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*Living From the Good News  
of Jesus Christ*

In Philippians 1, the Apostle Paul offers a heartfelt prayer:

“*I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*”

That is a great prayer for all of us who call Christian Assembly home! What a powerful vision: a life overflowing with God-given love that is generated from understanding and living from the good news of Jesus Christ. And it seems to me that God is answering that prayer among us and through us.

From our humble beginnings as a home Bible study in Los Angeles in 1907 to today's thriving local and global ministries, we have seen God's love overflow in consistent, tangible ways. God's grace and love working through us compel us to share the good news of Jesus, help restore lives, make disciples, and bring the hope and salvation of the gospel near and far.

These pages are filled with stories of that overflowing love in action. You'll read about our partnerships that stretch across neighborhoods and nations. Locally, we now have 36 different partnerships where these streams of love from the gospel are flowing. Globally, they are currently

flowing into 38 different countries, including impacting 39 unreached people groups. That's 64% more partnerships happening than just 36 months ago. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the people of Christian Assembly, we were able to give over \$2 million in total over the last 12 months to empower all of our Kingdom ministries. That's a 140% increase from three years ago.

In these pages, you will go beyond the numbers to the many stories of changed lives from your God-given love. Remember, you are part of each story! Without your faith, prayer, service, and financial giving, none of these stories would be happening. I hope the stories and partnerships inspire you as much as they do me. May God use them to invite you to understand and experience the love of God, whether for the first time or for the thousandth time. And then, may we all join Paul's prayer, asking for that love to overflow more and more for the good of others and the glory of God!

With Hope & Gratitude in Christ,



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# LOCAL *Ministries*

“ *When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

— Isaiah 43:2-3



# HOPE

## *After the FIRE*

In January 2025, the Eaton Fire proved to be one of the most devastating wildfires in recent California history, destroying over 9,400 structures in Altadena and parts of Pasadena. Thirty-nine families from Christian Assembly lost their homes, and many others were displaced. With so much loss, devastation, and grief, the recovery and rebuilding process will be long and challenging.

Yet we have seen hope shine through the devastation. God has moved, and there has been an outpouring of prayers, love, and support for those in need. We've seen the remarkable resilience and faith of those affected by the Eaton Fire. Here are two stories from members of CA who lost their homes in the Eaton Fire.

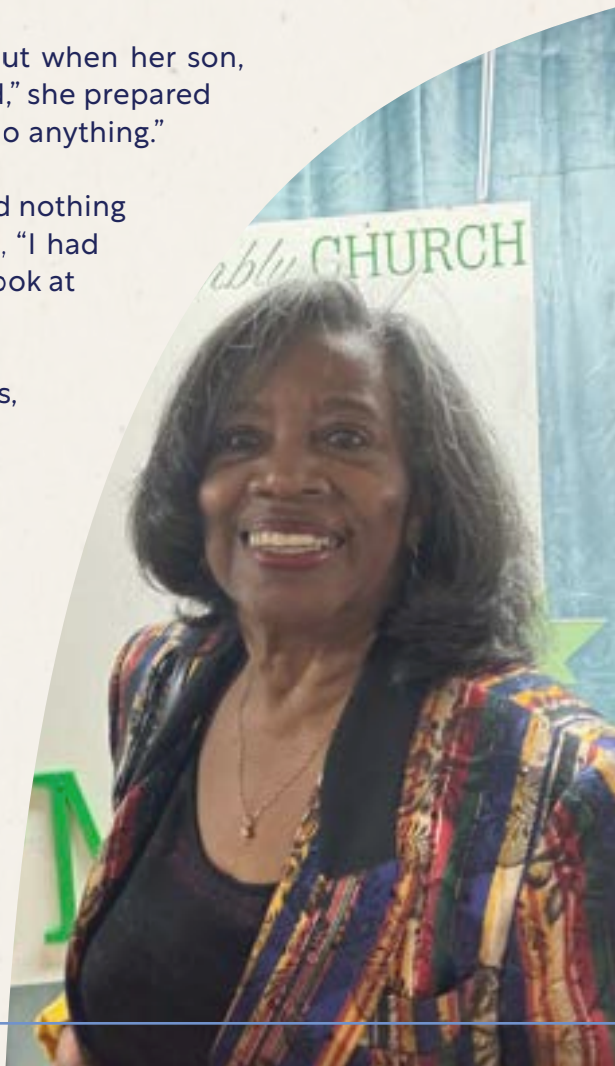
### *Earnestine's Story*

When Earnestine first saw the fire, it appeared far away. But when her son, who is a fire captain, told her, "We are no match for this wind," she prepared herself with prayer. "Lord, it's up to you, because man can't do anything."

Prior to the fire, Earnestine had a mortgage-free home, owed nothing on her car, and didn't have any bills. After the fire, she says, "I had nothing. It's too overwhelming to revisit everything now. I'll look at photos and I think, 'Oh my gosh, that's gone.'"

People from CA gave generously. They gave financial gifts, brought her flowers twice a week, cooked her meals, and prayed with her. "It just blesses my soul," she shares.

Even now, with stalwart faith, she proclaims, "God said that when you go through the rivers, it won't overflow you. When you go through the fire, you will not be burned. He said when you go through this—not if. In other words, everybody's going to go through something. Still, I am a witness that He is mine, and I am His. He's my provider."



### *Thomas & Leanne's Story*

Thomas and Leanne moved to Altadena four years ago, and completed most of the renovations on their home themselves. They had just finished the last bathroom about two months before the fire. After evacuating, they didn't expect any harm to come to their home—until they received a text with a video.

"It took me a while to even realize that was our house," Leanne shares. "But as much as it was a horrible tragedy, I knew that God was going to use this somehow." Thomas adds, "After we lost the house, we felt like God spoke to us, reminding us that all the time we sit with Him and spend time with Him, that was the time that He was preparing us. So when the storm came, we could go forward."

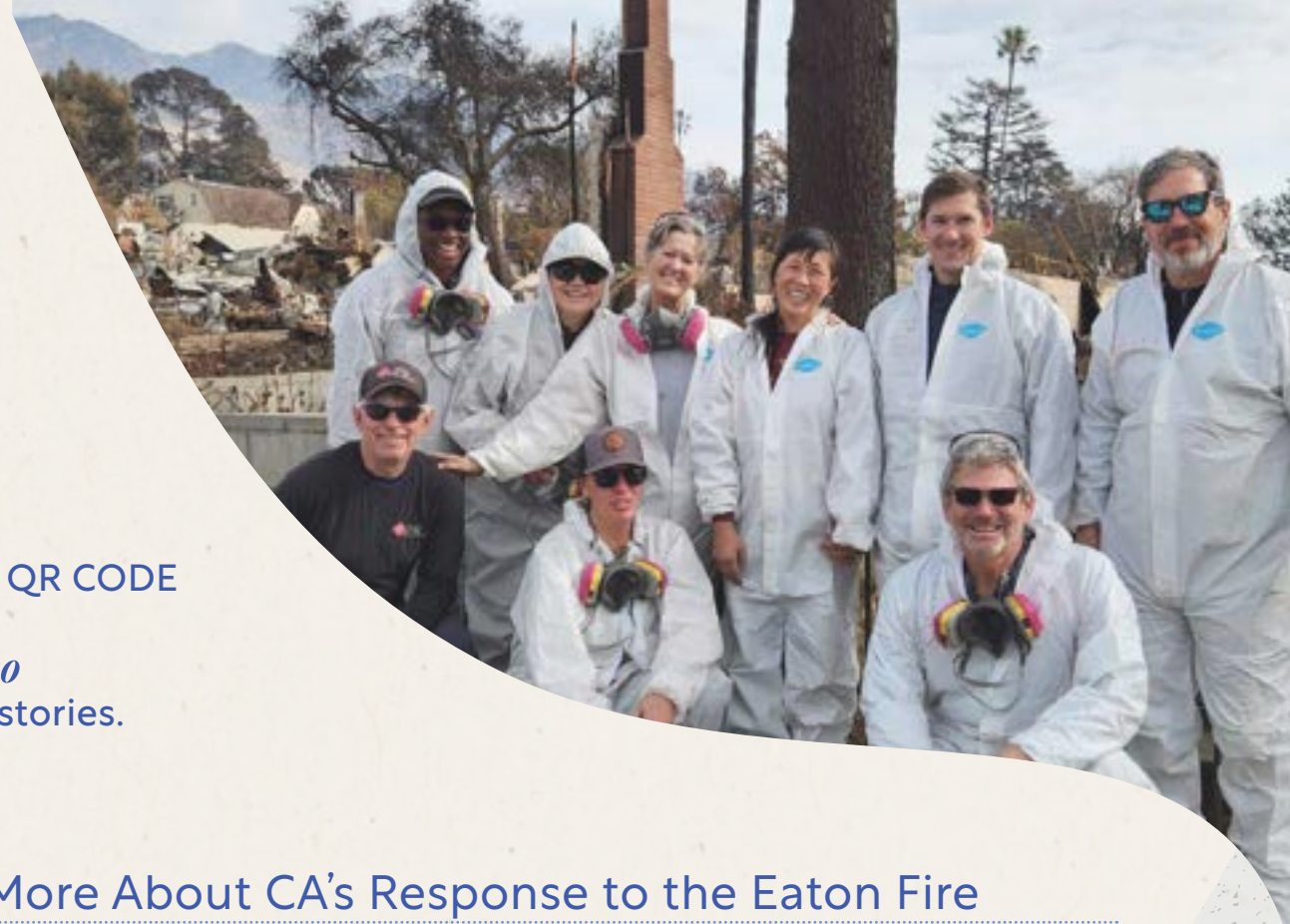
Church members continually asked about their family. One friend from CA said, "Hey, I can give you a place to stay. I have a home." Leanne continues, "The Lord wanted to provide beyond what I even imagined. The Lord is working. There is hope that God is going to change this and move it to a place that is totally different than what it was before, and maybe even better."







Scan the QR CODE  
for the  
*full video*  
of these stories.



### More About CA's Response to the Eaton Fire

*We have seen the people of Christian Assembly rally, give generously, wrap around individuals and families, and sit with them in grief, walking with them down the road that lies ahead. Thank you for your outpouring of prayers, service, and generosity to those who lost their homes and were displaced because of the Eaton Fire.*

*Here are a few ways we've made a difference:*

- *Christian Assembly gave over \$280,000 in financial support to 39 families from our church who lost their homes and five other families impacted from the fires.*
- *CA gave an additional \$200,000 to help other churches in Los Angeles help their people. In response, churches around the country gave an additional \$265,600, so CA was able to give \$465,600 in combined direct benevolent aid to help an additional 138 households who lost their homes.*
- *Life groups from CA wrapped around families who lost their homes, providing holistic care.*
- *CA provided a comprehensive resource guide, and volunteers helped with ash outs, donating supplies/furniture, offering professional services, and more.*
- *We did a prayer walk, praying through various neighborhoods in Altadena.*
- *The Men of CA did a Habitat for Humanity Home Build in Altadena.*
- *CA Kingdom partners in the Philippines and Kenya took offerings and gave generously to those who lost their homes.*

## KIDS HOPE CHICKEN *Alfredo* *To-Go*

Eight years ago Kids Hope mentor Lori Budwig was matched with a kindergartener in foster care who had been placed with her grandfather in Eagle Rock. J came to school happy and eager to connect, but with many needs. The weekly mentoring sessions became a highlight for both Lori and J, as they built a friendship—along with working on academic skills, life skills, and some handball for good measure.

For several years, Lori waited patiently at our Kids Hope events for J and her grandfather, hoping to build a relationship with J's family, but they never came. Finally, in December of 2019, J and her grandfather showed up at our winter party for the first time, and Lori and J smiled throughout the entire event.

