

# Global Mission Report

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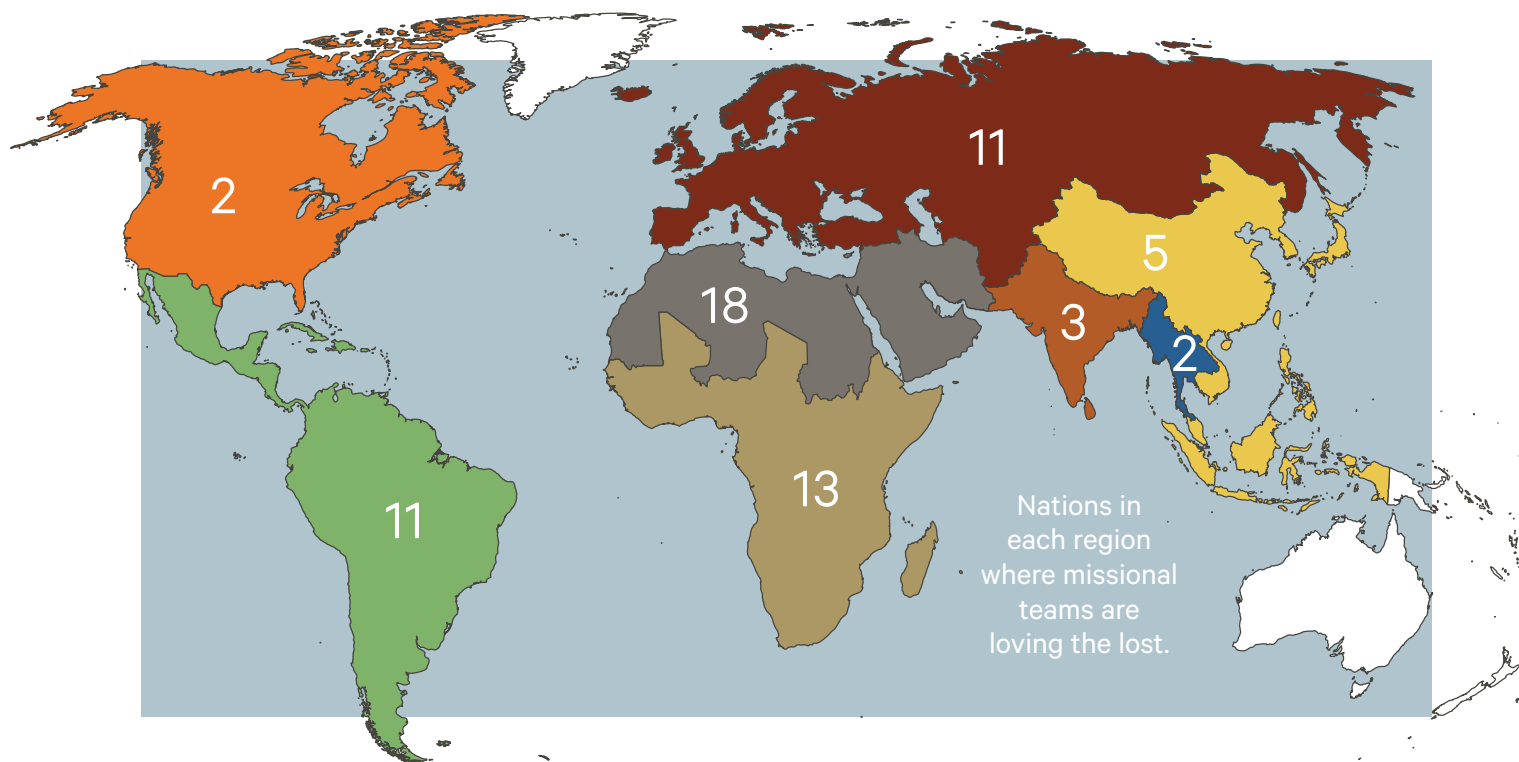
# OUR FAMILY ON MISSION IN 2022

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**The Challenge:** **10,000+** people groups lost without Jesus

**The Hope:** **1** God at work reconciling the world to himself through Jesus



**65 nations** where people are meeting Jesus through our network of **missional teams**, made up of:

- **10,000+ local disciples** making disciples, planting churches and reaching nations
- **81 long-term global workers** sent from North American churches
- **22 long-term global workers** sent from MB conferences in other nations

**290 churches** in the U.S. and Canada supported these teams by working with us to send disciples on mission, develop missional leaders and strengthen mission partnerships

**4,000+ households** in the U.S. and Canada supported these teams through prayer and generous giving along with many members of our global MB family

**Together** that the world may know Jesus



# Loving the Lost

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Thank you for joining in God's family mission in so many tangible ways this past year. In our work together, by God's grace, Jesus is being made known throughout the world, and he is transforming lives everywhere. I join with the apostle Paul in his letter to the church as he declares:

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. (Colossians 1:3-8, NIV)

This passage reminds us that the invitation to join Jesus in his kingdom work involves fervent prayer, faith in Christ, love for people, and an eternal hope. And it also involves real people (like Epaphras) who are willingly sent to go sacrifice and serve in order to see the Gospel bear fruit in a specific context.

We continue to send long-term global workers (missionaries) and we also join with national (local) leaders, forming missional teams to do this work together. You are part of this story that God is writing. On page 21, you will see how we help the church send disciples to make disciples. Together, we are sending disciples on mission, developing missional leaders, and strengthening mission partnerships. These are the daily inputs that, by the grace of God and the work of his Spirit, make disciples, plant churches, and reach nations. We continue to evaluate and adjust how we measure this dynamic work in a way that most accurately reflects our collective contribution.

We are all lost without Jesus, and this ongoing mission work is also how the lost become the Church, in order to multiply the story over and over again. This is what Paul was talking about, and what we get to be part of. You will read how global workers from our US and Canadian MB churches are continuing to be sent out to serve in diverse ministries, such as the Chavez story, from California to Peru. Our Focus Internship program this fall launched eighteen young leaders into missional teams around the globe. New believers and newly formed churches in Laos are supporting kingdom work in regions of Africa; the Wounaan MB church in Panama is sending workers to regions of Colombia; Missional Leadership Training (MLT) is being used in the Philippines, Malawi, and many other nations, as a non-formal theological training on the ICOMB confession of faith, to equip the global church on mission. May you be encouraged as you read these beautiful, challenging, sometimes painful, stories of transformation and faithfulness.

