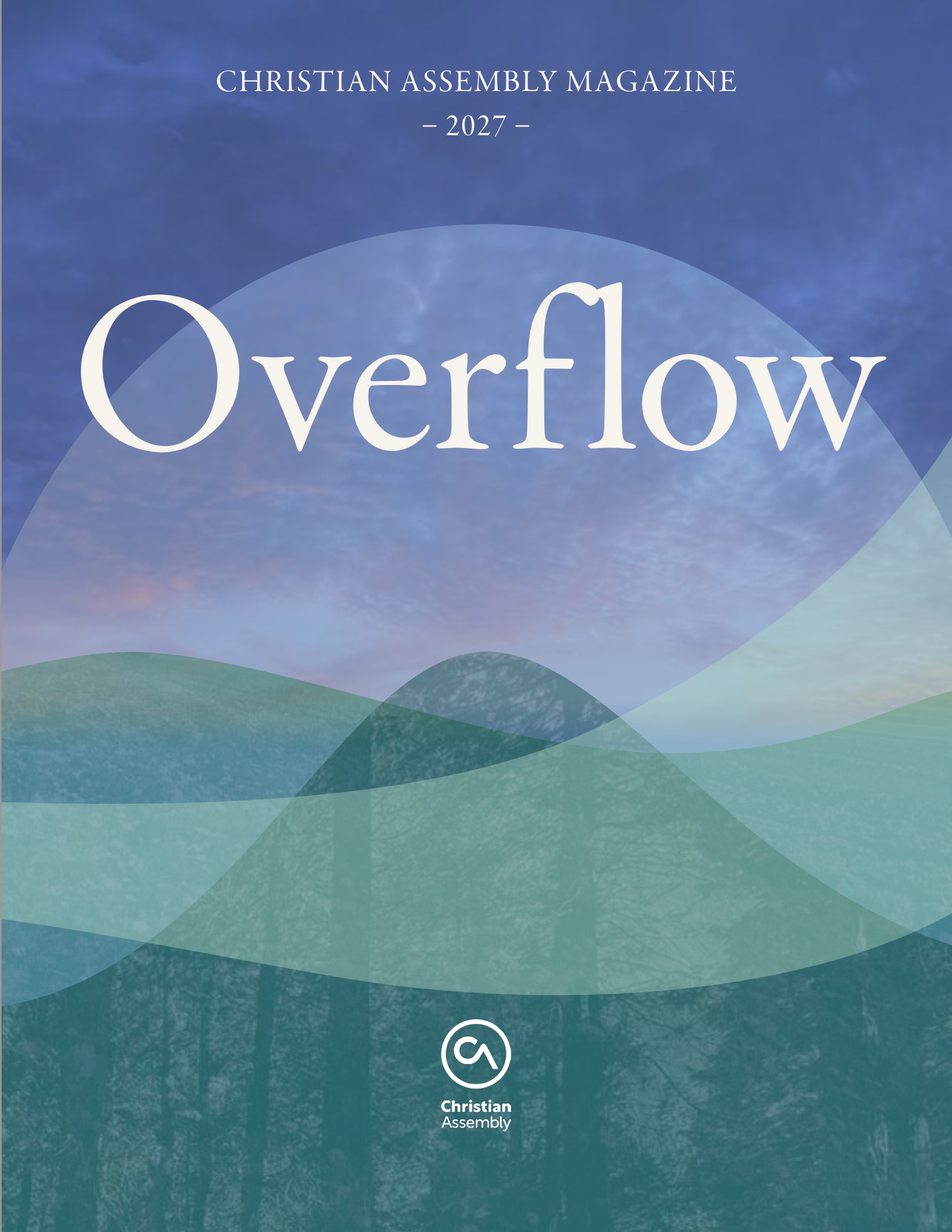
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Living from the Good News of Jesus Christ

The most common metaphor Jesus uses for the Kingdom of God is a seed.

He compares the Kingdom to:

A sower scattering seed (Mark 4:3–20)
A mustard seed (Mark 4:30–32)
Seed growing secretly in the ground (Mark 4:26–29)
Good seed and weeds growing together (Matthew 13:24–30)
Good seed sown in a field (Matthew 13:36–43)

This is significant because most people in both the first century and the 21st century think of a kingdom in terms of power, politics, armies, and conquest. But Jesus most often describes it as something organic, hidden, growing, and multiplying.

Why a seed?

A seed touches on at least four Kingdom truths:

1. **The Kingdom starts small.** A mustard seed is tiny, yet it becomes a large bush.
2. **The Kingdom grows gradually.** Growth is often invisible before it becomes visible.
3. **The Kingdom contains life within itself.** A seed has inherent power to reproduce. The Kingdom carries God's grace, love, justice, faith, and hope wherever it is planted.
4. **The Kingdom produces a harvest.** Jesus consistently moves from seed to harvest. The Kingdom is not merely believed; it is meant to produce transformed lives.

Since its founding in 1907 as a little home Bible study in Los Angeles, Christian Assembly Church has been a place where Jesus graciously calls people to change their minds and enter the Kingdom of God by trusting in Him. As each of us does this, we indeed have seen the Kingdom grow in and through us as a congregation.

Locally, we now have 39 different partnerships where the Kingdom is growing. Globally, we now have works happening in 42 different countries, including impacting 43 unreached people groups. Everywhere it is growing, we see the harvest: the gospel is being shared, people are being saved, disciples are being made, lives are being restored, justice is being done, and goodness is coming in too many ways to count—all of this done from the smallest steps of obedience when we trust Jesus.

In these pages, you will get to go beyond the numbers to the many stories near and far of changed lives from God at work growing His Kingdom through the belief of those who call Christian Assembly home. Without your faith, prayers, serving, and financial giving, none of these stories would be happening. I hope the stories and partnerships inspire and encourage you as much as they do me.

I love you, Church. I am proud of you. I am thankful for you. And I believe as we stay humble and prayerful, abiding in His Word and love, God will continue to use us and fill us with lasting joy, as we seek first the Kingdom of God together.

With Hope & Gratitude in Christ,

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"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

Matthew 9:35-38

Twenty Years of Building a Lasting Legacy

by Sarah Dornbos

Years ago, a pilot interviewing to be a Kids Hope mentor shared his perspective on why this ministry matters so much. He said, "If I make a one-degree navigation error on landing, it will be a bumpy ride, but we'll make it. But a one-degree navigation error on takeoff means we could end up in a different state or even country. Our elementary-aged neighbors are in these critical 'takeoff' years of life. One degree—one hour a week—seems like a small investment, but it drastically impacts the trajectory of their lives."

Kids Hope mentoring relationships have impacted the trajectory of thousands of lives in our Eagle Rock community—from students and families, to mentors, teachers, staff, and prayer partners. Principals have told us about the positive impact smiling mentors have on the atmosphere of the school. Teachers have written heartfelt thank you notes for our faithful support of their students. The impact is so profound that some volunteers have even changed their career paths after discovering a passion for working with children.

As CA moves into our 20th school year offering Kids Hope mentoring, we reflect on this legacy. It brings to mind these lyrics of the Tommy Walker song "Pass it On." "Every generation / They will tell their children / Of your awesome power / And your mighty acts." By showing up week after week, hour after hour, our church family is living out the truth of 1 Thessalonians 5:11, calling us to "Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

One of the most beautiful aspects of this 20-year legacy is found in the students who return. Fernanda, Elizabeth, and Sammie are all former Kids Hope students who are now people of faith. As they have stepped into adulthood, each of them has chosen to become Kids Hope mentors themselves. They are eager to pass on the investment once made in them.

"Kids Hope was the best part of my childhood," Fernanda shared. "How could I not pay it forward?" Reflecting on the same lifelong impact, Sammie said, "My mentor made me feel like I was somebody—that I mattered—and Kids Hope was always there for me. I'm excited to have the opportunity to give that experience to another kid."

One CA family has a volunteer legacy spanning four generations. Mavis Seekamp, Budd Christopher, Susan Christopher, and Trey Christopher have all served as Kids Hope mentors over the last 20 years. Together they have logged a combined total of over 500 hours of mentoring. Susan's background in education made her a natural fit, but Mavis wondered what she might have to offer with only an eighth-grade education.

Budd shared that he "wasn't really a kid person," but showed up week after week—coloring, reading comic books, and playing games. In each case, meaningful relationships were built. The volunteering that Mavis, Budd, and Susan did over the years created an awareness in the rest of the family that mentoring is a meaningful investment to make. So, Trey recently became a mentor, following in the footsteps of his mom, grandfather, and great-grandmother.

Other volunteers, like Darin, choose to stay with the program long term and mentor new students after their previous ones graduate or move away. In fact, Darin recently wrapped up with his fifth Kids Hope student. Even so, he still takes his second student and his brothers hiking—five years after the formal mentorship ended. This gives their single mom a much-needed day of rest.

Through Kids Hope, we show up one hour a week—with games, crayons, or a hiking map—trusting that God multiplies our small acts of kindness and obedience. Like Fernanda, Sammie, Mavis, Budd, Susan, Trey, and Darin, we may never know the full ripple effect of our presence in students' lives. Yet every week when we step into a school, we are reshaping the future, leaving a legacy of God's love that will outlive us all. Together we are passing on a faith that transforms the future—one hour, one child, one generation at a time.



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Honest Conversations About Life, Faith, & Trust

by Artur Asaduriyan

Recently, I was sitting on the bench at football practice next to a student who was injured. After a few minutes, he asked, "You're a Christian, right?" I told him, "Yes." He followed up with an honest question: "Do you ever doubt whether any of it is true?" What started as a simple question turned into a deeper conversation about world religions, truth, and knowing God.

A few minutes later, he asked, "When you pray, how do you pray?" That opened the door to talk about having a real, conversational relationship with Jesus. The following week he came back with even more questions. He was genuinely searching for truth.

Moments like this capture the heart of Young Life. Our mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We do this by showing up in their world, building relationships, and creating space for honest questions about life, faith, and truth. Students are not projects to fix, but people to know and love.

This past year, more than 140 students have come through our weekly Lunch Club on campus, with about 30 students attending each week. Beyond club, we've seen students engage in Bible studies, after-school hangouts, and deeper conversations about Scripture and life. Many of these students are encountering the gospel for the first time, and some have begun attending church regularly. One of the greatest joys this year was baptizing a student who first heard about Jesus at Young Life camp and gave his life to Christ.

Please pray for students like the young man at football practice—that as they ask questions, they would come to know the truth of who Jesus is. Pray that God would continue to raise up leaders, parents, and community members to join us in this work of reaching the next generation.

A Story of Transformation

by Josh Chamberlain

In the summer of 2025, I took a student to camp who had recently lost his home in the Eaton Fire. Our local wrestling coach reached out and asked if we could provide a scholarship because he believed camp would be a meaningful experience for him.

In the months leading up to camp, I slowly got to know him and noticed a genuine curiosity about Jesus. During camp, he shared that he wanted to go deeper in his faith and begin following Jesus. As we celebrated graduation, he gave me a hug and simply said, "Thank you for everything."

It can be difficult to see the impact of the countless conversations, events, and hours invested in students. Moments like these remind us of exactly why we do what we do—to introduce Jesus to kids and walk alongside them as they discover His love for themselves.





More About La Cañada/ La Crescenta Young Life

We have two ministries serving students in the La Cañada community: Young Life at La Cañada High School and WyldLife at La Cañada 7/8. Together these ministries average 50 students each week at club gatherings. Every Tuesday night Young Life meets at a local family's home, creating a welcoming space for high school students to build friendships, have fun, and hear about Jesus. Every other Friday WyldLife meets during lunch on the middle school campus, where students enjoy pizza, play crazy games, and hear the gospel.

Between our volunteer leaders and staff, we currently know 827 students by name across these two schools in La Cañada. In addition to all of this, in the summer of 2026, we took 34 high school students to Young Life camp in Canada—the largest camp trip in our area's history! We also launched a WyldLife club in August of 2026 at Rosemont Middle School in La Crescenta.