During the pandemic, the Kids Hope team made weekly grocery runs for the family and got to know J's grandfather better. Occasionally, he would reach out and ask for help with registering J for programs or navigating her school needs. In their seventh year together, as they neared J's graduation date, Lori and J made plans to attend the Kids Hope Awards Ceremony.

After their final Kids Hope session, J's grandfather asked Lori to stop by their apartment. When she arrived, she immediately noticed a delicious smell coming from the kitchen. Grandpa beamed with pride as he handed over his specialty meal, Chicken Alfredo—packed lovingly in a to-go container. It turns out that J's grandfather was once a chef at Clancy's in Glendale, where Lori and her husband Darin used to go on date nights. Lori's long-term investment led to this beautiful moment of gratitude for a precious child nourished in both body and soul.





# UP *from the* ASHES

Fifteen years ago, when Sammie was a joyful first grader skipping into the Kids Hope classroom, God was doing more than what we saw at the time. After being matched in 2010, Sammie and Becca enjoyed a wonderful mentoring relationship throughout Sammie's elementary school years. When Sammie went to middle school, the two eventually lost contact. Still, for all those years, Becca had Sammie in her mind and heart.

On January 7th, 2025, the Eaton Fire blazed through Altadena taking Sammie's family's apartment and the car that she had just purchased. Sammie's aunt Suzie came to church the Sunday after the fire, found Becca, and let her know that Sammie's apartment had burned. Sammie's family had left with the clothes on their back and their animals, but lost everything else.

Becca reached out to Sammie and let Kids Hope director Sarah Dornbos know that Sammie's family was couchsurfing between one-bedroom apartments. While Sammie was sad about their apartment, she was most upset by the loss of the car she had worked so hard to buy. From CA's resource list, Sammie was put in touch with Edwin Quiles, Sr., who gave Sammie a car. When he handed her the keys, he said, "God told me to hold onto this for you." Sammie was moved to tears.

A family from CA then offered Sammie's family housing in Altadena for three months, and a team of Kids Hope mentors and prayer partners met to clean and furnish the home, purchasing everything on their Amazon wishlist. "I'm so grateful for everything that you and the church have done for my family," said Sammie's mom Amy. "All glory be to God."

What started with a Kids Hope mentoring relationship in 2010, God used in 2025 to help carry an entire family through a local disaster—providing for all of their needs—helping them rise from the ashes.



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## More About Kids Hope

Kids Hope is a local mentoring program started at Eagle Rock Elementary during the 2007–2008 school year. In 2024, we expanded to Delevan Drive Elementary. Volunteer mentors from Christian Assembly Church are screened, trained, and matched with students referred to the program by the school. These mentors work one-on-one in the Kids Hope classroom, for one hour, once a week, during the school year.

Our goal is to help some of LA's most vulnerable children experience the "hope and a future" promised in Jeremiah 29:11 by intervening in the lives of kids in our neighborhood with "no strings attached."

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



Between our two Kids Hope elementary schools, we received 56 new students displaced from the fires, so we were able to create welcome backpacks with a school t-shirt, a coloring book, a stuffie, and some resiliency tools to help these displaced students feel welcome in their new school.



## DUARTE MONROVIA YOUNG LIFE

### *Anna's Story*

*by Gina Quay*

We met Anna at Duarte High School three years ago. She was warm, kind, and fun; however, that season of her life was heavy with anxiety and depression. Anna started coming to Young Life, and we all loved her right away. She developed a mentoring relationship with many of our leaders, and was open to learning and growing.

While at Young Life summer camp, God did something big in Anna's heart. She sensed Him inviting her to give her life fully to Him and to allow Him into all areas of her heart. After giving her life to Jesus, Anna immediately felt something different. The heaviness that she carried became light, and she experienced the joy, healing, and fullness that God's love offered her!

Anna came home from camp on fire for Jesus. She started attending, not only Young Life, but also CA Students weekly, soaking in the Word and experiencing Jesus through worship. Reading and studying the Bible became a priority for

her, and she grew so much in her faith. Last year Anna felt called to invest in the middle school Young Life students and became a student leader. She wanted to be a light in her school, and invited many friends to Young Life Club.

This past spring Anna boldly shared her testimony with her peers. You could hear a pin drop in the room, as the Holy Spirit spoke through her. This summer she will be volunteering with the work crew at Young Life camp. Students who do work crew often grow so much in their faith, as they serve and are closely discipled.

We are so excited to see what God does in Anna's life as she wholeheartedly follows Him! Anna graduated from High School this year and will be coming back as a leader in the fall. It is wonderful to see students that have been impacted want to give back and impact others with the love of Jesus!

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### More About Duarte Monrovia Young Life

We have seen so many students like Anna impacted through Duarte Monrovia Young Life! Here are some exciting updates from this past year:

- We currently know over 400 students by name.
- Twenty-eight students made decisions to follow Christ.
- In the summer of 2024, we took 66 students and 10 leaders to camp. In the summer of 2025, we took 77 students and 12 leaders.
- We launched Wyldlife (Young Life Middle School) on a new middle school campus.

This means that our 30 leaders are now reaching students at five public schools in Duarte/Monrovia. We are so grateful for the support of CA. Thank you for your partnership in reaching youth with the gospel!





## GLENDALE YOUNG LIFE *SEEDS Planted & Lives* CHANGED

by Artur Asaduriyan

In the spring of 2025, I received a call from one of our students, full of excitement. “I’m getting baptized on Easter!” he said. Still, he had a lot of questions—about creation, human sexuality, and what it really means to have new life in Christ. We talked for nearly three hours. By the end of the call, he was more excited than ever to start his journey with Jesus. Conversations like that remind me exactly why we do what we do.

This past year has been remarkable. Over 135 students came through our weekly Lunch Clubs at Hoover High School. Each week, students gathered to laugh, share life, and hear about Jesus. Many who started the year with little or no knowledge

of the gospel are now reading Scripture and growing in faith. A key highlight has been our Campaigners Bible Study on Tuesdays during lunch, where around 20 students consistently joined us to study the parables of Jesus and the book of 1 John. For some it was the first time they had ever opened a Bible.

As I write this, I’m filled with joy and gratitude. God has been faithful. Seeds have been planted, lives have been changed, and hearts have been stirred toward Jesus. Our mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We do this by entering their world, building authentic relationships, and sharing the hope of the gospel in ways they can understand. We have done this well this year and will continue to do it—not only at Hoover High School, but across all the Glendale Schools.

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» Please pray that God continues to raise up leaders and volunteers who can walk with these students in the coming year. Thank you for partnering with us in reaching the next generation with the love of Christ!



## LA CAÑADA/LA CRESCENTA YOUNG LIFE

## Welcoming KIDS Just As They Are

by Josh Chamberlain

During a recent Tuesday morning Bible study group, teenage boys from diverse religious backgrounds gathered. I asked the group, “Why do you guys get up early and come to this? Is it just for the donuts?” One student, usually quiet, responded, “Because it’s a safe place to just talk.”

That moment affirmed what we strive for: to create spaces where kids feel safe, loved, and welcomed just as they are—and where they can encounter the truth of who Jesus is. Young Life La Cañada/La Crescenta is committed to introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ, helping them grow in their faith, and walking alongside them, as they explore what it means to follow Jesus.

Our impact extends beyond those who attend our weekly club gatherings. Our staff and volunteer leaders are embedded in the community, many serving as coaches and teachers at La Cañada High School. Over the past two years, our leaders and staff have come to know more than 500 students by name across both middle school and high school, with an average of 30 students attending club each week.

In just over a year, we have grown from one full-time staff member to two, launched a new middle school ministry that meets during Friday lunch, and established our high school club as a consistent and welcoming space for students to encounter the gospel and connect with leaders who care about them. Looking ahead, we are actively praying and preparing for the future of our new ministry in La Crescenta.

We have a vision to launch new Young Life clubs at Crescenta Valley High School and Rosemont Middle School, with the goal of reaching even more students and beginning to form meaningful relationships in that community.

» We invite your prayers and partnership as we continue to grow and follow God’s call in both La Cañada and La Crescenta.





SOUTH PASADENA/SAN MARINO YOUNG LIFE

Kyle's Story

by Adam Sonneland

I first met Kyle, a quiet sixth grader, at a weekly park gathering, where Young Life leaders spend time after school playing games and building relationships with students. Seeing him sitting alone, I walked over and invited him to join us, but he declined. The next week, I saw him again and offered another invitation—this time with some tasty snacks in hand. After hesitating, he decided to give it a try.

Week after week, Kyle kept showing up. I connected with his mom and learned he came from a religiously diverse home and was struggling to make friends. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, I shared about our weekly club gatherings, and the next week, Kyle was there—hearing about the love of Jesus in a fun, welcoming space.



When he heard about Young Life camp, Kyle signed up right away. After a week full of adventure, laughter, and deep conversations, he shared that camp made him feel “happy and like I belonged.” Most importantly, he heard the gospel clearly and began to understand that “Jesus is the only God.”

Kyle is still exploring what a personal relationship with God looks like, but Young Life has become a safe, encouraging place for him to ask questions, feel known, and grow. He continues to show up—building friendships, growing in faith, and being loved by leaders committed to walking with him every step of the way. We hope every kid can experience that kind of belonging—the kind only Jesus can offer.

More About South Pasadena/  
San Marino Young Life

We relaunched Young Life in South Pasadena in 2023, with a focus on middle school ministry. Since then, we've connected with over 320 students. God is at work, and we're excited for what's ahead—including the launch of high school ministry in the fall of 2025, and an upcoming expansion of ministry into San Marino.



STUDENT MOBILIZATION

Maggie's Story

by Bella Huey

In September of 2024, I met Maggie at the University of Wyoming in the dining hall. It was the start of her freshman year, and we instantly became friends. I invited Maggie to our weekly StuMo nights, and she began attending faithfully. Shortly after this, I asked Maggie and her two friends Camryn and Sophia if they wanted to start a Bible study in their dorm room. They said yes and were eager to know more about Jesus.

Having not grown up around church, Maggie knew very little about Christ and what He did for us. She would come to every Bible study with questions about who Jesus is and why He would want a relationship with her. I had the honor of getting to share the gospel with Maggie seven times before she finally decided to say yes to Jesus.

Since then, Maggie's life has looked so much different. She even attended our Summer project (KALEO), learning how to walk deeply with the Lord and become a disciple maker.

Maggie shared, “I can’t believe how far I’ve come. The girl who walked into college trying to fill emptiness with everything but Jesus has found something real. She found people who loved her despite her brokenness. She found mentors who became big sisters. She found a Savior who wasn’t distant, but near. I used to think faith was for people who had it all together. Now I know it’s for people like me!”

More About StuMo

Our mission statement is: “To build spiritual leaders for Christ from the college campuses of the world.” In the last year, over 100 students attended our weekly Wyoming StuMo nights, 33 students made a profession of faith, 22 students committed to joining us for our eight-week discipleship program, and four students got baptized!



## FCA IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

# Matador ATHLETES On Mission

This year student athletes at CSUN, home of the Matadors, reached out to Josh Brodt, the Valley's Metro Director of FCA, with a vision to share Jesus through FCA. Women's indoor volleyball player Amaris Smith and men's baseball player Dante Zumodio both told Josh the exact same thing. "We want to start an FCA Huddle at CSUN, and we have teammates who will join us. We just need your help!"

Thanks to the faithfulness of these two young athletes and those they recruited, Josh and the students worked together to start a coed, multisport FCA Huddle, and a separate men's baseball team Huddle. FCA not only provided CSUN Huddles with game supplies, food, and prizes for their events, but they also brought in guest

speakers, such as former NFL coach Mike Sheppard and current pro beach volleyball player Heather Friesen.