I also pray that God will show you the unique invitation for you and your church in this story. We want to serve you, support you, and do this work together that the world may know Jesus.



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**Bruce Enns**

GENERAL DIRECTOR





# Central & South America



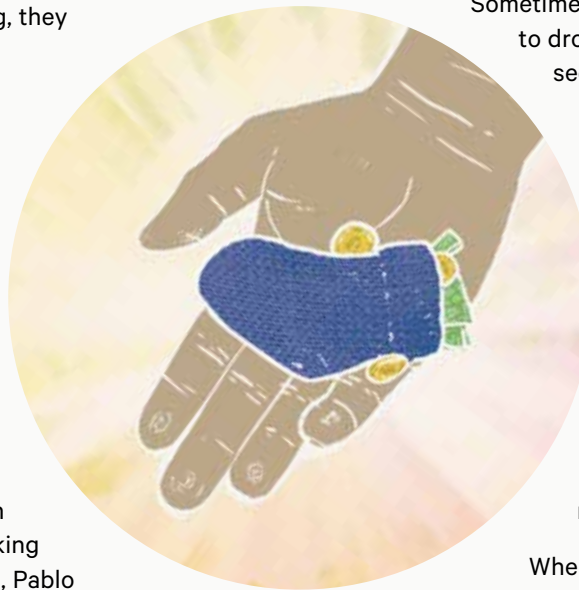
## STORY The Chavez Family in Peru

When God first called Pablo and Maricela into long-term mission, they knew that the task ahead would be challenging. Their small Hispanic church in California, *Buen Pastor*, could not be their only financial support. And so, in preparation for launching, they visited many churches: large, small, wealthy, struggling, far away and close to home. They met people who love missions and people who openly said, “I don’t believe in missions.” It was an emotional rollercoaster ride.

But there was one incident that caused them to feel God’s love in a profound way.

Ana Maria and Roberto, elderly members of the *Buen Pastor* church, own a second-hand store in Orange Cove, California. While packing up their household to move to Peru, Pablo and Maricela made many a trip there to drop off boxes. It was on one of those occasions that Ana Maria shared that they wanted very much to support the

Chavez family on mission, but the reality was that they were barely making ends meet. Maricela was touched by her love and concern.



Sometime later, Pablo stopped by their store to drop off yet another load. Ana Maria seemed excited to see him, smiling as she pressed a baby’s sock into his hands. Feeling the sock, Pablo realized that there was something stuffed inside.

“I have been saving money,” she said excitedly, “putting it away a little at a time in this sock. In my heart I was determined to save at least \$200, but God has been good!” Inside was \$225, in small bills. So much love, in that tiny sock.

When Pablo came home and told his wife the story, they cried together. They realized that day that provision was not just about an abundance of finances, but an abundance of love.

“The Lord has been moving his people in our region, imprinting Christ’s character on the hearts of those in our churches, and inviting us to work with him to reach more people groups and nations.”

– Emerson Cardoso, Regional Team Leader



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### Sending Disciples on Mission into Latin America

The Matthew Training Center graduated several classes through the HADIME training program this year. Each year they focus on discipling, training and immersing participants in various mission ministries, so that when they graduate they are equipped for engaging on missional teams across Latin America.

### Equipping Indigenous Leaders in Latin America

Einer and Girlesa Zuluaga have been serving as Multiply missionaries for many years now. Their hearts are for the Indigenous peoples of Latin America. Throughout the last number of years, Indigenous peoples from different countries have gone through discipleship at the Yaviza camp, where the Zuluagas partner with an Indigenous national leader to raise up more leaders who can reach their own people groups with the Gospel.

Einer told us: “We have noticed something great about the communion and cooperation between Indigenous peoples of different places and backgrounds. They connect so deeply to each other, and are quick to apply what they learn from each other. Here they experience a space focused on them, where they are not the minority group that is required to adapt, but are instead the ones chosen to be trained to lead.”

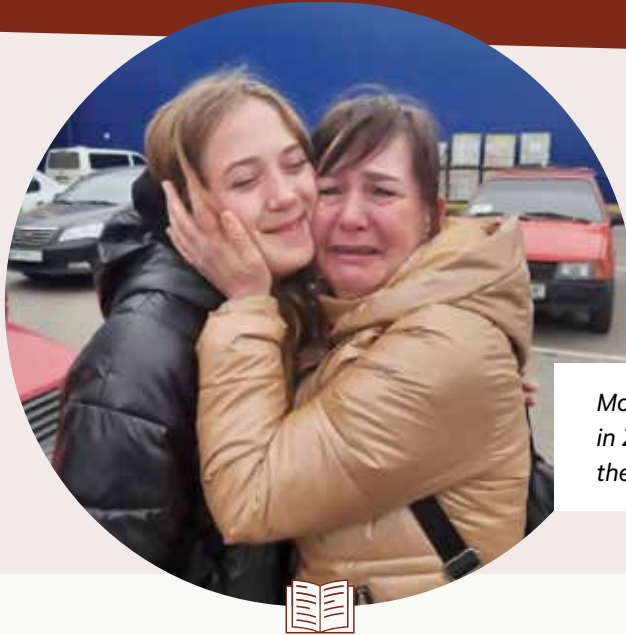


### Equipping Indigenous Church Planters in Brazil

Emerson Cardoso, Multiply’s Regional Team Leader for Latin America, is well known among the Indigenous *Ribeirinhos* - the “River Folk” of the Amazon. He has helped Indigenous missionaries to plant twelve church communities among the Palmari tribal group of the Purus River, and on the Juruá River, a 100-member church thrives in the heart of the jungle, accessible only by boat or bush plane. Emerson and the MB Mission Agency of Brazil (AMCOBIM) are sending young people to live and love the lost in these remote communities.



# Europe & Central Asia



*Mother and daughter reunite in Zaporizhzhia with help from the New Hope Center.*



## STORY Yulia in Ukraine

Unlike the thousands fleeing Ukraine, Yulia was desperate to get back. Her son, a soldier, had just been killed, and her sixteen-year-old daughter was trapped in Mariupol. Somehow, she would recover Ignat's body and rescue Victoria.

Yulia was working in Poland to support her family when the Russians invaded Ukraine. Her daughter Victoria fled their village to find refuge in Mariupol, only to have that city hammered by shelling. Try as she might, it was almost impossible to escape. She hid in broken-down houses, her clothes shredded by flying fragments of glass from the shelling. Each time she had to turn back she would weep in frustration over the phone with her mother. "Hold on, Victoria," Yulia would whisper. "I am coming."

