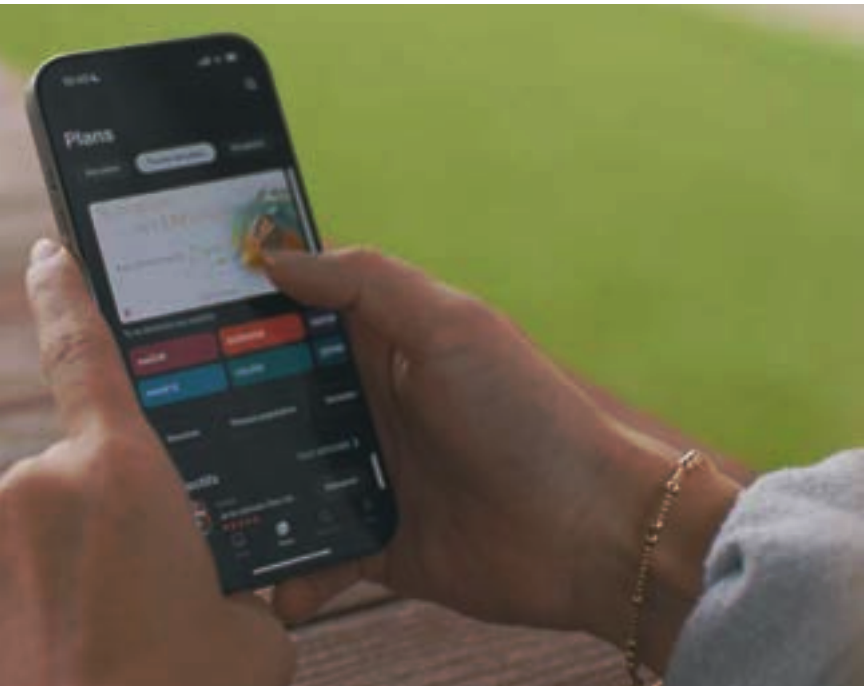
In her darkest moments, God met Tenea through His Word. Her husband was battling addiction and refused to go to church, but Tenea faithfully continued to do her Bible

plans and pray for God to restore their marriage.

Over time, her husband agreed to attend a church service with her. He cried through the entire service and asked her how to download the Bible App. He started reading the plan on marriage that she recommended, and God used the Bible App to completely transform both of their lives and their marriage.

Tenea adds, "I have grown so much in my faith and have been able to see God's answers to my prayers through my daily study of His Word. I have witnessed God's miracles in my life and my family."

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Uganda  
Dan's Story

Before finding the Bible App, Dan was a believer who only went to God in times of need. He explains, "My relationship with God and His Word was lukewarm. I only ran to God when I was in trouble or on Sundays. God was my fire escape but not the main staircase."

That's when Dan discovered the Bible App, and it completely transformed his relationship with God and how he connected with scripture. As he says, "I have become more confident and conversational with the Lord instead of always asking God to do things for me. My behaviors have changed. I have more clarity on my purpose on earth, and my values are strongly rooted in scripture."

Engaging in different Bible App features helped Dan develop a daily Bible reading habit and discover God's truth through His Word. He adds, "God's Word speaks to me through the Bible App and reveals something new to me every day."

Not only is Dan growing in his knowledge of God's Word, but he gets to read it in his own heart language. He says, "The Bible App has my local language in text and audio Bibles. Now, I'm able to relate to my local community church's teachings more and also learn new words I didn't know in my dialect."

More About YouVersion

YouVersion is a digital ministry of Life.Church — a multi-site church based in the U.S. that's passionate about helping people access and connect with God's Word around the world. YouVersion is dedicated to encouraging and challenging people to grow closer to God by engaging with Scripture every day.

Since its launch in 2008, the Bible App has offered a free Bible experience to help people deepen their relationship with God. What started out as 83,000 downloads in the first weekend has turned into over half a billion installs worldwide.

Over the past 15 years, YouVersion has become a multi-app ministry, and God is using its Family of Apps—the Bible App, Bible App Lite, and Bible App for Kids—to reach millions of people around the world with His Word.

In January of 2024, CA gave \$411,000 to sponsor what it costs to run YouVersion for 3 days in 2024: Easter Sunday, September 15, and Christmas Day. On Easter Sunday alone, 16.9 million people opened the app to read God's Word.



If you would like to download the YouVersion Bible App, scan this QR code.

OPEN ARMS

Amanda's Story

At age 18, Amanda lacked family support, had financial constraints, and was told by her friends that she was too young to have a baby. Although she expressed a desire to keep her baby at the initial ultrasound appointment, she later told her case manager, Hannah, that she wasn't so sure. "I don't want to bring this baby into a bad situation," she shared.

Hannah listened to all of Amanda's fears and concerns, and the two discussed the resources available to meet Amanda's physical and emotional needs, such as maternity homes if she found herself without housing. "I have needed this kind of guidance my whole life," Amanda responded, "but I've never had it."

Hannah then asked Amanda if she was raised in a particular religion. Amanda said that though she was raised Catholic, she didn't want to rely on an outside power, but instead

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is a Christian ministry in the San Fernando Valley offering life-affirming services to those facing reproductive choices and unintended pregnancy. Since opening in 1992, Open Arms has provided critical services, a listening ear, and the hope of the gospel to thousands of people in a very real time of need.

wanted to make herself a better person on her own. Hannah then asked, "Where do you get the power to do that?" Amanda replied, "That's the thing. I don't know." So Hannah shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with Amanda.

Amanda's son was born a few months ago, and she has been faithfully attending Open Arms' parenting classes ever since. She adds, "They helped me know what to do. I can't imagine life without my son, and I'm so glad Open Arms helped me realize how much I wanted this, how much I needed my son."

"I have needed this kind of guidance my whole life, but I've never had it."



## CRESCENT PROJECT

## Sanah's Story

*by Dan Torres*

"It is my dream to be in law enforcement. A female could never pursue a job like this in Afghanistan, but in the United States, I can!"



Crescent Project is a Christian ministry in Los Angeles focused on helping fulfill the Great Commission to the Muslim world. This is just one story of many that illustrates the amazing ways that God uses Crescent Project to move in the hearts and lives of many to bless our Muslim friends in Los Angeles in big ways!

Sanah, an Afghan refugee, shared her dreams with me on a two-hour trip to the mountains. Her face lit up as she talked about her hope to one day become an FBI agent, a hope that is far more possible for her in her new country. She explained, "It is my dream to be in law enforcement. A female could never pursue a job like this in Afghanistan, but in the United States, I can!"

Another Christian and I prayed for Sanah right there in the car. When I shared this moment with some other missionary friends, one of them mentioned a family friend, Mike, who is a Christian FBI Agent. We were able to connect Mike with Sanah for a meeting to discuss how Sanah could pursue her dream.

Mike shared his own story and patiently explained all of the paths that could get Sanah into the FBI. One such path was becoming a linguist. Since Sanah knows three languages, the potential for her dream to become a reality grew through this meeting. Who knows how God will continue to direct her steps?

## Tommy Walker Ministries

Tommy Walker Ministries exists to declare the gospel through worship and equip others to do the same. Here are a few snapshots of how the grace of God is allowing us to do just that!

Iris, from Atlanta, Georgia, says, "I use your scripture-based music to flow with my scripture-based teaching to those who are incarcerated, both a male and female population. Your music is making a change in me and truly changing the atmosphere at the nine prisons I attend."

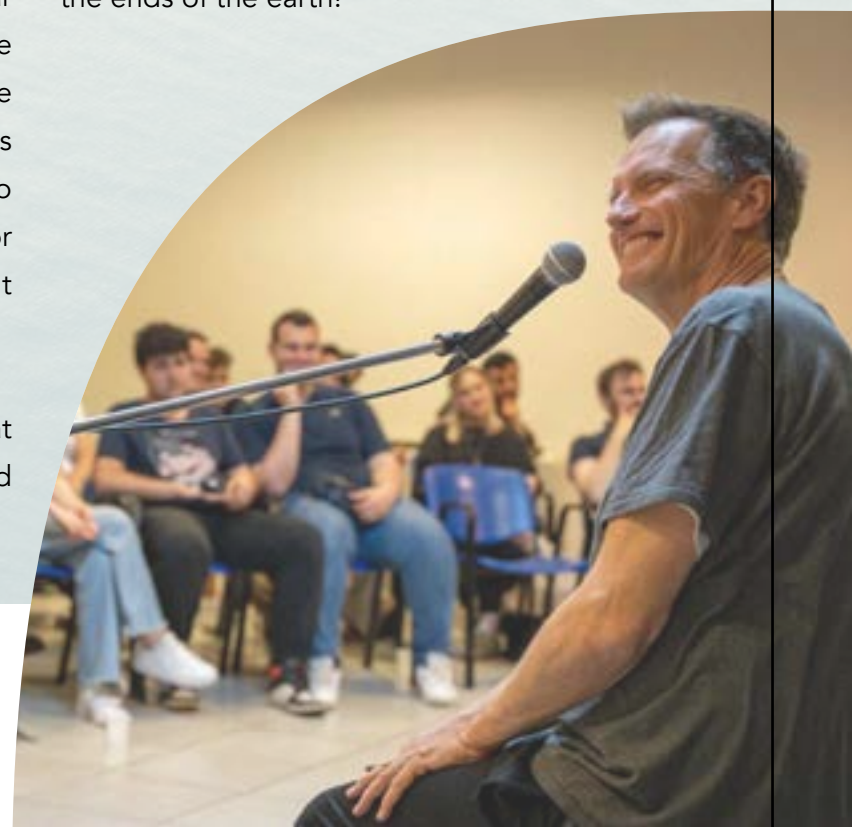
A worship leader from Moscow named Andre Berezhnoy created a video from one of our songs called, "The Story Of Your Love." The song explains the story of the gospel, so he translated it and videoed the kids from his church playing and singing it. The video became an effective evangelistic tool for their small Russian church, as they sent it out to their unsaved friends in the area.

