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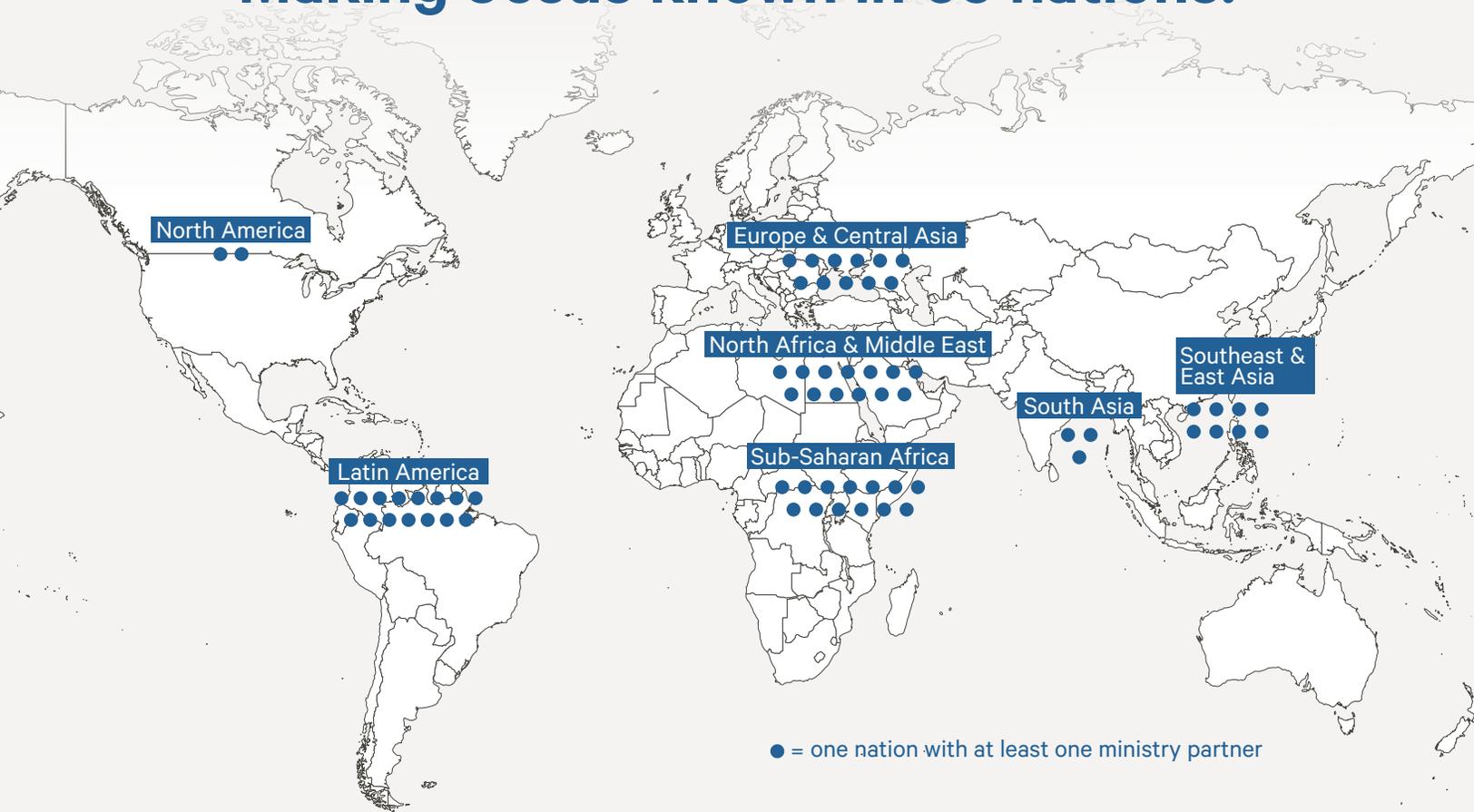
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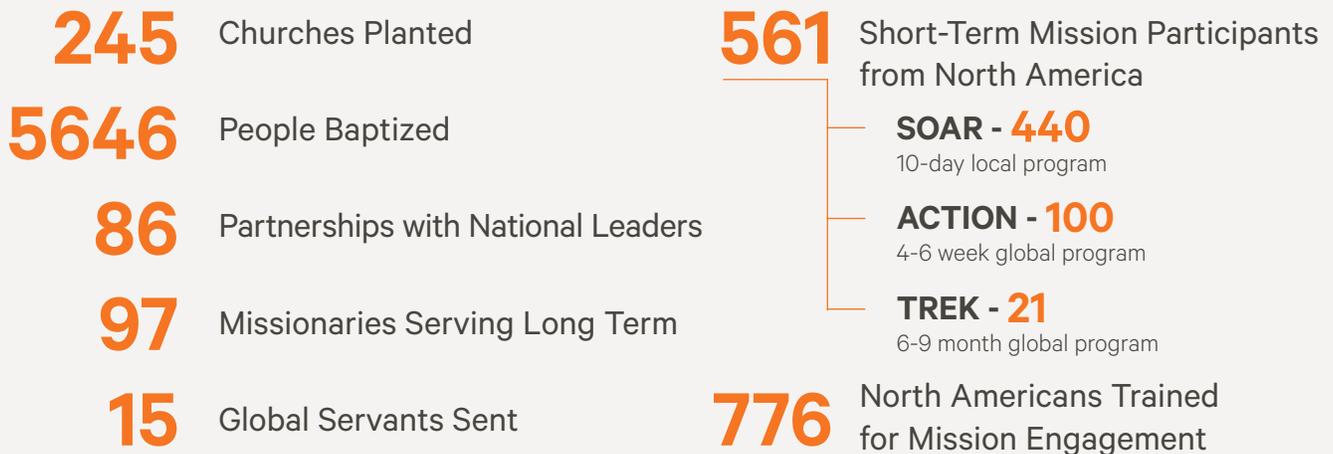
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Making Jesus known in 65 nations!