Against the tide of incoming refugees, Yulia left Poland and travelled to Dnipro, where her son's body lay. She had only a backpack, with one pair of sweatpants wrapped around her documents; to this she added the small flag given her in honor of her son's sacrifice. Pushing grief aside, she turned her thoughts to her daughter, and set out for Zaporizhzhia. She arrived at a collection point in the pouring rain - soaking wet, exhausted, sick - and begged for help in evacuating her daughter.

"They told me it was not safe, I had to wait," Yulia said. "Wait where? I knew no one!" Hearing this, one volunteer called the New Hope Center, a ministry for families in crisis founded by Multiply worker Maxym Oliferovski, and soon Yulia was being cared for with a kindness that brought her to tears.

New Hope staff worked with Yulia until, finally, Victoria was on route to Zaporizhzhia. "I prayed with the staff," Yulia remembered, "all night, then all morning. We prayed for every checkpoint. Each time Victoria passed one, she would call. Then we looked at the map and prayed for the next."

Mother and daughter were reunited just before Easter Day, embracing fiercely. With tears of gratitude Yulia turned to the New Hope staff. "I will remember you," she told them, "all my life."



“Are Islam and secularization influencing our region? Yes, but we declare with Psalm 24:1, that Central Asia is the Lord’s, and everything in it; Europe, and all who live in it.”

– Johann Matthies, Regional Team Leader



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### Serving on a Missional Team in France

“My bags are always half-packed,” said Marcela Taquet, from her home in France, “because I have learned to always be ready to go.” Marcela has been following God on mission since leaving Paraguay. She and her husband David work together with Paul and Sarah Raugust from the U.S., on a small international team partnering with a local French Mennonite church, to build bridges with the North African community in Montbéliard. They are involved in running an after-school program for over fifty children, monthly games events at a local park, an English club, discipleship groups, a hospitality ministry, and more.



### Training National Leaders in Mongolia

Rob and Marlene Baerg, founders of the Trees of Life Center in Mongolia, are continuing to provide discipleship and vocational training in permaculture for nationals in their area, while mentoring local church leaders in building holistic, Gospel-centered communities. Through shared lives and radical hospitality they are resourcing others to live incarnationally and reach the lost for Jesus.

### Planting Missional Churches in Kyrgyzstan

Despite poverty and persecution, the six MB churches in Kyrgyzstan are now launching missionary outreach into neighboring countries. Heinrich Rempel, Multiply’s director of operations in Europe, has been engaged in this area for thirty years, including fourteen years in-country. Heinrich is supporting our key national partner in various new church plants, and helping him to connect these small, isolated churches so that they might serve on mission together, in Kyrgyzstan and beyond.





# Sub-Saharan Africa



## STORY Robert in Uganda

“We have had many friends in ministry over the years, both locally and globally,” said Robert Mponye, who leads Lifehouse Community Church and the King’s Kid School in Uganda. “But those friendships never developed into family relationships. Not until now.”

For more than twenty years, Robert and his wife, Esther, have been caring for vulnerable children and inviting them into their own family. The ministry of King’s Kid School in Mityana, Uganda had a humble beginning when they received an orphan girl into their small house and cared for her like she was one of their own. Five years later, the couple started the school, where today more than one hundred children are full-time residents and almost four hundred attend daily.

Under the leadership of the Mponyes, this ministry experienced significant growth and came to include a network of churches, Bible school, vocational school, children’s choir, medical clinic, evangelistic outreaches, agricultural projects and more. However, Robert’s vision was not just local, but global. “I am passionate about the kingdom of God,” said Robert, “and that kingdom crosses boundaries and oceans. It is much bigger than Uganda.”

Robert knew that their small network of churches in Uganda needed partners in ministry that could give them a broader focus, a taste of God’s universal kingdom on earth. “I was looking for like-minded people across the oceans that we could work with together for the expansion of God’s kingdom.”

In 2018, Robert was introduced to Doug Hiebert, Multiply’s Regional Team Leader for Sub-Saharan Africa. Doug visited Robert in Uganda and the two leaders immediately made a strong connection. “Robert already had some partnerships,” said Doug Hiebert. “But he was longing for family.”

For Robert, the connection with Doug immediately felt like a friendship, and the hope to build a partnership with Multiply was born in his heart. “When we talked about working together, Doug emphasized the family aspect of relationships,” said Robert. “I immediately wanted to be a part of that.”

Today, Multiply’s partnership in Uganda is thriving. “We are praying for the churches in North America, and for Multiply,” said Robert. “Together, we can have greater impact on the world for Jesus.”



“Mission is progressing in Africa despite increased economic challenges hindering the work at times. I am encouraged by a growing understanding of the mission of Jesus among our leaders, as well as a deepening camaraderie.”

– Doug Hiebert, Regional Team Leader



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### Discipleship in Uganda

After several years with Multiply in West Africa, Kyle and Danae Schmidt are now serving with our new national partner in Uganda, Robert Mponye. Along with FOCUS Intern Nathan Schmidt, they are working to see a discipleship movement happen in this country through initiatives such as King's Kid School. There, children are being trained both academically and spiritually, discipled to live on mission.

### Holistic Ministry in Burundi

Travis Jost serves alongside our national partner Samuel NDAYIRAGIJE and his team in Burundi, a country still labeled as being the poorest in the world. Holistic ministry is a high priority, and the whole-life focus of this team aims to see Burundi transformed by the Gospel through discipleship, caring for the poor, and developing local leaders. A key strategy for this is the Karubabi Center, a multipronged ministry among the marginalized Batwa people group.



### Ministry to African Diaspora

Partnership is a key factor in diaspora ministry. Multiply works with Parliament Community Church in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan MB conference and Athanase Chiruzo, a national partner from DR Congo now living in Canada. After fleeing DR Congo during the war, Athanase planted churches in Tanzania and Zambia, and now ministers to the scattered peoples of the Great Lakes regions of Africa, inspiring them to live on mission wherever God has sent them.



# Middle East & North Africa



## STORY Saleh in North Africa

Every two weeks, Saleh, one of our key partners in North Africa, visits a different village or town in his region to pray for the people and to look for a person of peace. Recently, he had the opportunity to sit with two young men while he was visiting such a village.