Isabella's Story

by Gina Quay

We first met Isabella through our lunch clubs on her school campus. Each week we bring pizza, play games, build relationships, and share the hope of Jesus from the Bible. Isabella quickly became a regular participant, enjoying the community and taking time to get to know our leaders.

At a school event, Isabella's mother overheard a conversation about Young Life and introduced herself. Although their family was not religious, she shared how positively Isabella had been impacted through her involvement with us. As our relationship with Isabella continued to grow, she decided to attend one of our evening Young Life clubs.

That night, after hearing the gospel message, Isabella decided to begin a relationship with Jesus for the first time! She told us that before Young Life, she knew very little about Jesus and did not even own a Bible. At the same time, she was carrying significant anxiety and stress. Through the genuine care of our leaders, the testimonies they shared, and the chance to learn who Jesus is, Isabella began to see the hope found in Christ. She knew that a relationship with God was what she wanted for her life.

Stories like Isabella's remind us why this ministry matters. We see Jesus meet students where they are, transforming their lives with His hope and love. Many of these young people would never walk into a church on their own, yet through authentic relationships and a consistent presence on their campuses, they are encountering the truth of the gospel and responding in faith. The trajectory of their lives is changing as they begin following Jesus.

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Duarte/Monrovia Young Life: A Year of Impact

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

- *We currently know over 485 students by name.*
- *77 students and 12 leaders attended Young Life summer camp.*
- *We launched ministry on two new campuses, expanding our outreach to seven public schools throughout Duarte and Monrovia.*
- *Each month, we host 15 clubs (11 of them on school campuses), 11 Bible studies, two weekly park hangouts, and countless opportunities to connect through sporting events, school plays, pool parties, graduations, and one-on-one conversations.*
- *Seven of our 28 leaders are former Young Life students from our community who now serve as mentors to middle school students.*

We are deeply grateful for the partnership and support of Christian Assembly. Thank you for helping us reach young people with the life-changing message of the gospel. Together we are seeing students encounter Jesus and discover the hope found in Him.



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Matt's Story

by Kris Hoffman

Near the end of the school year, Matt came to Young Life lunch club with a friend who already attended regularly. During the club, he was quiet and a little shy, mostly watching and listening. When lunch ended, he asked how long we had been meeting and what we usually did together.

I told him we had been gathering all year during lunch, rotating between a week where a leader talks about Jesus and a week where students discuss what they heard. Matt looked surprised and said, "I didn't know there was anything like this at our school! I really need this. I feel like I'm really struggling with figuring out my faith, and this group will be so helpful for me!"

That conversation captures why Young Life exists. Our mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We do that by showing up where students already are: school lunches, games, parks, gyms, coffee shops, and community events. We learn students' names, listen to their stories, and create spaces where they can hear about Jesus in a way that they can understand.

Our ministry now reaches both middle school and high school. Students gather every other week for games, friendship, and a talk about Jesus' love for them. God has also brought new leaders into the ministry, including female leaders who have helped more girls feel seen and welcomed. Because of these new leaders, more girls are attending and joining us for camp.

Please pray that God would raise up more adult leaders who can walk with students over time, and that students across South Pasadena and San Marino would encounter Jesus and understand that they are fully known and fully loved by Him.

Dominic's Story

by Josh Brodt



"FCA really saved my life."

In 2023, Dominic was a freshman in high school looking for a place to belong. So his cousin, who was a student leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes at John Burroughs High School, invited Dominic to check out FCA.

Although Dominic wasn't fully committed to Christ, we intentionally welcomed him into our community. We also gave him opportunities to serve—a small step that communicated he belonged before he believed.

Over the past four years, we saw Dominic grow through the ups and downs of life. I knew that FCA had impacted Dominic's life, but I didn't know just how much until the spring of his senior year, when he gave his testimony at one of our Huddles.

Dominic shared that he had been struggling with suicidal thoughts prior to joining FCA. During his freshman year, he genuinely felt the love of God and experienced peace for the first time in a long time. However, that summer the peace he felt had left him, and the darkness settled in again.

It was then that Dominic reached out to me, letting me know that he wanted to give his life to Christ to receive the very peace he was missing. I got him an FCA Bible and began to share with him what it meant to be a follower of Jesus. At the end of his testimony, Dominic closed by saying, "FCA really saved my life." Those words have stayed with me ever since. While we know it is ultimately Jesus who saves, we're grateful that Dominic encountered the love of Christ through FCA and found the hope he desperately needed.



More About FCA in the San Fernando Valley

Josh has been serving with FCA in the Valley for 14 years. Over that time, he has seen over 5,000 students commit their lives to Christ! Here are some highlights from FCA's ministry in the last year:

- *Nine high school campus Huddles, averaging 40 students per Huddle monthly*
- *Two college campus Huddles, averaging 26 students per Huddle bi-weekly*
- *Student Leader and Team Bible studies at 11 Huddles*
- *Multisport overnight camps for high schoolers, and day camps for K-12th grade athletes*
- *Giving away over 200 Bibles and 2,500 slices of Costco pizza*
- *Leading 61 students to make first-time commitments to Jesus, and 23 to rededicate their lives to Him!*

Sophia's Story

by Bella Huey

I met Sophia during her freshman year of college at the University of Wyoming in the dining hall, and we became fast friends. I started a Bible study in her dorm, and we shared many conversations about the meaning of the gospel. Sophia carried a lot of hurt and a works-based view of her relationship with God. Over time, she began to understand that Jesus wasn't asking her to earn His love, but simply to receive the free gift of grace that He offers.

In the summer of 2025, Sophia fully surrendered her life to Christ. After spending the summer at Kaleo (a summer leadership program), she returned to campus with a passion to share her faith and make disciples. She immediately shared the gospel with her best friend Bailey, who gave her life to Christ. Since then, Sophia has continued boldly sharing her faith with the women around her. She even became a Pilates instructor with the specific goal of building relationships and creating opportunities to minister to others.

Since coming to faith in Jesus, Sophia has shared the gospel with seven women and seen four place their trust in Christ. It has been a joy to watch God transform—not only her life—but the lives of those around her!

More About Student Mobilization (StuMo)

Our mission statement is: "To build laborers for Christ from the college campuses of the world." Over the past year, nearly 100 students at the University of Wyoming heard the gospel through StuMo. We brought 79 students to our Winter Conference, where they learned what it means to follow Christ for a lifetime. In the summer of 2026, 25 students attended Kaleo, our discipleship program focused on developing spiritual leaders and disciple makers.

Pray that God would raise up this next generation to be lifelong laborers for His Kingdom—not just during their time with StuMo or on campus, but for the rest of their lives.

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Samuel's Story

by Goodwin Deng

When I first met Samuel, he was a lonely freshman at UCLA, figuring out his faith amidst the newfound freedoms of college living. Struggling to find meaning and community, Samuel showed up at a Bible study kickoff that featured time in God's Word and meatballs—lots and lots of meatballs.

Two and a half years later, Samuel reflected on the impact of that night. "I was met with so much hospitality, kindness, and warmth that I had only ever experienced at home. Something about this community made me feel so comfortable. I decided to join a Bible study, even though I had barely read any of the Bible myself. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made."

At one of our midweek gatherings last spring, Samuel made a public declaration of his faith, and I got to baptize him in one of UCLA's iconic fountains. Just a couple weeks after that, Samuel joined our team of staff and students on our spring break trip to Panama, where we distributed water filters to families in need and proclaimed the gospel alongside local Panamanian churches.

Samuel shared, "I'm excited to be taking these next steps in my faith journey. I'm looking forward to seeing what God continues to do in my life and how He will use me. I just want to thank God for bringing me to this amazing community."



More About Cru

Cru is passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ. Founded in 1951 on the campus of UCLA, Cru has grown to be one of the world's largest Christian missions organizations, with a ministry presence on 2,088 college campuses in all 50 states across the country 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.







Little did Olanie know back in 2022 that God would meet her through a broken down car in the middle of nowhere.

Olanie's Story

by Ugit Wu

In 2022, I got a phone call from a CSUN student saying her friend's car broke down, and they were stranded in the middle of nowhere. A 40-minute drive and a pair of jumper cables later, I met Olanie. Olanie was 20 years old, halfway into her army reserves contract, and attending a community college. Shortly after we met, she decided to visit a Young Life College club at CSUN so she could thank me for helping with her car situation.

Though she wasn't a Christian, Olanie was drawn into our community and quickly became a core member. After a year of club events, one-on-one coffees, and late-night talks, Olanie made the decision to be baptized and publicly declare Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Full of new purpose, Olanie joined our Young Life leadership team at CSUN. By the fall of 2025, she helped lead a group of CSUN students on an overnight trip to Arizona. During this weekend trip, she shared her testimony with more than 400 of her peers. She also had a conversation with a girl from our group named Yasmin. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Olanie led Yasmin in a prayer to put her faith in Jesus Christ.

In the summer of 2026, Yasmin attended leadership training for the upcoming 2026–2027 school year at CSUN. Today, Olanie is training to take over leading the CSUN Young Life ministry, while I prepare to start a new chapter of Young Life at USC.

Little did Olanie know back in 2022 that God would meet her through a broken down car in the middle of nowhere. Now Olanie has helped Yasmin find her way to Jesus, and Yasmin has started her own leadership journey. Thank you, Christian Assembly, for your faithfulness and support, as Young Life shares the gospel in universities across Los Angeles—even through roadside assistance.

More About Hume Christian Camps

What began at Hume Lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains has grown into a global ministry, as we bring camp overseas to youth around the world. Over the past 15 years, the Lord has also given us opportunities to establish campuses in the Berkshires of Massachusetts (Hume New England) and the San Bernardino mountains of Southern California (Hume SoCal). Every year thousands of campers leave Hume with lasting memories, deeper faith, and a renewed passion to impact their communities for Christ.

Celebrating 80 Years of the Lord's Faithfulness

The story of Hume is ultimately the story of the Lord's faithfulness displayed in countless individual lives. Since 1946, our mission has remained the same: to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ and provide dynamic, Christ-centered camp experiences that ignite faith and inspire lasting change. Just take a look at these testimonies from a couple of campers!

"At Hume, God showed me how amazing and freeing it is to truly abide in Christ. He showed me that He wants an intimate relationship with me—telling me that I am His and He intends to use me for things I never imagined I'd be a part of. I'm leaving my worldly life in the rearview mirror to serve Christ full time." — Julianna

"At Hume, God showed me that His love has never once left me and that He is worth giving up everything to chase after Him. God met me during consecutive Pondy Hume summers, showing me His worthy power. Thank you, Jesus, for using Hume to bring me fully back to you." — Hannah

In a world where young people are facing a crisis of identity and hope, there is something profoundly transformative about stepping away from the noise and into God's creation. We create spaces where children, teens, and adults can pause, reflect, and encounter the living God in powerful ways.

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Lily's Story

Every story of transformation reminds us that God is still moving, still changing lives, and still drawing people to Himself.

After a season marked by bullying, family struggles, and declining mental health, Lily arrived at Forest Home with a heavy heart. She attended the Radiant Girls Discipleship Program, unsure of what to expect, but she encountered the love of Jesus in a life-changing way. When she returned home, her mom immediately noticed something was different.

The sadness that had weighed Lily down had been replaced with joy, hope, and purpose. She was so impacted by what God had done in her life that she returned for a second week of camp and made the decision to be baptized. Her story is a beautiful reminder that a single week can become the beginning of a lifelong walk with Christ.

Stories like Lily's are why Forest Home exists. Since 1938, God has used this camp on the mountain as a place where people step away from the distractions of everyday life to encounter Jesus in a powerful way. Through worship, biblical teaching, community, and time spent in God's creation, lives are transformed and people return home with a renewed faith and a deeper desire to follow Christ.

It is a privilege to partner with churches, pastors, and ministry leaders who are committed to making disciples. Whether serving children, students, families, or adults, we are continually humbled to watch God restore hope, strengthen faith, and call people into deeper obedience to Him. Every story of transformation reminds us that God is still moving, still changing lives, and still drawing people to Himself.

Please pray that every person who comes to Forest Home would encounter Jesus in a life-changing way. Pray that God would continue to strengthen churches and families through this ministry, raise up the next generation of faithful disciples, and use Forest Home as a place where lives are transformed and the hope of Christ is shared with the world.