Let's Celebrate Our Shared Impact

Working together in 2019, we saw...



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Together that the world may know

On behalf of our mission workers, staff and the Multiply Board, I want to thank you for your support in prayer, giving and sending this past year. 2019 was a year of significant change for us. We released our North American church-planting network C2C, restoring MB church planting back to our regional conferences. In the process, we strengthened our focus on fostering global mission partnerships through MB churches. It was also a year in which we more fully embraced the name Multiply as God's invitation for all of us to be more fruitful both here and around the world.

For the past 120 years, MB churches have been investing in mission and working together to share the Good News of Christ in word and deed. Today there are many more MB churches outside of North America than there are here, and some of those are a part of church-planting movements that we are learning from through partnership. In this new chapter, where we are supporting and walking alongside the global church, we have many opportunities to be mutually strengthened.

In this report, we want to encourage you with the ways that together we are experiencing fruitfulness and multiplication. This look back provides an opportunity not only to give glory to God, but also to be accountable to you. As you read, please join us in praying for the various people and projects listed in this report, and visit our website (multiply.net) for many more stories, videos and opportunities to get involved.

We appreciate your partnership in mission,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Friesen'.

Randy Friesen
President



Southeast & East Asia

Ministry Highlights

1. In Myanmar, hundreds of new believers were baptized and 12 churches were planted this past year. Business ventures have started to make this sustainable, including coffee production, with roasting and distribution in Canada.
2. Several hundred new leaders were trained in non-formal and formal settings in the Mekong region, resulting in dozens of new churches planted and thousands of new believers baptized. The work is expanding into unreached villages, districts, and nearby countries.
3. Our missionaries are aligning themselves more alongside national leaders, resulting in greater clarity of assignment, increased fruitfulness and healthier connections with our partnering North American churches.



“Over 3,000 new believers were added to the church

in the month of December through outreach events held in numerous locations. Also in December over 250 people were baptized and at least 8 new house churches were started! We are so blessed to be a part of what God is doing here.”

Bob Davis

REGIONAL LEADER



152 Churches Planted



3661 People Baptized



29 North American Workers



12 Partnerships with National Leaders

Pastor Isaiah in Myanmar

Over the past several years, a church leader from Myanmar, named Pastor Isaiah, has become a key partner for Multiply in Southeast Asia.

On a recent ministry trip in Myanmar, Pastor Isaiah was driving into a city where he was conducting a baptism service with the local church planting team. When they arrived, he turned to one of our long-term workers with Multiply and said, "I'm a little bit nervous about our baptism today. I don't know what to do. Our new believers are afraid to be baptized."

During the previous month in the city, a group of new believers had been attacked and severely beaten by another religious group. It was reported that neighbors had seen the new believers being baptized, and had organized the attack. Since then, a group of men had begun to gather in the place where the same believers met on Sunday mornings. The men would drink alcohol and disrupt the meetings, banging on the walls and shouting, "Stop singing!"

In view of all this, the team was cautious. Pastor Isaiah began to pray about the baptism service that was being planned. He wondered if it was safe to proceed.

Still unsure, the team nevertheless went ahead and spent the afternoon together with all of the new believers, teaching them from the Scriptures and singing together in preparation for the baptism.

It was typhoon season. Just as they were ready to proceed with the baptism, the storm grew stronger and they hesitated. They decided to wait for the rains to subside, but the longer they waited the heavier the rains became. They wondered if they should cancel the service.

As they waited and prayed, suddenly they began to think that God was perhaps presenting them with an opportunity. They realized that no one – no one – would be outside on a day like that! Then they smiled at God's good plan and announced, "Let's go to the river!"

Together with the new believers, they laughed as they stumbled down the steep, slippery mud path to the river. Although it seemed crazy to them to be going out in the middle of a typhoon, everyone was happy and praising God. They felt fearless and bold, experiencing the love of God and the strength and courage of the Holy Spirit. There was so much joy!

There in the river that day, with God as their witness, they sang and prayed and read the Word of God together. Then they professed their love and devotion to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by baptizing the new believers in blinding typhoon rains and amid the swirling, muddy waters of a turbulent river. It was a beautiful day for a baptism.



New disciples brave typhoon rains for a baptism



“Two new church plants in Germany inspire us to

pray and contend for two more this year. The same goes for Lithuania and our Central Asian countries. Our roadmap, as a church and as a mission, is drawn by faith, which is a gift from God!”