As Saleh began talking with them about his relationship with God, they explained how Islam was the way to paradise. He told them that he did not believe that, but that there was only one way to God, which was through Jesus Christ.

The two young men had been very friendly up until that point, but when Saleh said this, suddenly they became very upset. “They called others in the area and surrounded me,” he reported. “One man hit me with his head on the side of my face by my eye. I tried to say that we were just having a discussion, but no one would listen.”

Another man took off his belt and started hitting Saleh. They started using abusive language and tried to get into his bag and pockets. “I prayed that God would deliver me,” Saleh recalled, “and that the police would not be involved.”

Suddenly, a young man appeared from nowhere and asked what was going on. He called out, “Whoever hurts this man, I will beat up.” Quickly, another man approached on a motorcycle. The young man told Saleh to go with him, and he did. He was delivered.

“I thank the Lord that he got me out of this situation without anything more serious happening to me,” he said. “My wounds are minor. They will heal.”

Saleh was hesitant to share this story because he did not want to spread fear among the churches. “In truth, I am not afraid,” he said, “but I feel love in my heart for the two young men in this village, and I pray that they will come to know Christ. I am also reminded of how Jesus and the apostles told us that these things would happen. We are truly blessed when people insult us, persecute us, and falsely say all kinds of evil against us because of Christ.”

Please join us in praying for that village and for the two young men that Saleh shared Christ with. Pray that they will find the way to God through Jesus.

“Many of the countries in this region are seeing an increase in believers that is two to four times what they were, even five years ago. The numbers are still small, but the growth curve is exponential. Praise God!”

– Nasser al’Qahtani, Regional Team Leader



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### Ministry Expansion in North Africa

This last year has been one of expansion for the team in North Africa, with leaders in Egypt serving the churches in Sudan, Sudanese leaders preaching the Gospel in Libya, and many investing in the disciple-making movement happening in Mauritania. To steward this growth well, the team gathered together in Turkey over the summer for a spiritual retreat, recalibrating their hearts around Christ as the source of Sabbath rest.



### Connecting with God’s Work in the Middle East

Work in the Middle East this last year, particularly in the Arabian Peninsula, has been about going deep. Nasser al’Qahtani, Regional Team Leader for North Africa and the Middle East, was able to visit the area three times: once to connect with various foreign mission teams, once to connect with the underground local church, and once to lead in intercession for a harvest of multitudes and for more workers to gather that harvest. God is already answering those prayers.

### Tourism Ministry in the Middle East

Our new FOCUS intern, Cody D, is now in the Arabian Peninsula serving with a tourism company while learning the language and culture. During the day he leads rock climbing tours, and in the evenings he and the team build relationship with clients through meaningful faith conversations over tea. Cody will be hosting short-term mission teams in this region and providing connection with locals as a natural way for the Gospel to be shared in this context.







# South Asia



## STORY Jaeem in South Asia

Jaeem was only six years old when his parents died. He and two siblings were sent to live with an uncle in their village. School was out of the question; they had to work for their keep by collecting buffalo dung, sugarcane leaves, and dry branches for fuel. There was never enough to eat.

Jaeem's oldest brother, living in the city, was desperate to help. Although a Muslim, he sent his siblings to a Christian orphanage to be cared for by people like M & V, Multiply global workers in South Asia. There, Jaeem found a loving family, a home, and the hope of the Gospel. He also found a girl named Manju, who would one day become his wife.

In college, Jaeem studied engineering while volunteering with Campus Crusade for Christ. It was there that he ran into the little girl he had once known at the orphanage, now a beautiful young woman. It was a classic fairy-tale romance. Manju cheered him on as he embarked on a successful career in telecommunications, but Jaeem's volunteer work with church youth made him keenly aware of his need to study theology. As Jaeem prayed with the Multiply global worker who was discipling him, an invitation came

from a non-profit organization offering not just employment, but tuition for Bible College! Within two years Jaeem was ordained, working as a pastor, and planning his wedding.

"That's when it hit me," Jaeem said. "What about our families? They were still upset that we were Christians. My siblings wanted me to find a nice Muslim girl and settle down. Instead, I was marrying a girl from a Hindu family, and had become a pastor!" Despite threats of being disowned, Jaeem and Manju convinced their families to come to the wedding. The couple designed a ceremony that honored aspects of both the Hindu and Muslim traditions without compromising their Christian faith, sharing about God's love for all nations. Family members were entranced.

"That was nine years ago!" Jaeem smiled. "Since that day, they always invite us into their important decisions and ask for our prayers, even though they are not yet believers. They came to our wedding, so who knows? Perhaps one day they will also come to the wedding of Jesus, together with us, as the Bride of Christ."

“Despite increasing political pressure and religious opposition, the Church in South Asia continues to live out and share the Gospel. I’m encouraged by the large vision for outreach, discipleship, and training.”

– DH, Regional Team Leader



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### Evangelism Among the Chenchu

One of our key national partners in South Asia is G. Ross, overseeing outreach among the unreached Chenchu tribal group in the south. The villages are remote; one recent trip involved travel by motorcycle, on foot, and then upriver by steamer boat. Arriving, they gathered over a shared meal and Ross began to explain the Gospel. Surprisingly, the villagers were very receptive – they had heard the Gospel before, during visits to a hospital. God was already at work in their hearts, and they eagerly invited Ross and his fellow evangelist Timothy to help them plant a church in their village!

### Holistic Ministry in South Asia

M & V continue to partner with an organization involved in holistic ministry initiatives in South Asia, employing and empowering local artisans to be self-sustaining while being discipled in the ways of Jesus. Along with this community development project, they serve with a local orphanage, staffed entirely by nationals, and support the mission mobilization of local churches.



### Leadership Training Initiatives

Our Regional Team Leader for South Asia was instrumental in supporting the building of a strategic discipleship center envisioned by key national partners in this region. This facility now serves as a place for emerging young leaders to be equipped for ministry, as well as hosting pastoral resourcing events and YWAM Discipleship Training Schools. Our national partner overseeing the project, says, “Our vision is that this center will be a dwelling of light... preparing others to go back and serve on mission among their own people, bearing witness to Jesus.”



