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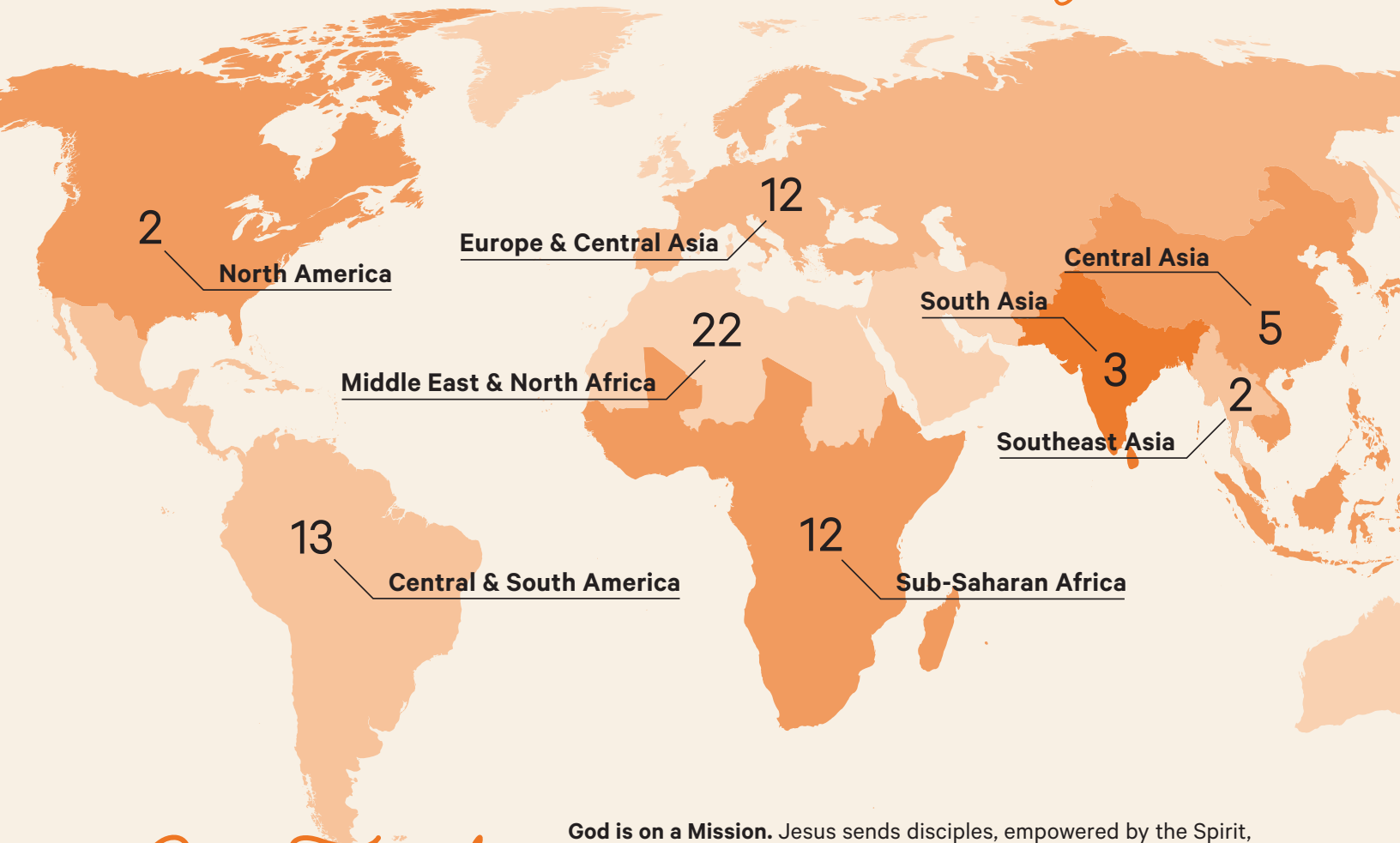
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# GLOBAL MISSION REPORT



*Celebrating  
2024*

Nations where regional teams are sharing *Jesus*



## *Our Family* ON MISSION IN 2024

**God is on a Mission.** Jesus sends disciples, empowered by the Spirit, on God's mission to love, reconcile, and transform people of all nations.

**Joining God's Mission.** Together, we send disciples to make disciples who make disciples, that the world may know Jesus.

There are still thousands of **people groups lost without Jesus**. In each of the regions we serve, our network supports teams that are dedicated to loving specific groups of people. This year, 297 MB churches partnered with Multiply in at least one of our three mission strategies.

### 1 SENDING OUT MISSIONARIES

In 2024, **79 long-term workers**, sent from North America, served on teams around the world.



### 2 PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

In 2024, we continued to encourage nationals in **71 nations**, walking closely with them and connecting them with those in North America who pray, give, and send missionaries where needed.



### 3 HELPING DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

In 2024, **819 everyday disciples** participated in **15 Mission Training Programs** based in North America, and thousands more in our global network participated in similar training worldwide.

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## Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

As we look back on 2024, we stand in awe of what God has done around the world through your faithful prayers, generous support, and unwavering commitment to His mission. From new church plants in remote regions to the empowerment of local leaders, this year has been a testimony of God's faithfulness and His unstoppable work across the globe. Your partnership in prayer, giving, and serving has a profound impact on every person we serve, every life transformed, and every community reached. We are deeply grateful for the role you have played in these life-changing endeavors.

This year's report shares highlights of what God is doing in each region of the world as we send missionaries, partner with nationals, and help everyday disciples multiply. You'll also find several articles that explore current developments in mission such as **"The Changing Landscape of Global Mission"** and how we can respond together. We'll also dive into the importance of **"Empowering Local Vision"**, as the role of North America continues to change to better reflect our value of partnering in mutuality. Finally, we'll reflect on **"A Rich Ecosystem of Discipleship"**, examining how disciple-making is a primary and uniting focus for the whole church everywhere.

Together, we are joining in a global movement of God that is bearing lasting kingdom fruit. Thank you for your faithful engagement in this journey. Your support not only transforms lives but also builds up the body of Christ worldwide.

We invite you to read on and celebrate the incredible work God has done through this past year.