Johann Matthies
REGIONAL LEADER



Europe & Central Asia

Ministry Highlights

1. In Europe we're seeing our conferences begin planting pioneer churches in Austria, Germany and Lithuania.
2. Our work in Central Asia grew by two church plants this year, and we received our first new believer in a remote mountainous region we cannot name.
3. Lithuania and Central Asia sent their first TREK participants, and Europe sent mission teams out to 5 nations.
4. In a number of contexts the role of our mission shifts from initiating to bridging. The impact of a few people is multiplied by the gifts and the collaboration of many.



6 Churches Planted



76 People Baptized



30 North American Workers



12 Partnerships with National Leaders

Lena in Ukraine

In Ukraine, Multiply works closely with the New Hope Center where people like Lena are truly finding new hope in Jesus Christ and a new family in the church.

Lena grew up in a poor family in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. As a young woman, she had dreams of becoming a teacher and eventually having a family of her own, but she ended up turning to alcohol and partying to find meaning in life. After a broken marriage that left her as a single mother, Lena began to feel mentally unstable and spiritually oppressed. She would hear voices and footsteps in her home. She would often not be able to sleep because of her fear. Yet in the midst of her oppression, she asked herself, “If these demons are real, could God be real too?”

She began to search for God by visiting fortune-tellers. But she quickly learned that they were unable to give her what she needed to be free. So she went to an Orthodox priest and explained her situation, but he refused to help. Lena did not know where to turn. Her friends at the factory discouraged her from going to church and invited her to drink her fears and problems away.

“Eventually, I lost hope,” said Lena, “so I decided to kill myself. I just couldn’t handle the oppression anymore, and I thought it was better to die than to live without love.” She wrote a letter to her mom and her daughter and went to jump off a bridge. On the way, she heard voices in her head. One voice said, “Do it! Kill yourself!” Another said, “You don’t

have to. You have a family.” Somehow, she knew the second voice was God, and she couldn’t disobey him, even if she barely knew him.

Not long after that, a co-worker gave Lena a Bible and invited her to church. Very quickly, things began to change. As she began to understand God’s character, her outlook on life was transformed. Although she continued to face many challenges, Lena felt God’s presence in her life and received his comfort. Lena’s church family became a caring environment for her and her daughter to grow in their faith.

Through the church, Lena heard about a job opportunity as an accountant at the New Hope Center, a thriving ministry among orphans and youth at risk. She was thrilled to join their team. “I thank God every day for my work and for my new community,” Lena said.

In addition to her new job, Lena has also begun to gather believers together in her neighborhood in an effort to start a new church. Despite setbacks in her life, she is giving herself wholeheartedly to God and living on mission. As a single mother, she has also begun to care for three other single mothers in her community. She serves them with kindness and generosity, and she challenges them to cling to their faith in God and to make him their first love.



“I thank God every day for my work and for my new community,”



Latin America

Ministry Highlights

1. Our existing conferences have been inspired by the book we gave them at our leaders gathering: Essential Anabaptist Principles. In Peru, our missionaries followed up with a seminar, and there are now dozens of stories of revival there, including a new church plant.
2. Many new groups are joining our MB family, including 3 churches among indigenous people of southern Brazil, 17 church plants in northern Uruguay and 3 churches we planted in Central Bolivia.
3. Brazil has been working in poverty-stricken Guinea Bissau, operating 44 Christian schools for 8,000 children. After 7 years, the first churches are appearing, 5 in the capital and 2 outside, all of them self-supporting.



“Here in Brazil the Latinos have passion and the

Germans have structure; when fire and logic come together, good things happen! My goal is to help develop mature, self-sustaining and dynamic conferences throughout Latin America.”

Emerson Cardoso
REGIONAL LEADER



15 Churches Planted



78 People Baptized



14 North American Workers



21 Partnerships with National Leaders

The Browns in Panama

Tony and Sarah Brown are in their second term as Multiply missionaries in Panama. They work in close partnership with MB churches in Panama that are established among an indigenous people group called the Wounaan.

Not long ago, Sarah and Tony were preparing to travel to a remote Wounaan village to visit one of their partner churches. Despite concerted effort during their first term, they were both still feeling inadequate in their grasp of the language and culture of this people group. However, they felt strongly motivated to push through the communication barrier for the sake of these people that they had come to love.

Before they left home, Tony worked on preparing a message to share with the church while Sarah baked chocolate muffins to give to one of her new friends in the village. Tony asked two of his Wounaan friends, Ezequiel and Aristarco, to help him develop his sermon in the Book of Ephesians. Together, they talked about the Scriptures, what they would mean to the Wounaan and how to apply them to specific real-life situations faced by this people group. Which analogies would be helpful? Which would simply confuse them?

The next day the Browns arrived at the village and found the people there eager and excited to receive them. Seeing their faces, Sarah recalled something that their teammate Einer Zuluaga had once said: “The Wounaan are hungry, like people ready to eat, forks in hand, eager to dig in, to the Word, and to you!” Tony and Sarah saw that hunger and felt the same.