Through the Huddles, Matadors also made deep connections with local churches and pastors. They were so hungry to grow in their faith that Josh ended up giving away about 50 FCA Bibles at CSUN alone this year! Praise God that many of these students are now attending local churches where they are spiritually flourishing.

Thanks to CSUN FCA Huddles, the baseball teams from Vaughn High School and Heritage Christian High School attended two CSUN baseball games, where the high school athletes connected with Dante and the other FCA student leaders from the team. The high school students, their coaches, and their families were all grateful for such a unique opportunity.

God is truly at work through FCA in the Valley, and He is doing a new thing through the work being done on campus at CSUN, thanks to Amaris and Dante and many of their teammates.

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## More About FCA in the San Fernando Valley

*The mission of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Here are some of the ways that FCA has worked to accomplish our mission in the Valley this year.*

- Sports camps
- Student leadership camps
- Five high school campus Huddles, serving an average of 150 students per week
- Two college campus Huddles, serving an average of 15 students per week
- Team Bible studies
- Creating a new Leadership Board
- Hiring two new staff members
- Preaching the gospel and giving away over 525 Bibles
- Leading 53 students to make first-time commitments to Jesus, with 20 also making rededications to Him!

*Please pray the Lord gives wisdom to Josh and his team as they continue to grow the ministry and hire more staff. Our students, coaches, and staff are grateful for your support!*





CRU SAN DIEGO

Julien's Story

by Maddie Torres

In the summer of 2025, I had the opportunity to serve in Anchorage, Alaska for two months with a team of students and staff. We spent several weeks learning how to effectively share the gospel through conversations and connections across the city. At the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) campus and in downtown Anchorage, we met people, initiated spiritual conversations, and shared the good news of Jesus.

One day a few students met a young man named Julien, who had a Knowing God Personally booklet with him, which is a Cru gospel-sharing tool. When asked about it, Julien said that someone had given it to him the day before and told him, "You need to read this." He then shared, "I just finished reading it, and I believe every single word."

When asked if he had ever given his life to Jesus, Julien said that he hadn't. Filled with awe, the students recognized that Julien had just encountered the gospel for the very first time. With joyful hearts, they prayed with him, as he placed his faith



in Christ. Now connected to Cru at UAA, Julien is eager to grow in his new faith, join a local church, and dive deeply into God's Word.

This story is a beautiful reminder that God is always working—softening hearts, guiding conversations, and using our willingness to share. Though He doesn't need us, He chooses to partner with us in His mission.

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CRU LOS ANGELES

Amanda's Story

by Justine Deng

The first time I met Amanda, I knew she would be a fun addition to our Cru community at UCLA. Petite in stature but big in personality, Amanda brings life and joy wherever she goes. However, beneath her vivacious surface, she wrestled with how to live out her faith in Jesus amid the newfound freedoms of college.

A member of the freshman women's small group I was leading that year, Amanda studied her Bible in the dorms in the early

evening, and then headed out to party in the fraternities late at night. She was looking for the source of true life, longing for security, acceptance, and belonging.

Eventually, Amanda's wrestling was over, and she learned that the One she was seeking was right there all along. Sitting across from Amanda during our discipleship group three years after that first meeting, I marveled at the young woman she has become. Amanda is a true picture of a life that has been completely transformed by Jesus.

Where she once sought belonging in friends and parties, she is now a young woman who understands her identity as a daughter of the King. Where she once needed forgiveness, she now has been forgiven much and loves much. Not only that, Amanda is a minister of reconciliation, frequently sharing with her sorority sisters about how the Lord has changed her life.



More About Cru

Founded in 1951 on the campus of UCLA, Cru is one of the world's largest Christian mission organizations, with a ministry presence on 2,088 college campuses in all 50 states and on 5,300 college campuses worldwide. Cru's purpose is to win people to Jesus, build them up in their faith, and send them out to win, build, and send others.

Our vision is to raise up the next generation to reach the nations—one gospel conversation at a time. Each summer students and staff have the opportunity to serve on Summer Mission trips. These immersive experiences are designed to grow their faith and equip them to share the gospel with confidence.



## CSUN YOUNG LIFE

### *Alan's Story*

*by Ugit Wu*

Alan was a transfer student who joined our CSUN club in August of 2022. Though he didn't have an active faith background, he heard about Young Life from a friend and attended regularly. Even on days when his friends weren't there, Alan still came—quiet, thoughtful, and seemingly just taking it all in. It became clear early on that something was stirring in him.



In the summer of 2024, Alan volunteered at a Young Life summer camp to serve thousands of kids for three weeks. On this trip, I sat down with Alan to get a sense of where he stood with Jesus. After some small talk, Alan said, "I'm afraid that if Jesus knew the real me, he wouldn't like me." At that moment, it became clear to me that the quiet, lovable man sitting next to me wasn't shy—he was afraid of being rejected.

Fast forward to the fall semester of the same year, and we're back at the same Young Life camp for our college weekend retreat, but this time Alan sat with one of our leaders. At this point, Alan had committed to attending Bible studies earlier in the semester, so when the leader asked how his relationship with Jesus was going, something was different. Alan no longer seemed concerned about rejection. Instead, he now realized that putting his faith in Jesus was an invitation into a life of freedom. That weekend Alan chose freedom, and made the decision to put his hope in Jesus Christ.

### More About CSUN Young Life

*For the past six years, Young Life has been sharing the gospel and discipling students at CSUN. We've built a vibrant community where over 430 students regularly engage with the gospel. We've launched multiple Bible studies to help students grow in their faith, and our commitment to one-on-one discipleship has led 12 students to place their hope in Jesus Christ.*

## HUME CHRISTIAN CAMPS

### *Taking FAITH Back Down the Mountain*

*by Colin Sweeney*

At Hume, I met so many people on fire for the Lord, and that really pushed me and inspired me. Many of the speakers encouraged us to chase after God by taking the God-honoring friendships made at Hume back down the mountain. God showed me it was possible for this lifestyle to not just be something that happens for one week at camp.

That same summer I served on a missions team with Christian Assembly in the Dominican Republic. We helped build a house, handed out water filters, and cared for the people. This was a week of pure serving, pouring into each other and into the people. Yet, in spite of all we gave, God always gave us more.

I also got to be part of an event called "Everything Night," led by my good friend Caleb Newton. Caleb wanted to plan an event for everyone to learn about Jesus, no matter their standpoint on faith. God provided for us, and the event was a huge success. At least 10 people committed their lives to Christ!

I am so thankful that God used me to help bring more people to know Him, and for the ways He's changed me in the last year. Most of all, I'm thankful for what God started at Hume and how He has continued to set me on fire for Him!



### More About Hume Christian Camps

*Since 1946, Hume Christian Camps has existed to proclaim the gospel and make disciples. From the granite peaks of Kings Canyon to the sunlit ridges of the San Bernardino Mountains to the wooded hills of the Berkshires in New England, we desire that everyone who encounters this ministry would come to know Jesus as Savior, grow in faith and character, develop rhythms of prayer, Bible study, and Christian community, and devote their lives in service to Christ.*

*In 2025, Christian Assembly gave \$75,000 to Hume Christian Camps toward the development of Hume SoCal and to help with upgrades at the Wagon Train and Ponderosa camps at Hume Lake.*



FOREST HOME CHRISTIAN CAMP

Where Lives are CHANGED  
& the Gospel PROCLAIMED

After her first time at Forest Home Christian Camp, Mia, a high school student, shared, “I didn’t want to come at first. I thought it would be just games and sermons I wouldn’t understand. But one night, I heard the speaker say that Jesus still chooses us, even when we don’t choose Him—and I felt like God was speaking right to me. That night I gave my life to Christ, and now I know I’m not alone.”

For over 87 years, Forest Home Christian Camp has been a place where the name of Jesus is lifted high and lives are eternally changed. Located in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, Forest Home exists to help people encounter Jesus, experience transformation, and engage the world.

Each year, over 43,000 guests from across California and beyond walk through our gates—students, families, pastors, and leaders—all encountering the life-changing power of the gospel. From youth camps and family retreats to leadership gatherings, our mission remains the same: to see lives transformed and God glorified.

This year, we’ve seen significant growth in our youth ministry. More churches are involved than ever before and are bringing more students to camp. We are seeing a generation that is open to the gospel, and it’s been powerful to see God stirring



hearts and opening doors for students to respond in faith and grow in their walk with Jesus.

Stories like Mia’s are why we do what we do, and we’re grateful to partner with churches like Christian Assembly to make it possible.

» **Would you join us in praying for spiritual renewal across all our camps and for open doors to reach churches in underserved communities? Together we are raising up a generation that knows Jesus and takes His name to the world.**

In 2025, CA gave \$25,000 to Forest Home toward the new youth camp they are building.

DOOR OF HOPE

Naomi’s Story

When Naomi first came to Door of Hope over a decade ago, she was a mom in crisis, without a home and desperate to provide stability for her children. Through our Transitional Housing Program, Naomi secured housing, built a new foundation, and created a safe home. She even went on to work part-time for Door of Hope, giving back to the community that had helped her.

However, the Eaton Fire in January of 2025 turned Naomi’s world upside down. Her family’s home burned down. In a moment, everything she had worked so hard to rebuild was lost. Yet Naomi knew where to turn. She reached out to Door of Hope, and, because of God’s grace and the support of partners like Christian Assembly, we were ready.

Through our Eaton Fire Housing Assistance Program, Naomi received case management and rental assistance. Today she’s in a new home in Azusa, working at Huntington Hospital, and focusing on saving money and supporting her children’s education.

“Words cannot express how grateful we are for what you have done for us in these hard times,” she said. Naomi’s story is one of resilience, faith, and the power of community. She’s not just surviving; she’s thriving.

“Words cannot express how grateful we are for what you have done for us in these hard times.”

» Please continue to lift up the families we serve—and those still waiting. With your prayers and partnership, we are offering more than shelter. We are offering hope.



More About Door of Hope

Founded in 1985 and based in Pasadena, Door of Hope is a Christian nonprofit committed to walking alongside families facing homelessness. Thanks to steadfast partners like Christian Assembly, we are able to serve families physically, emotionally, economically, and spiritually.

We offer three core programs that break the cycle of homelessness: Traditional Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Alumni support. When the Eaton Fire struck, we expanded our mission, launching a new program to help families like Naomi’s.

In 2025, CA gave a gift of \$20,000 to the Door of Hope Homelessness Prevention Program to help four families who are vulnerable to homelessness.



## YOUVERSION

# Bringing GOD'S WORD to Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday

## Trevor's Story: THE UNITED STATES

At a young age, Trevor was recovering from addiction and looking for purpose and meaning for his life. "I was a teenager who was barely getting my life back together." That's when he found the Bible App.

"The Bible App helped me to understand God's Word more, which transformed the entire course of my life." Trevor began to see that God had a purpose for his life and deeply cared for him. "Now, as a 22-year-old seminary graduate, I am pursuing pastoral ministry and ready to share His Word with others."

Engaging with different Bible App features helped Trevor develop a daily Bible reading habit and discover God's truth through His Word. "I first started using the Bible App for youth group. Now, I can't put it down. My relationship with God and my story are both completely different because of it."



## Katherine's Story: NIGERIA

Katherine grew up believing in God, but never had a relationship with Him. After losing her father, she was overcome with grief. "I didn't know what to do with my life. I had always had the Bible App on my phone, but I only opened it on Sundays at church." In the midst of her sadness, Katherine received a notification from the Bible App inviting her to start a Bible plan on grief.