Last year we provided a songwriter retreat in Piverone, Italy. A worship leader named

Simona Prota traveled several hours to come and eagerly leaned into the teaching. A few months after we returned, she sent us a beautiful recording of a worship song she wrote from Psalms 130. She said she would teach it to her church, which means, "Mission accomplished!" We want to see more worship songs written by local church worship leaders in their native language.

We have given away over 100,000 worship resources. These have gone out to people from over 80 nations around the world. In recent years, we have traveled throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe, giving worship and songwriting seminars and concerts.

Each of these stories captures the centerpoint of our mission—to declare the gospel through worship and help others to do the same—to the ends of the earth!



# Made New

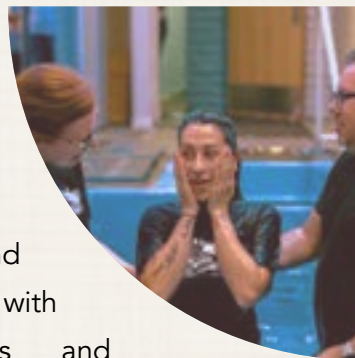
## BAPTISMS

Each year God blesses Christian Assembly with people who investigate faith, become convinced of the truth of the gospel, and give their whole lives to Jesus.

CA's Mission: "God's grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ." Part of that complete commitment is baptism, a public demonstration of faith and a commitment to follow Jesus in new life with God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Take a look at a few of these stories of being made new in Jesus!

### Bella Gerbino

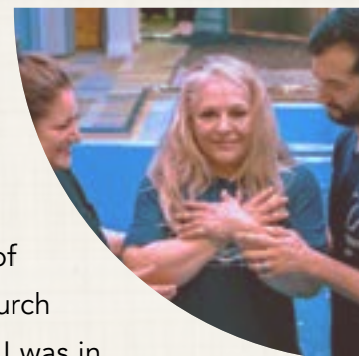
Before having Christ in my life, I was lost, seeking answers, and experimenting with other religions and practices that only brought darkness. The enemy had control over every aspect of my life. When I moved to California, I met a friend named Sam, who was a devout Christian. Even though I challenged his faith and said hurtful things, Sam remained patient and steadfast. Eventually, Sam became my boyfriend, and he expressed the importance of his future wife being a believer. I began reading the Bible and attending church regularly. I started seeking God, and I



eventually accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. This decision has given me a sense of belonging, security, and revelation, showing me the beauty of life with God.

### Juanita Chabolla

I fully gave my life to Christ seven months ago, after a lifetime of only going to church or to God when I was in need. After 20 years of being divorced, the birth of a grandchild brought my husband and me close together again. I invited him here to CA on Easter Sunday last year after living near the church and being curious about it for some time. Since Easter,



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we have been attending as a family with our granddaughter, and I have continued growing in faith. I am getting baptized now as a personal decision with God, and am excited to be an example to my children and grandchildren.

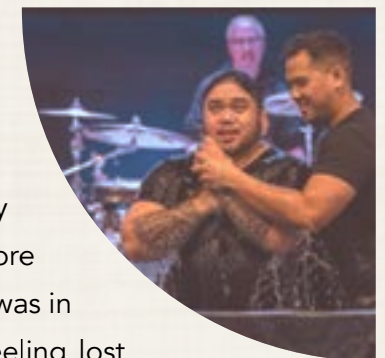
### Ruben Zamora

My life has been like a rollercoaster to hell because of choices I made. For nine years, my wife has been showing me life with Jesus, not as a religion, but as a relationship. On January 1, 2024, I decided to fully surrender myself and trust the Lord, and since then I have experienced changes in every part of my life. I'm praying and learning God's Word. I'm slow to anger. I don't shy away in worship. I don't hesitate to speak about God when asked if I'm a believer. I'm far from where I want to be, but my goal is to have God in the forefront of everything I do. I'm getting baptized to fully commit myself to Jesus with no barriers, cleansed and born again.



### Clint Manquiquis

On December 17, 2023, I felt the Lord calling me to give my life to Him. Before that moment, I was in a dark place, feeling lost and without purpose. I was stuck in a toxic relationship and couldn't seem to break free. One day I finally decided to walk away. My sister and mother encouraged me to attend Christian Assembly more regularly, and it was there that I met my new brother, Samuel. After a conversation with him about God's message, I felt a sense of lightness and peace. I shared this experience with my brother-in-law, Jaryl, and without hesitation, I knew I wanted to give my life to Jesus that very night. God has put me on the right track, and the darkness in my life has been replaced with light and joy.



### Interested in Learning More About Baptisms at CA?

If you would like to be baptized at CA, we offer a baptism class to help you understand what baptism is, how we do it, and why we do it that way. You can sign up for the next baptism class at [cachurch.com/baptism](http://cachurch.com/baptism) or scan this QR code.



# Conversations About Jesus

When Greg met Martin for lunch, he expected to discuss a new business opportunity. The two men had collaborated within the same circle of investors for several years. To Greg’s surprise, Martin had something more pressing on his mind than business.

“Hey, did you know Ben is a Christian?” Martin asked Greg with a mixture of bewilderment and derision. Ben, a mutual friend of both Martin and Greg, had recently decided to trust and follow Jesus, and he openly spoke to others about his new faith. Martin, who had never been spiritually convinced or even curious, was not accustomed to conversations about faith and expected Greg to respond with similar surprise and skepticism.

Conversations About Jesus is an evangelism effort led by Christian Assembly’s Pastor of Evangelism, Matt Price. Matt hosts a series of four meetings at a local pub called Lucky Baldwin’s in Old Town Pasadena. In this casual and relational setting, evangelism happens, and conversations change lives.

To find out about upcoming evangelism opportunities, visit our website ([cachurch.com/evangelism](http://cachurch.com/evangelism)).

For perhaps the first time, Martin was curious to know for himself what faith in Jesus was all about. This curiosity led him to join Greg and Ben for the next Conversations About Jesus series.

The real surprise came when Greg responded, “Martin, I’m a Christian, too!” It was Greg who had shared the gospel with Ben. Greg had invited Ben to explore the gospel through Christian Assembly’s evangelism effort called Conversations About Jesus. After attending in the fall of 2023, Ben decided in January of 2024 to accept Jesus and start a new life of faith.

Now, at this business lunch with Greg, Martin found himself wondering if he was missing something. Two men he trusted and respected were also men of faith, convinced of the Bible’s message about Jesus. For perhaps the first time, Martin was curious to know for himself what faith in Jesus was all about. This curiosity led him to join Greg and Ben for the next Conversations About Jesus series, conversations that could potentially change his life forever.

# Perspectives on the World Christian Movement



Did you know you have a part in God’s plan? This question captures the heart of Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a discipleship course that enables believers to step into their part as ambassadors of Christ to all people.

Each week for 15 weeks, a different instructor with decades of real-life experience shares what it means to live out God’s missional plan—biblically, historically, culturally and strategically. Through these teachings, the readings, and the class community, students engage in missions, evangelism, cross-cultural ministry, and actively participate in preparing a diverse multitude to stand before the throne of God, bringing glory to His name.

Rosa Lopez, who took CA’s Perspectives class in 2024, shares, “Through this class I not only learned about God’s purpose for me, I also learned to be still and lean on God for guidance. I learned to live a life where I’m about God and fulfilling His mission in every aspect of my daily life.”

Through the Perspectives class, believers can discover anew how to align their hearts with God’s heart for all people. They can answer questions like, “Is there a purpose for the Christian life?” And, “If not you, who?” And, “If not now, when?”

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If you are interested in answering these questions and learning more about Perspectives, you can go to [cachurch.com/perspectives](http://cachurch.com/perspectives).

# Volunteer Partnerships

CA SERVES WITH THESE LOCAL MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

## UNION RESCUE MISSION

Union Rescue Mission is dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness. It provides emergency and long-term services, which include food, shelter, clothing, medical and dental care, and Christian recovery programs. URM also offers transitional housing, legal assistance, education, counseling, and job training. URM provides an escape from Skid Row and helps guests transition from homelessness to independent living.