Yama's Story





Yama was navigating a painful divorce while caring for his 13-year-old daughter and one-year-old baby girl. He stepped away from his job at a security company so that he could be present for them. Without a steady income, the bills mounted quickly, and an eviction notice soon arrived.

Yama did what any devoted father would do: he put his children first. With a baby at home, returning to work was not simple, and stable housing began to feel out of reach. Still, he never stopped fighting for his family.

Through Door of Hope's Homelessness Prevention Program, Yama received help before his family lost their home. Door of Hope covered his first month's rent and security deposit and provided diapers and essential baby supplies, easing a crisis that had been building for months.

Along with financial assistance, Yama also received case management and financial literacy support. Today, he is back at work. His family has a home. His children have the safety and security they needed during one of the hardest seasons of their lives.

Yama's story reminds us what timely support can do. It not only prevents a crisis, but also gives a family breathing room, solid footing, and hope to begin again.

More About Door of Hope

Founded in 1985 and based in Pasadena, Door of Hope has walked alongside families facing homelessness with compassion, practical support, and the conviction that transformation is possible. Our mission is to empower families facing homelessness to transform their lives. Again and again, we have seen how timely care can open the door to safety, healing, and renewed hope.

In 2025, Door of Hope served a record 698 families—2,401 individuals, including 1,039 adults and 1,362 children. Each number represents a family with a story, a struggle, and a hope for the future.

In 2026, CA gave a gift of $20,000 to the Door of Hope Homelessness Prevention Program to help four families who are vulnerable to homelessness.

Two Stories of Transformation and Grace

Pam's Story



For years Pam lived quietly in a mobile home with her beloved dog, doing her best to simply make it. Everything changed when a tree crashed onto her trailer, destroying it completely. With no insurance and nowhere to turn, she found herself homeless overnight.

Pam stayed close to other individuals experiencing homelessness simply for safety and protection. Every day she wondered where she would sleep, how she would eat, and whether she would survive the night—until an opportunity for housing opened at the Eagle Rock Tiny Homes, operated by Hope the Mission.

Here Pam found far more than shelter. She experienced the love of Christ through caring staff and volunteers who surrounded her with dignity, encouragement, warm meals, and support. Pam recently moved into her own permanent housing apartment with a brand new lease on life.

Jessica's Story



After years of enduring an abusive relationship, Jessica finally found the courage to flee for her safety, but freedom came at a tremendous cost. Alone and homeless in the Antelope Valley, she faced brutal conditions—extreme summer heat, freezing desert nights, fear, isolation, and hopelessness. There were moments she truly believed she might die on the street.

Then Jessica came to Hope the Mission, where healing began to replace fear, and stability began to replace uncertainty. Today, Jessica is preparing to move into permanent housing and turn the page on a new chapter of life.

More About Hope the Mission

Founded in 2009, Hope the Mission is one of the largest providers of homeless services in the United States, operating 33 homeless shelters and housing programs across Los Angeles County and providing more than 3,000 beds each night to individuals experiencing homelessness. Looking ahead, Hope the Mission has 11 additional projects in development that are expected to add more than 800 beds, further expanding its capacity to serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

In 2026, CA sponsored 10 tiny homes at the Eagle Rock Tiny Home Village 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)



Sarah's Story

The result of Sarah's home pregnancy test was positive, but a baby wasn't in her plans. By the time she and Gary came to Open Arms, they believed abortion was the only practical option. During the ultrasound, Gary sat next to Sarah, holding her hand. When the image of her baby appeared on the screen, Sarah stared in amazement. Eight weeks. A heartbeat. She cried throughout the exam. "I know this is a lot," her nurse told her. "You don't have to decide everything today."

Over the next couple of days, Sarah kept replaying the visit in her head. She and Gary talked it through together. The conversations weren't easy, but they were honest.

Two days later, when Sarah and Gary came back to Open Arms for a follow-up visit, Sarah excitedly told her nurse, "We're keeping the baby!"

Relieved and truly happy, her eyes were full of tears. Sarah and Gary were deeply impacted by the care they received at Open Arms. She shared, "When you said that this baby is a gift from God, it just touched me to my core and made me really think about my decision."

Before leaving the clinic, Sarah and Gary received prayer and referrals to local churches, along with renewed hope and courage for the future.



More About Open Arms

For over 40 years, Open Arms has provided compassionate care and practical support to families throughout the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities. In the past year alone, nearly 1,700 individuals received services through Open Arms, including more than 1,100 pregnancy tests and ultrasound exams, 1,500 educational classes, and over 800 visits to our baby closet. Most importantly, our staff and volunteers engaged in more than 1,500 gospel conversations!

"When you said that this baby is a gift from God, it just touched me to my core and made me really think about my decision."

Alice Tells Her Story



Through the Bible App, I discovered that I wasn't alone, that my life had value, and that God still had a purpose for me.

My name is Alice, and I'm from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. When I was a teenager, my parents divorced, and soon after my best friend died by suicide. I didn't know how to process everything I was feeling. The pain became overwhelming, and I began to isolate myself from everyone around me. I felt completely alone. I couldn't see a future for myself, and I eventually decided I didn't want to live anymore.

One day, I stood at the window of my apartment, ready to end my life. But instead of falling forward, I fell backward into the room. Not long after that, one of my neighbors knocked on my door. She didn't know everything I was going through. She simply told me, "You're coming to church with me." So I went.

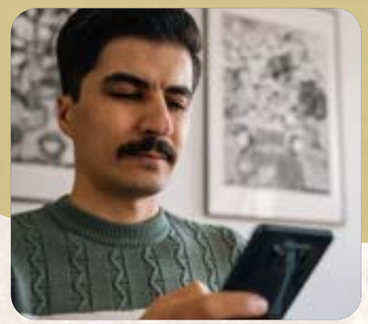
While I was at church, I noticed someone using an app where they could read the Bible and devotionals. Later, I searched for it on my phone and found the Bible App. I didn't know much about God or where to begin, so I typed a simple question into the search bar: "Who is Jesus?"

A five-day Bible Plan appeared. I started reading, and I couldn't stop. I completed the entire plan in one night. At the end, there was a prayer inviting me to give my life to Jesus. I prayed that prayer right there in my room. In the same room where I had planned to take my life, I gave my life to Jesus.

I wasn't looking for Jesus, but He found me through a phone. Through the Bible App, I discovered that I wasn't alone, that my life had value, and that God still had a purpose for me. Today I'm not the same person I was then. I have hope. I have a community around me.

Now I use my story and social media to help other people discover the same truth that changed my life. I even help create Bible Plans for the same app that first introduced me to Jesus. The Bible App didn't just give me something to read. It led me to the One who gave me a reason to live.







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





More About YouVersion

YouVersion's mission is to encourage and challenge people to seek intimacy with God every day through free, accessible digital experiences—working toward a vision to bring God's Word to everyone, everywhere, every day. YouVersion offers Scripture in over 2,400 languages.

In November 2025, YouVersion's Family of Apps surpassed 1 billion installs worldwide—a milestone that reflects God's faithfulness to His Word reaching every corner of Earth! Please pray for wisdom and discernment for YouVersion's leaders as they steward this mission and seek to reach the next billion people.

In 2026, CA gave $400,000 to sponsor what it costs to run YouVersion for three days: Easter Sunday, September 15th, and Christmas Day. On Easter Sunday alone, we saw 21.5 million people opening the Bible in one day, setting a new record for daily engagement.

Seeing Hearts Awakened



Imagine an atmosphere of worship with songwriters from around the world, a hundred-voice choir, an eclectic band, and our CA congregation fully engaged in worship. This was the experience over two powerful nights in August of 2025 for the recording of Tommy Walker Ministries' latest album, REAWAKEN. Released on March 6, 2026, REAWAKEN invites listeners to return to the wonder of our God. A continuation of the many recordings and worship songs written right here at CA, the album weaves together beloved hymns such as "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" with 14 new songs from Tommy.

Best of all, TWM makes everything completely free for worship leaders, musicians, small groups, and churches around the world. So TWM offers chord charts, backing tracks, multitracks/stems, instructional videos, and even a REAWAKEN devotional—all to equip the global church with tools that help cultivate meaningful, Christ-centered worship in every context.

Here are some other highlights from the ministry of TWM over the past year:

- TWM recorded its first-ever Songwriters Guild live album, featuring eight writers from across the country. The project highlights original songs of praise born out of a community committed to writing for the local church.
- The Songwriters' Retreat in Nashville, TN gathered 10 songwriters from around the world for a time of worship, collaboration, and spiritual renewal. Participants returned home not only with new songs, but with a renewed sense of calling to serve their local churches.

Tommy Walker Ministries continues to pursue its mission to declare the gospel and equip and inspire the global church through worship—to see hearts awakened, faith strengthened, and the name of Jesus lifted high around the world.



The REAWAKEN project is available on all streaming platforms, including the full live concert video on YouTube, and all resources can be downloaded here: tommywalkerministries.org.

Scan the QR Code to watch the full REAWAKEN live concert video:

Relational Evangelism

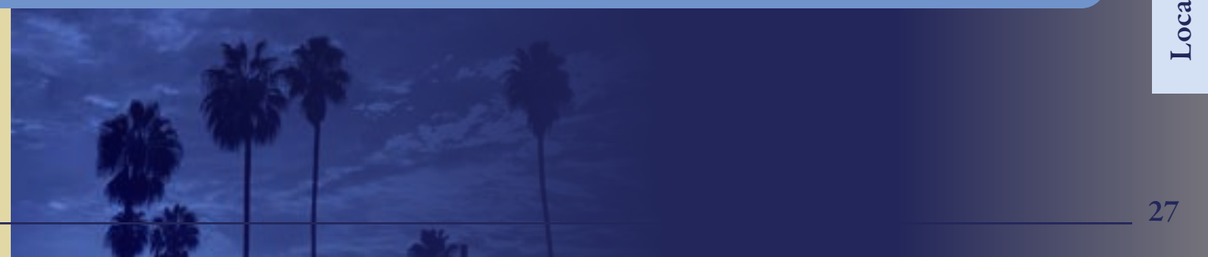


REACH ONE

The New Testament is filled with examples of one person leading another to Jesus. Evangelism happened across the ancient world through relational networks, and that is still how the gospel message is heard and received today. Reach One is a three-week class designed to train and equip the church for effective relational evangelism. Each session of Reach One includes biblical teaching, guided table discussions, and practical training for talking with others about Jesus. The class was offered in March of 2026, prior to Easter, to prepare people to invite others to hear the gospel message at our Easter services. Those who attended the class found a helpful space to overcome the challenges that often keep us from sharing the hope of Jesus with friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family members. Equipped with biblical models of relational evangelism, participants grew in confidence and boldness to invite people in their lives to discover life in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

ALPHA

Questions are the beginning of discovering truth that will last forever. Alpha is designed as a welcoming space for life's questions to be asked, and biblical answers to be explored. On Easter weekend of 2026, an invitation to Alpha was given for anyone curious about Jesus and wanting to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Thirty people returned to Christian Assembly's campus on the Thursday following Easter and continued to meet for three more weeks to share a meal, hear biblical teaching, and participate in honest conversations about topics like purpose, suffering, and faith. The consistent attendance and genuine desire to understand Jesus made this series of meetings the most successful Alpha Christian Assembly has offered to date. Two participants chose to be baptized after deciding to trust and follow Jesus. Others shared personal ways that they have drawn closer to accepting Jesus. As Christian Assembly continues reaching and inviting people to discover the good news of Jesus, Alpha remains an important space for curiosity, hope, and new faith.



Made New

Each year God blesses Christian Assembly with people who investigate faith, become convinced of the gospel, and give their lives to Jesus. The next step is to get baptized. Baptism is 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 stories of people who were baptized this past year!