With deep gratitude and anticipation for what's to come,



**Bruce Enns**

GENERAL DIRECTOR

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# SOUTHEAST ASIA



“This last year, our team of global workers invested time asking our Myanmar and Thai pastors and interns, ‘Can the disciples that you train, train others immediately?’ When Pastor Ozz told me recently that he taught Missional Leadership Training (MLT) to a cluster of churches in the Isaan region and then they went out to teach MLT to their house churches, I knew that our new discipleship training methods were beginning to pass the test of reproducibility. Another highlight for me this year was empowering local churches to run their own discipleship training. This was the first year that many local pastors were able to overcome the “old mission mindset” that someone else was going to train a new pastor for them. In a nation where 98% of the main people group is Buddhist, churches tend to stay small and not multiply. Now, because of Disciple Making Movement training, everything has changed! This year our local churches in Thailand and Myanmar trained so many new leaders who went out and started new discipleship groups, that we “hit the ceiling” on our organizational systems. What a great problem to have! Now we are focusing our attention on training national leaders who will administratively support, equip and strengthen the new house churches.

~ LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

## 1

WE CELEBRATE

### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**Jeremy and Adrienne Penner:** It’s an exciting season! Or, is it terrifying? I’m not sure! When the church is on mission with Jesus, every day is an adventure, and our best contribution right now is to help make that happen. Making our discipleship reproducible, asking everyone to relay it to a friend or a coworker, inviting people to think of how they can use their gifts in the mission of God. The other day, I broke it down for some of our leaders in Mae Sot: there are about twelve million Myanmar people in Thailand, and our house churches consist of approximately thirty people, so to reach all of the Myanmar people in Thailand we need 400,000 discipleship groups! When they realized that old models and traditional ways of doing church won’t allow us to reach the lost, the lightbulb went on for them! If Jesus’s heart is to seek and save the lost, then how do we partner in that vision? It’s wonderful to work with teams that are saying “yes” to partnering with Jesus in his mission to reconcile the world to himself.

**Sara and Ozz:** This past year, we learned a simple new model for teaching our disciples how to make disciples. When extreme flooding happened in Chiang Mai last month, our house church offered to clean people’s houses in the village for free. Our Buddhist neighbors were very touched by this love and kindness. One day we met two alcoholics sitting in their flooded house. A new believer in our house church whom Jesus had delivered from alcoholism, shared the Gospel and his testimony. These men had witnessed Uncle Daeng’s transformation from addiction to sobriety. That very day the men repented of their sin and cried out to Jesus for their deliverance from alcoholism. After the training, Pastor Ozz and Uncle Daeng knew not to invite the men to church. Instead, they offered to go to the men’s homes each week and teach them how to follow Jesus. Now these men are learning to walk with Jesus and being delivered from addiction.

**Cecil and Tracy Ramos:** Recently, I asked Cecil, “After many years of prayer and sowing Gospel seeds in Phan Thong, a Buddhist city with no church, how does it feel to see ten Buddhists come to Christ and be baptized in one weekend!” He replied, “I feel so thrilled!!! I feel hopeful because our national leaders are leading the church and working together with our global family. Now the Gospel is being unleashed here in Southeast Asia! It’s such an honor to have a front row seat of the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.”

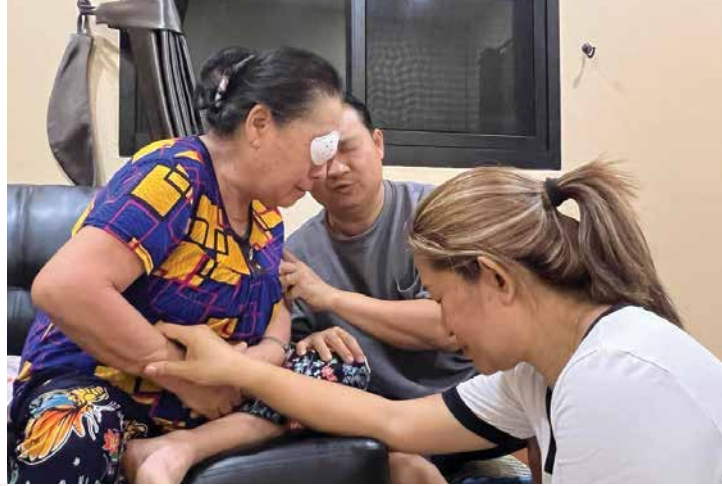


# 2

WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**Naomi House:** In Thailand, the Lord is using Siriwan and her Naomi House team to disciple and teach the Bible to young offenders at the juvenile detention centre. Praise God, Naomi House has been identified by the government as the primary probational release placement facility in northern Thailand for women, opening doors for greater kingdom impact in the community.



### Myanmar Agricultural Development:

National partner, Lai Ya, oversees a coffee-growing-discipleship initiative in Magway and Naga states. Along with providing economic stability to villages, the coffee company works alongside MB pastors to share the Gospel and disciple Buddhist people. This year, over ninety people were baptized through the outreach of the coffee business.

**Myanmar Migrant Church Planting:** In Bangkok, the Bang Phli church, under the leadership of Pastor Naing Lin, started three new house churches. Along with sending out new church planters, they also run a community school for at-risk Myanmar migrant children.

# 3

WE CELEBRATE

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

**Coaching Disciple-Makers:** Recently, Pastor Bank and his wife, Ching went to Korea to support a Thai migrant worker who studied at our three month discipleship school online. After the training, Hana reached out to ten Lao and Thai migrant workers that she knew and began to share the Gospel with them. Bank spent time with Hana, training her and the new believers how to study the Word of God together, encouraging them to have weekly fellowship and prayer.



### Local Monthly Training, Prayer and Fasting in Mae Sot:

With fifty-four new outreach and discipleship locations starting this year, our local pastors and leaders are experiencing the growing pains of a church planting movement! They have been committed to gathering weekly for prayer and fasting and to train new church planters. Out of this prayerful posture, they are experiencing unprecedented growth in this refugee community.

### Equipping Event in Yangon:

Dave and Louise Sinclair-Peters organized a foot-washing service for twenty-six Myanmar pastors in May, a culturally powerful act where the Holy Spirit moved to inspire humility and a deeper unity among the pastors and interns. Praise God, under much hardship and suffering, our church planters started eleven new house churches in 2024.



# EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

No adversity can stop the spread of the Good News. Looking back on this past year in our region, we praise God for his “light is shining in the darkness!” In many new places, where the church has been weak or absent, God’s harvest is being brought in with the help of new harvest workers that he has called.

~ JOHANN MATTHIES / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

## 1

WE CELEBRATE

### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**Youth Camp in Lithuania:** Rick and Karen Sawatzky hosted a youth camp attended by 80 children, including Ukrainian refugees. Many of the youth decided to follow Christ, and Rick and Karen continue to disciple these young believers in partnership with local churches.