## URM's HOPE GARDENS FAMILY CENTER

Hope Gardens offers a peaceful setting and transitional living to moms, children, and single women, as well as permanent supportive housing to senior women. In addition to food and shelter, HGFC has long-term rehabilitation programs, job training, and counseling. Hope Gardens provides the real help women need to escape homelessness forever.

## CHILDREN'S HUNGER FUND

Children's Hunger Fund equips local churches with Food Paks, boxes of non-perishable food for families in need. Supporters provide Food Paks to churches in the U.S. and around the world. These Food Paks are then delivered to homes. Food becomes a tool for local churches to share the gospel with families in their communities.



## OLIVE CREST

Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse by strengthening, equipping, and restoring children and families in crisis. The Olive Crest vision is a strong family for every child. Through the power of God, family, and community, Olive Crest helps break the cycle of abuse and empowers children and families to become healthy and productive.

## ZOE INTERNATIONAL

ZOE's mission is to reach every person and rescue every child. They seek to reach every person by sharing the gospel and training followers of Jesus Christ. ZOE works to end child trafficking in three ways: prevention, rescue, and restoration.

## HOVING HOME

The Hoving Home is a nonprofit, residential, faith-based program that serves women who have been involved in drug addiction, alcoholism, prostitution, crime, and other life-controlling problems. The Hoving Home's mission is to provide a loving community devoted to rebuilding shattered lives, and to empower women to fulfill their God-given purpose.

## PASSION SOCAL NETWORK

Passion SoCal Network reaches hundreds of at-risk students weekly in East LA and South LA through their partnerships and programs. Some of their programs include teaching life skills, emotional health, outreach, discipleship, and leadership development. Their mission is to develop Christian leaders from low-income areas to lead transformative community programs in their cities.

# Living Missionally

STORIES OF PEOPLE FROM CA LIVING ON MISSION IN EVERYDAY LIFE

## Lily Yee

Living missionally is loving people, serving people, and going on daily, God-led adventures. Whether it is with kids, teens, or adults, we impact others by serving wherever God opens a door of opportunity.

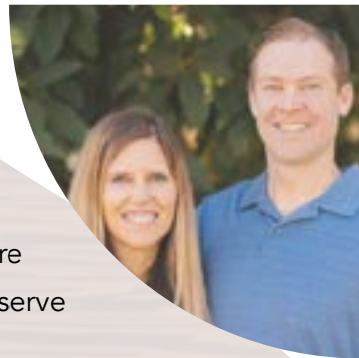
I have helped to establish and co-lead CA Singles (age 35+), a community of fellowship, growth, and service. I have also traveled to China, Mexico, and the Philippines to lead youth to Jesus. I have served in CA ministries such as the Perspectives class (a course that develops Kingdom leaders), Kids Hope, Kids Church, Foster Care Communities, the Welcome Team, and CA Women. Because I work for an affordable housing nonprofit that serves the homeless on Skid Row, I seek to share my faith daily with the kindness and patience of Jesus.

Recently, I completed a CA internship with the Kingdom ministry, serving alongside others who have a heart for missions. It is pure joy to adventure with God, trusting Him to lead and grow me, while watching others come alongside on the journey. Being available and trusting God to lead may not be easy, but it is so worth it. Just keep saying yes!

## The Frary Family

We love the Lord, people, youth, sports, teaching, and water engineering, and God has called us to mission in each of these areas. At CA, we have been on mission in Student Ministries, Kids Church, Adventure Week (Vacation Bible School), prayer teams, mission trips, and life groups. Our life group encourages intentionally engaging those around us, memorizing scripture, and serving the local community. We seek to be intentional in our spheres of influence—such as family, schools, neighborhoods, and jobs.

If you would like to learn more about practical ways to live missionally in your everyday life, scan this QR code.



Amongst our co-workers, God is moving, from miracle pregnancies to conversations on faith. In our neighborhoods, God is moving, through coaching sports, neighborhood BBQs, and pick-up sports that build community. In our schools, God is moving, through Young Life, where students hear of God's love, get plugged into church, and are mentored by trusted adult leaders. In our family, God is moving, as we serve together and cheer on each other's individual callings.

Being missional together—with family, friends, and life groups—increases both the joy and the fruit. Be obedient to the missional call wherever you are and as best you can. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

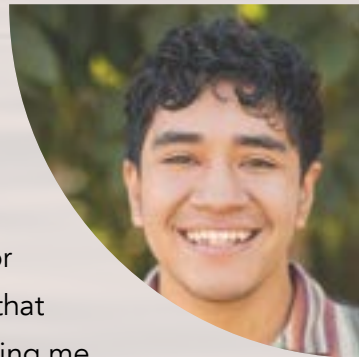
## Jimmy Chacon

I gave my life to Jesus as an eight-year-old in Kids Church. Since then, God has been my best friend and has met me in incredible ways. In high school so many of my friends were weighed down by insecurity, anxiety, depression, and sin. I sensed the Holy Spirit inviting me to preach the gospel to my classmates, but I didn't feel qualified or prepared to be used by God. In fact, I had an incurable voice condition that made my voice very high pitched and hoarse. Still, I knew God was calling me to obedience.

My high school became my mission field, and I saw dozens of my friends give their lives to Jesus, self-harm scars disappear, people healed, teachers recommit their lives to the Lord, and so much more. There were weeks where over 100 people attended our gym rallies to hear the gospel preached!

Then something unexpected happened. At 17-years-old, my voice was miraculously healed at a Christian summer camp. After 17 years, God healed me in one moment. This was an incredible miracle, but I knew even then that the miracle of friendship with God that I experienced growing up was my greatest miracle.

I am currently serving with CA Students and going back to my high school every week to support the Christian Club there. I have seen God move among young people all over the world, and He is doing the same thing at CA. God can use anyone who is willing to say "yes" to Him. Keep saying "yes" to Jesus, regardless of how qualified you feel. Be bold for Christ. There is hope for Gen Z!



# Church Plants

## VALLEY HILLS CHURCH IN GRANADA HILLS

***Pastor Sameer Dabit***

At Valley Hills Church, our mission is simple: “We glorify God by helping people in our neighborhood grow into healthy relationships with Jesus and others.” Since our launch in September of 2022, we’ve established strong partnerships with local schools and parks, becoming a well-known presence in our neighborhood. Several of our members serve as sports coaches, which helps connect families and individuals to our community, resulting in salvations and baptisms. We now have an average weekly attendance of 100 people.

A shining example of our outreach is Gabriel, a young man we met at the local park. Gabriel did not grow up in church, but he has become an integral part of our community. He now teaches the ukulele at the park, using his talent to reach families. Gabriel shared, “If it wasn’t for this community, I wouldn’t have the support that I have now. I am so grateful for Valley Hills.”

## VIVID CHURCH IN ORANGE COUNTY

***Pastor Joe Angelo***

One day after church a man named Mike came up to me and said, “I’m Jewish. I don’t agree with what you just preached, but I’m looking for hope. I’ll be back next week.” The following week, Mike returned and said, “This might be a dumb question, but where do I get a Bible?”

The third week, as I gave an altar call, Mike and his fiancée both raised their hands to receive Jesus as their Savior. After starting to read the Bible, Mike shared with me, “I can’t believe more Jews don’t believe Jesus is the Messiah. As I read the New Testament, I see Jesus throughout the Old Testament. This is insane!”

Vivid Church was formed to help people like Mike have a crystal clear picture of who Jesus is. Our mission is to make disciples that make disciples. We do this by helping people know God, find freedom, discover their purpose, and make a difference. We have grown to 120 people in nine short months. We have seen over 30 salvations and 40 baptisms!



## ROYAL CITY CHURCH IN INGLEWOOD

***Pastor Andrew Carter***

In October of 2021, my wife Kyra and I planted Royal City Church in Inglewood, a city that is rapidly growing and continually being redefined. Because of SoFi stadium and the Intuit Dome, Super Bowls, World Soccer Cups, All-Star Games, and the Olympics are being held in our backyard. These events draw people—people who need Jesus. Our mission is to “lead the lost to the light.”

In the last two and a half years, we’ve seen hundreds of people receive Jesus, performed over 300 baptisms in the ocean, provided over 300 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to local children in need, and distributed over 500 hygiene kits to those experiencing homelessness.

Our church launched full-time in the fall of 2024, making the light of Jesus even brighter. We’re excited to see what God will do with more of our time, effort, and resources. May He keep “leading the lost to the light.”

## PURPOSE LA IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD

***Pastor Darryl Speers***

We moved to LA in 2020 to serve the most vulnerable population during Covid-19. We started out working at food pantries and other nonprofits in the city. My wife Tracy began collaborating with anti-human trafficking organizations and eventually became the director of After Hours Ministry, which supports women who have been sexually exploited and trafficked in Los Angeles.

When we officially launched our church in January of 2024, we continued our mission work and encouraged our congregation to engage with their communities. We were given an old, run-down church, which we have gradually remodeled. We are also transforming one of the buildings into a resource center for women escaping trafficking, complete with emergency shelters, beds, showers, a kitchen, a laundry room, a clothing closet, and a food distribution center.