"It was like God knew exactly what I needed. That plan gave me peace from God and His Word. It helped me



learn to mourn as Jesus taught us. Because of it, I was able to share the plan and the peace I felt with my family."

Katherine experienced a shift in her spirit from that one plan. "The plan led me to deepen my relationship with God. I've been reading more plans ever since. Now, I can't go through my day without listening to God's Word. He is the foundation of my life."

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

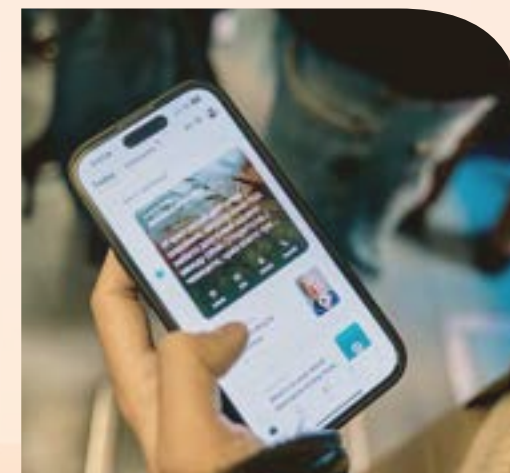


## Mario's Story: ITALY

Mario grew up in Bulgaria but moved to Amsterdam for university. Trying to fill the emptiness inside, he turned to alcohol, drugs, and other religions. "I was searching for meaning, but I was looking in all the wrong places. After a long night of partying, I felt like something needed to change."

In his desperation, Mario searched for the Bible in the app store and found the Bible App. "I started a six-month plan to read the entire Bible—from Genesis to Revelation. At first, it felt like just another book. But the deeper I got into Scripture, the more I began to change."

As Mario continued reading God's Word, God began to renew his heart and mind. "I felt completely refreshed. I wasn't drinking anymore, I stopped using drugs, lust lost its grip on me—and most importantly, I was seeking and loving God." For Mario, the Bible App wasn't just convenient—it was life-changing.



## More About YouVersion

*YouVersion is a digital ministry of Life.Church—a multi-site church based in the U.S. Because the Bible has the power to transform lives, YouVersion's mission is to encourage and challenge people to seek intimacy with God every day.*

*Since its launch of the Bible App in 2008, 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.*

*YouVersion is celebrating a huge milestone for the Bible: one billion installs across its Family of Apps! This is a moment to celebrate how God is reaching people with His Word like never before. In 2025, CA gave \$411,000 to sponsor part of what it costs to run YouVersion for three days in 2025: Easter Sunday, September 15th, and Christmas Day. On Easter Sunday alone, 18.9 million people opened the app to read God's Word.*





More About  
Hope the Mission

HOPE THE MISSION

Rakeisha's Story

For Rakeisha, the threat of domestic violence was very real. She believed she might not survive her abuser. Faced with an impossible choice, she could stay and endure relentless physical and emotional torment, or leave with her 3-year-old son Chozyn, knowing they would be homeless.

In a moment of desperate courage, Rakeisha chose to flee. Through a series of referrals, she was connected with Hope the Mission, where she and her son, who is on the autism spectrum, were welcomed into the Alvarado Family Shelter, located near MacArthur Park.

"I cannot thank God enough for leading me to Hope the Mission," says Rakeisha. "I was lost and desperate. They received me with open arms—no judgment—just love."

Rakeisha is now preparing to go back to school to become a certified nursing assistant, and Chozyn is thriving in a preschool program designed to support children with autism. Thanks to the love of Christ shown through Hope the Mission, Rakeisha is embracing this new chapter of life—one filled with purpose, healing, and the hope of a future.

Founded in 2009, Hope the Mission has become the largest rescue mission in the United States, operating 26 interim housing sites and providing over 2,800 beds each night to those in need. Hope the Mission is boldly responding to the homeless crisis in Los Angeles with compassion, innovation, and unwavering faith.

The work begins on the streets, where trained outreach teams meet people in encampments, under freeways, and in alleyways—offering hope, dignity, and a pathway forward. Individuals are then welcomed into crisis housing options, including tiny home villages, converted warehouses, repurposed motels, and other creative housing solutions.

Hope the Mission also provides case management, job training, housing navigation, mental and physical health care, substance use recovery, and spiritual formation. Hope the Mission covets your prayers and support for ongoing wisdom, vision, and courage, as we seek to end homelessness in Los Angeles.

In 2025, 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)

"I was lost and desperate. They received me with open arms—no judgment—just love."

OPEN ARMS

Aniffer's Story

When I suspected I might be pregnant, fear overtook me. I felt alone, uncertain, and overwhelmed. Like so many women in similar situations, I turned to the internet in search of help. A quick Google search led me to Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic—and it changed everything.

What began as a search for answers became a turning point in my life. From the moment I connected with Open Arms, I felt seen, heard, and supported. I walked through the clinic doors unsure of what to expect, but I found peace, compassion, and a place where I could breathe again.

Open Arms provided more than just services—they provided sanctuary. The team welcomed me with understanding, never judgment. They gave me space

to process my emotions and wrestle with difficult decisions, always pointing me toward hope and strength. In those moments of vulnerability, I realized I wasn't alone.

One staff member in particular, Jhaneth, became a guiding light. She wasn't just a counselor—she was a friend and a prayer partner. Her unwavering support gave me the courage to share my pregnancy with my family—something I never thought I could do. Through prayer, encouragement, and Scripture, she helped me find strength.

Today, I feel empowered, hopeful, and grateful. I know my story could have taken a very different path had I not found Open Arms. My baby girl, Scarlett, was born in August of 2025. I thank God for this clinic, and for everyone who supports its mission. Because of Open Arms, I didn't have to face one of life's hardest moments alone.

"I walked through the clinic doors unsure of what to expect, but I found peace, compassion, and a place where I could breathe again."

More About Open Arms

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



TOMMY WALKER MINISTRIES

Reawaken

In May of 2025, Tommy Walker Ministries flew our team and band to Nashville, Tennessee to meet up with 11 gifted writers from all over the United States and Canada for the third annual Worship Leader/Songwriter Retreat. Our time was filled with worship, prayer, teaching, one-on-one mentoring, and lots of writing. Here’s what a couple of attendees had to say about their experience at the retreat!

“The TWM Songwriters Retreat literally changed the trajectory of my ministry. After years of living in the unknown, this gave me the encouragement, validation, fresh wind, and courage to explore what God has planned for me—as a songwriter, worship leader, and artist.”

—Alley H., Middleburg, FL

“Through TWM’s radical generosity and intentionality, I am leaving equipped, encouraged, and emboldened to sing a new song to the Lord. More than cherishing this experience, I’m leaving in awe of who God is and the calling He’s placed on my life.”

—Susan M., Kankakee, IL

The week ended with the writers leading their newly written songs with the band. If you’re interested, *you can hear and see the concert by scanning the QR Code on this page.*

But that’s not all. TWM recorded the Reawaken (Live at Home Again) album in August of 2025, with an expected release date of early 2026! We are praying and believing that the songs on the recording will not only be a great resource for many churches, but will also inspire worship leaders and songwriters to write and record their own songs for their congregations.

Because of Christian Assembly’s financial partnership—as well as many others—worship leaders from around the world download our free worship resources every day. We are so honored, energized, and grateful to be declaring the gospel through worship and helping others do the same—in every corner of the globe!



Scan the QR Code to watch  
“TWM Songwriters  
Retreat ’25.”



Relational  
EVANGELISM

CONVERSATIONS  
ABOUT JESUS

Conversations can change lives—especially conversations about Jesus. With more than enough words published and posted about every topic under the sun, people in Southern California are increasingly open to talking about the relevance of the Bible, and the hope of the good news found in Jesus. In the spring of 2025, 50 people gathered around tables at a restaurant called Lucky Baldwin’s in Old Town Pasadena for a six-week series of Conversations About Jesus. It was the highest attendance recorded since this outreach began 10 years ago.

At Conversations About Jesus, a team of volunteers from Christian Assembly host and guide discussions about topics like the purpose of life, the existence of God, pain and suffering, the reliability of the Bible, what the Bible claims about Jesus, and more. The purpose of every session is to seek and discover who Jesus is, what He is all about, and how to respond to Him.

ALPHA

Alpha is a six-week course designed to help people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. In 2024, a team of trusted volunteers joined two of Christian Assembly’s pastors, Matt Price and Jill Rhodes, to launch Alpha on Thursday nights. Each week more than 35 people attended Alpha, in a welcoming, café-style space, with tables set for dinner and conversation. These Thursday nights included a brief teaching on a topic related to the gospel and faith in Jesus, followed by guided conversations about the teaching, and a Q & A session at the end of each night.

In the fall of 2025, Christian Assembly is offering Alpha again to reach those who do not know Christ. We also want to see a growing number of Christ-followers personally engage in the work of evangelism by inviting friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members for a series of thoughtful conversations, talking with others about Jesus in a personal way.

CA Students also launched Alpha Youth in 2025. They saw 122 students come for the first time, and 20 students make first-time commitments to follow Jesus!





# Made NEW: Baptisms

Each year God blesses Christian Assembly with people who investigate faith, become convinced 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!

## Josephine Jalarue

I wasn't rebellious growing up, but after a traumatic experience, my heart disconnected from God. I blamed Him, and myself, and I couldn't understand how people could talk about His goodness when I felt so hurt and abandoned. After I moved to LA, I was done trying to carry it all on my own. Worn out and empty, I reached out with what little I had, and found Jesus meeting me there. I've started trusting Him again, and I know I'm not alone. I believe that God sees me, that He hasn't given up on me, and that He can redeem even the darkest parts of my story. I'm walking forward slowly, but this time with Jesus.

## Aaron Sanchez

I used to live in fear. For a while, I couldn't be by myself or go to school, because I had so much anxiety. After my mom got sick, I decided to go to 678 even though I felt nervous. I got stronger, started doing things by myself, and started going to school. I know it was God working in me, so I decided to trust Jesus with my life. Now I speak to Him every day, and I know He listens to me. I want my faith to keep growing, and Jesus to lead me through life!



## Mark Bohman

I used to think that my salvation was based on my actions. A strict set of rules became a cycle of frustration and shame. I spent my adult life trying to control my destiny, chasing success and approval, but my stubbornness and insecurities only hurt the people I loved most. My friend invited me to the Men's Conference, where I witnessed what being a Christian truly meant. I saw the road map to peace and joy. When I heard the invitation to accept Jesus, I felt the Holy Spirit lift me to my feet. Decades of doubt were erased, and I had no choice but to surrender. Today I'm living out the good news that Jesus paid it all for me. I am finally secure in Him.

## Marianne Hovakimyan

Since my teenage years, I attended Sunday school, but my heart was in the world. Eventually the world won me over, but the parties, alcohol, and friends left me anxious, depressed, and hopeless. A few months ago, a casual dinner with friends turned into an invitation to CA. The Lord spoke to me and brought me to where I was meant to be. He's healing my anxieties and has surrounded me with Christian friends. This baptism represents God's victory over the world's influence on me. It is my declaration that I will follow God with all my heart.



### 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](https://cachurch.com/baptism) or scan this QR code.





# Living MISSIONALLY

## Stories of People from CA Living on Mission in Everyday Life

### Wendy Strong

Attending Urbana (a student missions conference) opened my eyes to God’s pursuing love for all nations, forever impacting the trajectory of my life. After Urbana, I served with YWAM (Youth With a Mission), helped churches start discipleship training schools, and invested 20 years in mobilizing others to embrace God’s call on their lives as a Perspectives coordinator and speaker.