Jonathan Murillo

I am currently in a recovery program at Angeles House with Union Rescue Mission. Three months ago, I surrendered my life to Jesus at CA, and everything began to change. My life was filled with chaos, pain, addiction, loneliness, and deep hopelessness. Even after two years in recovery, I still felt spiritually empty, but—little by little—God is restoring my life, and opening new doors through His love and grace. It hasn't been easy, but God is in control, and I have peace I never had before. This is the moment where the old me is gone, and a new life in Christ begins.

Teody Jareno

I grew up believing that my relationship with God was based on being a good person, going to church, doing good works, and praying every day, so that I could earn my salvation. But when I attended my first Filipino Bible Study, I heard more about the gospel. I started attending the Saturday Breakfast Huddle, and my hunger to know Jesus grew. The words about God's grace transformed my heart and helped me understand that salvation is God's gift. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I'm getting baptized today to declare my faith in Jesus and to begin this new life committed to following Him.

Alena Dankjian

Before trusting Christ, anxiety controlled much of my world. Losing things I thought I couldn't live without left me feeling overwhelmed, scared, and alone. Through the encouragement of a close friend who invited me to church, God began working in my heart. When I finally reached a place where I couldn't do life on my own anymore, I surrendered. Since then, my challenges haven't disappeared, but I no longer face them alone. God reminds me that I am seen, supported, and carried. I'm getting baptized today to publicly declare that my life is in His hands.

Hanna Sweeney

Before dedicating my life to Christ, I lacked true peace. I struggled with temptation, but now I know I can trust Jesus to get me through it. About a year ago, during a powerful worship night at Hume, I experienced an overwhelming joy and felt incredibly loved by God and my friends. I decided that night to personally give my life to the Lord. Since then, I have found real peace and am learning to trust His plan for my life. I am getting baptized today to publicly declare my faith as a follower of Jesus and to continue this journey with my friends and family.



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 or **scan this QR code**:



Stories of People from CA Living on Mission in Everyday Life

David & Amber Garcia



After decades of living in darkness, I (David) found myself surrendering to Jesus in my late 30s. In early 1999, the Holy Spirit began to soften my heart for folks experiencing homelessness and led me to serve in the Skid Row area.

In 2005, I met my wife, Amber, at a non-profit agency, where we served together for many years. God partnered us together to help build wrap-around supportive services programs, create housing systems and continuums, and develop and facilitate training curriculums across Los Angeles County and throughout California, serving thousands of our unhoused brothers and sisters.

After years of serving in the secular realm, we came to Christian Assembly in 2015. Here we've grown in our faith and served in men's and women's small groups, annual retreats, Cri-Help, Fourth Quarter Men, Growth and Recovery support groups, the women's Kenya Mission Trip, Community Life Men's Internship program, prayer walks, Hope Gardens, Tiny Homes communities, and Homelessness Awareness presentations.

Amber and I believe that God has called us to serve everyone, but He's placed a sweet spot in our hearts for those whom the world calls "the marginalized," "lost causes," or "rejects of society." We believe they too have a special place at the Father's table. After all, doesn't the King love them too?

Love is not simply something we talk about, it is something we do.

Mary Rutherford



Growing up as a missionary kid in Japan, ministry was integrated into all aspects of our family life. When I moved back to the United States, I missed that connection between ministry and daily life. Serving on the Welcome, Prayer, and YoungLife Czech Republic teams at CA Young Adults, I felt like I was home again.

Through a Kingdom huddle, I got to partner with wise brothers and sisters and continue to learn the importance of having a missional worldview. With their partnership, I participated in an international student outreach at USC, La Roca's ministry in Mexico, and Kingdom prayer nights at CA. I facilitated a prayer walk near my home in San Gabriel Valley, which has the largest population of East Asian immigrants in the United States.

God has good works planned for our lives that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10) This promise encourages me to seek out ways to live on mission here and now! One of the good works God provided for me to walk into this year is serving as a Third Culture Kid volunteer with OMF International, which included facilitating a retreat over the summer for missionary kids. I am just amazed and grateful that I get to walk with God and serve Him both globally and locally!

Merin Figueroa



Since childhood, God has placed in my heart a deep love for people from every nation and culture, along with a passion for biblical justice. I have felt compelled to engage in biblical justice issues of caring for widows, orphans, immigrants, and those living in poverty. Throughout Scripture, followers of Jesus are called to defend, provide for, and show compassion to vulnerable people. Living missionally means responding to that call wherever God places us.

Today, I serve on the executive leadership team of the Multiethnic Learning Community at Christian Assembly. It has been an honor and a joy to celebrate and lament alongside this community. I recently completed a Kingdom Internship at CA, and I participated in two short-term mission trips, served at numerous Kingdom events, and had opportunities to lead workshops at the Compelled Conference and the Mission of God course.

One of the things I love most about Christian Assembly is its Kingdom focus. Love is not simply something we talk about; it is something we do. Our church consistently creates opportunities throughout the year for people to serve, love others, and participate in God's work. Often, all we have to do is show up and say yes.

CA Serves with these Local Ministry 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. These Food Paks are then delivered directly 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.

BEACON HOUSING

Beacon Housing was founded with the goal of spreading Christ's love to serve their community. Their mission is to assist those who are vulnerable to homelessness to rebuild their lives in peace and stability. They offer affordable housing, academic enrichment programs, and housing retention support.

CA SERVE DAY

In 2026, CA had 240 volunteers serve across 10 different locations. Together we shared the love of Christ all across the city. ***Scan this QR code*** *to see a video of some highlights!*

New Communities of Faith

Across the West Coast, new churches are being planted to reach people with the gospel, make disciples, and serve their communities. CA is grateful to partner with these pastors and churches as they establish new communities of faith and help more people discover life in Jesus.

ROYAL CITY CHURCH | INGLEWOOD

Pastor Andrew Carter



Since launching in September 2024, Royal City Church has grown to more than 500 people in average weekly attendance. In 2026 alone, the church has celebrated 453 decisions to follow Christ and 146 baptisms, as it seeks to lead those who are lost to the light of Jesus.

RIDGESIDE CITY CHURCH | YUCAIPA

Pastor Zach Hafner

Ridgeside City Church exists to help people be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. Over the past year, the church has grown to 120 people gathering each Sunday, celebrated 10 people coming to faith and six baptisms, and served hundreds of neighbors—from feeding families to supporting foster children, convalescent home residents, and local schools.



PORTRAIT CHURCH | REDLANDS

Pastor Jay Stovall



Portrait Church launched in fall 2023 to give people a renewed picture of Jesus and His church and make disciples who practice and portray the way of Jesus. Since launching, Portrait has celebrated 174 decisions to follow Christ and 131 baptisms.

NEUMA CHURCH | REDONDO BEACH

Pastor Dylan Jones

Neuma Church desires to be a community where people far from God come to know Jesus, believers become deeply formed disciples, families flourish, and generations are impacted by the gospel. They launched in the fall of 2026. In their first pop-up service, they had 205 people present and 14 salvations.







KNOWN CHURCH | OCEANSIDE

Pastor Rob Chifokoyo



Known Church is a community where people are known by God, known by others, and make Jesus known. They launched in September of 2026 and over 200 people came to their first gathering.

DISCOVER CHURCH | SAN MARCOS

Pastor Kyle Veach

Discover Church launched in September 2025 with a core team of 250 people and welcomed more than 500 people on launch Sunday. With a mission to help people "win at what matters most," Discover is building a thriving community where lives can be transformed through salvation, baptism, and faith in Jesus.



LIGHT CHURCH (DOWNTOWN CAMPUS) | SAN DIEGO

Pastor Benji Horning



What began in 2018 with approximately 30 people gathering in a living room has grown into a church family of more than 1,600 people gathering each Sunday across six services at three locations. Since launching, Light Church has celebrated more than 1,250 decisions to follow Jesus and 800 baptisms, with more than 100 Open Table groups helping people grow in community and faith.

BANNER CHURCH | SEATTLE

Pastor Ryan Kim

Banner Seattle launched in September 2024 with a vision to see spiritual renewal in the heart of Seattle through multiplying disciples. Today, more than 700 people gather each week, with people of all ages finding freedom in Jesus.





William's Story

by Justice Coleman

William's life was once consumed by addiction, hopelessness, and suicidal thoughts. He felt trapped and alone. Looking back, he isn't sure he would still be alive had something not changed. That change began when William walked through the doors of Freedom Church and met Pastor Jimmy at Growth Track.

Pastor Jimmy invited William into a Men's Life Group, where he experienced authentic Christian community for the first time. "My Life Group became the community I didn't know I needed," William says. "I truly belonged."

Surrounded by men who loved him, challenged him, and pointed him to Jesus, William began experiencing the healing only Christ can bring. The addictions that once controlled him began losing their grip. His faith became real, and hope returned.

Today, William is alive, thriving, and now married! He is faithfully following Jesus. He and his wife, Desiree, have been baptized, are actively serving in the church, and continue growing as disciples. His story is a powerful reminder that ministry is never ultimately about buildings or programs, but about people whose eternities are changed through the gospel.



Scan the QR Code to see a video of Pastors Justice and Maria Coleman sharing about Christian Assembly's partnership with the Freedom Center:

The Partnership of Freedom Church & CA

William is just one of the many impacted by the partnership of Freedom Church and Christian Assembly. For more than 15 years, Freedom Church was a portable church, setting up and tearing down in rented venues every weekend. As the church continued to grow, the future became uncertain when their lease came to an end, and the property owners announced a staggering 75% rent increase. Freedom faced a defining moment.

Then Christian Assembly stepped in. Through an extraordinary $1.5 million matching grant, CA challenged Freedom Church to believe God for something bigger. Christian Assembly's generosity inspired an entire congregation to respond. More than 500 people gave for the very first time, and together the church raised the additional $1.5 million needed for the down payment on what is now the Freedom Center.

Today, Freedom Church is renovating their permanent home, a 94,000-square-foot ministry center, creating space for thousands of people to encounter Jesus and adopt the city. CA's gift didn't simply purchase a building. It unlocked a new season of ministry.

Christian Assembly also funded two full-time Community Life Pastors whose sole mission is to help people move from attending church to becoming fully devoted disciples of Jesus. Pastor Jimmy, who reached out to William, is one of the Community Life Pastors made possible through CA's generosity. Because of CA's investment, Freedom Church has experienced more than 50% growth in Life Groups, connecting thousands of people into biblical community, where lasting transformation takes place.

This past year alone, God has used Freedom Church to celebrate:

- 995 baptisms
- 3,924 decisions to follow Jesus
- 88,025 bags of groceries distributed
- 2,677 community meals served
- 758 showers provided to neighbors experiencing homelessness
- 8,113 loads of laundry through Laundry Love
- More than 300 people attending Recovery every week
- Thousands connected through Life Groups, serving teams, discipleship classes, and community ministries

Freedom Church is deeply grateful for Christian Assembly's friendship, faith, and Kingdom-minded generosity. Together, we have witnessed what happens when churches refuse to compete and instead choose to collaborate for the sake of the gospel.



Global Ministries

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."

Revelation 7:9

The Difference Water Makes

A thriving community cannot be built where basic dignity is compromised.





Staff at the Compassion center in Apowa, Ghana have worked for years to disciple program participants and their families through weekly Bible studies, quarterly retreats, and Sunday services. Here children sing joyfully, learn God's Word, and build a sense of belonging within the church community. However, for more than six years, one critical need was missing—water.

In Apowa, Ghana, accessing water is not as simple as turning on a tap or faucet. Families search for, wait for, pray for, and often pay for water. They rely on wells, rain, or purchased water from private boreholes. No one is certain where they will get tomorrow's water. The devastating effects of water scarcity reach into everyday life, making the most basic chores impossible, and putting people's health and livelihoods at risk.

This water scarcity was equally felt at Apowa's Compassion center. Without water, the toilet facilities could not function. Children as young as five had no way to relieve themselves during activities. They either had to walk to a public toilet—ten minutes or more away—or return home. Most chose to go home.

"Once they left, many did not want to walk back, in case they had to use the toilet again," Maame Akua, the Compassion center director, explained. Attendance dropped, especially during longer events. Children slipped out halfway through events. Some children stopped attending entirely, worried about discomfort or embarrassment.