While Tony got ready to speak, Sarah went to the hut where her friend Beatrice lived and gave her the chocolate muffins. As she handed her gift over, Sarah saw the eagerness that Einer had spoken of, there in the woman’s eyes: a desire to dig into the muffins, and into friendship. Later, as Tony was speaking, they saw that the listeners also had a keen appetite. The Wounaan wanted to understand, as much as Tony himself wanted to be understood. Church leaders were quick to contribute when he struggled to find the right words in Spanish. Volunteers stood to translate various parts of the teaching into their indigenous languages, and there was an extensive question and answer time afterward. The Brown’s hunger to know this people group was met with an equal hunger on the part of the Wounaan.

This kind of mutuality is essential for healthy mission partnerships.



“The Wounaan are hungry, like people ready to eat, forks in hand...”



Middle East & North Africa

Ministry Highlights

1. Our social media reach has grown from 60,000 followers to over 200,000, including a four-fold increase in our Facebook TV followers and our radio ministry to Muslims growing from 5,000 to over 25,000.
2. A significant strategic shift re-focused us on helping Egyptian believers make disciples of their neighbors. Planning for the first 20/80 Mission School in January is complete.
3. We've added a former Muslim from Saudi Arabia to our leadership team, who is discipling people coming out of Islam in several nations.

“Following Jesus comes at great personal cost for new believers in this region. But discipling these believers brings renewal; it is resulting in multiple salvations every day!”

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23 Churches Planted



20 People Baptized



4 North American Workers



23 Partnerships with National Leaders

Ibrahim in North Africa

Much of Multiply's ministry in the Middle East and North Africa is subject to restricted communication, and yet we have many fruitful partnerships with local ministries and church planting networks. The following story is evidence of both the power of the Gospel and the challenges of serving in this region. As usual, names have been changed for privacy and security reasons.

Ibrahim grew up as a devout Muslim in North Africa. He was very serious about the apologetics of his faith. His reputation as a scholar led him to be invited to teach on a weekly basis at the mosque, and he spent considerable time in research, study and preparation for each opportunity to speak.

One week, it fell on him to teach about the Prophet Issa. Ibrahim knew that Issa was a controversial figure, so he was keen to research his subject thoroughly.

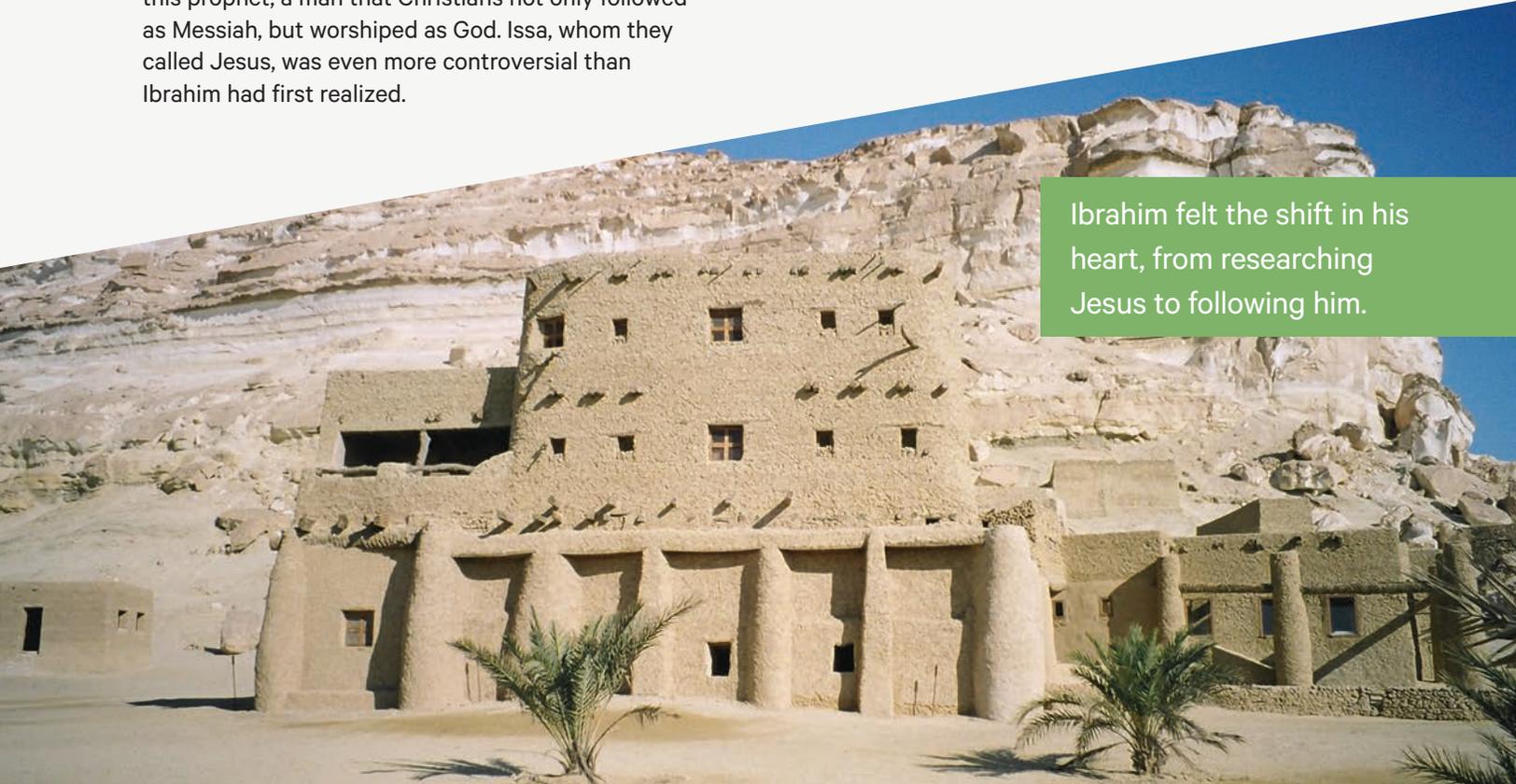
As he searched for resources, Ibrahim was dismayed by how little was written about this prophet by other Muslims. He decided to look beyond the books that were available to him, and began to read books written by the followers of Issa: the Christians. Ibrahim was amazed as he read about this prophet, a man that Christians not only followed as Messiah, but worshiped as God. Issa, whom they called Jesus, was even more controversial than Ibrahim had first realized.