My husband and I have raised our own kids with God’s Kingdom vision, by taking them on mission trips with us, and by sending them out on mission trips with others. Truly, there is no greater joy as a parent than seeing your children follow the Lord’s call!

In June of 2024, I heard the Lord say, “Will you come and join me in the work I’m doing at CA?” Jumping in with both feet, I have been serving as an intern for Kingdom ministries ever since. Through teaching on prayer at CA’s Compelled conference, to leading Explore life groups, to helping with Mexico outreach trips, to collaborating with Kids Church for CA Serve Day—and much more—I have gotten to be part of what the Lord is doing here at CA and beyond.

Want to find the fullness of life that Jesus talks about? Ask Him where He’s moving, and say “yes” to His Kingdom-sized dreams!



### Nathan Castaneda

In my senior year of high school, I participated in CA Students’ Senior Internship program. Several passages of Scripture and messages given by CA Students Pastor Levi Walker ignited a fire in me to preach the gospel to my friends at school. Inviting my friends to church and telling them about Jesus has been amazing, because not only do I get to see some of them coming to faith in Christ, but I can also practice obedience and give God glory.

CA Students puts on monthly Invite Nights, so that high school students can practice evangelism by inviting their friends to church. Knowing that June 4th was the last Invite Night before



graduation, God put it on my heart to invite all the seniors I knew from my high school. I spent weeks praying for each person and asking the Lord to bless the invitations.

God used me to invite over 200 seniors from Arcadia High School, and just over 90 of them came to our church that night. Of the 90, over 50 were non-believers, and many of them had never heard the gospel. Many are interested in learning more about Jesus, and a few are close to giving their lives to Christ. All glory to God for this, and I’m so thankful that God promises He will finish the work that He started in each person!

### Christian & Hannah Toma

From worship to nursery to small groups, we both come from a lifetime of serving in the church. We found our way to CA in the spring of 2023, right around the same time that Hannah began working at ZOE International as a therapist. For Hannah, it has been a dream fulfilled to work with teenage girls affected by human trafficking. Christian also worked for ZOE, before joining Christian Assembly’s staff as an administrative assistant for the Kingdom and Evangelism departments. We count it a blessing to live out Scripture in our jobs—doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)



Recently, we felt God nudging us to attend CA’s Perspectives class, a discipleship course exploring God’s global purposes. Perspectives opened our eyes to God’s missional heart—His desire for all people to know Him and for all believers to be part of that mission. Since taking Perspectives, we have been part of a small group that considers how we can live missional lives by reaching those who have never heard the good news of the gospel. We are currently walking alongside other CA believers to consider how we can reach unreached people right here in LA!

“Want to find the fullness of life that Jesus talks about? Ask Him where He’s moving, and say ‘yes’ to His Kingdom-sized dreams!”



# 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### CRESCENT PROJECT

Serving in Los Angeles, Crescent Project is a Christian ministry focused on helping fulfill the Great Commission to the Muslim World right here in LA.

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. We build strength and self-reliance through shelter.

### CA SERVE DAY

In 2025, CA had 220 volunteers serve across nine different locations. Together we shared the love of Christ all across the city. *Scan the QR code to see a video of some highlights!*



# West Coast CHURCH Plants

## DISCOVER CHURCH IN SAN MARCOS

*Pastor Kyle Veach*

We launched Discover Church in September of 2025 with a core team of 250 people. San Marcos is the fastest-growing city in San Diego County, and our mission here is simple: to help people win at what matters most. We believe countless lives will be transformed through salvation, baptism, and a thriving community of faith.



## PORTRAIT CHURCH IN REDLANDS

*Pastor Jay Stovall*

We launched Portrait in the fall of 2023 to give people a renewed picture of Jesus and His church. We’ve witnessed 70 baptisms and are nearing our 100th profession of faith. Currently, we’re training a pastor and developing a team to plant another church in our region. Our mission is to make disciples who practice and portray the way of Jesus for the Inland Empire and the world.



## BANNER CHURCH IN SEATTLE

*Pastor Ryan Kim*

Banner Seattle exists to see spiritual renewal in the heart of Seattle through multiplying disciples. Since launching in September of 2024, Banner has grown to 400 people in weekly attendance, baptized over 40 people, and witnessed continual decisions for Christ. People of all ages are finding freedom in Jesus, and Gen Z is encountering Him in life-changing ways. We’re grateful to see the gospel transforming lives in Seattle.



## RIDGESIDE CITY CHURCH IN YUCAIPA

*Pastor Zach Hafner*

Ridgeside City Church exists to help people be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. People who stepped away from church for years are now re-engaging with the gospel and the people of God. Along with Sunday worship and weekly life groups in homes, we’ve partnered with local churches and nonprofits to feed over 200 families, bless 300 convalescent home residents, send 50 foster kids to summer camp, and provide needed supplies to two elementary classrooms. God is restoring lives here as His Kingdom is coming in Yucaipa!



*In 2025, CA gave \$10,000 toward each of these church plants.*



# GLOBAL *Ministries*

“ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

— Acts 1:8



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Melanny's Story

My name is Melanny, and I'm 16 years old. I was registered into Compassion's Sponsorship Program here in Colombia when I was just three. It was there that I heard about God for the first time. At age 13, after noticing how God was changing me, I wanted to know Him even more. I started attending Monte de Dios Church.

I remember what our church used to be like. The building had only columns and no walls. People in the community called it "the incomplete church." Despite our limited resources, we built the walls and roof step by step and got a portable toilet. Still, the facilities were not good, and we had no classrooms for our Bible lessons.

We also suffered from water scarcity. We had clean water for only a few hours every eight or nine days. At the Compassion center, they had to buy water to cook meals for us because there was no running water. The pastor and tutors had to finish the center activities and church meetings quickly because the children needed a bathroom. Mothers left church meetings early to find a bathroom for their children. Eventually, many people stopped attending church.

We prayed many times for better facilities, so people could feel safe and comfortable. Then one day, through funds from Christian Assembly and Compassion, our prayers for drinkable water and bathrooms were answered!



Through clean water and new facilities, God is showing His love to my community. Since the water treatment system was built at the church, many neighbors have received drinkable water for free. The construction of the bathrooms is complete, with three stalls for boys and three for girls. Each bathroom has a nice mirror, a shower, sinks, and running water. Sponsorship participants often come to shower at church because they don't have water at home.

People in the neighborhood started attending church just to use the new bathrooms. Many of the people who came out of curiosity stayed because of God's love. They saw how people from far away shared their resources to bless our

community—a testimony to God's love and faithfulness.

God's blessings have not stopped there. We also received additional funds to build our first classroom, where we gather for discipleship and prayer. The child development center also uses the classroom for our lessons and activities.

Our church is growing, and so is my own faith. Last year, I was baptized, and I serve in the dance and theater ministries. Although I started attending church alone, my parents and siblings have started coming too. Now my sister serves with me in the dance ministry.

We have seen God answer our prayers, and we are also praying for you. When we heard about the fires near Los Angeles,

our church met to pray for the affected families. Our hope was that God would help you as you have helped us.

I am so grateful to God for this gift. You have been God's answer to our prayers. Our church is complete, and many people are coming to faith in God!



*Please pray for Melanny and her family to continue growing in their faith, and for Monte de Dios Church to continue impacting their community with the Word of God!*





### More About Compassion International

Compassion International exists to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Christian Assembly's long-standing partnership with Compassion continues this year. A nearly \$547,000 investment is bringing clean water, Bibles, and discipleship to Burkina Faso, Kenya, Togo, Ghana, and the Dominican Republic—all in partnership with local frontline churches.

The clean water project at Melanny's church directly impacted over 300 children and nearly 90 adults.

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### BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

# BREAKING *the Cycle* of POVERTY

*by Scott Quay*

When Breakthrough Ministries heard that members of Christian Assembly had lost their homes in the Eaton Fire, they took up a special offering—selling hot dogs and umbrellas and even giving from their own wages—resulting in a generous \$1,500 gift to CA. This is just one example of Breakthrough living out their motto to give out of poverty and serve out of need.

For 20 years, Christian Assembly has partnered with this ministry led by Carlos and Edna Ilustre in an impoverished area of Greater Manila. Breakthrough seeks to offer hope, freedom, and opportunities to break the cycle of poverty. Over the years, CA has sent numerous missions teams, reminding Pastor Carlos that, “God has not forgotten us.”

Here is an update on Breakthrough’s impact:

- Feeding Program: The number of people served each week has grown from 200 to 400. CA has increased our support from \$500 a month to \$1,000 a month.
- Church Without Walls: Every Sunday, the church in Payatas spreads out across their community, and to nearby communities. Their eight congregations represent about 400 families. At one of their sites, 200 people gather weekly to hear God’s Word, receive prayer, and open their hearts to the Lord.

- Breakthrough Christian School: Students receive meals, showers, and a loving community—all done to show Jesus’ love and hope. Some graduates have gone on to give back to the school through their professions.

Christian Assembly has supported building projects, relief efforts, the Christian school, and the feeding program, as well as offering financial support for Carlos and Edna—but we have also been blessed. We have learned so much about what it means to follow Jesus from our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Edna Ilustre*

*In July of 2025, our beloved sister Edna went to be with the Lord. Edna ran the race of faith, as she served so faithfully on behalf of the poor, the lost, and the family of God. Edna will be remembered for the vibrant life she lived for Christ and will be dearly missed. Please pray for Carlos and our Breakthrough family.*



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*Living Room and the Outpatient Care Center.*

LIVING ROOM INTERNATIONAL  
IN KENYA



# LEANING *Into* the HEART of GOD

*by Susan Reedy*

In October of 2024, I walked the red dirt roads of Chebaiywa, along with a team of eight women from Christian Assembly, to serve—and mostly be served—at Kimbilio Hospice. We arrived after a storm, surviving a slip-and-slide drive to the hospice, and emerged from the vehicle to a sea of voices welcoming us with, “Karibu! Karibu!” (Welcome, welcome!)

Everyone showed up to greet us—young and old, able and feeble, those who stood upright and those pushed in wheelchairs. They welcomed us with song, dance, flowers, and—of course—chai. We planted an apple tree and walked among a breathtaking orchard of plantings done by other visitors and supporters of Living Room International.

That particular moment will remain deep in my soul for the rest of my life. Logically, I understood that we were in a place where

pain and suffering were plentiful, where wailing from a funeral could burst forth at any moment. Yet I also had a tangible experience of a place where birdsong filled the atmosphere, and where foliage was lush, large, and brilliant green. Here laughter spilled out of a room full of never-ending laundry, and joy lit up a space full of parked wheelchairs—where spoons were placed gently into the mouths of those who could not feed themselves.

I realized in that moment that I was about to spend a week weaving my way through one paradoxical encounter after another. So much hope surrounding so much loss. So much life wrapped around so much death. So much beauty juxtaposed against so much need.

As an American, there are so many “needs” I take for granted. Indoor plumbing, refrigeration, well-stocked grocery stores, easy access to medical care. From this Western perspective, I once tended

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toward a sense of pity for people living in remote areas around the globe, feeling like, “If only they were able to have what we have, they would be better off.”

But after a week at Kimbilio, I found that it isn’t the “having” that makes you better off. It’s the giving. Here—in this remote place where the glory of God’s creation is as present as the display of human suffering—the sharing, caring, and open-armed embrace of everyone who entered those hospice doors shattered my Western ideas of “better off.”

At Kimbilio, there’s only one question to answer each and every day. “How do I love in this situation?” Each encounter creates a new possibility for a soul to feel its worth. Whether getting a lesson in how to correctly say “ugali” (a thick, cooked porridge) while feeding Elizabeth—a beautiful, brilliant, young woman with a body crippled by cerebral palsy—or laughing with little Boaz as we chased a bright yellow balloon across the resource room, my soul was growing. I was learning and leaning a little closer into the heart of God.