When we launched our church, we started with 33 people. Our current average weekly attendance is now 85. We offer children’s ministry, youth ministry, and are in the process of starting a recovery ministry. We have also baptized seven new believers.

In 2024, CA gave \$10,000 towards each of these church plants.



Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all  
peoples.

Psalms 96:1-3

# Global Ministries

## COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

June  
Ray's  
Story

Every Saturday six-year-old June Ray and more than 300 other sponsored children gather at the Compassion child development center in Taruc (a small mountain community off the Sibuguey Bay in the Philippines). They come for their weekly learning activities, but also for one essential reason—to enjoy free-flowing water. It is only at the center that they experience the joy of drinking, washing, and taking a shower without worrying that supply might run out.

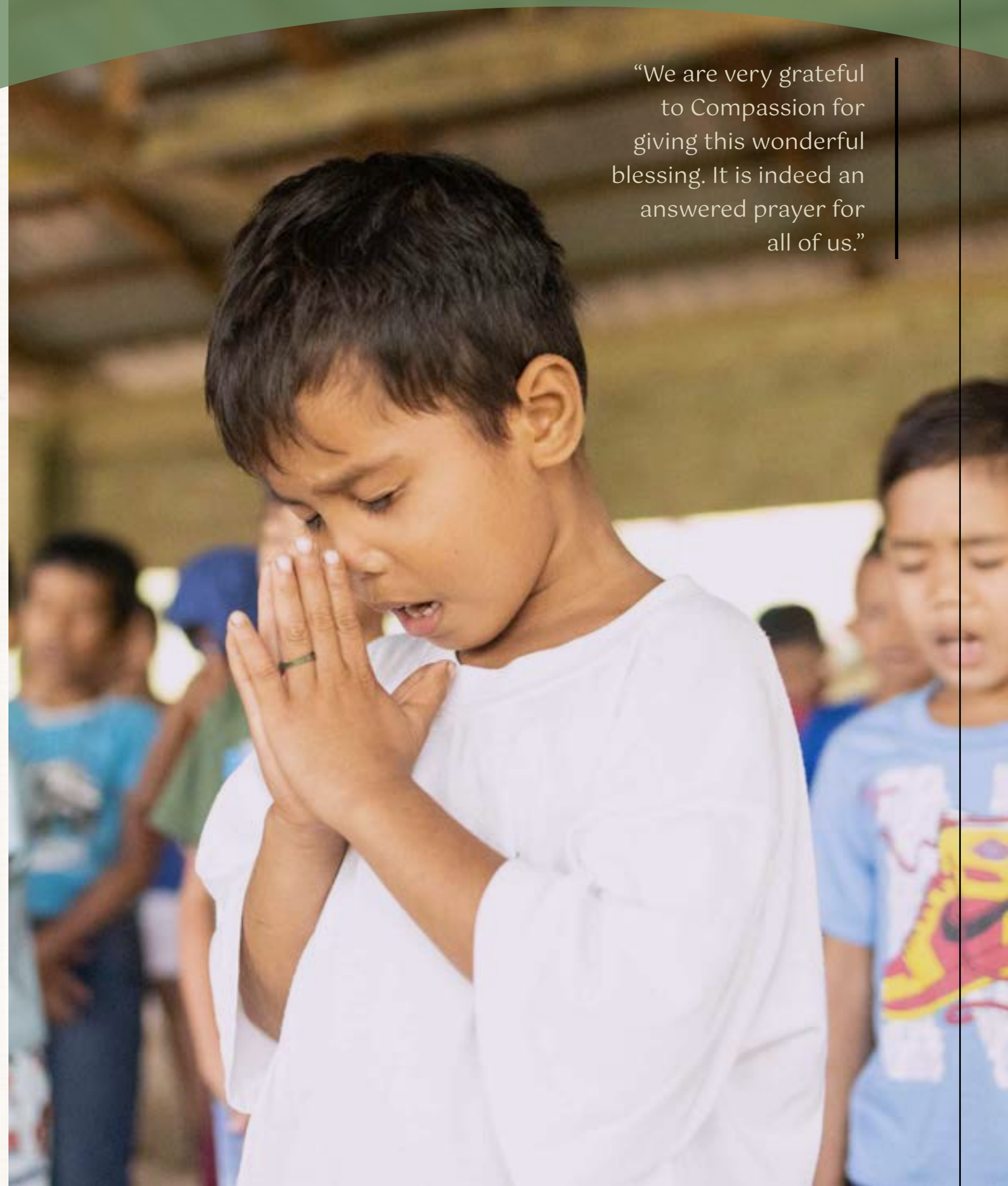
Diarrhea, upset stomach, and skin rashes are common health problems encountered by tribal families living around this mountain community. Water sources are natural mountain springs, but they are few and far between, several miles away from each other. Although the local government has provided artesian wells, pipes, and hoses in some areas, the well water and poorly maintained pipes contain harmful pathogens when used for everyday living. And some homes are difficult to reach, leaving hundreds without a nearby water source.

In November 2023, Sea Gentiles for Christ Ministries, a Compassion child development center located in this remote mountain village, dug a new well and constructed a water system on a hillside near the church. The new borehole and the installation of a water pump, an elevated water tank, and a set of pipes and hoses were made possible because of Christian Assembly's generosity and partnership with Compassion International.

Joseph, the pastor of Sea Gentiles for Christ Ministries, says, "I am grateful for Compassion and Christian Assembly, for coming here, for giving help. I am really thankful to the Lord that many children will benefit from this water system."

June Ray is just one of Compassion's sponsored children whose life has been directly impacted by the gift of the water system. He helps his father and sister fetch water every day from the new well, although he can only carry two one-liter water containers.

"We are very grateful to Compassion for giving this wonderful blessing. It is indeed an answered prayer for all of us."



"He helps us in any way he can," says Mercy, June Ray's mom. "He also knows how to have fun and studies hard."

Children, families, and church staff alike share in the joy of this new water system. "We are very grateful to Compassion for giving us this wonderful blessing," says Donnie, the center's director. "It is indeed an answered prayer for all of us. Thank you so much, because in this way we can provide clean and safe water to all the children."

June Ray continues to fetch water from the center's well every day, but Joseph and Donnie are determined to continue to find ways to make clean water even more accessible to local families. Before the water system was installed, Compassion helped the church purchase water filters and distributed them to several children, including June Ray. The church also recently bought a second tank and plans to put up a system of pipes and hoses so that the water can reach more homes.

Since the installation of the water system, the church has built three satellite centers that serve a total of 319 Compassion children. "If there is anything I am proud of, it's the dedicated servanthood of our church members. They are doing things with their whole hearts and are generous towards others who are not yet part of our church. We all share the same desire: to know God more and make Him known," says Donnie.

Please continue to pray for Sea Gentiles for Christ Ministries, its leaders, church members, Compassion participants, and community members. Pray that God would continue to shower them with His goodness, kindness, and loving mercy. May God bring help and times of refreshing, as they seek to know God and make Him known.

### More Compassion International Projects Funded by Christian Assembly

Christian Assembly's partnership with Compassion International continues to expand. In 2024, CA gave \$361,937 towards clean water projects, Bible distribution, and discipleship in Ethiopia, Columbia, and Uganda. These projects worked with 19 local churches to serve the poor and vulnerable in Jesus' name. With all the projects combined, the estimated number of people served is 20,144! Take a look at the numbers below to get a better idea of the ongoing impact of CA's partnership with Compassion!

In Ethiopia, the projects impacted 6,279 people (1,365 sponsored children and their families).

In Columbia, the projects impacted 1,265 people (408 sponsored children and their families).

In Uganda, the projects impacted 12,600 people (800 sponsored children and their families and an additional 2,000 families from neighboring churches).

## BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

# Bob & Loriann's Story

### More About Breakthrough Philippines

*by Carlos & Edna Ilustre*

We seek to love unconditionally, serve out of need, and give out of poverty. This is how we believe the nations will accept Jesus into their lives. Today, we have eight community-based congregations that meet every Sunday for worship and corporate prayer, representing about 400 families. Thank you, CA, for your commitment to visit, give, and to serve!