# Southeast Asia



## STORY Persecuted Believers in Myanmar

Pastors in Myanmar travel from village to village, teaching and evangelizing, often at great risk. On one occasion, armed police stormed a house where they were gathered and ordered them to get down on the floor. On suspicion of civil disobedience, they were put in hand-cuffs and taken to jail. Soldiers took their phones looking for evidence that might link them to the Peoples Defense Force. There would be none, but people suspected of this faced interrogation, intimidation, torture, and death. For four days they were falsely accused, even by their cellmates. Because of this, two pastors were led away for interrogation.

The other pastors were angry at their cellmates, but also sensed God saying, *'Can't you see how afraid these men are?'* One of the pastors immediately started to share his testimony about meeting Jesus in a factory in Thailand, and their accusers listened intently. When a guard came in to tell the pastors that their fine had been paid and they would all be released the next day, they were relieved, but sensed God say, *'Don't stop now! You only have one more day!'* And so, they continued to share the Gospel with their cellmates, knowing that this opportunity was from God. By the time they were released the next day, the pastors were full of joy. "The police may take our money, phones, and freedom," they said, "but they can never away our testimonies!"



“In this season, we see our Thai pastors helping our Myanmar pastors as they seek to plant new churches. They have joined together under one Thai MB conference and are working together in love and unity.”

– Louise Sinclair-Peters, Regional Team Leader



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### Reaching the Isaan People of Thailand

Edd and Ingrid Russell live in Northeast Thailand, the region with the lowest number of Christians and Christian churches, to work among the Isaan people group. They serve alongside Moe, a key national partner in a rural area of Kalasin Province. Moe's understanding of the culture, language and struggles that young people face in her province has allowed for strong collaborative ministry with the Russells, as they minister to those in the grip of poverty, debt, unhealthy sexuality and addictions.



### Planting Churches in Phan Thong

National partners P'Mot and P'Lawd lead the Phan Thong missional team in Chonburi, Thailand. Having followed Jesus for over seventeen years, this couple bring maturity, leadership, and friendship to the team. Along with Multiply's Cecil and Tracy Ramos, they have planted a house church in a sub-district that has never before had a Jesus community, and are now praying and discerning a second location for another church plant in the near future.

### Planting Churches among the Myanmar in Thailand

Jeremy and Adrienne Penner are serving with a team of Myanmar church leaders in Thailand. In spite of the pandemic and team hardships, this has been a season of growth. With the local leaders, they recently commissioned eight new church planting apprentices to be released into training, who will then serve as Interns in their churches, to prepare for planting new churches. These interns are the fruit of the work and prayer that the Penners have invested with the local churches.





## STORY Sam in the Philippines

“Our church leaders needed training, and we were asking God for a way to meet this need,” said Sam Arcaño, leader of the MB conference of churches in the Philippines. Many of their pastors have no opportunity to go to Bible school, as they have other jobs in order to provide for their families, yet they have responded to the call of God to serve as leaders in their churches.

In 2018, Arcaño first encountered the course called Missional Leadership Training (see page 19 for a brief description). This training was facilitated by Regional Team Leader, Bob Davis, and ICOMB Liaison, Vic Wiens in a place called Bayombong. After Arcaño completed the first two modules, he became convinced that MLT was the answer to their prayers. “I saw how effective the training was for leading us into a real grounding in the Scriptures, and at the same time developing a missional mindset for our leaders and churches,” said Arcaño.

“I became so convinced of the value of this course that I kind of volunteered myself to be a local trainer.”

His first step was to visit his twin brother, Jonathan, who is a pastor in Palawan, another island in the Philippines. There

he offered to teach the first module of MLT in 2019, and seven pastors attended this.

Due to COVID, it wasn’t until the summer of 2021 that Arcaño was able to return to Palawan, and he was thrilled to see the enthusiasm of the church leaders. More than forty pastors and leaders joined his teaching of module two and afterward there was a request to hold another session for module one, where about sixty new participants joined.

Arcaño gives praise to God for how local church leaders are being transformed through this solid biblical training. He’s currently working on translating the modules into Tagalog, the local Filipino language. Most of all, he loves watching the eyes of pastors light up as they experience the wealth and depth of the Bible embodied in each module.

“It’s so encouraging to see them having their ‘aha’ moments,” he said, “and hearing comments like, ‘I have not seen it that way before.’”

Sam Arcano plans to make frequent trips to Palawan to teach future modules. MLT has become a part of his ministry, not only for the MB family of churches, but also for the wider body of Christ in the Philippines.

“Our region consists of Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Japan, and China, along with Khmu and other Indigenous ministry in northern Thailand. All of our ministries here are in partnership with national and Indigenous leaders.”

– Bob Davis, Regional Team Leader



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### Ministry on the Streets of Osaka

Cory and Masami Giesbrecht and their family are ministering to the needy of the city of Osaka, Japan. In partnership with various other groups, the Giesbrechts and their team focus on street ministry, praying ministry for the sick, and sharing the Gospel with the broken and downtrodden. They are a part of a network of evangelists serving Roses Church, meeting outdoors in a local park to bring comfort, hope and salvation to the marginalized. They also extend this radical welcome in their own home by housing and caring for foster children.

### Reaching the People of Amagasaki

Doris Goertz continues to faithfully minister to the people of Japan through teaching English in the city of Amagasaki, Japan. Her work over the decades introduced many to the love of God, and her patient investment in long-term relationships has resulted in decisions for Christ, baptisms and ongoing discipleship. With her English classes, Doris is able to provide a sustainable means of sharing the Gospel with the Japanese people, as well as strengthening and encouraging the local MB churches.



### Discipling the Khmu People

PK has been giving leadership to a movement of disciple making and church planting in Southeast and East Asia for many years. He provides mentoring and training resources for national leaders in various countries, through informal as well as formal educational settings. With the growth and expansion of this ministry, many new national leaders are being trained to take the Gospel not only to their own villages, but even across ethnic and national boundaries. With a vision to reach 3 million people in Southeast and East Asia over the next twenty years, 2022 already saw hundreds of people responding to the Gospel and being baptized, and multiple new house churches being planted.





# North America



## STORY The Passi Family in Canada

After living and serving in South Asia for five years, Sarah and her husband, David (not their real names), were called to minister and serve from a new home base in Canada. As the new season began for them, they recalled an idea that had surfaced several years earlier:

“Why not send a missionary from South Asia to Canada, to help the Canadian churches reach out to their Punjabi neighbors?”

The idea waited for God’s timing, when in 2018, David and Sarah went on a trip to South Asia. There they spoke to a large network of church planters and shared about the great need for the Gospel among the Punjabi people in Canada.