He read many, many books, and had more and more questions. When Ibrahim decided to watch a Christian satellite TV broadcast available in his region, he knew he was crossing a line, but he quickly justified it as doing due diligence as an academic. So, when he saw that the program had an option to call in, he dialed the number ready for a debate. Instead, he found himself drawn into conversations not only about faith, but about his own life. The people he spoke with invited him to continue these conversations, and Ibrahim called back repeatedly. It was all in the name of research. At least, at first.

In time, Ibrahim felt the shift in his heart. He was moving from researching Jesus to following him. It became clear that this prophet was so much more than a prophet, and so Ibrahim decided to declare that Issa had become his Lord and Savior.

The response from his Muslim community was hostile. Yet even in the face of death threats, Ibrahim stood his ground. Others noticed his unusual courage, including his own son, who also decided to become a follower of Jesus and was promptly sent to prison, to suffer for his faith.

Despite the opposition, Ibrahim has no regrets, but holds fast to his integrity and to his decision. When challenged, he simply invites others to do their research and to see for themselves.



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South Asia

Ministry Highlights

1. The network in the north grew to 47 church planters working across 12 states and in 2 neighboring countries. Almost 300 church leaders attended 5 regional training events.
2. An emerging network of key leaders reaching out to Muslims met for the first time this year. There is a new focus on working together in partnership.
3. A new initiative began in June in a prominent South Asian city, which involves two outreach centers building relationships in areas where there is no Christian presence. Three new fellowships have been started in the last six months.

“It is God who gives the vision, and a heart of compassion to see what is before us. Our part is to surrender to him, and to walk so intimately that we hear his voice whisper, ‘This is the next step.’ We come as empty vessels, with a listening heart.”

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39 Churches Planted



188 People Baptized



6 North American Workers



9 Partnerships with National Leaders

Gordon & Ali in India

For more than thirty years, Gordon and Gwen Nickel have served with Multiply in South Asia in partnership with the Conference of MB Churches in India. Their ministry has been focused on patiently and lovingly helping Muslim seekers find Jesus. Several years ago, Gordon completed an important book called *The Gentle Answer* that engaged many of the classic claims against the Gospel that Muslims in India have held onto for the past 150 years. He wrote the book at the persistent urging of his Indian co-worker and friend, Ali, a gifted apologist and himself a former Muslim who found Jesus. Through this book project, Ali was given an opportunity to debate a prominent Muslim cleric named Shabir. These two held many public and private debates over a period of four years. They both spoke passionately about their beliefs in the identity of Jesus Christ: for Shabir, a mere prophet, and for Ali, the Son of God. Finally, after years of debating, the two met for a conversation that lasted eighteen hours, after which Shabir confessed Jesus as Lord of his life. Since then, Shabir has gone on to lead hundreds of Muslims to Jesus and has planted numerous *jammats*, which are gatherings of Christ followers that are culturally friendly to those coming out of Islam.

Today in India, there are many former Muslims who are now following Jesus and integrally involved with the multiplying impact of the Gospel. Many of these

young leaders are the fruit of the perseverance of faithful workers like Gordon and Gwen, Ali and Shabir.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

This past year, Gordon and Gwen retired, but their legacy will certainly live on! In fact, through their ministry, there are hundreds of new Christ followers in South Asia who are being equipped to “give a reason for the hope that they have” and they are being trained to give it “with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15). The friendship between Ali and Shabir reminds us that it often takes perseverance in our Gospel witness for there to be fruit. Today’s debate opponents could become tomorrow’s disciples if we too are willing to persevere in love with those with whom we are sharing the Gospel.



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Sub-Saharan Africa

Ministry Highlights

1. The Karubabi Harvest School in Burundi is bringing together different ethnic groups that wouldn't normally associate with one another. The prayers and acts of kindness are leading people to Christ.
2. K & D recently finished 3 months of orientation in Burundi. Now they are settling into West Africa, where we are partnering with a significant church-planting movement.
3. Our annual summit of African leaders was a highlight of the year. It was a powerful time of prayer, inner healing, equipping for the mission, unity and contending together for the things of God.