## 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.*

*Living Room is currently constructing a four-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, a 32-bed pediatric inpatient unit, a comprehensive cancer unit, and an education center with simulation labs. Construction began in October 2024, thanks to the immense generosity of donors, who gave \$1.8 million (including \$1 million from Christian Assembly). Once completed, it is estimated that the center will serve 250 people per day in Jesus’ name.*





LA ROCA MINISTRIES  
IN MEXICO

Jonás' story

For many years, Jonás lived with a hardened heart, scarred by trauma, grief, and addiction. Raised in a small town near Jalisco, Mexico, Jonás was the third of four siblings in a home that was painful and dysfunctional. “My dad was very hard on us, in the beatings he gave us. He mistreated my mom,” Jonás says. “I developed a feeling of hatred toward him.”

As Jonás got older, the trauma in his life deepened. His sister was diagnosed with leukemia. Then his mother was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. He recalls, “I wondered why this was happening in my life. I questioned why people who are doing wrong never get sick.”

This pain led Jonás to drugs to numb himself and give his life meaning. “My life went to a hole. I felt hate towards everything.” Addiction and drugs weren’t the end. Rejection and rage pushed Jonás even further into darkness.

“I was kicked out of my house. I didn’t even have clothes.” This led him to join an organized crime group in Mexico, where he grew more callous daily, living a life opposed to God. “I was living a life of death, kidnapping people, killing people, hurting people.”

Jonás spent over three years in organized crime. “I became a person with no feelings. I believed the more evil you are, the better you are.” Yet even in those years when he was so lost, Jonás believes God



was watching over him. “There were many times I should have died. I didn’t know it then, but God had control of my life.”

Eventually, the consequences of his criminal life caught up with Jonás. “My destiny was death—plain and simple. They were going to kill me,” he says. “But God had a purpose for me.” Now he believes, “Maybe I had to go through all that so God could bring me to His feet.”

Jonás fled to Tijuana, where everything changed. He found La Roca Ministries and one day was listening to a sermon. “I didn’t even know it was the Word of God,” he says. “But I heard: ‘Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’ I needed that. God touched me right then.”

Jonás made a decision to enter La Roca’s Rehabilitation Ranch. He faithfully



**Please be in prayer for La Roca’s leaders, that they would continue to grow and be transformed by Christ!**

pursued the rehabilitation program and truly began to seek God. Amazingly, Jonás truly encountered transformation. “In Jesus Christ I’ve found peace. He’s changed the way I think. Now I have love for others.”

Today, Jonás is happily married to Christina, the daughter of La Roca founders, Carlos and Rossy Montoya. He is both a husband and father of two. Jonás is faithfully serving on staff at the Rehabilitation Ranch, the very place where he encountered transformation himself. Jonás no longer lives in fear. He shares, “I’m sure of two things. I’m a child of God, and God has never lost a battle!”



More About La Roca

*La Roca Ministries exists to transform lives through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since 1998, they have served the most vulnerable in Tijuana, Mexico, and beyond—those impacted by poverty, addiction, and despair—by offering hope, healing, and a path to restoration through a personal relationship with Christ. Their mission is to mirror Christ’s love and compassion, ministering to people of all ages and raising up future leaders and missionaries.*

La Roca at a Glance

- 210,000+ meals served annually
- 150 men housed nightly at their shelter
- 35 full-time staff members
- 35 children cared for in their House of Grace
- Active in 4 Mexican states: Sonora, Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Baja California
- Serving since 1998
- Most leaders are graduates of their discipleship program
- Over 13 distinct ministries

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YOUNG LIFE:

IN WESTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE & THE BALKANS



Ervin's Story

As a 15-year-old in a primarily Muslim country, Ervin\* had a clear goal for his life—to be a professional soccer player. From the age of three, he grew up in an orphanage, after his home life fell apart and his mom was incarcerated. Feeling alone and desperate for friends, he was sure that focusing on soccer would fulfill all of his dreams.

In his country, as soon as kids in the orphanage turn 15, they are sent out to make their own way in the world. Ervin convinced the orphanage to help him apply to a special high school focused on training future professional soccer players. He managed to test in, but again found himself alone in a new place—without

friends, community, or anyone who really believed in him.

That changed when Ervin met Besi. Besi is the local Young Life leader who uses soccer to reach out to teenagers in his area. Besi comes from a Muslim family, and is passionate about sharing Jesus with young men in his community through his other passion—soccer.

Besi saw potential in Ervin. Besi saw his skills with a ball, but he saw a lot more in Ervin than just a good soccer player. Besi shared his faith with Ervin, and walked with Ervin through what it means to really follow Jesus and have a relationship with Him.

“I’m a simple coach doing God’s work, telling kids about God.”

“Besi’s my friend, my mentor. He told me about God,” Ervin explains. “He’s humble. He doesn’t only talk good, but acts like he talks.” Ervin and Besi often meet to talk about life and faith. Besi is family for Ervin and has connected him to church. Two years ago, Ervin was baptized and is now active in his church and as a Young Life leader.

Ervin’s dream of a career in professional soccer died when he found out that a typo on his birth record made him ineligible to play professionally. Though he admits he was really mad when he first found out a small mistake took away his chance at his dream, he now recognizes that God was moving him in a different direction.

“I can see God’s hand on my life, even from way back in my past,” Ervin says. Now he’s glad he didn’t become a professional soccer player because he knows that the only real purpose in life is serving God.

Ervin’s real passion is the time he gets to spend on the soccer pitch with teenage boys, playing the sport he loves and

sharing his faith in Jesus. “I’m a simple coach doing God’s work, telling kids about God.” Before, life was about having fun and playing soccer. Now his purpose is to live for God and share Him with others.

Ervin is in university, studying to be a coach and physical education teacher. He says that right now God is teaching him how important it is to spend time with kids, be consistent with them, and share Jesus with them, just like Besi did with him.

*\*Name changed and location not specified for ministry safety reasons.*



More About Young Life  
Western Europe, Central/Eastern Europe & The Balkans

*Young Life’s mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. In these three regions of Europe, we invest in national leaders who are reaching out to youth in their communities to introduce them to Jesus. Al and Stacy Anderson moved to the Czech Republic in 2004 to start Young Life in the city of Ostrava. This year, Al was asked to provide leadership for six more countries in Western Europe. There are now 14 countries in Western Europe, Central Europe, and the Balkans for which the Andersons provide leadership, and over 7,500 kids that are known by name and prayed for regularly by their local leaders.*

*In 2025, CA gave \$125,000 toward a five-year plan of development in six key initiatives: relational ministry, inspiring a volunteer movement, developing Kingdom leaders, local ownership, developing systems and organizations, and local church development.*



EVASUE  
IN ETHIOPIA

Nahom's Story

Nahom's story begins with a solid foundation, a robust Christian upbringing in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Nahom's parents laid an exceptional foundation of faith for him and his two sisters. Scripture reading, family prayer times, and regular church attendance were the norm. Additionally, his parents gave him the freedom to speak openly and ask questions. At the age of 13, after watching a Christian movie, Nahom became intensely aware of Jesus' love and wanted to follow Him. He repented of his sin and joy filled his heart. He developed a voracious appetite for the Bible and felt compelled to share the gospel boldly at school.

A year later, Nahom's passion for Christ waned. "I got a phone and started playing video games," he said. Gradually, his time in the Bible decreased. He went from one who sat toward the front in service to one who sat in the back row. Nahom's spiritual decline increased during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. He started questioning God's existence and listened to online videos of atheists explaining away the Creator of the universe. Once a passionate believer in Jesus, Nahom was now slowly having his faith snuffed out.

Nahom's sister intervened, giving him Mark of the Lion, a series written by renowned author Francine Rivers. God used the book to bring him to tears and to repentance. He then threw his energy into apologetics, learning from the writings of such Christian authors as Lee Strobel.



With his faith reignited, Nahom turned back to the Bible, and Jesus once again became his first love.

Nahom's post-COVID, senior year of high school was particularly difficult. With the passing of his grandmother and a general lack of motivation, he faced another internal battle. Yet he pressed on and did well on the national exams. This earned him a place at 5 Kilo University, the Addis Ababa University campus dedicated to engineering studies.

One of Nahom's friends told him about EvaSUE during his freshman year. Nahom attended a few fellowship meetings but didn't get very involved. In his sophomore year, he was asked to be a small group leader for freshmen students. The EvaSUE fellowship grounded him in his faith,

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helping him to grow more into the likeness of Christ. It also gave him evangelism and missions opportunities, provided accountability, and modeled for him what it looked like to live in community.

Nahom had a place to belong. The following year, he was asked to be one of the seven main leaders for the EvaSUE fellowship on his campus. He had never been a leader on this level, so the idea of it made him nervous. In His mercy, the Lord gave him the tools he needed through EvaSUE's local and national events. Sessions and seminars at the National Leadership Summit and National Mission Summit, inductive Bible studies, and the humble leadership of the EvaSUE staff helped him to grow as a Christian and as a leader.

Today, Nahom is the vice-president of EvaSUE's 5 Kilo fellowship, a group with some 350 students. He now spends his time pouring into younger students, helping them navigate the doubts and challenges that would ordinarily lead them to become deserters of the faith. Praise God for the great work He has done in the life of Nahom Negatu!

More About EvaSUE

The core purpose of EvaSUE is to advance the Kingdom of God by serving students. We hope to see a transformed society through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development. Currently EvaSUE has 112 staff members, serving students in 10 regions throughout Ethiopia. EvaSUE serves over 50,000 students in 176 fellowships, making it one of the largest campus ministries in the world.



# WILD HOPE INTERNATIONAL IN TANZANIA

## Shaheen's Story

Shaheen Azah Suleman has a very diverse cultural and spiritual background. Shaheen is Asian, born into a Muslim family, of the Aga Kahn, Ismaili sect. She lived much of her early years in the United States, where her father and mother, both from East Africa, met in their college years.

When her family moved to Seattle, Shaheen became a devoted student in religious classes at the mosque. She believed what she was taught about Jesus, that He was a significant prophet and messenger, but certainly not the Son of God. Shaheen tells some of her story here.

During my teenage years, I chose the common paths of rebellion: alcohol, drugs, and promiscuity. Searching for something deeper, I tried everything and then some. I went on to worshiping nature and got into paganism, even burying apples to feed the dead.

Later, I became immersed in Buddhist forms of meditation and qualified for a pilgrimage to visit the religious sites of the Buddha in India. It was on that pilgrimage that I sat under the teaching of a Hindu man, and his topic was Jesus! The truth of Jesus being the Son of God broke through—in a most unexpected way, time, and place!

Shaheen moved to Tanzania and became involved in the Christian community, but as she fell more in love with Jesus and His people, an inner struggle was brewing. She wondered, "Can I really walk this narrow path of Jesus being the only way? What about all my Muslim family and friends? How can I just leave them behind?"

In search of answers, she came to Wild Hope Retreat and Training Center—27 acres set apart for prayer, revelation, healing, and communion with God. She shared her struggles with Peter and Tammy Russell, leaders of Wild Hope International. Here's more of her story, in her own words.

I began reading my Bible, and I just kept reading and reading. I was in the backyard of my cottage, enjoying the beautiful water fountain, when I saw a bird that looked trapped, flapping desperately, so much so that I thought I had witnessed the bird die in his struggle right there in the water fountain. I quickly found Tammy in the kitchen and asked for her help. As she gently cupped the bird into her hands, it instantly flew free, as if coming to life before my eyes.