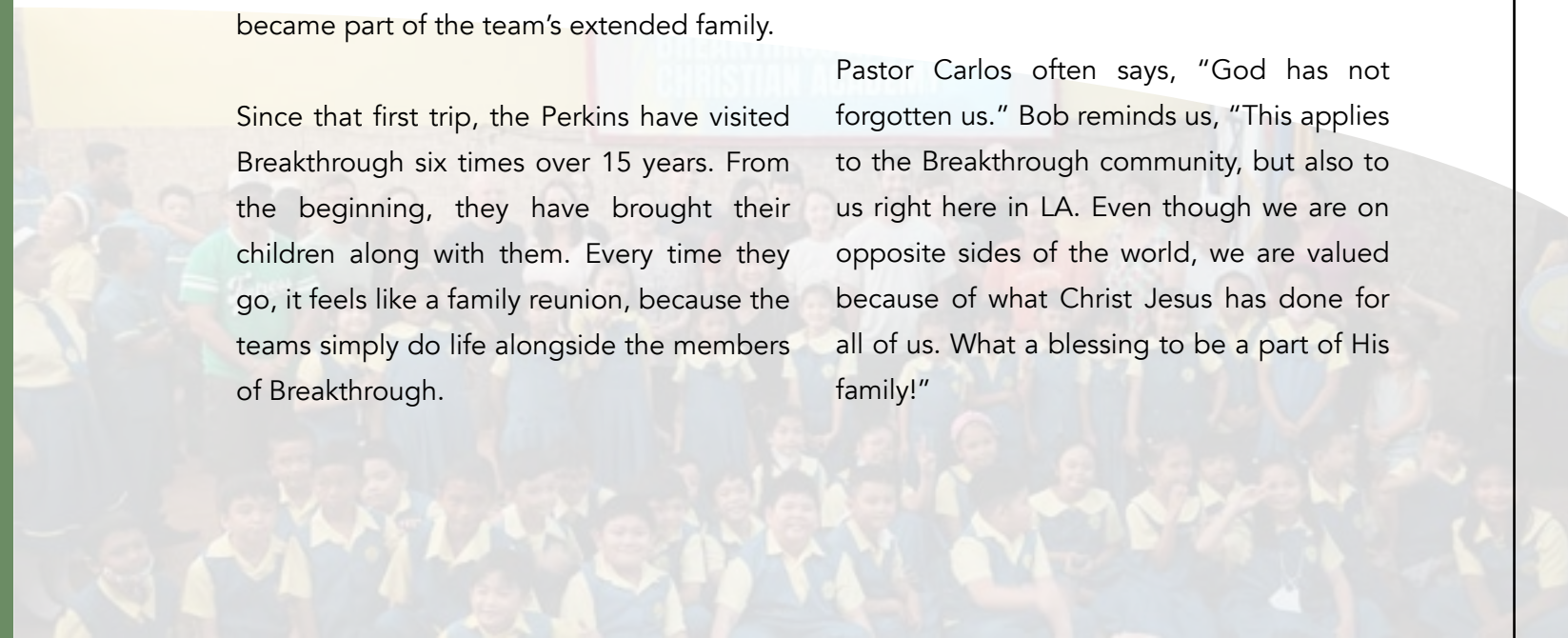
In 2010, Bob and Loriann Perkins began a journey to build a family on two sides of the world. They were anticipating the arrival of their first son when they traveled with a team from Christian Assembly to partner with Carlos and Edna Ilustre at Breakthrough Church and Academy in the Philippines.

Bob and Loriann had no prior connection to the Filipino community, but that didn't matter. Different customs, languages, and environments instantly became secondary to the connection they shared in Jesus. Within the first few days, the beautiful, kind, and joy-filled members of the church and school became part of the team's extended family.

Since that first trip, the Perkins have visited Breakthrough six times over 15 years. From the beginning, they have brought their children along with them. Every time they go, it feels like a family reunion, because the teams simply do life alongside the members of Breakthrough.

They hear the stories of God's impact from Pastor Carlos and Sister Edna. They serve with the community, offering meals and medical attention. They visit families in extreme poverty and pray for God's blessings in their lives. They sing and play games with the students. They pray and laugh with the fathers and mothers.

Pastor Carlos often says, "God has not forgotten us." Bob reminds us, "This applies to the Breakthrough community, but also to us right here in LA. Even though we are on opposite sides of the world, we are valued because of what Christ Jesus has done for all of us. What a blessing to be a part of His family!"



## LIVING ROOM INTERNATIONAL IN KENYA

# The Stories of Felix & Flovia

*by Juli Boit*

It was a hot, sunny day in 2008 in the small, rural village of Chebairwa. For three years, our 10-member team of healthcare providers and grassroots leaders had been trying to love our neighbors through seemingly simple tasks—visiting the homes of the sick, providing a meal, attending funerals, and caring for the orphans left behind. What was in front of us was death without dignity—death with stigma, isolation, and loneliness. Our schedule for this day included two home visits for two children who were dying. One lay on the floor of a mud hut kitchen. One was carried in his mother's arms. Their names were Felix and Flovia, and their little lives caused us to ask the question, "What does it look like to love in this situation?"

The emaciated bodies and desperate cries of Felix and Flovia stirred our team with a compassion that would not be satisfied until

it was put into action. By God's grace, Felix and Flovia found themselves surrounded by a community who chose to stand in faith and respond, "let's try," even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. We started Felix and Flovia on a special formula and fed them every two hours, day and night. Within days, they began to grow. At two-and-a-half years old, Flovia, no more than 15 pounds, learned to walk and speak in two languages. With her playful spirit, she captured hearts. Felix was a one-year-old who weighed a mere nine pounds. What a beautiful sound it was when he first laughed. To our great loss, after six weeks of treatment, Felix went into respiratory failure and passed away. His death left a void within all who had the privilege of caring for him. While we deeply grieved Felix's death, we joyously celebrated Flovia's life.

Our experience of taking care of Felix and Flovia—one who passed away and one who came back to life—revealed to us the unique opportunity we had to provide care, knowing the outcomes are out of our hands. This is what we knew mattered. Felix and Flovia were surrounded by a community that carried them and amplified their still, small voices while on this earth. The faithful response, "Let's try," mattered, and became the seed that would grow into the mission and vision of Living Room.



As Living Room marks 15 years of official existence, we pause to remember that hot, sunny day in 2008. We remember tiny Felix lovingly held in his mother's arms. His big, brown eyes. His laughter. Though his life ended too soon, his story continues. We remember the little life of Flovia, lying on the mud floor of her grandmother's kitchen, dying. Her story also continues. Flovia is now 18 years old, in her final year of high school. She smiles, laughs, sings, works diligently in school, welcomes people, cares for others, and knows that she is deeply loved. She has been given the gift to dream. Her current dream is to study nursing and counseling after she graduates from high school in November.

All of this causes us to wonder. Do Felix and Flovia know how tightly woven their stories are with the birth of a community that has now given hope to hundreds of thousands? Do they know that the gift of their lives has inspired this community to keep diligently seeking to try? Do they know that their stories have given thousands of others a chance to re-write their stories, from pain and suffering to life and refuge? They may never fully grasp just how far-reaching the gift of their lives truly are, and the community and legacy they inspired—a community committed to love deeply, care sincerely, and try—no matter the odds, no matter the outcome.

## More About Living Room International

In 2009, Living Room International was created to meet the needs of the seriously ill in Western Kenya. For over 15 years, Living Room has been a life-giving and transformative refuge for people throughout Kenya. Living Room has worked side-by-side with other Kenyans to build two hospices/hospitals, a home-based care program, and a funeral home. Living Room serves over 100,000 Kenyans per year between its two sites.

In a new development, Living Room plans to build a three-story designated Outpatient Care Center. The Outpatient Care Center will house emergency medicine services, outpatient medical consultation and specialty clinics, eye and dental clinics, radiology services, physical therapy services, a laboratory, a pharmacy, and a comprehensive cancer unit. Once completed, it is estimated that the center will serve 250 people per day in Jesus' name. As soon as the building permits are approved in Kenya, Christian Assembly plans to give \$1 million towards this new project to help turn it into a reality.



## LA ROCA MINISTRIES IN MEXICO

# Carlos' Story

*by Carlos Montoya*

A man named Carlos, who had been recently deported from the United States, arrived on the doorstep of La Roca Ministries. Carlos had been having problems with his arms due to a rare case that doctors in Mexico hadn't been able to figure out. His ligaments had started shrinking, making the use of his arms almost impossible.

Carlos had been denied access to many shelters and recovery centers because of his condition and not being able to work. When he showed up at La Roca, he immediately began pleading with Pastor Andres and I to help him.

Andres looked at me and said, "I know what this will involve, but we are willing to do whatever it takes." So, I said, "Let's do it, for this is the reason why God has raised this ministry—to help those who find themselves in desperate situations."

A short time later, I ran into Carlos at church. He was so grateful for the ministry that he said, "I don't want any more help. You and the others have helped me so much! I want to serve and become part of the church. I know God can use me just as I am." I told Carlos that he is welcome to be part of the family, and I can't wait to see how God is going to use him!



### More About La Roca Ministries

La Roca Ministries has been reaching and touching people's lives since 1988—people who have been devastated by poverty, neglect, and despair. Our desire is to mirror Christ's love, compassion, and concern to people like Carlos, crying out for help.

Our number one goal is to make disciples of people from all walks of life. People that have no hope, no future, and are stuck in a rut of all kinds of addictions and prostitution find hope in Jesus Christ.

La Roca's ministries include: recovery programs, men's and women's shelters, an orphanage, outreaches to the poor and homeless, a Bible school, a children's club, and an outreach to help women escape the grips of human trafficking and prostitution. And over these last 25 years, whatever was done for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, it was done for Jesus.