“The church in Africa is deepening as

God raises up leaders with a passion for Jesus and a vision for their people. We see a new generation with a desire for peace, for unity and for the wholeness of the Kingdom.”

Doug Hiebert
REGIONAL LEADER



23 Churches Planted



1738 People Baptized



6 North American Workers



6 Partnerships with National Leaders

Onesphore & Doug in Burundi

One of Multiply's key partners in Sub-Saharan Africa is a ministry called Harvest for Christ, which was started in Burundi by a man named Onesphore Manirakiza.

Doug Hiebert, long-term worker with Multiply in Burundi, has known Onesphore since 2004 when the two leaders quickly became friends. Although the two men had many differences, representing two continents and two organizations, they shared a passion for Jesus and a belief that the Gospel could bring positive change to Africa.

Early on in their partnership, Doug saw something unique in Onesphore's leadership. He was committed to investing in younger leaders, a strategy that was rare among many African church leaders. He was also committed to taking risks of faith and taking every opportunity to learn.

Doug was reminded of the turning point in Onesphore's ministry, when the governor of a certain province imprisoned some of Harvest's young evangelists. The governor explained to Onesphore that the evangelists were disturbing his people by taking them away from the work they needed to do. The governor said that if the Harvest workers were doing something practical to visibly make a difference in the people's lives, then he would be happy to have them in his province.

Onesphore took the governor's words to heart and developed a whole new model for Harvest's ministry, which featured meeting the basic needs of the people, like healthcare, education and housing. Doug was thrilled to support Onesphore's vision for a ministry that would contend for the manifestation of the

kingdom in the lives of the poor. "The next thing we knew," Doug said, "the governor was offering Harvest a sizable piece of land on which to develop their initiatives among the Batwa, the poorest and most marginalized people group in Burundi."

Today, the ministry is thriving and God is changing lives among the Batwa. In addition to a medical clinic on the property, there is a school, which is considered to be the best in the province. The community is being transformed: people are studying the Bible, students are learning to dream, and health care and living conditions have improved dramatically.

For Doug and Onesphore, it was a glimpse of the fruit of healthy partnership. "It became clear to me," Doug said, "that my role as a foreigner was to encourage and affirm Onesphore's vision, to help give some shape to it, then to show our commitment through supporting the ministry financially and sending teams to help when possible."

In order to broaden the base for partnership, Doug also introduced Onesphore to his home church in Ontario, Canada—Cornerstone Community (MB). The local church was eager to get behind Onesphore's vision to see Burundi transformed by the Gospel, so they began partnering with Harvest and their ministry among the Batwa.

Both Doug and Onesphore have been blessed by the richness of this partnership between Multiply and Harvest for Christ. It's a partnership model that emphasizes giving and receiving for both parties.

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From Pioneers to Partnerships

The Global Church is on a mission – God’s mission, *that the world may know Jesus.*

Multiply has been involved in sending pioneering missionaries among the least reached for over 100 years. Many of these global workers have formed rich and lasting friendships with both their sending churches and emerging churches among the people that they serve. When these friendships have led to the formation of healthy partnerships, their fruitfulness in mission has greatly multiplied.

As true as that is, churches around the world don’t always work well together. Perhaps you have experienced how our differences can keep us separated – different languages, different cultures, different traditions and even the physical distance between us.

Yet God is calling us to overcome our differences and to become one in Christ so that the world around us will take note and actually come to know Jesus through us. You have a key part to play in that mission!

Jesus prayed for us, “...that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them.”

John 17:23

As we have seen the multiplied impact of these partnerships, we have been increasing our focus on facilitating church partnerships all over the world. As this report can attest, we are better together and we accomplish more together.

Yet partnerships are like friendships, they take time. They require openness, humility and trust. True partnerships have mutuality and respect at the core of their relationship. It has taken a lot of hard work for some of our churches to forge healthy mission partnerships and yet we believe the truth of the African Proverb which says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Church partnerships are worth our effort – for the sake of our identity as the Bride of Christ, and for the sake of our role as the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Churches worldwide have a lot to offer each other:



As we learn from one another and embrace interdependence, we will grow in maturity and fruitfulness.

At Multiply, we love the Global Church and we are devoted to bringing different parts of the Body together for mutual learning and increased mission effectiveness. We are captivated by a vision of churches from all around the world working together on a common mission: **together that the world may know Jesus.**

Short-Term Mission: Long-Term Impact

One of Multiply's Short-Term Mission Apprentices, Becky Spahr, from Kansas, recently did an interview with long-term missionary in Thailand, Rebecca Hiebert. The topic was the effectiveness of short-term teams.

Becky: Why do you enjoy hosting short-term teams?

Rebecca: Our team at Hope Center in Chachoengsao has had the privilege of working with some fabulous teams that came prepared to serve. Many of these teams were very intentional about sharing the Gospel and they were eager to try new things. They focused on building relationships in the community, not just with each other. When these kinds of teams come to serve with us, they inspire us.