It was then that God spoke to my heart. He told me that I was like that bird, fighting and struggling, drowning myself. He told me that I could trust Him, that He is good, and that His Word is true. The Lord met me in my deep and honest inquiry of who He is and who I am in Him. It was an experiential surrender that freed me to fly.

After that significant day, Shaheen's life and purpose became more clear, especially through her gifting as a school teacher. When God opened the door for Shaheen to teach at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, her community in Arusha surrounded her in prayer, sending her out as a woman on mission. Shaheen continues as a teacher and a leader at her local church. She went on a mission trip to teach English in India, and loves being the hands and feet of Jesus in practical ways. Currently, she is a missionary in training with Pioneers (a Christian mission organization).

"God is an amazing Redeemer," Shaheen shares. "He isn't going to waste anything

from my life and testimony, even my mistakes and rebellion. He saved me by grace, and I want all people to know that His invitation for salvation is for everyone."

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### More About Wild Hope International

The mission of Wild Hope International is to empower emerging leaders through Christian discipleship to step into their destiny as children of God who will transform their communities and the world. Wild Hope International is also intentional about reaching unreached people groups. Since the start of the Russell's ministry, they have seen the Massai people go from unreached to reached.



# FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN VIETNAM

## The Story of Mr. P

Mr. P was born deaf and unable to speak in Vietnam, a country where such a disability is often seen as a curse. Families with deaf children frequently hide them from the world, so Mr. P grew up behind closed doors—isolated, without a voice, and without a world beyond his immediate family. Mr. P’s family created a simple form of hand signs to communicate with him, but only within the household. Beyond that, he had no language, no friends, no school, no future. Just silence.

When Mr. P turned 21, he had not finished even the first grade. He couldn’t read, write, or count. He had never learned sign language and had never known a community of people like himself. He lived entirely dependent upon his family, carrying within him a quiet misery. But God was at work.

For years, FEBC had been broadcasting the gospel across Vietnam through radio, reaching many, but unaware of the deaf community’s silent need. When we began creating visual content for children, doors opened. We began meeting the deaf—more than three million across Vietnam—and started learning how to serve them. It’s difficult work to develop relationships, build communities, teach sign language, and offer vocational training. Yet only then can we begin to share the gospel with the deaf community, because concepts like sin and grace are especially hard to grasp without language.

Eventually, Mr. P was brought to us. And though he had no formal education and no sign language, he was a fast learner. By day, he learned woodworking; by night, he learned to sign. Funding for leadership development from Christian Assembly played a large part in providing the resources that gave Mr. P training options. He eventually completed the sixth grade.

Then one day, the gospel broke through. He truly understood what sin meant, and what forgiveness through Jesus Christ offered. He saw Jesus as a brother who died to bring him into the family of God. He began to sign his prayers to heaven. One night, he prayed for salvation. The next morning, he brought cake to celebrate.

Today, Mr. P is a husband, a father to a little girl, and a leader. He trains other deaf men in furniture restoration. He is now learning programming through motion-capture sign language software and preparing to join the Bible translation team, helping to bring God’s Word to others like him.

Mr. P is a remarkable witness to the power of Christ. From silence and isolation to community and calling, Mr. P now steps forward, loving Christ back with his life.

### More About FEBC Vietnam

*FEBC Vietnam exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Vietnamese people—especially in restricted and unreached regions—through innovative media, theological education, and strategic discipleship tools. We focus on empowering local leaders, producing gospel-centered content in Vietnamese and minority languages, and distributing Scripture and teaching through secure, creative technologies.*

# FOURSQUARE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

## IMPACTING The Middle East for CHRIST

The Foursquare Missions International (FMI) mission is to make disciples of all nations, partnering with the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Great Commission. The MENACA region (Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia) of FMI is making disciples among some of the least-reached people groups in the world, in 28 nations from Morocco to Kazakhstan. This story, told by a missionary who helped run a women’s leadership trip in the spring of 2025, illustrates how God is moving mightily in the Middle East.

On March 26th, our team hosted our largest outreach yet. By this time, our finances were low. Miraculously, the Lord provided the necessary funds for the event through an anonymous donor. Over 700 attendees gathered, primarily consisting of Sudanese refugees, along with some local women, young adults, and children. Our team witnessed God’s hand and provision powerfully and received reports of hundreds of salvations!

Initially, we had planned for only 500 attendees and prepared to bless those who had registered. When we saw the number of people arriving at the conference center, we realized we didn’t have enough for everyone, but the Lord provided sufficient toys and gifts for each child, as well as hygiene kits for the women and

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enough food to feed every belly with chicken, rice, and stew. We can’t explain how this happened—we are in awe. After this incredible event, our emissaries reported that the local churches were filled to capacity the next Sunday, with people standing outside the doors!

FMI is celebrating that this past year they saw more Muslims come to Christ than ever before, and that they have doubled the number of missionaries in the field. Muslims are opening their hearts and minds to the truth of the gospel through the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



*In 2025, CA gave \$25,000 to FMI to support equipping leaders, a marriage conference, and outreaches to women, children, and refugees in the Middle East.*





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THE BENNETTS  
IN CENTRAL ASIA

Jona’s Story

When Jona started working with us as a National Prayer Partner last year, he had already decided Jesus was the only way for him. While serving in the military, Jona had been beaten up by over 10 men when they discovered a New Testament in his belongings. Jona is committed to following Jesus, and he is passionate about people coming to know Him.

Jona regularly leaves his own village in search of more remote villages, where people have never heard the gospel. Recently he felt the Lord tell him to turn down a road in disrepair. He followed the Lord’s leading, looking for someone to help. He found two men fixing the road and asked them if they knew anyone who might need help. They directed him to a man named Abdu who was in a wheelchair and lived in a nearby village. Five years earlier, Abdu had a traumatic experience that left him unable to walk.

Jona began visiting Abdu, showing him the love of God. He shared stories from the Bible and gave him an audio set of Bible stories and a New Testament. One day, Jona asked Abdu if he had ever prayed that God would heal him. Abdu said he was afraid to ask. Jona prayed for him, and Abdu was able to take a step from his wheelchair to a chair. He said that was the most strength he had felt in years!

Later, Abdu had a dream in which he saw a figure all in white telling him that Jona was going to lead him down the path of salvation. Jona came back and shared the gospel with him, and he and his wife gave their lives to Christ. They are now growing in their faith and learning more about God. Jona continues to visit the family, and he is looking for ways to get them connected with another family in order to form a church.

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 over 10 years and are now leading a team of foreigners and locals who go out into 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 and five house fellowships. Since the beginning of the year, 44 people have prayed to receive Christ. Over the past several years, the ministry has helped lead several hundred people to pray to receive Christ.



Please pray for Jona and Abdu, and for all of our national partners, that God will direct them to people of peace and help them to form new churches in each and every village.



# ELAM MINISTRIES IN IRAN

## Mitra's Story

As a young adult, Mitra fled Afghanistan with her family in search of freedom and safety. Initially, the journey took Mitra to Iran, where she stayed for 15 years, working hard and raising her four children. However, life in Iran is difficult for Afghan refugees, and the hardship became more acute when Mitra's husband abandoned the family. So Mitra and her children moved on again, this time to Europe.

When Mitra and her children settled in Norway, they finally gained what they had been seeking—safety and freedom. Little did Mitra know that God also had in mind her eternal safety and freedom in Christ. A few years ago, while on vacation, Mitra met Iranian Christians who had been trained for ministry by Elam. They shared about Jesus and gave Mitra a Persian Bible.

Captivated by the love and respect Christ shows to women, Mitra soon gave her heart to the Lord. One of her children also came to faith, as did Mitra's new husband. From her home in Norway, Mitra connected with Dina, a mature Iranian believer who serves with Elam in Europe. Dina began discipling Mitra one-on-one through Elam's Safar discipleship program. Mitra also attended one of Elam's online discipleship courses for Persian speakers in Europe.

Mitra's love for the Lord and her passion for sharing the gospel grew. So when Mitra recently traveled back to Iran for the Persian New Year, she shared about Jesus with her wider family. To Mitra's joy, her

sister Arezoo put her trust in Jesus. From Norway, Mitra started discipling Arezoo through Safar, passing on the wisdom and blessing she had received from Dina.

Within about a month, Arezoo's and Mitra's witness led to six more members of the family in Iran becoming Christians. All are being discipled through Safar. Mitra is helping this group of new believers gather regularly, using Elam's Weekly Fellowship resource to engage with God's Word, worship, prayer, and mission to serve the community. This resource—available on Elam's Kalameh app—is helping hundreds of small groups of believers enjoy regular, biblical fellowship, despite there being no trained leaders among them.

Mitra is now praying for 10 other family members in Iran—some of whom remain hostile to the gospel—to come to know and follow Jesus. Mitra is one of millions of Persian speakers (Afghans and Iranians) who have been displaced from their homelands through war and oppression. Hundreds of thousands now reside in Western nations. Many of them are hearing the gospel and putting their trust in Christ as Mitra did. As they do, new avenues are opening to share the love of Christ in the Iran region.

This year Elam launched "Send Hope Back Home" with a vision to help Iranians and Afghans in the West increasingly flourish in their home church, while sending the hope of the gospel to loved ones back home through digital means. God is already bringing beautiful fruit, as Mitra's story shows.

"Send Hope Back Home" has resulted in more copies of God's Word being distributed in Iran, more people coming



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to faith, and new small fellowships being established. As this happens, believers like Mitra are joyfully discovering that they have a powerful part to play in the beautiful story God is writing for Iran and beyond.

## More About Elam Ministries

For 35 years, Elam has worked to strengthen and expand the church in Iran and beyond through training leaders, equipping the church with Bibles and resources, and sharing the gospel. We are so grateful to Christian Assembly for being part of the beautiful story God is writing among Persian-speaking people. Please pray that "Send Hope Back Home" would result in the Kingdom of God taking ground in Iran and beyond. Pray also that those Persian believers in the West who are participating would be deeply encouraged and edified, along with the churches and communities they now call home.



Scan here to download the Safar App for a one-on-one discipleship resource.





ECWA  
IN WEST AFRICA

Dom's Story

by Bakari Ibrahim Bunga

In the remote village of Panya Dagum, nestled in the hills of Taraba State in Northeast Nigeria, the story of Dom Ari testifies to the transforming power of prayer and God's deliverance. Thirty-five-year-old Dom Ari had endured over 10 years of severe mental illness. Because Dom's brothers, Aminu and Amos, are paralyzed and dependent on the community for survival, Dom's condition only added to the family's burden.