## YOUNG LIFE IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

# The Leadership Tree

“Who’s on your Tree?” is a question regularly asked in Young Life International. It refers to who you are investing in, and who they are investing in. Jesus had 12 disciples, but he especially invested in Peter, James, and John. The challenge for leaders and staff in Young Life Central and Eastern Europe is to invest in three people, who invest in three more, who invest in three more. In this way, disciples make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples. For 20 years, Al and Stacy Anderson (CA Kingdom Partners) have been living out this discipleship model and have seen tremendous growth stemming from their leadership trees.

One of the three on Stacy’s tree is a National Trainer for Young Life in Poland named Jarzynka. Jarzynka equips and trains new staff in Young Life, and also trains university student staff, like Zosia, through the Developing Global Leaders Program. Zosia was a Young Life kid, who then became a

Developing Global Leader (DGL). Through the DGL program, Zosia was mentored and trained by Jarzynka in personal and spiritual development, but also in ministry skills and vision.

Zosia is now on staff and leads other DGLs and volunteers in reaching out to teenagers in Poland. Jarzynka also works with Pawel and Kasia, a newly-married couple who have a passion for young people to have living relationships with Jesus. For the past year, Jarzynka has been equipping them to lead a ministry team, as they continue to courageously share Jesus’ love with adolescents in their part of the city.

One of the three on Al’s tree is Dominik, the Country Director of Young Life Poland, who has a passion for the youth in his country to know Jesus personally. He and his wife Asia knew Martyna from their church community for years. Martyna was a school teacher whose

heart was breaking for the kids in her school who were struggling with anxiety, loneliness, and depression, so Dominik invited Martyna to visit some Young Life weekends. She immediately saw this ministry as a place to invite young people to have fun, develop friendships, and hear how much Jesus loves them.

Martyna is now on staff and leading teams of volunteers who reach out to middle and high school students in her city. They run Bible studies for the kids who are going deeper in faith, and continue to invite new young people into this community, where they can find friendship and the hope they are desperately seeking. Dominik is investing in Martyna and her leadership in her community, as she invests in leaders on her own tree, and together they reach out to students in Lusowo, Poland.



This is a glimpse of how investing in a few people, who invest in a few people, who invest in a few people, makes an incredible impact. In fact, Al and Stacy got connected to Jarzynka and Dominik because of one of the first kids they met when they moved to Ostrava, Czech Republic in 2004. Twenty years ago the Andersons disciplined a high school student named Tyna and later developed her as a leader. Tyna did an internship at Christian Assembly for a few months while in university, and later answered God’s call to start Young Life in Poland. There she met and developed Dominik and Jarzynka and handed off the ministry to them when she eventually moved back to the Czech Republic.

When the Andersons first moved in 2004, ministry was happening in one country in this part of the world—the Czech Republic. Since then, the ministry has kept branching out. Today, ministry is happening in nine countries, and 40 staff are working with 300 volunteers within these countries. Each of those people has a Leadership Tree and are investing in three people, and giving them the vision to invest in three, who will invest in three. The volunteers and staff around Central Europe and the Balkans know 5,000 students right now. As each of those volunteers and staff continue to invest in three more, who invest in three more, you can imagine what an impact that discipleship will have on this part of the world in another 20 years!

## EVASUE IN ETHIOPIA

# The Story of Eyosiyas Tsegaye

Eyosiyas Tsegaye grew up in a Christian family. His father was even a pastor. Eyosiyas' family helped to build the foundation for his spiritual journey. However, it was only after he started actively participating in his high school student fellowship that Eyosiyas' faith became his own.

After high school, Eyosiyas went on to study textile engineering, and his faith and leadership just kept growing. As he had done in high school, Eyosiyas played various leadership roles in his university's campus Christian fellowship, equipped by EvaSUE. He led a small group, mobilizing freshman students for the Kingdom of God. He later joined the top leadership team of the fellowship, eventually becoming the chairman.

Eyosiyas was highly impacted by the sacrificial life of the EvaSUE staff members. They showed him what it looked like to live an exemplary life in Jesus' name. The training that Eyosiyas received through EvaSUE

equipped him in his spiritual life and grew his leadership skills. Through inductive Bible studies, he gained a great love for God's Word. After graduation, Eyosiyas utilized skills like planning, execution, and evaluation to become a strong, biblical leader in the workplace.

Eyosiyas eventually became a successful CEO. He joined the elder team of his local church and got married. Even with all of this success, Eyosiyas maintained close contact with EvaSUE, the organization God used to develop him into who he is today. God continued to water the seed planted in Eyosiyas through his years in EvaSUE. But He would do even more.

When Robel C. Diasa, EvaSUE's General Secretary, began the process of seeking someone to replace him in July of 2024, Eyosiyas was a top candidate. After much prayer and an extensive interview process, Eyosiyas was chosen to be the next leader of EvaSUE!

Eyosiyas shares, "I am excited and humbled to lead EvaSUE into this next chapter. I am eager to pour seed into college students for the Kingdom of God, just as seed was poured into me."

Please pray for Eyosiyas and his wife in this next season as they step up to lead EvaSUE, one of the fastest growing campus student movements in the world!

## More About EvaSUE

EvaSUE equips Christian students on 176 college and university campuses around the country in 10 different regions. They give training in evangelism, discipleship, missions, and leadership. They currently serve over 50,000 students and are projected to have over 70,000 students by 2030! Incredible revival has been happening in Ethiopia over the last 60 years. Ethiopia was just 0.5 percent evangelical just 60 years ago, but currently evangelicals are around 20 percent of the total population—that's 24,000,000 evangelicals.



## WILD HOPE INTERNATIONAL IN TANZANIA

# William Keiya's Story

*by Peter Russell*



"Africans are the ones who will change Africa." We say this often around Wild Hope. William is one of the Africans changing Africa. We know this, because we know William and his family well.

William's family was not well-off when he was growing up. They moved frequently along the Rift Valley floor with their cows, seeking new pastures and patrons to help them make ends meet. In 1993, they moved near Entashata, where we started our outreach.

William's father Menye Tito Lai came to the small church on the front porch of our adobe house. After two years of teaching and Bible study, he gave his life to the Lord. God immediately delivered him from a lifelong addiction to alcohol, and he and his wife Anna dedicated their family—now with five kids—to the Lord.



After we moved to Tanzania, my wife Tammy invited Anna to become one of the founding members of the Wild Hope Artisans. She made beautiful works of art out of the traditional beads for which the Massai are famous. Anna noticed that her third-born, William, was excelling in the local school, so she used her newfound income to get him educated, turning beads into opportunities for her son.

William thrived in both elementary and secondary boarding schools, but he also grew spiritually. At an Easter Christian Students Conference, his life changed forever. William shares, "I had grown up in a Christian home, but I knew Christ was calling me personally. I came up at the altar call. I was so hungry for Jesus!"

From that day on, a voracious hunger for the Word of God and a new confidence

welled up in William. He spoke at Christian gatherings at his school. After graduating first in his class, William accepted a spot at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology in the School of Mining and Geology. He soon rose to the top of his class, and he became Co-Chairman of the Student Fellowship at the University, leading outreaches into surrounding neighborhoods.

After graduation, William was hired at the ruby mine 40 kilometers away from his home. On any given work day, he can be found 1,000 feet down a shaft of an industrial ruby mine, ensuring compliance to safety procedures for blasting and transport teams. But his real love is ministry. He started "The Father's Heart Ministry" (a ministry to widows and orphans), and has risen in the leadership of Young Life Tanzania. Last year William was invited to teach at Young Life's convocation in Morogoro, where 1,200 leaders gathered, and he will teach again this year.

Praise God for William's dad, who bowed to Christ and brought up his children in a Christian home. Praise God for his mom, who tirelessly worked with her hands to get him educated. Praise God for William's faithfulness, as he seeks to see Tanzanian young people—a truly unreached people group—transformed with the love of Christ!

The mission of Wild Hope International is to empower leaders to step into their destiny as children of God who will transform their communities and the world.

## FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN VIETNAM

# Mr. N's Story

In the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, Mr. N lived the life of a young, ambitious Vietnamese man. A university student majoring in computer science, he found the academic challenges too mild to satisfy his sharp intellect. Instead, he poured his energy into his job as a lead programmer at a gaming company, where the digital realms he created offered him some semblance of fulfillment.

Born into a Buddhist family, Mr. N considered himself an atheist, disinterested in spiritual discourses and skeptical of all things unseen. Life in Vietnam, a country with strict controls on religious expression and limited access to diverse theological perspectives, meant that Mr. N had little exposure to ideas outside the state-sanctioned norm. This environment shaped his worldview, leaving little room for spiritual curiosity—until a seemingly mundane gift transformed his life.

A friend, knowing his penchant for technology, gave Mr. N a speaker box loaded with audio files. The first message he heard was a simple yet profound declaration: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) These words struck a chord deep within Mr. N. He had never encountered the concept of a Creator. Intrigued, he began a solitary journey of scripture exploration, guided by the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) mobile apps that streamed hours of gospel content into his once skeptical heart.