**George and Nicoleta in Lithuania:** Serving at LCC, a Lithuanian Christian international university, George and Nicoleta have a specific focus on students from Central Asia. They minister to and disciple young people coming out of a context of trauma, war or religious persecution and help them find healing and wholeness in Christ. They also work with Divitia Gratiae University in Moldova to enhance discipleship in critical areas of Central Asia.





# 2

WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**Supporting Ukrainian Churches:** Ongoing power outages in Ukraine leave many without any source of heating in their homes. In partnership with Multiply, teams from Germany continue to bring blankets and humanitarian aid kits to be distributed through local MB churches, churches who are stretched to capacity. Teams there feel a deep sense of solidarity and gratitude. "We cannot even imagine who will receive this or that kit," pastor Oleksii Makaiov writes, "but to everyone who might receive these kits, we are all saying, 'We don't know you, but we love you.'"



**Andre and Olga in Potsdam:** In Potsdam, many citizens were either oppressed by or part of the East German socialist system that built the nearby Berlin Wall. In this place of historic division and separation, where 80% of the people do not attend any church, we are planting a new communities of faith that will build bridges of reconciliation. We can already see the first signs of God's healing touch in our relationships and sphere of influence here in Potsdam. In 2024, we even had an opportunity to meet with the mayor of Potsdam, sharing what God has done in our lives and hearing more about what this city needs and how we can serve the people. Worship God with us for his faithfulness, his sovereignty, and the many hopeful signs of redemption we see! Praise God for two more couples who have joined the core team of our church plant, and please pray for us in this season of team formation.

# 3

WE CELEBRATE

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

**Refugee Family Ministry:** Maxym Oliferovski and other local leaders in Ukraine continue to facilitate family retreats in the Carpathian Mountains, providing brief respite from bomb attacks and shelling, while teams at New Hope Center help families in crisis to process their grief and trauma. "After three years of war," Maxym writes, "stress and fatigue are breaking down health, relationships, and stamina. Yet there is also hope, as so many are drawn to pray as they have never prayed before." Many have come to faith as these ministries provide a haven of community healing and spiritual growth.



**Lithuanian Youth Discipleship:** Lithuania's Scripture Union camp nurtures new believers, empowering young leaders to disciple their peers. Local leaders lead ongoing youth gatherings, creating lasting discipleship movements within the youth.

**Missional Leadership Training in Europe:** Multiply's MLT provides Lithuanian leaders with discipleship and leadership tools, equipping them to disciple refugees and build networks of believers who support one another.

# The Changing Landscape of Global Mission

## AND HOW WE CAN RESPOND TOGETHER

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Last September, our regional team leaders from around the world met together to pray and reflect on what God is doing in each of our regions as well as discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by a changing landscape of global mission. We are continuing to learn and grow in how we respond to what God is doing. Here are three changes we are seeing:

### RAPID GROWTH OF REGIONAL FRUITFULNESS, CAPACITY, AND VISION

A significant change that has been building for a long time, in the regions we serve, is the growing maturity, capacity and fruitfulness within the global church, as evidenced in this global mission report. This is revealing the weakness and limitations of an approach where North American perspectives shape decisions and strategies within other regions. While Multiply as a North American agency has sought to empower local leaders for many decades, we recognize the need for us to release more decision-making authority regarding mission strategy, vision and resourcing to regional teams and local church leadership.

We continue to move toward more mutual peer-to-peer relationships within a global network, each region participating as both contributors and beneficiaries in mission. This approach requires greater collaboration and mutual learning. We are convinced that these adjustments will not only nurture greater unity in the body of Christ worldwide but also enhance fruitfulness in our shared mission.

### THE WORLD HAS COME TO NORTH AMERICA

With growing immigrant and refugee populations and greater cultural diversity than ever, the North American Church has the opportunity to learn from our global MB family. God is also bringing many leaders from around the world to North America, equipped with a vision to share the Gospel among North Americans and immigrants alike. We are seeing North American churches grow in mission as they engage in unique international and cross-cultural partnerships.

God calls us to be his witness both locally and globally. We can learn how to reach people in our own local mission fields, while still playing our part in sending and funding global workers. Churches have the opportunity to release a missionary on every street, engaging with diverse cultures right in our own backyard. Multiply is eager to support and resource local churches working together in this common mission.

### A PRIMARY AND UNITED FOCUS ON DISCIPLE-MAKING

While disciple-making, church planting, and global mission go hand in hand, we are celebrating and joining the USMB Conference and Canadian Conference of MB Churches in their primary emphasis on discipleship and creating disciple-making cultures within our churches, growing as 'sent ones' living in obedience to the word of God. Healthy, diverse expressions of discipleship are the seedbed of church planting, leadership development, and developing global workers (see "A Rich Ecosystem of Discipleship" article). We want to support our North American churches in this strategic emphasis.

### WHAT REMAINS THE SAME

Multiply is not changing our commitment to live into our three key mission strategies: sending missionaries, partnering with nationals, and helping disciples multiply. Our mission continues to be sending disciples to make disciples who make disciples, that the world may know Jesus.





1 SENDING OUT  
MISSIONARIES

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2 PARTNERING  
WITH NATIONALS

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3 HELPING DISCIPLES  
MULTIPLY

# Called to the Middle East

BY JAN

*Jan is a new Multiply worker who loves the relational work of missions. She is preparing to serve long-term in the Middle East. Her name has been changed for security reasons.*

My call into mission work began with a short-term trip with my church in 2017 at the end of a nine-month discipleship program. I was a teacher at the time, but I eventually took a leave of absence from my job to explore other mission opportunities. I felt my heart being stirred especially toward the people of the Middle East. I started learning Arabic, going on more trips, and gaining knowledge about the Muslim world through others. Eventually, I left teaching and began to volunteer with River of Life.

I first heard about Multiply because my friend was helping to facilitate peace camps in the Middle East. She was serving with Multiply, which was actively involved in supporting the camps. At the time, I had never even heard of the Mennonite Brethren. Through participation in those peace camps, I met some great people serving with Multiply. As I journeyed through life with some of them, I got connected with the River of Life network.

I love how relational my work is. It's such a joy and privilege to get to know and walk alongside my friends who are open and curious or seeking, as well as those who are part of the body of Christ. I love the people that God has brought into my life and the relationships I have built along the way.

There is a real cost to living a missional life. As I seek to be obedient to what God is asking of me, it often means forsaking some of the comforts and security of a more traditional path. Those things can feel especially challenging as a single person, to not have someone I'm doing all of this with.

We are all called to surrender our lives to Jesus, and then to go and make disciples. What that looks like may vary from person to person, but we should all be seeking the Lord's leading for how he would have us join him in bringing people to himself.