"When I came to the center and had to use the bathroom, I had to risk going in the bush while worrying that someone would see me," said 12-year-old participant Francisca. "The only other option was to go home, and sometimes, by the time I was done, I didn't feel like coming back."

Water scarcity affected the entire community, including the nearby medical clinic. Without

reliable, easy access to water, the health-care staff struggled to serve patients. “There were some days when the doctors couldn’t even come and treat patients because of the lack of water,” Maame Akua said. “It was terrible.” The community desperately needed change.

In the summer of 2025, Christian Assembly gave to Compassion, providing the Apowa child development center the ability to drill a borehole. After long, prayer-filled months of surveys, earthworks, and drilling, the team completed and commissioned the borehole. Water faucets were positioned at the Compassion center and the local clinic. For the first time, the center, the church, and the surrounding community had reliable access to clean, running water.

The borehole transformed life immediately. When the center hosted a boys’ conference, something remarkable happened. Children stayed! For six to eight hours, they participated fully. They needed only to step outside the classrooms to use the bathrooms—now flowing with running water—and every boy returned to the conference without hesitation.

Church members also expressed relief and gratitude that they were able to attend long services without discomfort. Most importantly, the Compassion center invites all community members to access the water freely. Being able to collect water has helped local families financially and opened up more time for other things, including worshiping and gathering as a church community.

“Before the borehole, I used to have to buy water from nearby vendors,” said Regina, a parent. “But now, we get water from the church to use for our home activities. Things are so much easier.”

With water extended to the local clinic, hygiene conditions improved, bathrooms became usable again, and health-care workers could work more consistently. The church realized that spiritual development does not happen in isolation from physical realities. A thriving community cannot be built where basic dignity is compromised. The new borehole restored ministry participation, strengthened community life, and revived a space where children can grow in faith with comfort and dignity.

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. In 2026, Christian Assembly gave nearly 1.2 million dollars to do 12 projects that bring clean water, Bibles, and discipleship in Colombia, Thailand, Ghana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Kenya, and Burkina Faso—all in partnership with 36 local frontline churches.



To Every Tribe and Nation

In 2004, Carlos Ilustre had a vision of mountains of garbage with a pulpit of recycled trash rising above it and a Bible at the very top. So Carlos, his wife Edna, and his son Imman chose from that day forward—to not only serve the poor—but to live amongst them. Carlos and Edna had a mission to see Breakthrough become “a missionary training and sending church to the Philippines, Asia, and the world.” When Edna passed away last year, Carlos prayed for strength and renewed vigor to continue pursuing that very call. Here are some highlights of just how God has been faithful to answer Carlos’ prayers!

This year Breakthrough opened a new faith community in Sitio Ibayo, San Mateo, Rizal Province. From this new outreach, 15 families have committed their lives to Christ, and a committed core of eight fathers, 15 mothers, and 35 young people are now serving the Lord.

The Lord is doing a great work amongst the Tagbanuwa and Batak tribes in Palawan. Started in 2018, the Breakthrough Christian Academy in Palawan brings daily hope to a growing number of families, with a total enrollment of 45 students.

Breakthrough Christian Academy in Quezon City had a total enrollment of 133 students in the 2025–2026 school year, with 103 being supported financially by an educational sponsorship.

In 2011, Breakthrough Church embraced a missionary-sending vision. Since then, it has grown to hundreds of people, involving more members who belong to the marginalized poor in Sitio Veterans and Payatas, Quezon City. Breakthrough Church currently serves about 550 families across nine faith congregations, with many members actively participating in ministry and missions.

Every year since 2023, teams have served the tribal people in Sitio Yayabu, Sagpangan, Aborlan, Palawan. Support from Breakthrough Church includes annual mission trips, prayer support, a regular feeding program for tribal learners, sponsorship of tribal children through the “Adopt a Tagbanuwa Child” program, and financial support for teachers through the “Adopt a Teacher” initiative.

Please pray that every member of Breakthrough will be fully persuaded and realize that the sole purpose of our life, relationships, work, and learning is to know God through His Son Jesus Christ, who left us things to do while waiting for His return. Pray that every member will learn to truly love unconditionally, serve out of need, and give out of poverty.



A Letter of Thanks

by Juli Boit

On May 8, 2026, Living Room International opened a Comprehensive Care Unit in Eldoret, Kenya that will provide care for 100,000 people from across the country. By the grace of God, Christian Assembly gave $1 million to the construction of this new project. Here's a letter of thanks from Juli and the team, as they express the impact that the care center will have on the country of Kenya in Jesus' name!

Dear Christian Assembly,

Living Room Hospital has entered a new season with the opening of a 48,000-square-foot, four-story Comprehensive Care Center. What began as a small response to the suffering before us has grown into a community hospital that supports wellness, responds to illness, and walks with families through many different moments of need. The new center strengthens our ability to offer preventive services, outpatient care, emergency medicine, and specialized treatment. At its heart is a belief that every person deserves dignifying care—care that honors their story and their belovedness.

Within these walls are outpatient clinics, expanded diagnostic and emergency services, and a 40-bed inpatient children's unit—including the region's first Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. These spaces will allow children and families to receive the level of care they need close to home, surrounded by people who see them and love them. The new Education Center will train and mentor healthcare workers and students, ensuring that compassionate, skilled care continues to grow throughout the region. Through partnerships with institutions such as Moi University School of Health Sciences, this center will shape the next generation of caregivers who will carry this mission forward.

As friends, family, and the wider Living Room community gathered for the dedication service, we offered prayers of thanksgiving. It was a sacred moment, honoring the journey that brought us here and acknowledging the grace that has carried this work forward. We felt the weight of God's faithfulness and the beauty of shared calling.

Christian Assembly, thank you. Your generosity, your prayers, and your steadfast friendship have shaped a story far bigger than any one moment. We are deeply aware that we are standing on the foundation of years of partnership—years in which you have carried this work with us in both spirit and sacrifice. What God has built through this relationship is something we could never have imagined at the beginning, and we remain humbled by the way you have walked with us.

In the lobby of this new center hangs a plaque that reads: "Built by Christian Assembly for the glory of God and the love of our neighbors." Those words now greet every patient, every family, and every staff member who enters. They speak the truth that this place exists because of love—your love for God and your love for people you may never meet.

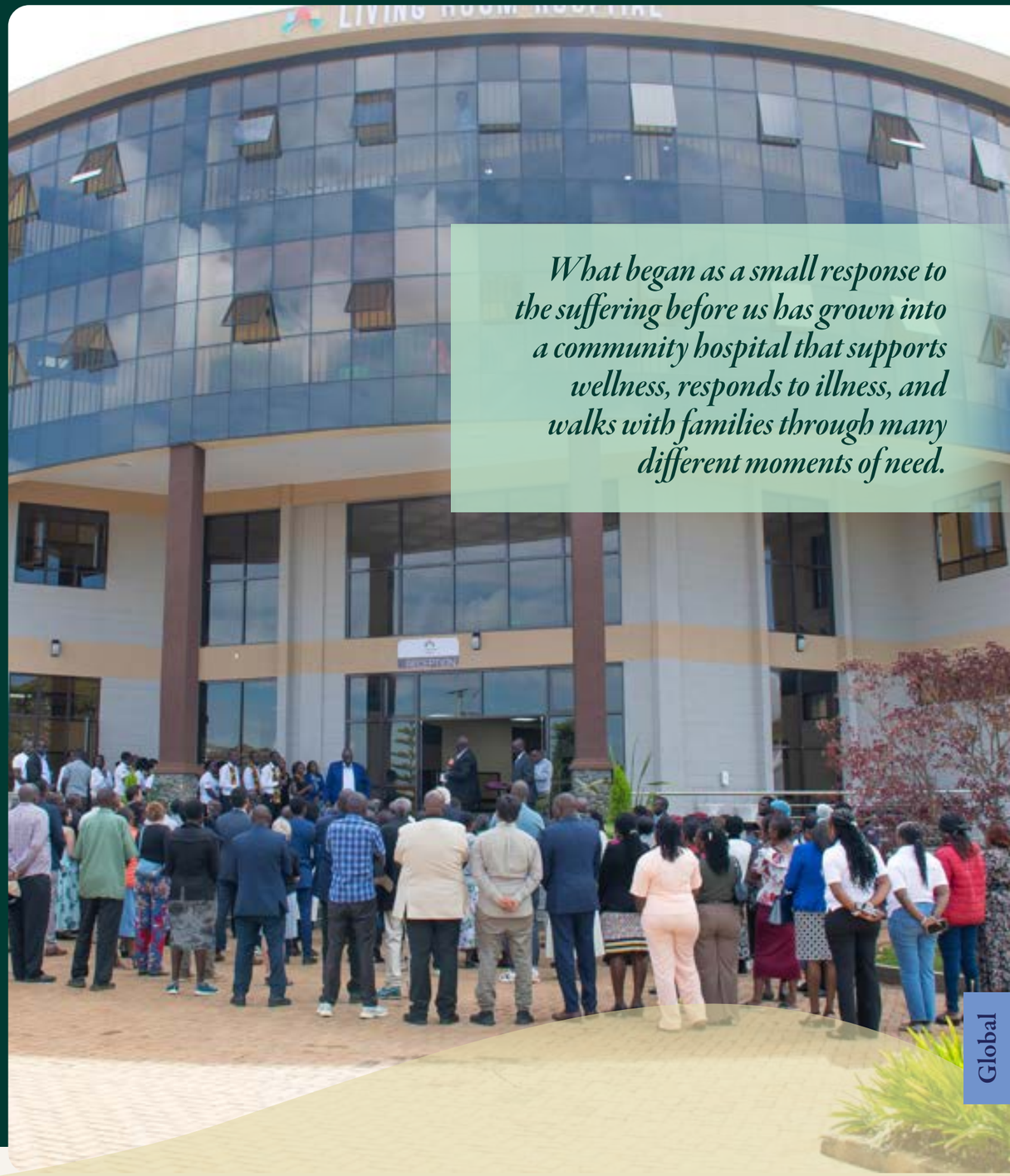
It is a daily reminder that the work of healing is shared work, sustained by a community that believes every person is made in the image of God and is worthy of dignity and compassion.

Thank you for believing that dignifying healthcare in Jesus' name matters. Thank you for helping build a place of hope, healing, and hospitality. This center stands as a sign of gratitude for what has been and hope for what is still to come.

With love and thanks,

Juli Boit

Juli Boit for the Living Room Team



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More About Living Room International

The mission and vision of Living Room International is to provide dignity and quality of life to Kenyans through holistic healthcare and education. We exist to be a community of compassion that honors life and offers hope. We are called to create spaces where people are known, loved, and cared for—places where the love of Jesus is made visible through the way we treat one another. Since 2009, Living Room has cared for over a million patients and families across Kenya and beyond through holistic healthcare and education.

Scan the QR Code to see a video of the grand opening of the new Comprehensive Care Center in Eldoret, Kenya:

Carlos' Story

Where others may have only seen a broken life, God saw a purpose.

Carlos arrived in Tijuana after being deported. Like many, he came looking for an opportunity to improve his life. At one point, he sought help at La Roca's Rehabilitation Ranch, but he still believed he could move forward by his own strength. Over time, he ended up working at the landfill, separating copper and collecting metals in order to support himself.

Life in that place was extremely difficult. Little by little, Carlos found himself trapped once again in addiction. He lost his identification, his important documents, and in many ways, began to lose his sense of identity. For many years, the dump was his home, and drugs became his refuge.

Carlos began to wonder how he ended up there. His days were spent recycling materials, surviving however he could, and feeding an addiction that kept him bound. He lived in a small house made of cardboard, exposed to the cold, the heat, and the rain. It was a deeply painful and lonely season—marked by hardship, need, and hopelessness.

But God did not forget Carlos. Where others may have only seen a broken life, God saw a purpose. Where there seemed to be no way out, God opened a way. By His grace, Carlos was rescued, restored, and transformed.

Today, Carlos is clean, serving others, and walking with a grateful heart. For the past year, he has faithfully supported La Roca's work in Sonora, and he currently serves as co-pastor with the team in Tanques. His life has become a tool in God's hands to bring hope to those who also need to be lifted up.