Becky: What kind of impact do short-term teams have on your ministry?

Rebecca: These teams create excitement. Knowing we have extra people coming to serve alongside us gives us extra energy as we plan community outreaches. Whenever a group of foreigners is around, more local people come to see what is going on. This provides us with opportunities to share the Gospel with new people. It also enables us to do some things that we couldn't do alone. Sometimes we are able to put on English camps at local schools or in government offices. As we meet the felt needs of the community, we gain favor and influence among the people.

Becky: What does it mean for Thai believers to have teams come?

Rebecca: Local believers always enjoy serving together with visiting teams. Relationships grow deeper and become mutually encouraging as they practice partnership. Rather than always having the Thai team be on the receiving end, they are able to give back by helping to host, building relationships, and genuinely caring for the team and praying for them. When teams come back, they are adopted in as part of the family. We have had an incredible relationship with some churches in North America that send a short-term team each year. Returning teams provide a sense of continuity and accountability.

Becky: What advice would you give to future short-term mission participants?

Rebecca: The most important preparation is spiritual – to spend time with Jesus. People growing in their relationship with God are the best short-term mission participants. Walk in obedience to him and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Your relationship with Jesus affects your relationships with others. The way you interact with one another is important, and how you serve one another has the potential to make a big impact. Come in a spirit of unity as a team, because that points people to Jesus more than anything. Prepare yourselves to pay attention to what God is saying and walk in obedience. Do your best to serve in love, forgive quickly, build relationships, and courageously share your faith. And pray lots — because prayer changes things.



Rebecca (with tray) and Becky (with basket) serving together in Thailand.



Ministry Highlights

776 North Americans missionally trained

With your help, more people in more churches are learning how to live on mission wherever God calls them to be. These 776 people participated in a variety of missional training, equipping and resourcing opportunities across North America. We have been encouraged to see so many embrace their role in global mission by understanding their gifts, expanding their capacity, and responding to God's call to pray, give, and go.



North America

In the USA and Canada, our focus has been on helping churches develop healthy, cross-cultural partnerships and on helping equip their young leaders for a lifetime of mission. We praise God for the fruit we have seen emerging from these challenging yet beautiful partnerships and for how he continues to transform lives around the world and in North America.

440 SOAR Participants

10-day local program

100 ACTION Participants

4-6 week global program

21 TREK Participants

6-9 month global program

The lives of these 561 young adults will never be the same! In partnership with local churches, these short-term mission programs have focused on discipleship, preparing participants to engage in mission locally and globally. We are excited for what God has done, and what he will do through these amazing men and women!

97 North American missionaries on long-term assignments in 2019

15 Global Servants - serving up to 1 year

All of these workers have been focused on multiplying disciples and missional leaders wherever God has called them. They have also been key in helping our national leaders build healthy partnerships with North American churches. Thank you for faithfully supporting them.

198 of 448 MB Churches in North America involved in global mission through Multiply

Church-to-church partnerships grow and deepen through an intentional investment in relationship. Many of you have learned that this takes time, energy and commitment from both parties. Healthy partnerships have led to greatly increased effectiveness in mission. We are honoured to serve each church that chooses to invest in these partnerships.

Equipping young
leaders for a lifetime
of mission



As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; **multiply** on the earth and increase upon it. (Genesis 9:7) • And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47) • And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples **multiplied** in Jerusalem greatly. (Acts 6:7) • I will surely bless you, and I will surely **multiply** your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

(Genesis 22:17) • I am God Almighty: be fruitful and **multiply**.

(Genesis 35:11) • All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go 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 all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20) • May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and **multiply** you, so that you may become a company of peoples. (Genesis 28:3) Be fruitful and **multiply**. (Genesis 1:28) • So the churches were

strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. (Acts 16:5) • I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. (John 15:16) • Behold, I will make you fruitful and **multiply** you; I will make you a multitude of peoples. (Genesis 48:4) • The LORD your God has **multiplied** you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. (Deuteronomy

1:10) • Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

(Mark 16:15) • This is what the Lord GOD says: I will respond to the house of Israel and do this for them:

I will **multiply** them in number like a flock.

(Ezekiel 36:37) • And more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. (Acts 5:14) • 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. (Revelation 7:9)



Be fruitful
and **multiply**

Why the Name, *Multiply*?

“Be fruitful and multiply” was God’s first command to humankind in the Bible, and multiplication continues as a prominent theme throughout the Scriptures. With the coming of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, this mandate takes on a deeper significance. The Church is now empowered to bear fruit and multiply globally in unprecedented ways for the glory of God. As followers of Jesus, we are all engaged in that mission—we are all called to *multiply*.

Over our 100-plus-year history as the global mission agency of MB churches in North America, we have carried various names. These have included names like the Committee for Gentile Missions and the American MB Mission Union. Perhaps the name with the longest history and recognition value over the past generation was the Board of Missions and Services (BOMAS), which was adopted in 1966. More recent names have included MBMS International and MB Mission. Now we have entered another new season: Multiply.

Regardless of our name, we have always represented the MB churches of North America.