I have learned how to follow the Lord's leading step by step, surrendering and trusting him to lead me. Even through challenging curveballs, I hold my plans loosely, knowing how quickly things can change.

Please pray for the seeds of the Gospel to be watered and cultivated within the hearts of my Muslim friends, and for the Lord to give them dreams and visions of himself. Pray for the believers of the underground church in the region, many of whom lose so much when they choose to follow Jesus.



# SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



"We see a new day dawning in Africa as new partnerships bring new life into our growing Africa team. God's kingdom is being preached and revealed in the midst of challenging situations!"

~ DOUG HIEBERT / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

## 1

WE CELEBRATE

### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**Uganda Discipleship at King's Kid School:** Danae Schmidt provides discipleship and mentoring to children at the school, helping to integrate faith into the daily lives of over four hundred children.

**Sean and Amy Hildebrand:** arrived in Uganda in November after a season of weekly coaching meetings. We expect a ministry of fruitfulness as they partner with the Ugandan MB church.







WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**King's Kid School Farm:** In a bid to make King's Kid School self-sustaining, Robert Mponye has developed a farm. Kyle Schmidt along with Tony, the farmer, have been working hard to make the farm ever-more productive. Utilizing a way of farming called "Farming God's Way", the farm is already producing much more than in years past.

**New Initiative in Namibia:** A long-time pastor friend of Doug Hiebert's, Pastor Alexis, was contacted by Esperance, a medical doctor now living in Namibia. She was looking for discipleship as God brings more and more people to her for teaching and for healing. Multiply has partnered with Alexis by sending him there 3 times and coaching him as he goes and supports this fledgling ministry.

**Burundian Community Transformation:** Travis Jost continues to deepen partnership with Samuel Ndayiragije as they promote D4D (whole life discipleship) with pastors throughout Burundi. D4D is transforming the way pastors see God, themselves and the community around them.

3

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

WE CELEBRATE

**Africa Leader Summit:** Multiply's Africa Leader Summit in Malawi brought together leaders from eight countries for discipleship and vision-building, creating a support network for discipleship across Africa.



**Every Member Discipled in Malawi:** Multiply has provided MLT training to church leaders in Malawi who, have gone on to train their members. Now there is a growing sense of each one's call to mission.

**MLT training in East DRC:** A Multiply trained leader twice visited this war-ravaged area and now two pastors are using their own time and money to train 100's of people across different denominations.

**Whole Life Discipleship in Burundi:** Multiply hosted training sessions for Burundian pastors and leaders, who now disciple their congregations with a focus on holistic spiritual growth, fostering leaders dedicated to community transformation.



# EAST ASIA

"God is moving in the region of the world East of the Mekong. In Japan, God is revealing his love and power in the lives of broken and hurting people in Osaka. In the Philippines, a youth discipleship movement is taking place in Palawan. In the Mekong region, churches are multiplying in the context of opposition and economic hardships. God's grace is greater than any other force on earth!"

~ BOB DAVIS / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER



## 1

### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES



**Roses Church in Osaka:** Cory and Masami Giesbrecht participate in outreach in a public park, inviting Osaka's homeless and marginalized into worship and community. Their compassionate ministry has led many to experience Jesus for the first time.

**English Outreach in Amagasaki:** For many years Doris Goertz used English classes as outreach, connecting with Japanese students and their families. The classes have fostered spiritual conversations and provided a doorway to discipleship. As Doris retires this year, we praise God for the many lives transformed through her faithful ministry.

**ACTION Philippines:** An outreach team from several MB churches in BC visited Brooks Point, Palawan last January. In July, another ACTION team from the US Pacific District went to support the fast-growing high school ministry led by our partners. God blessed both teams with many Christ-centered opportunities to share the Gospel and encourage new believers in partnership with our Filipino brothers and sisters.





# 2

WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**National Leadership Training in the Philippines:** Through Missional Leadership Training, Multiply equips Filipino pastors and church leaders with tools to disciple their communities, with an emphasis on equipping local leaders to multiply disciples.

**Restricted:** In this restricted region, Multiply has been resourcing local leaders who are multiplying disciples and house churches in spite of opposition from the authorities. God is blessing the courageous and passionate leaders with much fruitfulness in mission.

**Urgent Relief:** In 2024, there were several devastating floods in Southeast Asia: Philippines, Thailand, and a neighboring country. Multiply was able to partner with church leaders on the ground in each location to provide assistance in the form of food, water, and blankets through the Urgent Relief Fund. The teams on the ground were able to bring practical and spiritual help quickly to those in need.



# 3

WE CELEBRATE

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

**Khmu Leadership in Southeast Asia:** Khmu leaders, supported by Multiply, are planting house churches and sharing the Gospel among their own people. This growing movement is led by national leaders with a vision to reach out to the 50+ people groups near them, many of which are considered unreached.

**Youth Discipleship in the Philippines:** Multiply supports discipleship programs that guide young Filipino believers to share their faith and form youth-led discipleship groups in their communities. Many of these groups meet in the local high schools.

**Community Worship in Japan:** Roses Church hosts weekly gatherings where people from all backgrounds experience discipleship and worship, many for the first time, becoming active participants in sharing the Gospel.





# MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

“Since there has been little to no Christian witness here for more than a thousand years, our region often feels like the final frontier of the Great Commission. However, this year, we could barely keep up with the movements happening all around us! I asked Irfan, one of our North Africa Team Leaders, how he’s seeing this unfold in his own context and he quickly replied, ‘God is sowing his word into the hearts of young people everywhere and it is igniting them with zeal to win souls for Christ!’”