Carlos' story reminds us that God is still restoring lives. He can lift up what was lost, heal the broken, and use every testimony to reveal His love, His power, and His faithfulness. His life is proof that it is never too late for God to write a new story.

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—offering hope to those impacted by poverty, addiction, and despair. Their mission is to mirror Christ's love and compassion, ministering to people of all ages, and raising up future leaders and missionaries.



Tom's Story

"What I really want is to invite my guys to summer camp so they can see the same thing I did when I was 15 years old. I know it was powerful for me, and I believe it can be powerful for them too."

Most kids growing up in Ostrava, Czech Republic—a largely secular country—didn't have the same Sunday problem that Tom had as a 10-year-old kid. Every Sunday morning Tom would invent excuses or drag his feet to get out of going to church. While his parents had faith, Tom lacked a personal connection to God and didn't understand why his family had to go to church every Sunday.

Tom's first introduction to Young Life came when his parents signed him up for middle school City Camp. Although he had a great time, the messages about Jesus didn't change his doubts. Soon Tom transitioned into a Gymnázium—a prestigious, eight-year high school.

As a sixth-grader in a new environment, his confusion about God intensified when his classmates discovered his Christian background. They mocked him, peppering him with questions like, "Are you even allowed to look at girls?" or "Do you really think the devil is real?" Lacking the tools to defend his family's faith, Tom took the path of least resistance.

"I never really knew how to answer their questions," he explains. "It was easier to deny I believed in God and tell them that my family was Christian, but I wasn't."

Desperate to fit in, Tom mirrored his peers. When his classmates started talking about pornography, Tom pretended it was nothing new to him. The pretense soon became a reality, and he found himself hooked. Refusing to attend church, Tom drifted further from God.

Everything started to change at the age of 15 when Tom went to Young Life summer camp. He had a blast with his cabin mates and leader—throwing muck and even pieing his leader in the face. On the fourth night of camp, the gospel message finally penetrated his heart. During a twenty-minute period of silence, Tom made a choice.

"I decided to try to talk to God," he says. "I told Him I wanted to have a relationship with Him."

Tom still battled the habits he had picked up, but his life slowly began to shift. He got to know Carlo, the Area Director in Ostrava, who became his mentor. The two met weekly to study Scripture, dive into deep life discussions, and navigate faith.

Three years ago, Carlo invited Tom to help with the tech needs for the area City Camp. Serving behind the scenes and watching middle schoolers encounter the gospel got Tom hooked on ministry. He began looking for more ways to volunteer and invest in others.

Today Tom is in his second year of university, studying computer science and participating in Young Life's Developing Global Leaders program. Now he is the one stepping into the lives of teenagers. "I have my special guys that I lead now," Tom shares.

Later this year, Tom's journey comes full circle. He will be the speaker at the Ostrava City Camp, the very place he was introduced to Young Life 11 years ago. "I am excited to have the opportunity to share the gospel with youngsters," Tom says.

Becoming a leader has profoundly grown Tom's faith. As summer approaches, Tom has one clear goal for his ministry. "What I really want is to invite my guys to summer camp so they can see the same thing I did when I was 15 years old. I know it was powerful for me, and I believe it can be powerful for them too."

More About Young Life in Europe

Al and Stacy Anderson moved to the Czech Republic in 2004 to start Young Life in the city of Ostrava. The Andersons now oversee ministry that is happening in 17 countries in Western Europe, Central Europe, and the Balkans—with about 80 full-time and part-time staff and over 500 leaders. These leaders know over 9,000 kids by name and pray for them regularly.

In 2026, 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.





Hagos' Story



Hagos grew up in an Orthodox Christian home, but his faith was more a matter of cultural identity, and he had never actually read the Bible. Still, a deep yearning for God had been growing inside him, and he wanted to hear more. What he didn't know was that two of his classmates had been praying for him for some time.

These students in EvaSUE's Christian student fellowship had been trained to use an evangelism tool called Pray, Care, Share. The idea is to specifically pray for non-Christian classmates, build genuine friendships by showing real care, and when the opportunity arises, share the good news of Jesus.

When Hagos started asking deeper questions, these friends decided to introduce him to Dawit, a 25-year-old campus ministry staff member with EvaSUE. Dawit welcomed the three students into his office, thrilled by Hagos' desire to learn. They began meeting regularly, and Dawit taught Hagos the basics of the Christian faith. Soon summer arrived, and Hagos went home to spend the vacation with his family.

When students returned to campus in October, Hagos was eager to meet up with Dawit. He shared that it had been a rough summer at home. His family was not happy about his new friendships with evangelical Christians. They discouraged him from praying and strictly maintained that the Bible was only meant for Orthodox priests to read. However, their efforts to hold him back had the exact opposite effect. Hagos longed even more for the chance to read the Bible and understand it for himself.

When Dawit asked if he wanted to invite Jesus into his life as his Savior and be baptized, Hagos responded with incredible joy. Though Hagos found deep peace, it didn't mean his troubles were over. On the contrary, other Orthodox students on campus gave him a hard time for joining the evangelical fellowship, forcing him to constantly defend his new faith.

Although it was difficult to witness the hardships Hagos was facing, Dawit could also see how the adversity was stretching Hagos, helping him grow and mature in his faith. This growth is expressed in a message on Dawit's phone which includes a poem written by Hagos, expressing his deep longing for God and desire to know Him. Below the poem, Hagos addresses Dawit directly, saying, "You have been like a star for me, showing the way so that I would find Jesus."

Dawit had no idea he was making such an impact. In fact, he often felt that many of his plans didn't turn out the way he had hoped. Yet looking back, he could see that God was at work in so many unexpected ways, and Hagos was just one beautiful example.



More About EvaSUE

EvaSUE serves more than 50,000 students in 195 fellowships all over Ethiopia with 125 full-time staff. All over the country students are coming to Christ. This move of God is happening amidst the backdrop of rumors of war and political unrest. Please pray for staff members who serve students in war-torn parts of Ethiopia. Pray for students who are studying in parts of the country where there is political unrest. Pray most of all that the good news of Jesus will be shared by our staff and students, and a huge movement for the Kingdom of God will grow from here.

Nadede's Story



by Peter and Tammy Russell

At the Awakening Youth Conference in June of 2026, Nadede Kukan stood before 100 Maasai young people to tell what God had done in her life. Confident and composed, she spoke of His faithfulness through every season.

In 2019, Nadede was a gifted student at Maasai Girls Secondary School in Monduli. She excelled in her studies, ranked near the top of her class, and dreamed of becoming an engineer. Her future seemed wide open. Without warning, everything changed. Nadede was struck with a severe headache that would not go away. As days turned into weeks, the pain intensified, despite repeated visits to clinics and hospitals. Finally, medical scans in Arusha revealed the devastating diagnosis—an infection had spread from her sinus cavity into her brain.

Emergency surgery was her only hope. Waiting with her parents, Nadede lay across their laps in the hospital corridor, crying out through unbearable pain. "I trust you, Lord Jesus. Help me. I praise you." Again and again, those words became her prayer. We soon found ourselves speaking by telephone with Dr. Rabiel, Tanzania's first female neurosurgeon. She explained that attempting to transfer Nadede to Nairobi for more advanced care was too dangerous. The surgery would have to take place in Arusha the very next morning. After much prayer, Nadede's parents chose to proceed, trusting God with the outcome.

The hours that followed were agonizing. At one point, Peter, Nadede's father, overheard nurses discussing a young woman who had died during surgery. Believing they were speaking about his daughter, he quietly walked outside to find a place to grieve. A short time later, Tammy found him and shared the wonderful news—Nadede had survived!

The operation had been successful. However, recovery was another matter. Months passed before Nadede slowly regained her strength. Her vision struggled to focus. School became difficult. The surgical scar and shaved head were painful reminders of how close she had come to death. Little by little, God restored what illness had taken away.

He also planted a new dream. The young woman who once wanted to become an engineer, now wanted to become a medical professional like the surgeon God had used to save her life. With remarkable determination, Nadede completed her studies and earned a diploma in clinical medicine, qualifying as a clinical officer.



The girl whose future once seemed so uncertain was now helping bring healing to others.

Today she diagnoses illnesses, prescribes medications, assists in surgery, and provides medical care in communities where physicians are few. Recently, God arranged a reunion that no one could have imagined. Nadede joined a medical outreach team serving remote Maasai villages in Longido District. Standing beside her was Dr. Rabiel—the very surgeon who had saved her life years before. The patient had become a colleague.

The girl whose future once seemed so uncertain was now helping to bring healing to others. As we listened to Nadede share her testimony at the youth conference, we realized that her story is about much more than surviving a life-threatening illness. It is a testimony to God's ability to redeem suffering and transform it into purpose.

Nadede's father and mother were among the pioneer missionaries who helped establish Christian witness in northern Tanzania. Nadede is carrying her parents' legacy forward—not only by caring for people's physical needs, but by boldly proclaiming God's faithfulness to her own generation.



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 Peter and Tammy Russell's ministry, they have seen the Maasai people go from unreached to reached.

The Story of a Jackfruit Farmer

Deep within the labyrinth of the Mekong Delta, life moves by the rhythm of the water and the heavy, humid air of the jackfruit orchards. In these remote, rural pockets of Vietnam, spiritual darkness runs as deep as the muddy river channels. Under the watchful eyes of a restrictive Communist regime, the visible Church is entirely absent. There are no steeples here, no ringing bells, and no local congregations. For men like Mr. N, a local jackfruit farmer, the chances of ever hearing the name of Jesus were mathematically close to zero.

Still, Mr. N's life was defined by a different kind of captivity. For as long as he could remember, he was the village drunkard—a man who wasted his meager earnings on alcohol and dissolved his days in a haze of rage. Most nights ended the same way. Mr. N would stumble back to his thatched hut in a drunken fury, bringing terror and domestic violence to his wife. His addiction was so severe that neighbors frequently had to fish his unconscious body out of the riverbanks, where he had collapsed after a heavy binge. He was a man drowning in his own shame, seemingly beyond the reach of human help.

The turning point came unexpectedly at a village funeral. Amidst the mourners, Mr. N crossed paths with a stranger. This man was a believer and a faithful listener of FEBC (Far East Broadcasting Company) Vietnam. Recognizing Mr. N's desperate state, the stranger handed him a small, unassuming device, a Gospel Box. This portable mobile speaker contained an SD card preloaded with hundreds of hours of clear Bible messages, recorded in his own language.

For two months, the Gospel Box played constantly inside Mr. N's hut. The words began to pierce through decades of calloused addiction. "I understood for the first time the matter of sin," Mr. N recalls. "Then I understood what the box was saying about Jesus—how He came from heaven and died for people like me. I cried for a whole day."

The transformation was immediate and miraculous. The drunkard was gone. In his place stood a man filled with a deep, quiet longing to know the Savior. The overnight change astounded the village, but none more so than his wife. Listening along with her husband—now seeing the absolute end of the violence and the alcohol—she too committed her heart to Christ just two weeks later.

Today, by another way, the Gospel Box has birthed a point of worship some distance from the jackfruit orchard. Every Sunday morning the couple boards a small, wooden boat to navigate the local canals. They then travel a paved road by motorcycle, finally crossing three separate rivers by ferry just to reach the nearest house church, where the Gospel Box is played. Through a single pocket-sized speaker, Mr. N's story proved that no village is too remote, and no sinner is too lost, for the relentless grace of God.

More About FEBC Vietnam

FEBC Vietnam Ministries 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. For over 50 years, FEBC Vietnam Ministries has provided life-changing gospel access to millions of Vietnamese, including those in remote rural villages, closed cities, and diaspora communities. Through broad-scale, shortwave networks, local frontline evangelists, and expanding digital ecosystems, the ministry reaches hundreds of thousands of listeners annually.



When the Walls Came Down

Nearly 100 women gathered for a recent women's conference in Egypt. They were seeking hope, healing, and a fresh encounter with God. During counseling sessions, we heard stories of pain that had stretched on for years. Broken relationships. Family struggles. Deep emotional wounds. Circumstances that seemed impossible to change. The more we listened, the more we found ourselves praying, "Lord, you will have to do what only you can do."