One of the church planters they met was Arun Passi, a leader within the South Asian church network. Arun and his wife, Anjana, were involved in fifteen house fellowships, as well as providing oversight to house churches. Arun’s life reflected humility and he demonstrated mature ministry skills.

As David and Sarah prayed faithfully for a leader to be sent to minister to the Punjabi population in Canada, God

began stirring this call in the hearts of both Arun and Anjana.

Arun said: “I feel like the Lord is leading us to work with you.”

By late 2019, Arun and Anjana started to actively engage with leadership about their call to Canada, and Sarah and David began to share the vision with churches in Canada to build a support network for this family.

Arun and Anjana and their two young sons, Daniel and Joel, arrived in Canada in May 2022. Their vision is to see an emerging network of house churches that engage both non-English speakers, as well as second generation South Asian youth and adults. Arun is a great resource in understanding the house church model and South Asian culture, as well as in helping to multiply and disciple leaders in missional outreach.

There is great significance in this partnership. Over 100 years ago, MBs in Ukraine sent missionaries to South Asia, and now South Asian churches are sending missionaries to Canada. This not only shows God’s sovereign plan for nations, but it also shows how churches from around the world can work together.

Multiply has the privilege of joining our churches in sharing the good news of Jesus across cultures. Whether immigrants or Indigenous peoples, we are bringing cross-cultural ministry right into the US and Canada.



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CROSS-CULTURAL  
WORKERS SERVING  
ON MISSIONAL TEAMS

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NATIONS WHERE  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Supporting Ministry to Muslim Peoples

Chase Lovins has joined the River of Life Team as Project Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa, working under Regional Team Leader Nasser al'Qahtani and in partnership with key national leaders in eighteen countries. From his base in North America, Chase serves to support and equip all Multiply evangelistic and discipleship initiatives in the Middle East and North Africa,



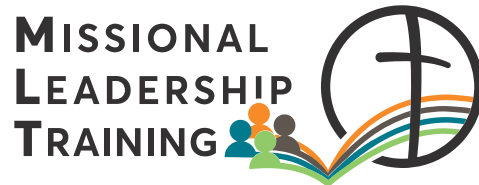
### Reaching East Asian Immigrants in Ontario

Ontario has one of the largest immigrant populations of an unreached Himalayan people group outside of Asia. Multiply workers there are passionate about seeing young people from this group encounter Jesus so that a disciple-making movement can be birthed within their own cultural context. In 2022, a soccer league initiative reached over 200 children, and an overnight camp was attended by 70 teenagers who also heard the Good News, many for the first time. At the camp, one young man courageously testified to his faith in Jesus in front of his peers and is now one of ten believers from this people group to be found within his city.

### Reaching First Nations Peoples in Canada

Multiply's team of six families are living on mission to bring the Gospel to the Indigenous people of Canada. Because of the sensitive nature of working among a people that has historically been damaged by the institutional Church, this team's focus is on empowering First Nations believers as leaders who will then develop their own discipleship initiatives, faith circles and Indigenous prayer networks. Team member Derek Parenteau also works to train and equip others to share the Good News with other global Indigenous people groups.





## Equipping Global Churches

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Missional Leadership Training (MLT) is an eighteen-module course that is being used to train local leaders to serve and equip the global church to live on mission. On behalf of the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB), the training is being developed through a partnership between Multiply and the MB Seminary. Those who complete the course will receive recognition from the MB Seminary for Certificates in each of the three main areas of training: Discipleship Foundations, Ministry Equipping, and Leadership Development.

- › five modules are complete, with development happening on another three modules
- › local national trainers are provided coaching as they contextualize the MLT to their local settings
- › each module also includes a section that provides participants with the opportunity to discuss how they have applied what they are learning in their lives and ministry

MLT is currently being translated into ten languages!



## Gathering in Brazil

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“Vines and trellises” was a metaphor used more than once at the ICOMB 2022 summit in Curitiba, Brazil, describing how MB theology and church structures all serve to support growth, not direct it. The MLT (Missional Leadership Training) resources were held up as an example of such a trellis, with curriculum that can be unpacked by both established and emerging church networks in ways that encourage ecclesial cohesion and yet embrace cultural nuance. Above all, the vines of global MB conferences were celebrated as an intertwining of leaf and stem and fruit, a vibrant and complex community meant to grow and flourish together.

What did that look like among the delegates at this gathering?

It looked like Colombia leaning on Brazil for advice on how to pastor their pastors. It looked like Portugal vulnerably acknowledging the ongoing struggle to raise up leaders. It looked like Paraguay and Mexico wrestling with what is “credible” non-formal theological training, and who makes that call. It looked like Malawi weeping with Uruguay over the poor and marginalized in their regions, Lithuania napping comfortably beside Austria on the lawn between sessions, and Thailand amazing all with the passion of their prayers. It looked like sober faces grieving over those who were not able to join us from Ukraine. It looked like over fifteen delegates from different Latin American countries crammed around a table in an intense brainstorming session about how to form their own ICOMB region. It looked like a gathering of friends, where everyone wanted everyone else to fulfill God’s calling in their lives, for the sake of reaching the lost.

There, on the grounds of the first MB church to be planted in the country of Brazil, it looked like a glorious tangle of leaf and stem and fruit, all for the glory of God.



# How Our Teams Disciple People Groups

Maps have two main purposes: they tell you where you are, and they help you figure out where you are going. Our Mission Strategy Map is no different, except it's not about individuals, it's about how missional teams seek to impact a group of people.

This is the story of the Church, God's people. It's our story, and it's God's story. We read it in the Book of Acts, and we read it throughout the history of the Church. The same people who are gathered around Jesus and his life-changing message of hope have a desire to share that message with others, so they send messengers to other communities; as the message is received, new gatherings of believers are birthed, new leaders are trained, and the cycle begins again: more disciples, more churches, and more mission partnerships.

So, this map is both a story—describing relational, organic, and mysterious growth—and a strategic resource—offering insight on how to best serve what God is doing and how to support those who are involved in each stage of the process of making disciples, planting churches, and reaching nations.

## Multiply Mission Strategy Map



“The missionary heart:

Care more than some think is wise.

Risk more than some think is safe.

Dream more than some think is practical.

Expect more than some think is possible.

I was called not to comfort or success but to obedience.”