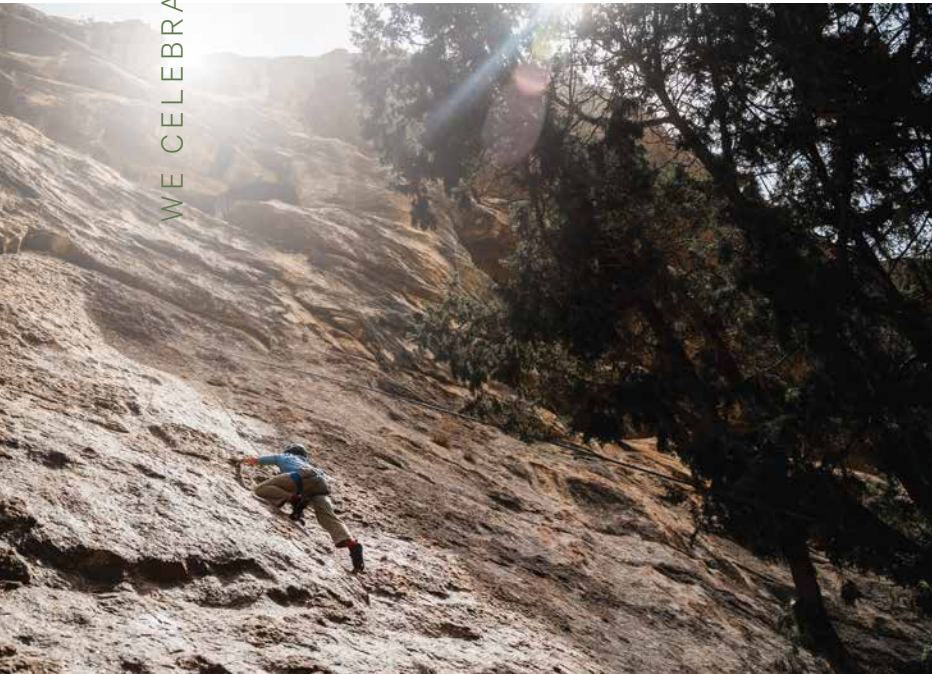
~ NASSER AL’QAHTANI / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

## 1

### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**FOCUS Intern Ministry in the Arabian Peninsula:** Charles (an alias) has been continuing to raise support in preparation for his full-term launch to the Arabian Peninsula. He also helped support and host a climbing trip focusing on relational evangelism this summer.

WE CELEBRATE



**A Growing Call to the Region:** Jan (an alias) has been journeying alongside the River of Life team for several years now, and has also begun focusing on raising support for a long-term call to the Arabian Peninsula. She is well into her Arabic language learning and continuing to cultivate relationships with locals while currently living in the U.S.

**Building Relationships and Learning Culture:** The team hosted its third climbing trip to the Arabian Peninsula this year. A key component to these trips is to expose North Americans to the region and help them build relationships and enter into significant conversations with locals. Several individuals who attended are considering longer-term connections with the region.



# 2

WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**Testimony of Faith in North Africa:** National partner, Saleh, has led many to Christ despite persecution. His story of resilience has inspired others, especially young men, to follow Jesus and join discipleship groups.

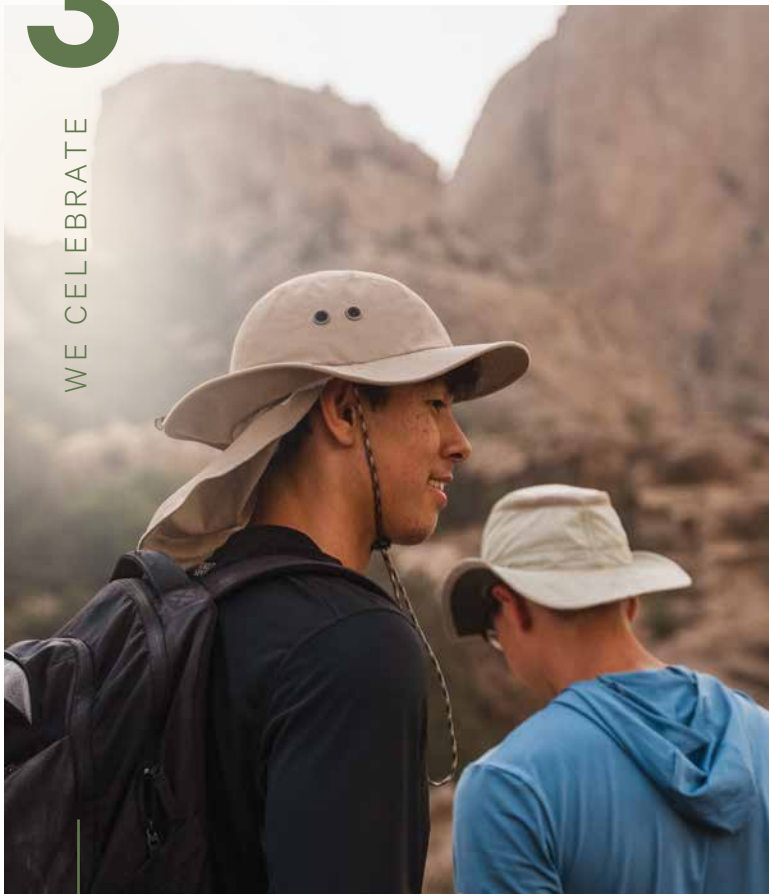
**Bible Distribution:** Through faith-filled vision, leaders in a North African country have started a book store near college campuses that sells and offers the Bible to young people. Having started printing the Bible themselves, they are now giving away Bibles to anyone who wanders in and has an interest.



# 3

WE CELEBRATE

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY



**Believers Imprisoned:** Several brothers were arrested in one North African country for a leaked video of a baptism. During court proceedings with execution as the punishment, the Lord miraculously intervened, sending the believers back into their communities to continue sharing the Gospel and discipling the growing church.

**Zainab's Courageous Faith:** After professing her faith, Zainab faced backlash from her family and community. Through the Holy Spirit's equipping, she is now living in a newfound freedom without the vestiges of an old faith.

**Mentorship for Emerging Leaders:** National leaders in the Middle East host small groups for young adults who feel called to ministry, equipping them with the resources to lead and disciple their peers.

# Empowering Regional Vision

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The New Testament illustrates the significance of Gospel partnerships between missionaries and local churches, as seen in the Apostle Paul's ministry. Paul's relationships with churches like the Philippians exemplify a long-term, reciprocal partnership, where churches provided financial and material support, and missionaries served and encouraged church leaders. Paul's emphasis on strengthening churches through personal visits, mentoring, and training leaders highlights the mutual benefits of such partnerships. This approach fosters church health, multiplication, and sustainability.

Multiply embraces this collaborative model, a posture of partnering in mutuality, and empowering the missional vision of local churches wherever possible. While partnerships can be challenging due to cultural barriers and language differences, these challenges are worthwhile. Healthy partnership requires the humility to listen well, learn from each other, and respect the local strategies and expertise of national leaders.

God has blessed the MB family with dynamic national leaders around the world, with which the North American church has the privilege of partnering. As regional fruitfulness and capacity multiplies, our North American agency needs to adjust our approach in order to better reflect some of our core values:

- > Serving the Church on God's Mission
- > Partnering in Mutuality

We are coming to understand that this will require changes in financial models, organizational structures, and outdated language. Our current financial model was created to meet North American needs and requirements, and we are moving more decision-making responsibility to the regional teams. Our structures have historically placed Multiply NA at the top of all global MB mission work, and we are now creating structures that enable us to participate more as a peer within a larger mission network. Our language can reinforce these older paradigms and therefore language that we use needs to be reviewed and adapted to help us live into our values together.