Multiply is a verb. As our current name, it calls us forward into active involvement in mission. It is consistent with the empowering understanding of the priesthood of all believers, where all followers of Jesus are called to live on mission. It connects us to the story of the Early Church when the mission of the first followers of Jesus was at the core of their identity.

The name Multiply is also more acceptable from a security standpoint in restricted contexts where the word “mission” can be problematic. As well, the move away from MB in name is consistent with the choices, for missional reasons, that many MB churches across North America are making in regard to their names. By referring to ourselves as a ministry of MB churches, we will retain Multiply as our shared mission strategy. Let’s be fruitful and multiply together.



Board of Directors

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



Brent Warkentin - Chair - Brent is the pastor of First MB Church in Wichita, KS – our largest MB church in the Midwest. Brent grew up on the mission field, in Asia, and is a gifted communicator and leader. He has served on our board since 2004.



Allan Dickens - Assistant Chair – Allan grew up on the mission field, in Africa. He is a dentist, local church elder, and gifted lay leader who has served on the Multiply Board since 2012.



Archie Eutsler - Finance and Audit Committee Chair - Archie is a trained CMA and MBA who has contributed his financial planning skills to the Finance and Audit Committee of our board. He served as Finance Manager with a large airline manufacturer, and is recently retired. Archie also served on the Stewardship Commission for the USMB Southern District Conference for 8 years. Archie has been on the Multiply Board since 2016.



Shirley Falk – Shirley served for 20 years as a Multiply missionary in Spain and Peru, and currently serves with international university students alongside her husband Gerald in Saskatoon, SK. She has been on the Multiply Board since 2016.



Jeff Gowling – Jeff is the Lead Pastor at The Bridge Bible Church in Bakersfield, CA, the largest Pacific District MB church. In addition to being a gifted communicator and leader, Jeff loves strategic planning. Jeff has served on the Multiply Board since 2014.



Ed Heinrichs – Ed has served as a pastor, spiritual life director, and camp director. He is a gifted leader and strategic thinker who has served on the Multiply Board since 2012.



Kimberlee Jost – Kimberlee shares her spiritual gifts of intercession and relational health as a Multiply Board member. She is a member of Ebenfeld MB Church in Hillsboro, KS. Kimberlee previously served with MCC in Paraguay, and owned her own business for 16 years. She and her husband Bruce live with their two daughters in Hillsboro, KS. She has served on the Multiply Board since 2016.



David MacLean – David is a leadership and business consultant and coach who equips leaders to be more effective in the marketplace. He is a gifted communicator, strategic thinker and advocate for the whole church to live on mission. David has served on our board since 2018.



Ruth Schale – Ruth grew up on the mission field, in Zimbabwe. Her training as a medical doctor and attention to detail and process is a gift to the Multiply Board. She has served on the Multiply Board since 2008.

Financial Overview

Fiscal Year: June 2018 - May 2019

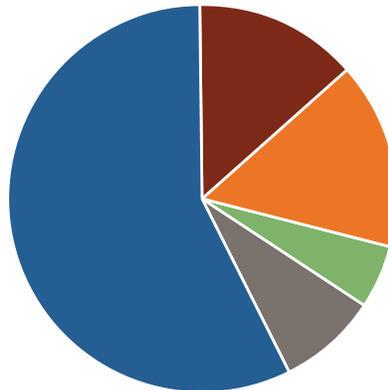
Global Ministry

Revenue: \$10,541,270 USD

Expenses: \$10,839,529 USD

Cross-Cultural Mission | 57%

- Southeast & East Asia 22%
- Europe & Central Asia 13%
- Latin America 8%
- Middle East & North Africa 3%
- South Asia 3%
- Sub-Saharan Africa 4%
- Worldwide Initiatives 4%



Short-Term Mission Programs | 14%

(based in North America)

Partnership Services | 16%

(Mobilization & Communication)

Missionary Care | 5%

(Training & Team Health)

Administration | 8%

(Finance, IT, Legal & Governance)

North American Church Planting Ministry* (not included in Global Ministry numbers above)

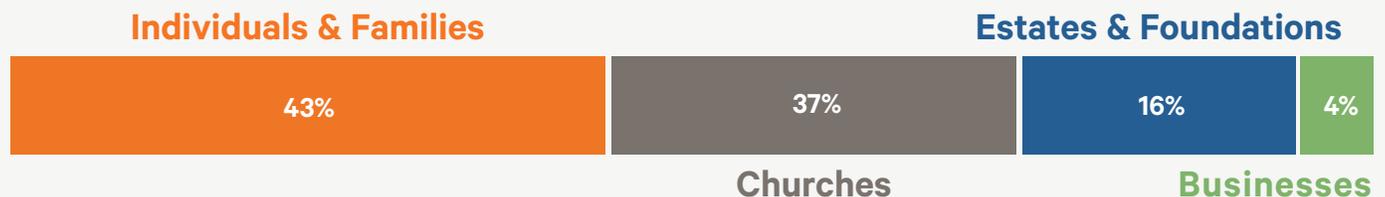
Revenue: \$1,852,742 USD

Expense: \$3,109,625 USD



*North American Church Planting is shown separately as this area of ministry was released by Multiply in 2019 to continue independently as C2C collective.

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