**Karen Watson, Baptist Missionary (1967-2005),**

in a letter she wrote to her pastors two years prior  
to being killed in a violent conflict in Iraq





# North American Mobilization

## MIDWEST US TEAM HIGHLIGHTS | STEPHEN HUMBER

- We are excited that Cody D., as well as Ryan and Logan Steventon and their four children, completed their FOCUS internship training in November 2022 and are now serving in the Arabian Peninsula and Thailand. They continue to discern their long-term call to serve globally.
- Two more MB churches from our region are first-time partners with Multiply. As Carmen Owen continues to build connections between the Midwest churches and the Chiang Mai Freedom/Naomi House ministry that she is guiding, Ridgepoint Church and eight other churches in the region are partnering with these projects. Kyle and Danae Schmidt in Uganda are also building partnerships with King's Kid ministry and regional churches.
- The connection with Tabor College continues to grow and be strengthened as students serve in various mission training opportunities, as well as the USMB pipeline opportunities.

## WESTERN CANADA TEAM HIGHLIGHTS | GREG LAING & SAM DICK

- Sam Dick joined Greg Laing as Regional Mobilizer in Western Canada. Together they are creating greater capacity to mobilize churches and individuals on mission to reach the lost. There has been a positive response from the churches in the region to build partnerships. One highlight is the Chinese language speaking congregations that are participating at deeper levels with Multiply. The Western Canada region has many churches engaged with global church partnerships (sixty-two) that are continuing to grow and deepen. For example, the awakening of many churches to learn about and engage with their First Nations neighbors has opened many doors for our First Nations Ambassadors, John and Jenn Johnstone, to speak and minister broadly.
- Greg Laing recently returned from a Vision Trip in Lithuania where he explored partnership opportunities with the churches there, especially in meeting the needs of the many Ukrainian refugees that have landed in Lithuania. Sam Dick convened a meeting of churches who work with Spanish-speaking migrant workers. The vision for this is a collaborative approach for sharing the Gospel that enables ministry development in their home countries. One other highlight from this region has been the mobilization of Arun and Anjana Passi. They have been sent by their Punjab church in India to serve in Canada, reaching out with the Gospel to the many Punjabi immigrants in the city of Abbotsford, BC. We are working towards building partnerships with Arun and Anjana and the MB churches in Abbotsford to reach this immigrant community. In addition, a young adult from Abbotsford has been sent to intern in Uganda, and a Vancouver Island global worker was deployed to serve among an unreached people group from East Asia.

## CENTRAL CANADA TEAM HIGHLIGHTS | LLOYD LETKEMAN

- The region has been very active this past year in developing missional leaders as we hosted the FOCUS internship training.
- The Meeting Place and Fort Garry MB Church partnered to resource their congregations with Mission Modules: Heart Shift: exploring reconciliation, and Global Connections: engaging cross-culturally with the Gospel.
- SOAR Alberta was beta tested with Sunwest Church in Calgary during the Stampede.
- After twenty years of building a solid partnership with the MB churches in Panama, Forest Grove Community Church continues to be a strong partner. The relationship has been mutually beneficial.
- La Salle Community Fellowship in Manitoba has developed a partnership with Multiply global worker, Rebecca Hiebert, and Pastor Naat, a key national partner leading in Thailand.
- Lloyd and Carol also attended the ICOMB Summit in Brazil this last summer, where they were able to continue to build healthy relationships with ICOMB partner conferences and churches. These connections help to facilitate deeper partnership opportunities as the North American Mobilization team works to help the Church reach the lost.

## EASTERN CANADA TEAM HIGHLIGHTS | ROBYN SEREZ

- Joel Martin joined our Eastern Canada team, where he is serving as our Mission Training Team Coordinator. Erin Coffey continues to serve in a broader capacity as Administrative Assistant, as well as helping with communication and connection with the Regional Mobilization Team. Doug Hiebert is also assisting in church mobilization.
- This summer our team hosted a MINA (Ministry in North America) retreat for the global workers from our region. Robyn was also involved in coaching Multiply missionaries who are serving in Canada among immigrant groups. Furthermore, a SOAR Ontario program took place over the Canada Day long weekend, with strong partnership from churches across Southern Ontario.
- We have been working to form a network of missional partnerships with the Multiply House of Prayer and Glencairn MB Church, as they partner with Central Asia global workers in a weekly time of online prayer together. This weekly connection has been a powerful catalyst in partnership.
- We have also seen church partnerships develop between Thailand national leader, Ajan Naat, and Kingsfield-Zurich Church. After a number of vision trips and online meetings, their sense of connection and mutual encouragement has been growing as they seek to support one another in ministry.

## WESTERN US TEAM HIGHLIGHTS | GALEN WIEST

- Pablo and Maricela Chavez and their four boys were mobilized to Peru in November as long-term workers. This is an exciting time for the Western US region as we look to train and send more long-term workers. Dereck and Amanda Thompson also began their assignment in Thailand in November as FOCUS interns. They are discerning their call as long-term workers.
- In October, we sent a Leader Vision Team to Thailand representing Reedley MB, Hope Kingsburg Church, and Birch Bay Community Church, WA. As we continue to invite churches to connect with national leaders and churches engaged in global mission, we are seeing these partnerships take root and deepen. Churches from the Western US region are building partnerships with churches in various countries such as Peru, Portugal, Thailand and Lithuania.
- Our prayer is for more young leaders to come who are interested in exploring life on mission. We are excited about a young woman from Fresno Pacific University who will be joining our Fresno Mobilization Team as an intern in 2023. Thank you, Church, for sending us your young leaders.

## PRAYER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS | NIKKI WHITE & CHRIS WRIGHT

- Multiply's Prayer Ministry Training seeks to help inspire and equip others toward more effective intercession and personal prayer ministry. Since 2016, this training has impacted over thirty-five North American churches, as well as resourcing multiple FOCUS and TREK teams, global churches, university and MB seminary student groups, and two other global mission agencies. In September 2021, this course became available online, and workshops were held for attendees from thirteen different churches.
- In 2022, our impact expanded to include training for five more churches in BC and one in Manitoba, as well as in-person workshops at the annual BC Baptist conference and the winter Canadian Chinese Christian conference (CCCWC). A highlight of 2022 was a hybrid of the online training done as a weekend retreat with participants in Paraguay. Attendees included church leaders of significant influence, one of whom required an armed escort due to political notoriety. See: [multiply.net/prayer-ministry](https://multiply.net/prayer-ministry)

## MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS | CAROL LETKEMAN

- Our FOCUS Internship mission training program equipped and launched eighteen young leaders into missional teams around the globe. In 2022 we continued to run our five SOAR programs and one ACTION program in Canada and the US, helping more than 400 young people and families grow and discover their mission calling and engage in local cross-cultural mission.