Ultimately, we believe in the power of global church collaboration to fulfill the Great Commission. The mission is not just for one group of churches but for all who are committed to the Gospel. We want to live globally as a healthy family, loving each other and working together in humility and sincerity for the glory of God, so that **together** the world may know **Jesus**.



# Esperance

BY JANET MEACHAM

Her name means hope, and Esperance needed a lot of it when she and her family fled their home country of Burundi in 2015 during a national crisis. Several years earlier, she had found Jesus while listening to the radio, and it was her hope in him that gave her strength to endure the trials and challenges of leaving her country and becoming a refugee.

Esperance and her family eventually settled in the country of Namibia, where they began a new life, and she resumed her work as a medical doctor.

“I was first introduced to Esperance through Pastor Alexis in Burundi,” said Doug Hiebert, Regional Team Leader for Sub-Saharan Africa. “He had been pastoring her from afar after the family fled Burundi, but he was recently able to visit with her in Namibia and to offer much needed support and encouragement.”

However, Pastor Alexis also received much encouragement from Esperance. He heard about how she was living out her faith as a medical doctor, often praying for her patients and pleading with God for their miraculous healing. She was being the hands and feet of Jesus in the midst of suffering and pain, her faith inspiring her.

On one occasion, someone came to Esperance with extensive wounds after being attacked by a hippopotamus. The injuries were so severe that medical intervention, it seemed, would serve no purpose. Yet, in full hope that God could do the impossible, Esperance prayed for healing and the person was completely restored to health!

Doug Hiebert and Pastor Alexis continue to receive reports about Esperance’s faith and her influence in the community. As she shares the Good News with others, more and more people are coming to her to learn more about Jesus. Esperance uses her own resources and time to minister to the spiritually downtrodden and, not surprisingly, a fledgling church has formed. With her husband often away from home for work, Esperance carries the load of church leadership alone much of the time. Even so, she has not been deterred. Her faith and hope burn brightly in her heart, shining light into the darkness around her and leading others to the truth found in Christ.

“Recently, we invited Esperance to join us at the Africa Leader Summit,” said Doug Hiebert. “Having this powerful woman of God in our midst was both encouraging, and mutually beneficial, as we could spur one another on in faith and hopeful expectation of all God is leading us to in this region and beyond.”



# CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA



“God is calling his church to an awakening (Matthew 24:14)! We have been living in a time of awakening in Latin America, new churches emerging through discipleship, people being saved and miracles experienced as we walk with Jesus. Despite the immense challenges, many missionaries in the region are hearing the call to reach the lost. We are grateful for the solid missionary partnership between the North American Church and our local church networks, which has allowed us to take this Gospel described in Matthew 24:14 and do our part in this great commission until everyone knows Jesus!”

~ EMERSON CARDOSO / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

# 1

## SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES



WE CELEBRATE

**Wrights coming to Brazil:** Recent Focus Training participants Brad and Lindsay Wright, have recently come to Brazil and are beginning to participate and lead Bible Studies. They are being received well and working to adjust to the local context.

**October Vision Trip:** Pastors and mission leaders from six California churches participated in a Vision Trip to Northern Peru. They encouraged and built relationships with Peruvian church leaders, exploring helpful ways to partner in mission together.

**Lavern Pratt:** Lavern serves among the Wounaan indigenous people at Casa del Sembrador, a training center in Panama City. Despite cultural differences, a strong bond of friendship has developed, and is treasured, allowing her to be instrumental in helping a team of Wounaan prepare for their first visit to a partner church in Saskatchewan.



# 2

WE CELEBRATE

## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**Mexico:** Julio, a Mexican that returned from a training course, started a discipleship program for youth, with his pastors blessing. They also are adapting a disciple-making evangelism program to reach out to the youth. This is a project that has been supported with the Willingdon Partnership.

**Panama School of Discipleship:** Led by Einer Zuluaga from Colombia, the School of Discipleship serves Indigenous youth, equipping them to become leaders in their own communities with a focus on biblical literacy and practical discipleship.

**TREK:** In July, 2024 19 TREK students from Brazil were sent to Costa Rica with Marco for outreach. This is the second year of this relationship. There is a group of students from Costa Rica going to Brazil in 2025 as part of the exchange.



# 3

WE CELEBRATE

## HELPING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

**Community Outreach in Panama:** Discipleship programs in Indigenous communities equip locals to lead house churches. National leaders like Gustavo have committed to sharing the Gospel in regions with little access to church resources.

**Marriage Ministry in Mexico:** Eleazar and Shaila Diaz-Epp host marriage retreats in Guadalajara, creating a space for couples to explore biblical marriage principles. This ministry supports family discipleship, strengthening couples' faith and commitment.



**Camp Brazil:** This project is most fruitful in poor regions, where families allow kids to participate in its activities and the resources of mentoring and community are most appreciated. One part of its strategy is also community development through an arts and crafts fair done at the end of each semester. This fair involves local artisans, and the kids reached by the project.

**Wounaan:** A group from Peru is coming to SOAR Saskatchewan to share about their own journey as Indigenous peoples, which has many parallels to North American Indigenous peoples. They will also be learning how a program like SOAR is able to invigorate local mission activity within local communities.



# SOUTH ASIA

“Despite growing opposition, God is building his church, drawing people to himself, and strengthening local believers.”

~ DH / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

# 1

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## SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

It is increasingly difficult to send long-term foreign workers into restricted countries without viable business platforms. However, relationships can still be developed that support and encourage national leaders.





# 2

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## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

**Training National Leaders:** Training is critical for equipping the church to disciple others. Multiply supports training in various ways, whether it is network leaders receiving Missional Leadership Training (MLT), pastors and their spouses participating in regional training seminars, or students attending Mennonite Brethren Centenary Bible College.

**Supporting National Leaders:** Jaeem and Deepak, our national partners in Delhi, oversee a network of 78 churches across nine states. Many of these are house churches, where the Gospel is lived out in local communities.

**Supporting the Gathering of National Network Leaders:** Multiply supports the regional gathering of Divine Ministries International network leaders as well as the annual National Gathering. These events, led by John and his son Daniel, are critical for continuing training, building relationships, and developing shared vision.

**Partnering in Outreach:** Multiply partners with the India MB Conference in supporting church planters serving in villages that have no Christian presence. These workers often face opposition as they seek to share the gospel through relationships.