As the conference came to a close, we gathered for one final worship session. The last song focused on the story of Jericho and how God brought down seemingly impenetrable walls. Suddenly, the women began spontaneously marching around the room! God's Spirit surely was there, and no one could deny it.

We invited the women to do something simple yet bold. We asked them to shout for 60 seconds. Just as the Israelites obeyed God's instruction and watched the walls of Jericho fall, these women lifted their voices together in faith.

What happened next was extraordinary. The room filled with cries of worship, tears, prayers, and expectancy. God was moving among His daughters. Women who carried years of disappointment, fear, and despair began encountering the presence of God in a fresh way.

One after another, women came forward sharing what God had done. They spoke of burdens lifting. They spoke of peace replacing anxiety. They spoke of freedom where they had once felt trapped. Many testified that God had healed deep wounds and had broken chains they had carried for years.

The hopelessness that had defined their stories no longer had the final word. Jesus did. We came prepared to offer counseling. God came prepared to bring freedom. Some walls are too high for human hands to tear down. But when God moves, even the strongest walls can fall.



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More About Foursquare Missions International: MENACA

Foursquare Missions International's mission is to make disciples of all nations, and their strategy is to plant churches in every nation and people group across the globe. Although the MENACA (Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia) region is 95% Muslim, there has been explosive growth in numbers of converts, baptisms, and new missionaries in the last several years.

In 2026, CA gave $75,000 to FMI to support a building project that will serve as an outreach center and a home for a local church.

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A Window into a House Fellowship

In a village of 400 households in Central Asia, a group of 12 followers of Jesus, both men and women, meet to study God's Word. The group starts by thanking God for His blessings. The leader of the group, Abbikomu, thanks God for the miraculous healing of his grandson.

Abbikomu's grandson was in a coma, and none of the doctors could help him. He saw the desperation in the faces of his family members over the condition of the boy, but he remembered the times that God had answered his prayers when he prayed in Jesus' name.

There was the time God provided a cloud to give him shade during a hot summer day, when he had to cut the grass on the roadside hedge of his land. There was the time his daughter was close to death after giving birth. The doctors couldn't stop the bleeding, and the closest hospital was too far away to deliver blood. But his wife had prayed in Jesus' name, and the bleeding stopped immediately.

Reflecting on God's faithful answers to his prayers, Abbikomu prayed for his grandson in Jesus' name, and his grandson immediately woke up from his coma. Everyone recognized that God had performed a great miracle!

After a time of thanksgiving, people from Abbikomu's village share their problems and prayer requests and pray for one another. Then each person reports on the progress they have made to fulfill their action step from the previous week's Bible study. Developing mutual accountability is difficult, but it builds unity and faithfulness as people are vulnerable with one another.

Most of the time is spent reading the Bible and talking about it together. One of the dominant themes that emerges from these discussions is the love of God. The people in Central Asia marvel at the way that Jesus reveals the lavish love of God. Finally, Abbikomu asks people to consider to whom they will share God's Word and how they will apply it to their lives, giving them the information needed to keep each other accountable the next week.

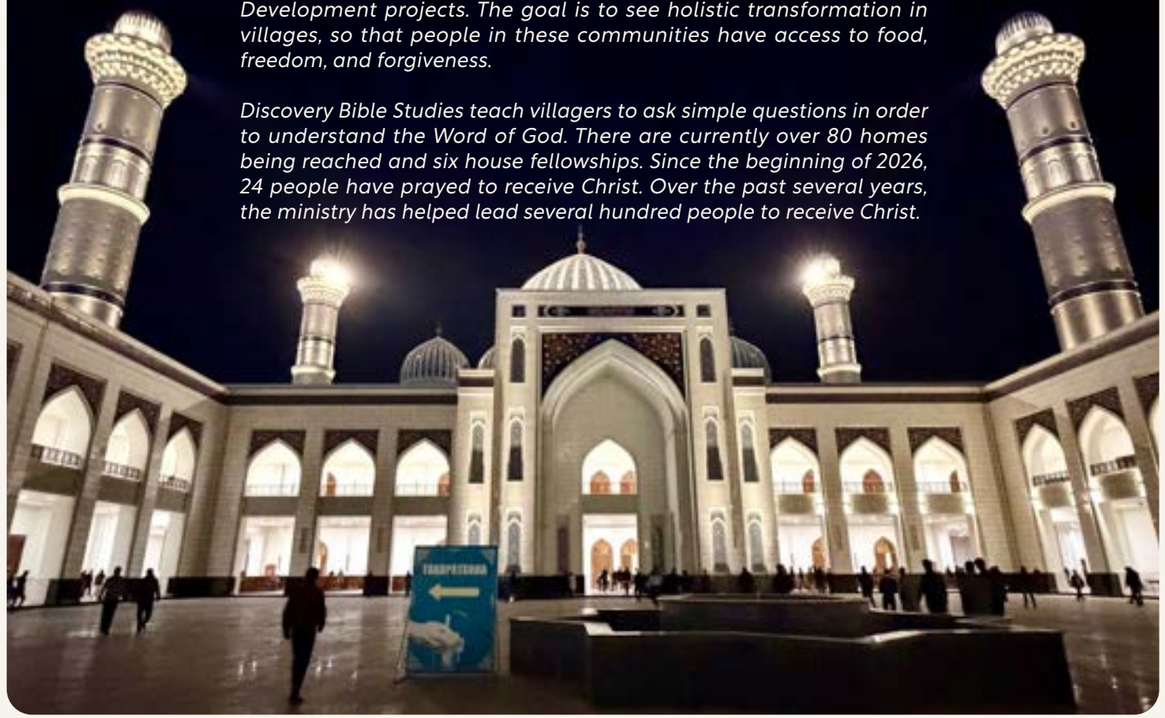
Abbikomu's village has flourished through the combination of Discovery Bible Study and Community Development. They have built a new medical clinic, replaced an old electric transformer and the poles that supply power to homes, repaired roads, and built new bus stops—complete with access to clean water. Currently, our partners continue to visit the village in order to coach the leaders in both Discovery Bible Study and Community Development.

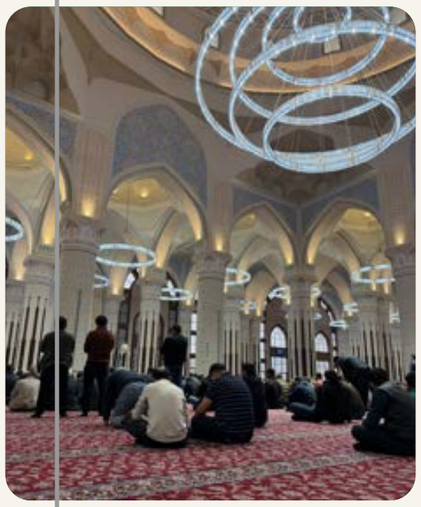
We join with Abbikomu and this group of 12, thanking God for His many blessings both to this village and to all of the small house fellowships that have formed in our ministry. Please pray that God would open up more doors for the gospel to go out to the unreached, bringing hope, life, and the marvelous love of God to the people of Central Asia!

More About One Collective

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 to 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.

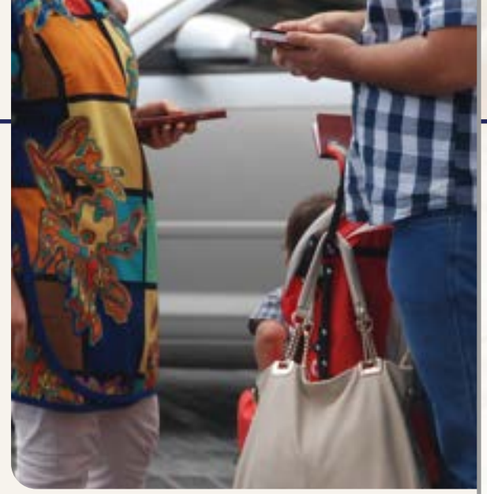
Discovery Bible Studies teach villagers to ask simple questions in order to understand the Word of God. There are currently over 80 homes being reached and six house fellowships. Since the beginning of 2026, 24 people have prayed to receive Christ. Over the past several years, the ministry has helped lead several hundred people to receive Christ.







Farid's Story



When the internet was cut off during the war in Iran, a young Christian man named Farid* felt it immediately. "It was like digital withdrawal," he said. "I was like an addict looking for a fix. I was constantly checking, hoping to get back online somehow." Like many around him, Farid was angry—angry at the suffering, angry at the regime for the misery they had brought on the nation.

Amid this withdrawal, Farid realized he had nothing to reach for except his Bible. He began reading slowly, carefully, and, word by word, his heart and spirit came back to life. It was as if God was speaking directly to that moment of his life.

While reading one day, Farid found himself weeping, praying for the people in the regime and their families. His heart was breaking for them, and he began to ask the Lord to save them, forgive them, and have mercy on them.

The Word of God was alive for Farid. God was speaking to him, shaping his heart to live in a different kind of Kingdom, where enemies are loved, forgiveness is real, and hearts are changed by Jesus. More than three million Iranians have received the Scriptures in recent years. Please pray that, like Farid, many will read God's Word and experience the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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Mehrdad's Story

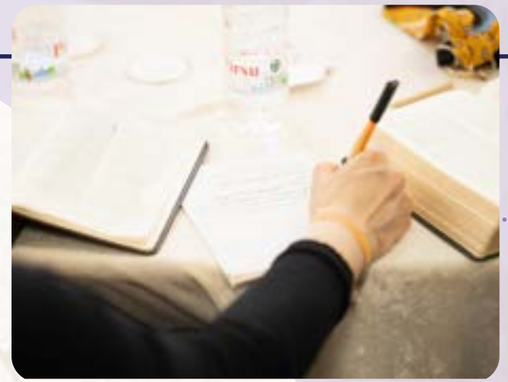
When Mehrdad* was arrested for his faith in Jesus, his sister and family were determined to find a way for him to be released. When the family was finally allowed to visit him in prison, they told him, "We are working on your case and doing everything we can to secure your release soon."

His response shocked them. "I don't want to come out yet," he said. In the few minutes they had to speak, he explained to them the powerful ways in which he'd seen God move inside the prison. "Five people have come to Jesus here, and I am discipling them. They're not ready for me to leave. Wait to move my case forward until they are ready."

Prison is a reality for many Iranian believers, and part of the Elam mission is to prepare and train believers for ministry behind prison walls and for enduring faith in a season of imprisonment. Mehrdad's faith and commitment to evangelism and discipleship is extraordinary, but he is not alone. The sacrifice and suffering of time in prison is very real, but so is the fruit.

Please pray for Christian prisoners, that they would feel the comfort and closeness of God amid their suffering, and that they will have the strength to continue His Kingdom work, even amidst the darkness of prison.

**Names changed for security.*



More About Elam Ministries

More Iranians have come to faith in Jesus in the last 35 years than in the previous 1,300 years combined. When Elam began its work in 1990, estimates put the number of believers from a Muslim background in Iran at 5,000. Today that estimate exceeds one million. Despite enduring years of suppression and persecution, believers across Iran continue to stand firm in their faith, remaining resilient in the face of ongoing opposition.

Although 2026 has brought deep suffering and pain to Iran, the church continues to grow in faith, courage, and love. Again and again, we are hearing testimonies of transformed hearts, steadfast faith, and the powerful work of discipleship, reminding us of the critical moment we are in and the power and life Jesus offers us.

If you would like to pray for Iran with clarity, compassion, and hope, check out the Iran 30 prayer app. Through a simple 30-day journey, you'll receive daily prayer points, real stories, and insights into life inside Iran.

Scan this QR Code for the Iran 30 prayer app:

Mohammed Tells His Story

Jesus changed my life. He took a boy who was hungry, alone, and forgotten, and called him son.

I am 12 years old, and I am an orphan. Before my parents died, we lived in Gaba, Nigeria, right on the edge of the Reme River. My father was a fisherman. His arms were thick and roped with muscle from pulling nets at four in the morning. When he came home, his canoe was heavy with silver fish that flashed in the sun like coins. Our hut was small, but it was full of laughter, fish frying in oil, and peace.