## Our Leadership

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Multiply is honored to work in close collaboration with both the U.S. and Canadian Conferences of Mennonite Brethren Churches as their global mission agency. Our Board is made up of representatives from each conference.

More information on our Board and Executive Leadership Team can be found at [multiply.net/about](https://multiply.net/about)



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# Financial Overview



Fiscal Year in USD: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

We are thankful to God and to our donors that we ended the last two fiscal years with a strong surplus. Our Board of Directors has authorized us to invest \$550k of our accumulated reserves to further support our global ministry and improve our IT infrastructure. This investment will show up as a deficit in our next year's results.

## Net Results

Fiscal Year:	2022	2021
Revenue:	\$ 10,410,659	\$ 10,655,995
Expenses:	\$ 9,995,025	\$ 9,986,624
<b>Net:</b>	<b>\$ 415,634</b>	<b>\$ 669,371</b>

In addition to the net operating surplus shown here, our global workers and ministry projects have accumulated \$218k towards their reserves which are held separately on our balance sheet (previous year accumulation: \$391k).

## How Your Gifts Were Put to Work

### Missional Teams Loving the Lost | 65%

Central & South America | 7%  
East Asia | 6%  
Europe & Central Asia | 13%  
Middle East & North Africa | 3%  
North America | 3%  
(Indigenous & Immigrants)  
South Asia | 4%  
Southeast Asia | 19%  
Sub-Saharan Africa | 5%  
Worldwide Initiatives | 5%

### 22% | North American Church Engagement

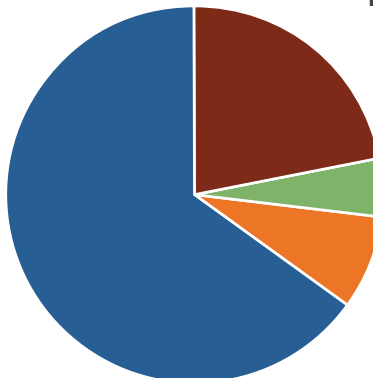
17% | Facilitating MB Church Partnerships  
5% | Mission Training Programs

### 5% | Human Resources

Wellness, Equipping &  
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### 8% | Administration

Finance, IT, Legal & Governance



## Our Generous Donors

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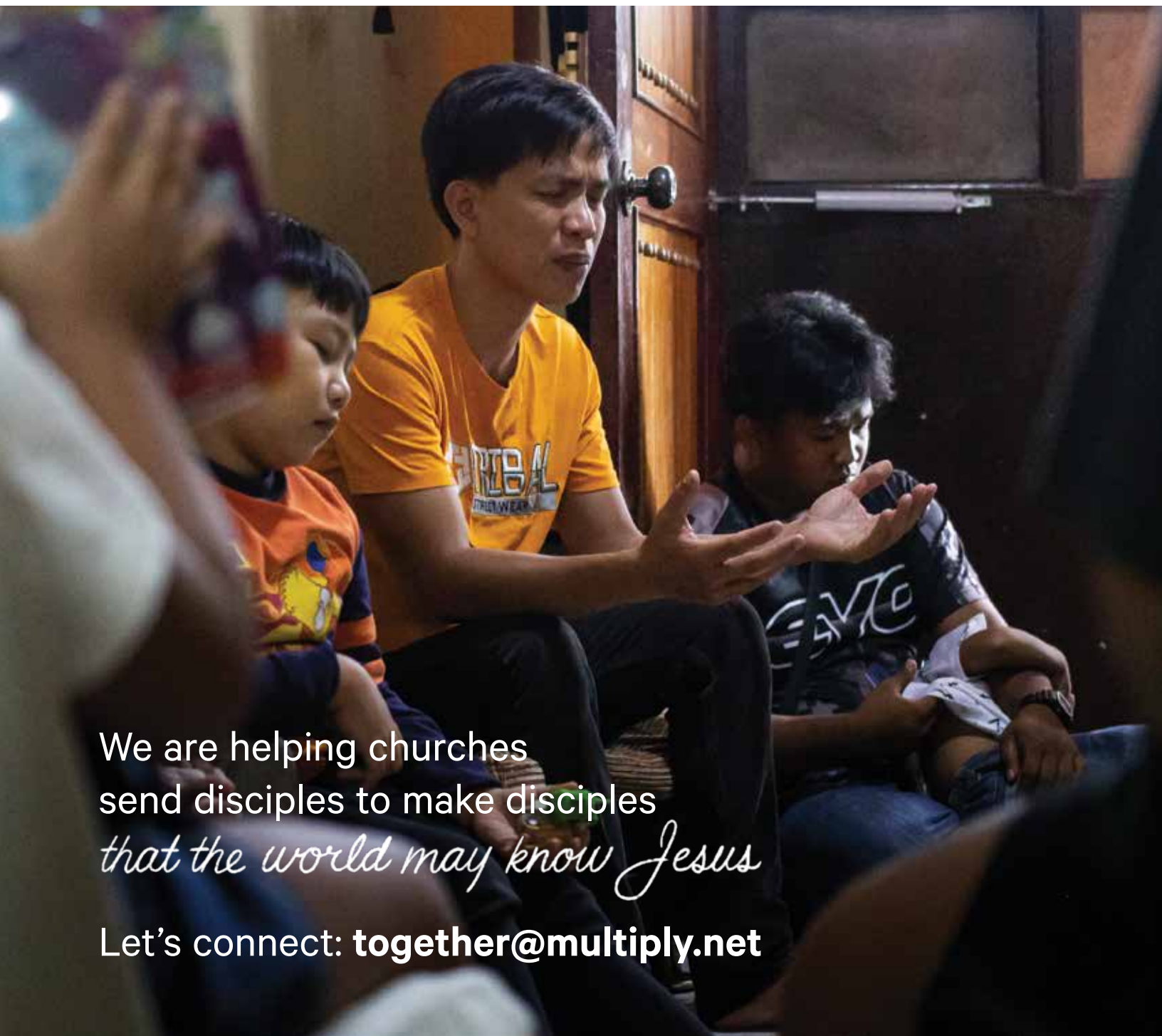
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