**Outreach among Tribal Chenchu Villages:** Ross along with his team visit remote tribal villages, sharing the Gospel both in word and through community development and resourcing. New churches have been established and local leaders are being developed.



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**Missional Leadership Training (MLT):** MLT offers biblical and practical training for those who do not have access to any formal ministry training, thus enabling leaders to train others and provide sound teaching in their churches.

**Gospel Film Showings:** National partners show gospel films in remote villages, sparking interest in Bible studies and discipleship groups among viewers.



# NORTH AMERICA

**“In a world of rapid change, one thing remains constant: the call for disciples of Jesus to go and make disciples. Our MB churches in the US and Canada have prioritized discipleship as the focus for the North American region. We are excited to join with, and serve, the local church on God’s mission. As we develop disciple-making cultures together, new mission workers will be equipped and ready to engage both locally and globally. We are praying that God will raise up a generation of believers who see mission as part of their everyday life, whether in their neighborhood or around the world. This isn’t about sending a few short-term missionaries to do the work, but about igniting a movement where all believers are empowered to live as missionaries wherever they go.”**

~ BRUCE ENNS / REGIONAL TEAM LEADER

## 1

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### SENDING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**FOCUS:** is Multiply’s nine-month training program that prepares individuals and families for long-term missionary service, both locally and globally. It includes two months of intensive training led by our global leadership team, followed by a six-month field internship. The program ends with a two-week debrief to reflect, assess, and plan next steps in ministry. In fact, we are currently discerning next steps with several FOCUS alumni who are serving cross-culturally in Thailand, UAE, Lithuania, and Brazil, or with new immigrants in North America. Their passion and commitment to follow God’s call into mission is inspiring.

**New Missionaries:** Last year, we trained and commissioned two new long-term workers, Jan and Charles (aliases), from the US to serve with the River of Life Middle Eastern team under our Regional Team Leader, Nasser al’Qahtani. This year, our USMB churches are in the process of preparing another long-term worker to join that team. In 2024, Canadian workers Sean & Amy Hildebrand were sent to serve in Uganda. We are also preparing to send Danny & Cynthia Asirit from Canada to serve long-term in the Philippines.

**Receiving Missionaries to Immigrant Communities:** Throughout North America, there are pockets of immigrants that are being identified by churches and served with the Gospel. Multiply is eager to partner with churches that have a vision for this ministry. Our cross-culturally trained workers, whether from North America or elsewhere, are helping local churches connect with diaspora and immigrant communities, many of which are coming from restricted areas globally where sending North American missionaries is very difficult and challenging. In the US and Canada, we are currently engaged with communities of Tibetans, Punjabi Sikhs, Ukrainians, Pakistanis, Congolese, Ethiopians, Eritreans and Middle Easterners.





# 2

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## PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS & CHURCH LEADERS

**Local Church Partnerships through SOAR:** This flexible mission training program has become a great vehicle for partnering with local churches for outreach in urban settings. This year, hundreds of SOAR participants across North America were trained, mobilized, and inspired to become local missionaries. Whether for three days or eight days, these are key moments in helping our North American churches build momentum in their local mission strategy, as well as connecting with broader national church strategies in the US and Canada.

**Regional Church Partnerships:** In the Pacific District of the USMB, Multiply's Western US team continues to build relationships with our regional churches as we encourage them to call out short- and long-term workers into the harvest. Through various mission training programs like SOAR, ACTION, and TREK, we are collaborating with the churches to train and discern potential long-term workers for both local and global mission. Part of this partnership is helping the churches to connect relationally with national churches in the countries where they are supporting missionaries and projects. This is helping to build a greater passion to reach the lost, both at home and around the world.

**First Nations Church Partnerships:** Multiply partners with Indigenous leaders in Canada, empowering them to lead discipleship initiatives within their communities and address cultural traumas through faith-based programs. A question we often ask our First Nations friends is, "Did you know you can hear God's voice in your own home with your own family?" After generations of experiencing the unholy and confusing mix of colonization and mission, this is a question that plants a seed of hope in their hearts. In response, we are often warmly and joyfully invited into homes where we encounter the miracle of "God with us" through simple Jesus-centred gatherings.

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**TREK and ACTION:** At the heart of these two mission training programs is the belief that we are all called to live on mission in our context. Imagine that we all lived as missionaries in the places we call home—wherever we are. Through ACTION and TREK, Multiply offers training for everyday disciples to become disciple-makers in their chosen mission fields—whether near to home or far. Both programs train and send teams on short-term cross-cultural assignments to places like Brazil, Japan, and Uganda, to prepare and empower individuals to embrace a lifelong mission.



**First Nations Ministry:** When people hit rock bottom, they're often ready to encounter Jesus, and then, often very quickly, Jesus sends them out as everyday missionaries! A First Nations friend of ours named John met Jesus in prison. We shared the Gospel with him, prayed for him, and then he had a vision of Jesus who spoke to John's painful past and healed him, right there in his prison cell! John was so excited that called his children, his friends, and even his ex-girlfriends to tell them all about it. John began leading Bible studies in prison and then later out in his community. He is a radical everyday missionary whose testimony is changing lives!

**Multiplying Young Disciple-Makers:** One of the key outcomes of our mission training programs is partnering with local churches and youth pastors to support them in developing authentic discipleship communities. Although many churches are seeing a decrease in youth attendance, there are also many young people who are crying out for authentic discipleship. Programs like SOAR, ACTION, TREK, and the Impact Award all focus on equipping local church leaders and their young adults on how to share their faith genuinely in their friendships and to develop authentic communities of discipleship.

**Multiplying Missional Leaders:** The USMB initiated a four-month Lead Cohort to help train and equip MB church leaders across the US. Multiply staff participated and led one track on Personal Outreach Equipping, which was an outstanding setting for small-group online equipping, prayer, and accountability. A similar one is planned for the future. One participant commented, "This type of cohort is a NEED in the North American church because it prompts people to not just listen, but rather listen and obey the voice of God for the world around them!"

# A Rich Ecosystem of Discipleship

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Jesus continually used metaphors and stories to teach and disciple people about the kingdom of God, and how it grows and multiplies. These images captured people's imaginations and helped them think beyond the usual, and to see the remarkable ways of the kingdom. He talked about mustard seeds, soil, bread, water, pearls, lost sheep, gardeners, and business owners.

A modern metaphor that can help us gain a deeper understanding of discipleship is an ecosystem. If you think about a farm, or a vineyard, or a pond, you get a sense of the interplay between all of the various components. An ecosystem is a complex, diverse, interconnected environment where living and nonliving components interact with each other. The diversity helps to maintain stability and health within the environment, and allows the diverse components to thrive and support one another in producing much fruit. An ecosystem is never stagnant, but is constantly changing, growing, pruning, and dying to produce new life. This is the life of discipleship.