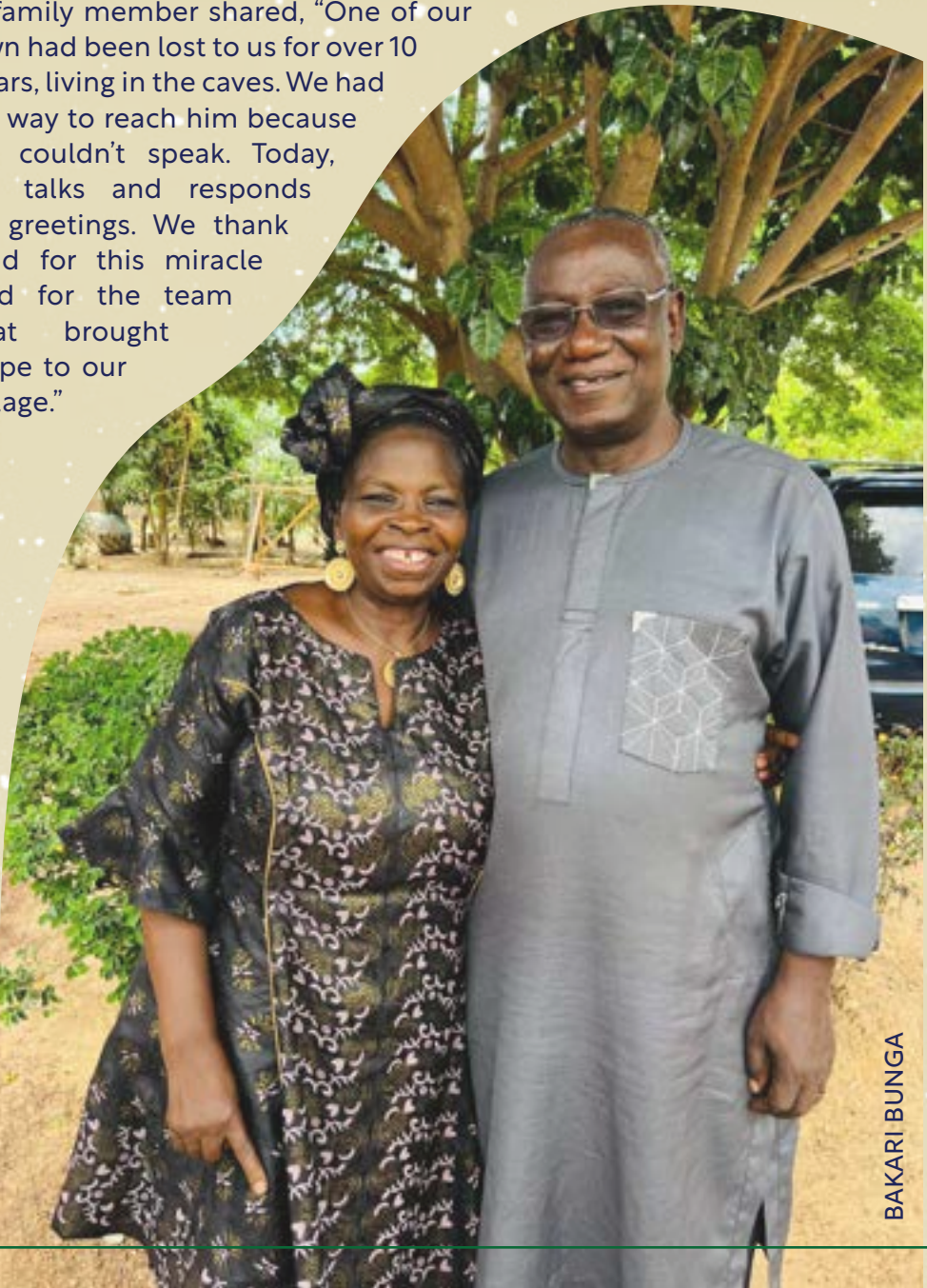
Over a decade ago, Dom disappeared into the wilderness, taking refuge in nearby caves. Isolated and confused, he lost the ability to speak or recognize his own family. Many gave up hope, assuming he was lost forever. Dom lived like a wild animal, alone and forgotten.

Everything changed when the Evangelical Missionary Society (EMS) of ECWA arrived in Panya Dagum for an evangelism outreach. Upon hearing of Dom's condition, the team ventured into the caves to find him. Moved by compassion and guided by faith, they eventually found Dom, laid hands on him, and prayed earnestly for his healing.

A miracle followed. After more than 10 years of silence, Dom began to speak. His mind cleared, his demeanor changed, and he became calm and coherent. The

outreach team cleaned him up, clothed him, and brought him back to the village. News of his healing spread rapidly, filling the community with awe and joy.

A family member shared, "One of our own had been lost to us for over 10 years, living in the caves. We had no way to reach him because he couldn't speak. Today, he talks and responds to greetings. We thank God for this miracle and for the team that brought hope to our village."



BAKARI BUNGA

God at Work in the Midst of Chaos



Northeast Nigeria has long been plagued by the menace of terrorism. Groups like Boko Haram—known globally as the Nigerian Taliban—have inflicted devastating harm. Their goal is to overthrow the Nigerian government and establish a regime based on strict Islamic law. Boko Haram, which literally means “Western education is forbidden,” has become synonymous with violence, destruction, and religious persecution.

Communities in regions like Taraba State have suffered for years. Christians have been kidnapped, killed, and displaced. Women and children have been taken captive, homes and churches destroyed, and entire communities forced to flee for safety. The threat of terrorism, banditry, and kidnapping remains real and pressing. Yet God is at work.

EMS sensed God's leading to organize a bold outreach mission in Taraba State. Trusting in the Lord of the harvest, we stepped out in faith, and witnessed His mighty hand move.

- Over 19,607 people were reached.
- 1,592 rededicated their lives to Christ.
- 6,250 individuals received prayer.
- 1,858 received medical care.
- 10,843 watched The Jesus Film.
- 78 tribes were touched with the gospel.
- 101 new churches were planted.
- 1,097 volunteers were mobilized.
- The sick were healed, the blind received sight, and demonic oppression was broken.

Despite financial limitations and opposition, God provided in miraculous ways. Two weeks before the mission, we had no funds. But through the faithful giving of Christian Assembly, support came just in time. And to crown it all, a donor pledged to support 100 missionaries if we succeeded in planting 100 churches—and we did!

This was not just an event. It was the beginning of a movement. Will you continue to join us in what God is doing in the heart of Nigeria? Let's build. Let's disciple. Let's reach the unreached—together. Thank you, Christian Assembly, for your generous support!



# KINGDOM Partnerships & Efforts

56 KINGDOM PARTNERSHIPS & EFFORTS  
38 COUNTRIES  
39 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS BEING REACHED



LOCAL

- 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
- Young Life La Canada/La Crescenta: Josh Chamberlain
- Young Life South Pasadena/San Marino: Adam Sonneland
- Cru San Diego: 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
- Conversations About Jesus
- Alpha: Evangelistic Course
- Via Nations: World Christian Series
- YouVersion: Bible App

- Hume Lake Christian Camps
- Forest Home Christian Camp
- Habitat for Humanity: San Gabriel Valley
- Olive Crest: Care communities that support 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
- Open Arms: Crisis Pregnancy Clinic
- Hoving Home: Christian rehabilitation program for women
- Zoe International: Combats human trafficking
- International Justice Mission: Combats human trafficking
- Ridgeside City Church in Yucaipa: Church Plant
- Banner Church in Seattle: Church Plant
- Portrait Church in Redlands: Church Plant
- Discover Church in San Marcos: Church Plant

GLOBAL

- 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
- La Roca Ministries in Mexico: Carlos & Rossy Montoya
- Breakthrough Ministries in the Philippines: Carlos Ilustre
- Wild Hope International in Tanzania: Peter & Tammy Russell
- ECWA in West Africa: Bakari Bunga
- EvaSUE in Ethiopia: Robel Chemedas Disasa
- Project Manana: Dominican Republic
- Helping Arms: India
- Mission Esperanza: Cuba
- Foursquare Missions International: Middle East
- Young Life in Western Europe, Central/Eastern Europe & The Balkans: Al & Stacy Anderson

- Compassion International:
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Togo
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in the DR
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Ghana
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Burkina Faso
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Kenya



# 7 FAQs about the KINGDOM MINISTRIES of Christian Assembly

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 as 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 [www.cachurch.com](http://www.cachurch.com) or just scan the QR code to learn more.

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

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

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

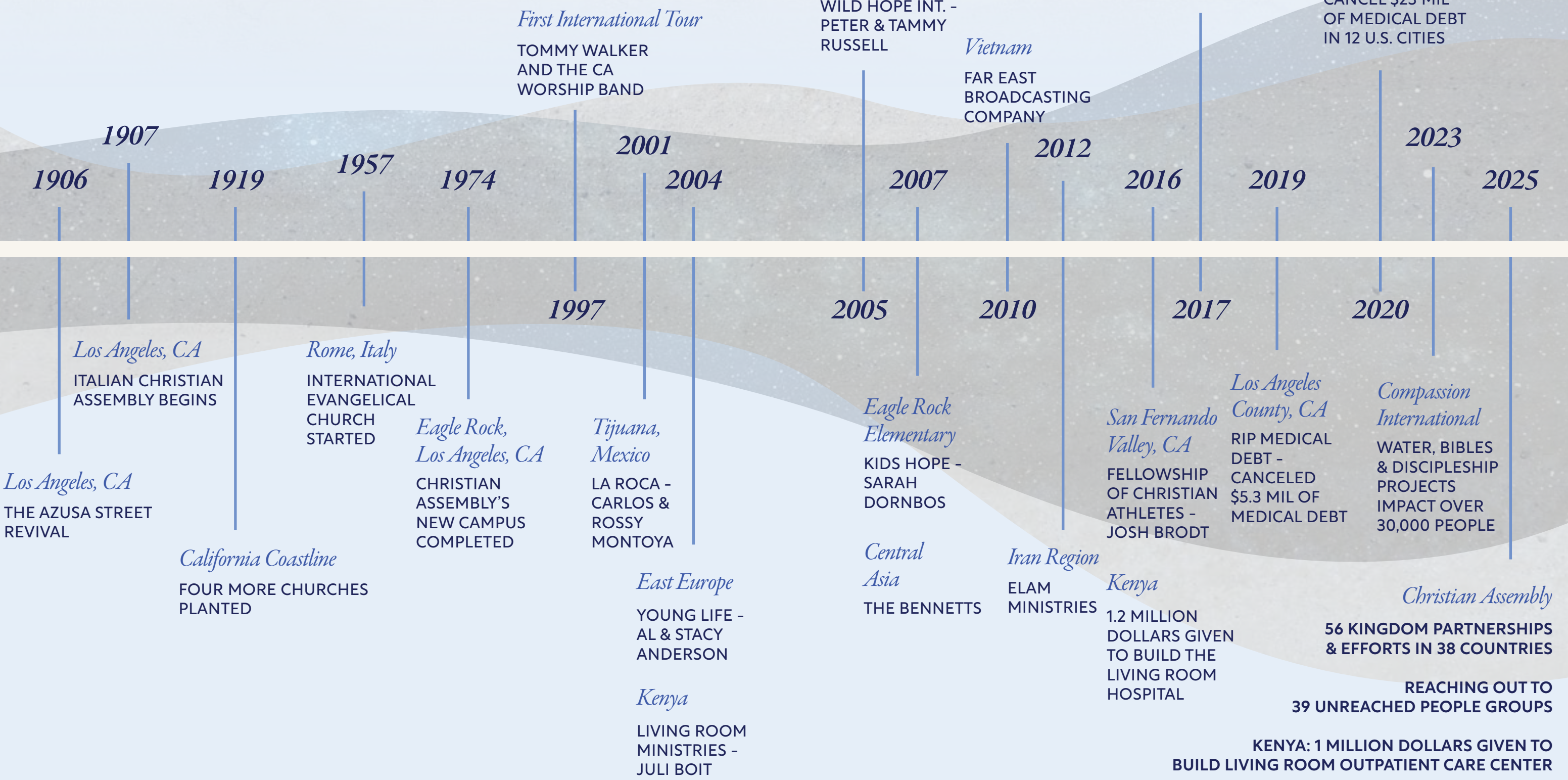
There sure is. You can find an intentional prayer guide at [www.cachurch.com](http://www.cachurch.com) or scan the QR code to learn more.

## 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 help empower these Kingdom efforts, you can do so either on our website ([www.cachurch.com](http://www.cachurch.com)), on our Christian Assembly App, or by scanning the QR Code.



# HISTORY of CA on Mission





# 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](http://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, visit [cachurch.com/kingdom](http://cachurch.com/kingdom).

# Thank You

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