Among these programs was “The Story,” a series of messages from Christian Assembly that detailed the narrative of the Bible in a compelling and accessible way. Over the next two years, Mr. N’s casual interest in the Bible transformed into a profound quest for truth. He devoured the gospel, the stories of Jesus, and the teachings of the apostles. He eventually sought out a community of believers, and one day—alone in the quiet of his room—he prayed to receive Christ. The impact was immediate and transformative. He confessed, “I’m becoming a new and different person.”

Mr. N soon became a beacon of faith to his family, leading his mother and siblings to Christ through the very speaker box that

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had enlightened him. His enthusiasm and newfound purpose spilled over into his university and workplace, where he shared his faith with friends and colleagues. Many followed him in faith.

Mr. N then began to reconsider his career path. He no longer found meaning in creating virtual realities, but instead was drawn to use technology to spread the message of the true Creator. He transitioned to a role where he could use his skills to further gospel outreach, significantly altering his professional trajectory to focus on work with eternal impact.

Mr. N continues to lead efforts to innovate ways to deliver the transformative message of Christ throughout Vietnam. His story is a testament to the power of the gospel to transcend boundaries and change lives in even the most restricted environments, proving that when the truth of God’s Word reaches a seeking heart, it can indeed lead to profound and eternal impact.

FEBC’s Mission is:  
“The Bible for every  
people group, a  
leader for every  
church, and gospel  
content to every  
home.”



THE BENNETTS  
IN CENTRAL ASIA

Karon's  
Story

Karon, a national partner who is a powerful evangelist and disciple-maker, showed up in an all-Muslim village to the house of Sali, to whom he had recently given a Bible. Sali said how interesting it was that the same story about Jesus was repeated in multiple books of the Bible. It was apparent that he hadn't just read a chapter or two, but he had been reading large sections of the gospels. He retold the stories to Karon as if re-enacting parts of a movie. Sali had clearly been deeply touched by Jesus through the reading of the Word.

The very first time Karon came to Sali's house, Sali was lying down because his right side was paralyzed from an issue with his blood pressure. Karon laid his hands on Sali in prayer, and Sali was able to sit up. Eventually, Sali was able to walk again, and when Karon came to deliver a couch as a gift, Sali helped

Karon bring it into the house! His whole household, including his wife and daughters, have since given their lives to Jesus.

Sali is just one example of many people who have been touched by Karon's ministry. Karon goes to many houses as a part of our team of national partners who go to unreached Muslim villages with the message of the good news of Jesus. Every Monday Karon comes to our office and shares a powerful story of transformation. Sometimes it is a person who has been delivered from demons. Other times it is an entire family who prays to receive Christ together, and other times it is a husband and wife who experience reconciliation in their marriage. But there is one common thread in all of these stories. God is working in Central Asia to lead people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.

Our team of national partners has experienced intense persecution this past year, including harassment by the government and even physical violence. But despite these difficulties, God has been gracious to us, and we still continue to witness His goodness in Muslim villages in Central Asia.



More About The Bennetts

The Bennetts serve in Central Asia in a country that is 98 percent Muslim and over 95 percent mountains. They have lived in the region for almost 10 years and are now leading a large team of foreigners and locals who go out into the villages and lead discovery Bible studies and do community development projects. The goal is to see holistic transformation in villages, so that people in these communities have access to food, freedom, and forgiveness. The ministry has helped to build medical clinics, repair roads, buy desks for a school, and bring practical help to many villages. Discovery Bible studies teach villagers to ask simple questions in order to understand the Word of God. There are currently over 50 discovery Bible study groups learning the Word of God. Since the beginning of 2024, 32 people have prayed to receive Christ. Over the past several years, the ministry has helped lead several hundred people to pray to receive Christ.

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## ELAM MINISTRIES IN IRAN

# Setareh Tells Her Story

After completing Elam's church-planting course, my husband and I were invited to plant a church in a city outside of Iran. We were so excited to use our training to share the gospel, but it was not what I expected. There were very few fellow Iranians and an estimated 17,000 Afghan refugees in the city at the time.

Although I might not have admitted it, I didn't like Afghans or their culture. I felt no connection with them. For six months we tried to share the gospel with Afghans, but it was as if the heavens were closed over this city. So we listened to wise counsel from our mentors and got on our knees to pray.

That's when I had a dream. I was walking in a dark place. Suddenly, a colorful feather floated down and led me to a worshipping crowd of Afghans. Somebody called my name, encouraging me to join the worship. Then the fire of the Lord fell upon the crowd. I immediately realized this dream was from God.

We fasted, asking God to fulfill the dream. On the third day of our fast, I received a call from a stranger. A female voice on the line said, "Are you Christian? I'm tired of my religion." The caller was an Afghan, and she and her family wanted to come to our church.

And so it began. This family joined our church and confessed faith in Jesus. Soon a handful of other Afghan families also came

to faith. As we discipled them, my disdain for Afghans melted away.

As the church grew, we needed a bigger place to meet, but when we went to view properties, we were told, "Don't waste your time; we don't want a church here." We were rejected from 40 locations. All we could do was pray more.

Then God did a miracle and gave us an apartment. It was on the highest floor of a tall building, so that we could see the whole city as we worshiped and prayed. More people started coming. Lives were changed. Physical healings took place, and marriages were restored. People invited Jesus into every facet of their lives. At one baptismal service, 17 Afghans were baptized!

Today some of my closest friends are Afghans. In Galatians 3:28 it says, "There is no longer Jew or Greek." We are all one in Jesus. God taught me that there is no longer Iranian or Afghan. What a privilege that He wants to use Iranians like me to help Afghan people to know Him!

The mission of Elam Ministries is to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region and beyond. Over more than three decades of ministry, hundreds of thousands of Iranians have come to Christ. We are so grateful to Christian Assembly for being part of the beautiful story God is writing among Persian-speaking people!

## ECWA IN WEST AFRICA

# Returning Good for Evil

*by Bakari Ibrahim Bunga*

The Ikare Community in Nigeria is a large area with a population of about 5,000 people. One of their crucial needs is medical care, because there is no clinic to serve the sick. After we conducted a medical outreach in the community, helping over 2,000 people with various illnesses, the community requested assistance in establishing a clinic. They even donated a building for this purpose. We immediately sent qualified community health workers, and soon many people were benefiting from the medical services, with some even converting to Christianity.

However, the Muslims in the larger neighboring communities were unhappy. They were angry that people were turning

to faith in Jesus. Some fanatic Muslims fabricated lies and reported to the police that our clinic was performing unlawful medical practices and that many people were being killed. The next day a heavy presence of the Nigerian Police arrived in Ikare to arrest the health workers and close down the clinic.

Upon their arrival, the police were warmly welcomed by our health workers, who gave them a tour of the clinic. The leaders of Ikare Community informed the police of how helpful the clinic had been. The police soon realized that they had been misled. During the visit, the health supervisor conducted a quick blood pressure check for the policemen, discovering that the most senior officer had a blood pressure reading of 200 over 120. The supervisor immediately provided medical assistance to stabilize his condition, potentially saving his life.

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### More About Bakari Ibrahim Bunga

Bakari Ibrahim Bunga is a CA Kingdom Partner in West Africa with Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) and City Ministries. Christian Assembly supports Bakari, along with 20 church planters, who lead people to Christ amidst immense persecution and suffering. Bakari has been a key leader in a movement that has seen thousands come to Christ in West Africa. In many ways, Bakari is a modern day hero in the faith, as he continues to lead others to advance the Kingdom of God in the midst of persecution.

After experiencing the love and kindness of the clinic, the sick police chief and some of the policemen converted to Christianity right there at the clinic. The police gathered the community and instructed that anyone attempting to cause trouble for the clinic and its staff would be jailed. Now, both the staff and the clinic are safe. What seemed to be an evil plan was turned into an opportunity to glorify God.

Now we are trusting God for funds to build a bigger healthcare facility in the community and even the surrounding Muslim communities as well. Other communities have already donated some pieces of land where we can build more clinics. May God continue to return good for evil in order that Christ may be glorified!