Then 2019 came, and the terrorist group called Boko Haram came with it. Thousands were killed, homes destroyed, and people displaced. The night we ran, gunfire cracked the darkness like dry wood. The river became a road of escape. My father held my hand, and my mother carried my grandmother on her back.

We left the nets, the canoe, and our home. We became strangers overnight, crossing into Dong with only the dust on our feet. Here the land was hard and dry, and the people looked at us with cold eyes, like we didn't belong.

My father tried to fish again, but the waters were different, so his nets stayed empty. Hunger moved into our hut and sat at the table with us. Then my parents got sick. There was no clinic, no medicine. I watched my father's strong arms become thin sticks. I watched my mother's eyes sink into her face. One morning she didn't wake up. A few weeks later, my father followed.

After that, life became a gray blur. Some days we ate once; some we didn't eat at all. Other children played in the streets. I sat with my grandmother, watching her cough, feeling like the whole world had forgotten our address.

Everything changed the day I found the Maraba center in Dong. I followed the other children, who led me to a small building with a blue gate. The first thing I noticed was the smell. Not dust or sickness, but real food. Rice, beans, and oil. The kind of smell my father used to bring home.

A woman at the center saw me skinny, barefoot, eyes big with hunger, but she didn't turn me away. She put a plate of hot food in my hands. For the first time in months, my stomach wasn't screaming. I didn't have to choose between my grandmother eating or me eating. We both ate.

At the center, I met other children. We laughed together and played games with bottle caps and sticks. I wasn't "the stranger" anymore. I had friends. Then came the teachings. A man would open a worn Bible and tell us stories. Stories about a Shepherd who leaves the 99 to find one lost sheep, and about a Father who runs to meet a son coming home with nothing but rags and regret. I really listened, because that lost sheep was me. That ragged son was me.

One afternoon, under the shade of a neem tree, I bowed my head and gave my life to Jesus. I just said, "Jesus, my parents are gone. My home is gone. But I don't want to be lost anymore. Be my Father now."

Tears I had been holding for two years came out, and with them came peace. This peace felt like my father's hand holding mine again, but stronger and steadier. Now I attend church every Sunday. I sit on the wooden bench with my grandmother, who also gave her life to Jesus. Even though her body is weak, her spirit sings when we praise God.

Every day I look up at the sky over Dong, the same sky that watched us run from Gaba, and I give glory to God. He saw a 12-year-old orphan sitting in dust, and He didn't look away. Maraba changed my life. Jesus changed my life. He took a boy who was hungry, alone, and forgotten, and called him son.

**Name changed to protect privacy.*



An Unexpected Harvest Amidst Severe Persecution

by Bakari and Lami Bunga

Mohammed is just one of many who have given their lives to Jesus. In 2026, we witnessed a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit that created a deep, spiritual hunger for truth across villages, border towns, and forgotten corners of Northern Nigeria. We saw Muslims and thousands of African traditional worshippers turn to Jesus Christ. More than 6,422 conversions were recorded from January to May.*

All of this happened in the midst of severe persecution. Churches were burned, pastors beaten, and young converts disowned or threatened with violence. Funerals of the martyrs became evangelism fields. We celebrate the saved souls of men, women, and children who made life-changing decisions for Christ. The hunger for the truth is real, and Jesus is satisfying it. To Him alone be the glory!



Following Jesus to the Ends of the Earth

In Acts 1:8, Jesus gave His followers a mission with three horizons: Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth. The gospel starts locally, expands regionally, and reaches globally. That same vision shaped our Kingdom Matching Challenge.

What began as a $100,000 matching challenge in July of 2026 quickly grew within five days to become a $250,000 match. By the end of the month of July, a total of $806,444 was given! To put that in perspective, more was given to the Kingdom offering in one month than in the entire year of 2025.

Only God could stir and grow our faith like that. This is a holy wave moving in and through us. Because of the generosity of Christian Assembly, these expanded Kingdom initiatives are now fully funded and moving forward to have incredible impact locally, regionally, and globally!

Los Angeles (Local)

- *Helping more people leave homelessness through our partnership with Union Rescue Mission.*
- *Reaching more students with the gospel in Los Angeles through new and expanded Young Life ministries in Duarte/Monrovia on additional school campuses.*
- *Providing groceries for struggling local families through our Benevolence Fund.*
- *Church plant support: Royal City Church in Inglewood, CA.*
- *Funding human trafficking rescue operations and after-rescue survivor care for minors in Los Angeles County via our partnership with ZOE International.*

West Coast (Regional)

- *Helping 1,800 additional students hear about Jesus every summer by purchasing a large worship tent for Hume SoCal Christian Camp, increasing camp capacity by approximately 200 students each week.*
- *Providing scholarships for low-income students from Los Angeles to attend Forest Home Christian Camp.*
- *Church plant support:*

  Discover Church in San Marcos, CA
  Portrait Church in Redlands, CA
  Ridgeside City Church in Yucaipa, CA
  Neuma Church in Redondo Beach, CA
  Known Church in Oceanside, CA
  Banner Church in Seattle, WA
  Light Church Downtown in San Diego, CA

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To the Ends of the Earth (Global)

- *Providing earthquake disaster relief in Venezuela. Helping care for, shelter, clothe, and feed 200 orphans through Foursquare Disaster Relief.*
- *Shipping 1.5 million meals to Cuba, where local churches will distribute food while sharing the hope of Jesus.*
- *Building two dormitories in Nigeria to care for persecuted Christians.*
- *Building two medical clinics in Nigeria to serve surrounding communities as mission outposts.*
- *Training 280 new house church leaders in Iran, one of the most spiritually hungry nations in the world.*
- *Shipping more than $1 million in donated medical equipment to the Living Room hospital in Kenya.*
- *Feeding 1,100 children every week for an entire year through the Jesus Fun Club in the Philippines.*
- *Providing expanded children's ministry, including a VBS, leadership development training, and additional bed space at the recovery ranch in Mexico with our partner La Roca Ministries.*
- *Providing gospel ministry, food, and clothing to impoverished children in Armenia via House of Light ministry.*
- *Helping to fund a summer camp in Armenia for high school students to know and grow in Christ.*
- *Funding efforts to help grow the number of house churches via our partnership in Central Asia.*
- *Finishing the New Testament translation for Kim Munalso—known as the Dao Ai Dai—unreached people group in Vietnam. About 220,000 people are part of this unreached people group.*

From Los Angeles, to communities across California, and to nations around the world, this challenge is turning generosity into gospel impact. The hungry will be fed. The lost will be reached. The persecuted church will be helped. The poor will be served. New churches will be planted. The sick will be healed. Future leaders will be trained. And people who have never encountered the love of Jesus will hear and respond to the good news. Because of the faith and generosity of those who give, more people will experience the hope, help, and healing that only Christ can bring.

Kingdom Partnerships & Efforts



68 KINGDOM PARTNERSHIPS & EFFORTS
42 COUNTRIES
43 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS BEING REACHED

Local

Kids Hope at Delevan Drive Elementary School
Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Josh Brodt
Glendale Young Life: Artur Asaduriyan
Young Life Duarte/Monrovia: Gina Quay
Young Life La Cañada/La Crescenta: Josh Chamberlain
Young Life South Pasadena/San Marino: Kris Hoffman
Cru San Diego: Maddie Parisi
Cru Los Angeles: Goodwin and Justine Deng
Student Mobilization: Bella Huey
CSUN Young Life: Ugit Wu
Tommy Walker Ministries
Children's Hunger Fund
Conversations About Jesus
Alpha: Evangelistic Course
Mission of God Course
Via Nations: World Christian Series
YouVersion: Bible App
Hume Lake: Christian Camp
Forest Home: Christian Camp
Beacon Housing
Olive Crest: Care communities that support foster families
Crescent Project: Outreach to Muslims in LA
Hope the Mission: Eagle Rock 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 (San Fernando Valley)
Hoving Home: Christian rehabilitation program for women
ZOE International: Combats human trafficking
Banner Church in Seattle: Church Plant
Portrait Church in Redlands: Church Plant
Discover Church in San Marcos: Church Plant
Ridgeside City Church in Yucaipa: Church Plant
Neuma Church in Redondo Beach: Church Plant
Known Church in Oceanside: Church Plant
Royal City Church in Inglewood: Church Plant
Light Church in San Diego
Freedom Church in Chatsworth

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
Young Life in Europe: Al & Stacy Anderson
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 Chemeda Disasa
Project Mañana: Dominican Republic
Mission Esperanza: Cuba
Foursquare Missions International: Middle East
Foursquare Disaster Relief: Venezuela
Hovsepian Ministries in Iran
House of Light in Armenia
Compassion International:
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Colombia
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Thailand
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Rwanda
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Sri Lanka
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Burkina Faso
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Kenya (2 projects)
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Ghana (2 projects)
- Clean Water, Bibles & Discipleship in Tanzania (3 projects)

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 or just **scan the QR Code** to learn more:

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 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 or by **scanning this QR code**:

7 *How are all these different efforts funded?*

All of our local and global efforts are funded solely through the tithes and offerings of the people of Christian Assembly. Sometimes we also have visitors or friends who hear about what is happening and feel compelled to be part of supporting our Kingdom work financially.

If you want to help empower these Kingdom efforts, you can do so either on our website www.cachurch.com, or on our Christian Assembly App by **scanning this QR Code** and choosing "Kingdom Offerings" from the drop down menu:

History of CA on Mission

1906

Los Angeles, CA

THE AZUSA STREET REVIVAL

1907

Los Angeles, CA

ITALIAN CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY BEGINS

1919

Rome, Italy

INTERNATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH STARTED

1957

California Coastline

FOUR MORE CHURCHES PLANTED

1974

Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, CA

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY'S NEW CAMPUS COMPLETED

1997

Tijuana, Mexico

LA ROCA - CARLOS & ROSSY MONTOYA

2001

East Europe

YOUNG LIFE - AL & STACY ANDERSON

Kenya

LIVING ROOM MINISTRIES - JULI BOIT

2004

First International Tour

TOMMY WALKER AND THE CA WORSHIP BAND

2005

Philippines

BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES - CARLOS & EDNA ILUSTRE

2007

Vietnam

FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY

2010

Eagle Rock Elementary

KIDS HOPE - SARAH DORNBOS

Central Asia

THE BENNETTS

2012

Iran Region

ELAM MINISTRIES

2016

San Fernando Valley, CA

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES - JOSH BRODT

Kenya

$1.2 MILLION DOLLARS GIVEN TO BUILD THE LIVING ROOM HOSPITAL

2017

Nigeria

ECWA - BAKARI BUNGA

Christian Assembly

REACHES 20 KINGDOM PARTNERSHIPS AND EFFORTS

2019

Christian Assembly

PANTRY & PRAYER MINISTRY HELPS OVER 5,000 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC

GAVE A MATCHING GIFT TO HELP CANCEL $23 MILLION OF MEDICAL DEBT IN 12 U.S. CITIES

2020

Los Angeles County, CA

RIP MEDICAL DEBT - CANCELED $5.3 MILLION OF MEDICAL DEBT

Compassion International

WATER, BIBLES & DISCIPLESHIP PROJECTS IMPACT OVER 30,000 PEOPLE

2023

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KENYA: $1 MILLION DOLLARS GIVEN TO BUILD LIVING ROOM OUTPATIENT CARE CENTER

2025

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FREEDOM CHURCH: $1.5 MILLION GIVEN TOWARDS THE FREEDOM CENTER

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL: $1.2 MILLION DOLLARS GIVEN TOWARDS 12 WATER, BIBLES, AND DISCIPLESHIP PROJECTS IN 8 COUNTRIES

KINGDOM MATCHING CHALLENGE RAISES $806,444 IN JULY TO SUPPORT 28 NEW INITIATIVES

2026

Get Involved

PRAY

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

SERVE

Getting involved in God's mission by serving others 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 or scan the QR code below. Select the "Kingdom Offerings" tab when giving online.

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.

Thank You

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