# Kingdom Partnerships & Efforts

50 KINGDOM PARTNERSHIPS & EFFORTS  
29 COUNTRIES  
35 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS BEING REACHED



Kids Hope at Eagle Rock Elementary School  
Kids Hope at Delevan Drive Elementary School  
FLY Club at Eagle Rock Jr/Sr High School  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Josh Brodt  
Glendale Young Life: Artur Asaduriyan  
Young Life Duarte/Monrovia: Gina Quay  
Cru Boise State: Maddie Torres  
Cru Los Angeles: Goodwin and Justine Deng  
Student Mobilization: Bella Hardy  
CSUN Young Life: Ugit Wu  
Tommy Walker Ministries  
Children's Hunger Fund: Poverty Encounter  
Conversations About Jesus  
Alpha: Evangelism Course  
Perspectives: World Christian Movement Course  
YouVersion: Bible App  
Hume Lake: Christian Camp

Olive Crest: Supporting foster families  
Crescent Project: Outreach to Muslims in LA  
Hope the Mission: Arroyo Seco Tiny Homes  
Hope the Mission: Alvarado Family Shelter  
Union Rescue Mission: Homeless Ministry on Skid Row  
Door of Hope: Homeless Ministry in Pasadena  
Hope Gardens: Homeless Ministry in Sylmar  
Turn Ministries: College Campus Ministries (USA)  
Open Arms: Crisis Pregnancy Clinic  
Passion SoCal: Youth Outreach in South LA and East LA  
Hoving Home: Christian rehabilitation program  
Zoe International: Combats human trafficking  
Valley Hills Church in Granada Hills: Church Plant  
Vivid Church in Orange County: Church Plant  
Royal City Church in Inglewood: Church Plant  
Purpose LA in North Hollywood: Church Plant

Living Room International in Kenya: David & Allison Tarus  
Living Room International in Kenya: Juli & Titus Boit  
The Bennetts in Central Asia  
Far East Broadcasting Company in Southeast Asia  
Elam Ministries in Iran  
Young Life in Central and Eastern Europe: Al & Stacy Anderson  
La Roca Ministries in Mexico: Carlos & Rossy Montoya  
Breakthrough Ministries in the Philippines: Carlos & Edna Ilustre  
Wild Hope International in Tanzania: Peter & Tammy Russell  
ECWA in West Africa: Bakari Bunga  
EvaSUE in Ethiopia: Robel Chemedas Disasa  
Project Manana in the Dominican Republic  
Helping Arms in India  
Mission Esperanza in Cuba  
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Compassion International: Clean Water, Bibles and Discipleship in Uganda

# FAQs

## ABOUT KINGDOM MINISTRIES AT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

*by Tom Hughes*

### 1 What is the “Kingdom” value of Christian Assembly Church?

Jesus is the King of Kings (see 1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 19:16), and the Kingdom of God is a central theme in His teachings. When we use the term Kingdom, we are talking about sharing God’s transforming grace with others around us, in the city, and around the world, just as God shared it with us in His Son, Jesus Christ. This includes both acts of mercy and justice, as well as verbally telling people about Jesus Christ and how they can be saved by grace through faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Want to read for yourself what Jesus has to say about the Kingdom of God? Check out Mark 1:15, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 6:33, or all of Matthew 13. Another set of foundational verses for us in this area is 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.



### 2 Why does CA have both LOCAL and GLOBAL kingdom efforts?

Jesus told His disciples, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) So that meant in their local city, their surrounding region/state, and to the ends of the earth. We follow the model given to us in Jesus’ words, which engage us in both local and global efforts.

### 3 Why does CA seek to ensure that all of our efforts include both telling the good news of Jesus and demonstrating it?

Jesus ministered to the whole person—body, mind, soul, and spirit—and so we seek to follow that same practice. In fact, Jesus told his original disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20) So clearly there is a spoken evangelism, a teaching, and a discipleship component to the mission of Jesus.

Likewise, Jesus was clear that acts of compassion, justice, and mercy were critical parts of His mission. In Matthew 25, He specifically includes tangible acts such as feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, taking care of the sick, and more, as ways of living out the values of the Kingdom of God. He even goes so far to say, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

### 4 How can I be involved in the LOCAL efforts that are happening?

Serving is one of the best ways to be part of all that God is doing! In fact, I would say that getting involved in the mission by serving is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God. Jesus said that the greatest in the Kingdom would be a servant of all. (Matthew 20:26-28) If you want to find out more about serving locally, visit our website (cachurch.com) or scan the QR code.

### 5 How can I be involved in the GLOBAL efforts that are happening?

In our weekend services, we periodically will announce when we are seeking to gather a team to go and serve with one of our global efforts. Listen for those announcements and sign up for any that interest you. Also, if you want to learn more about serving with our global efforts you can visit our website (cachurch.com) or scan the QR code.

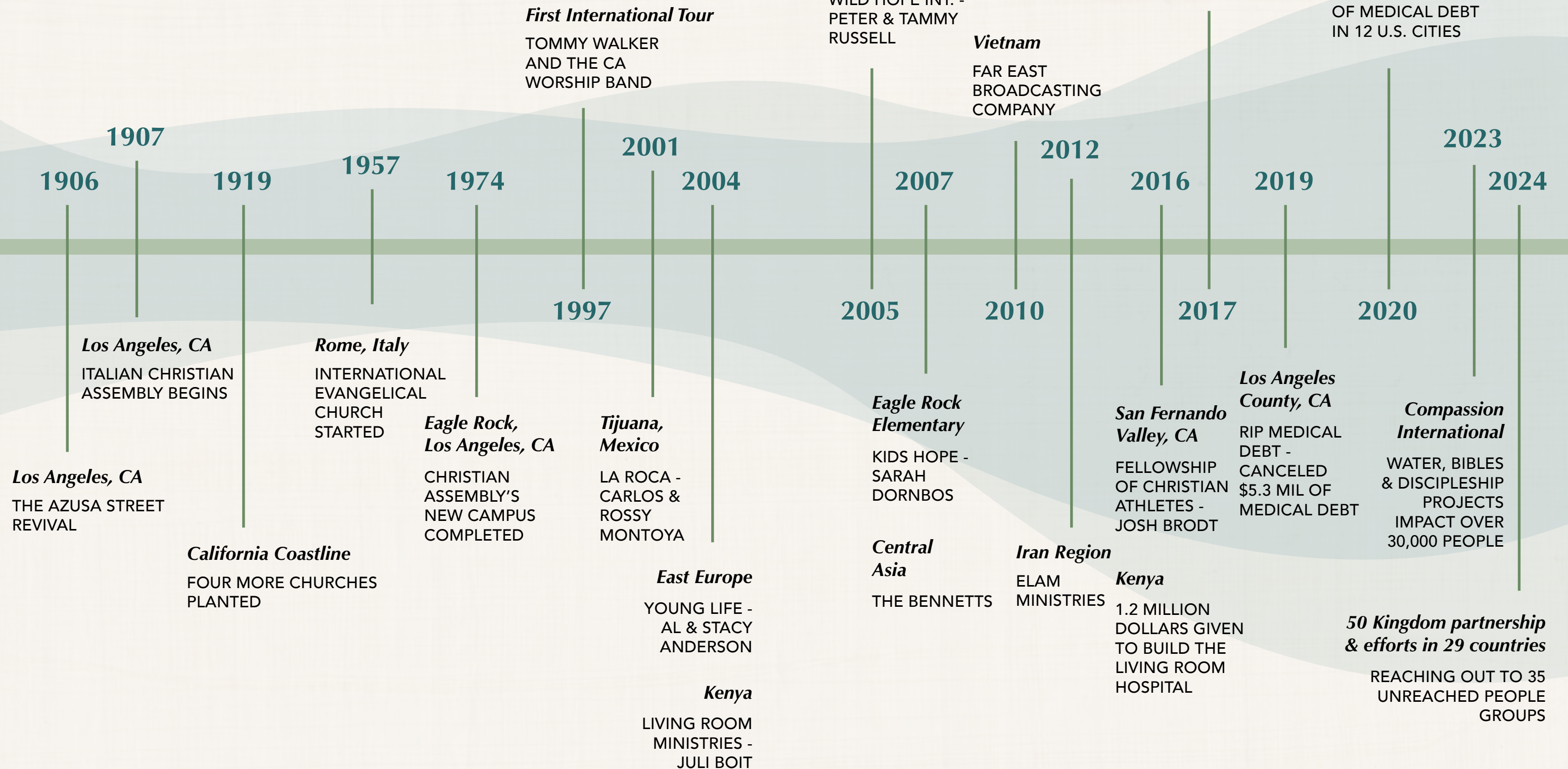
### 6 Is there a prayer guide for Christian Assembly’s Kingdom Ministries?

There sure is. You can find an intentional prayer guide at cachurch.com or by scanning the QR code.

### 7 How are all these different efforts funded?

All of our local and global efforts are funded solely through the tithes and offerings of the people of Christian Assembly. Sometimes we also have visitors or friends who hear about what is happening and feel compelled to be part of supporting our Kingdom work financially. If you want to give to help empower these Kingdom efforts, you can do so either on our website (cachurch.com), on our Christian Assembly LA App, or by scanning the QR code.

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# Get Involved

## PRAY

Join what God is doing through prayer. Pray through the Kingdom Prayer Guide included in the QR code below.

## SERVE

Get involved in God's mission by serving others. It is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God. Learn more about how to serve locally and globally by scanning the QR code below.

## GIVE

Give to the Kingdom offering, which supports all of Christian Assembly's local and global Kingdom partnerships and efforts. You can go to [cachurch.com/give](https://cachurch.com/give) or scan the QR code below.



To learn more about how to pray, serve, and give, scan here.

For more information on Kingdom ministries at Christian Assembly, go to [cachurch.com/kingdom](https://cachurch.com/kingdom).

# Thank You

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