Isaiah, the prophet, spoke about the Lord's vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7) and about plowing the land, fertile soil, clearing the stones, a watchtower and walls, wild animals, briars and thorns, clouds and rain, and the patience to wait for a harvest of sweet grapes. The apostle Paul wrote about planting seeds and watering, alongside building and foundations (1 Corinthians 3:5-15). We need both builders and gardeners to create structures and frameworks that allow the tending to soil and seed, so that God can produce the growth. Paul also prayed that the roots of our lives would grow deep into the soil of God's marvelous love (Ephesians 3:17), in order to produce kingdom fruitfulness in our lives. Finally, Jesus instructed us that the condition of our souls, i.e., the soil of our lives, is critical to produce a thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold harvest of fruitfulness (Matthew 13).

Jesus' mission is carried out, not only by missionaries and church leaders, but mostly by ordinary disciples engaged in practical acts of faith, love and obedience. As followers of Jesus, each one of us can bear fruit through simple, everyday practices like:

- > recognizing that God is always with us and is speaking to us,
- > engaging together in God's Word
- > sharing meals and stories with our neighbors.

Grassroot discipleship movements, often unburdened by hierarchical structures, grow organically and are guided by the Holy Spirit. Today, all around the world, such movements are flourishing in parts of Asia, as well as North Africa and the Middle East, where believers multiply through relational practices, laying down their lives in love and obedience.

At Multiply, we are committed to prayer and obedience to the Scriptures, tending to the soil of our lives so that the seed of the Gospel can take root. We have mission strategies embedded in a framework called the Mission Strategy Map that functions like a trellis for growing fruitfulness and vision. This is helping regional teams support the local church and national leaders move through stages of initial disciple-making, to church planting, to developing leaders, and then to reaching people of all nations.

Thank you for joining together to plant seeds, tend to the soil, pull the weeds, and build appropriate structures, as God causes much growth in his kingdom. May we together, experience much fruit that will last.



# I'm Their Missionary

BY AMY GELATT

I think of my life as a series of interruptions. I keep telling God, This is what I want. This is how it should be done. And God keeps saying, No, I want this for you. I want you to do it this way.

I was born in India and, as a young adult, I was part of the founding faculty of a mission school. It was in a challenging location where locals kept threatening to burn the school down.

When I got a letter saying that I was accepted at a Bible school in the States, I was full of fear. Could God really use someone like me over there?

In the States, I always felt inferior. I wanted to serve God from a position of confidence, but it was like God was saying to me, No, Amy, you will never be self-confident. You will share my words, shaking in your boots all the time. That's the way I designed it. I want you to depend on me.

I guess I'm a slow learner.

Prayer has been the place where I argue with God, reason with God, and surrender to God. When we get to the place of surrender, God gives us this amazing sense of peace, even though nothing makes sense. I never wanted to be a pastor's wife, but I met my husband, Josh, at Bible college and he became a pastor.

I imagined being a missionary in some other part of the world, but I ended up in Hays, Kansas.

**Now, in this small town of only 20,000 people, there is a family of thirteen Afghan refugees, and I'm their missionary!**

As I have surrendered to God, I have also surrendered my idea of what mission should look like. I was telling a friend recently about how she could help people in need, and I told her, "Go spend time with them. It's not money they need. They need you." So she went to them and, although she couldn't understand their language, they used sign language and they laughed a lot. I said, "That's exactly what I mean. Bring laughter to their lives. Just help them understand that you love them."

In these scenarios, self-sufficiency is truly a disadvantage so we depend on God in prayer. Anything that makes us desperate for God is a good thing. Surrender to what God is doing in your life. Let go. Abandon yourself to him. Jesus told us in John 15, "Apart from me, you can do nothing," but he also said, "With God, nothing is impossible."

*Amy and her husband Josh have been involved in various parachurch and church ministries for more than 25 years and currently serve as lead pastoral couple at North Oak Community (MB) Church in Hays, Kansas.*

# Financial Overview



Fiscal Year in \$USD: June 2023 - May 2024

We are thankful to God and to our donors that we continue to be in a healthy financial position. Our board of directors authorized us to invest \$540K of our accumulated unrestricted reserves to further support our strategic initiatives for this fiscal year. This year we used \$397K of our reserves as shown below.

## Net Results

Fiscal Year Ended:	May 31, 2024	May 31, 2023
Revenue:	\$ 10,590,635	\$ 10,553,563
Expenses:	\$ 10,987,334	\$ 10,828,328
Net:	\$ (396,699)	\$ (274,765)

In addition to the net results shown here, our global workers and ministry projects have deployed \$542k of their restricted reserves which are held separately on our balance sheet. Combined, these projects have \$3.2M of reserves.

## How Your Gifts Were Put to Work

### Regional Teams Sharing Jesus | 65%

- Central & South America | 9%
- East Asia | 5%
- Europe & Central Asia | 15%
- Middle East & North Africa | 3%
- North America | 4%  
(Indigenous & Immigrants)
- South Asia | 3%
- Southeast Asia | 14%
- Sub-Saharan Africa | 5%
- Worldwide Initiatives | 7%

### 23% | North American Church Engagement

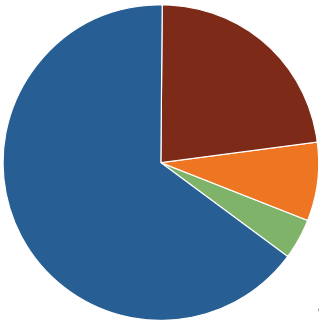
- 16% | Facilitating MB Church Partnerships
- 7% | Mission Training Programs  
(includes Short-Term Mission programs)

### 8% | Administration

Finance, IT, Legal & Governance

### 4% | Human Resources

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# How can we *partner* on God's mission?

Jesus is still sending disciples like you into the world today, and he is not sending you alone. As a family, we do this together. Whether you are still discovering your place on God's mission, or have been living on mission for years, it is our joy to walk with you.

**We are committed to sharing the stories and reports of what God is doing from around the world, as well as sharing prayer requests.**

Here are two tools that you may find helpful:

PRAY



**Witness** is Multiply's quarterly magazine that features stories of transformation from around the world, as well as invitations to pray, give, and serve. As a donor, you will automatically receive a free copy of Witness by post each quarter. If you have other subscription preferences, please indicate this on the form below.

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If you would like to indicate your preference to receive these pieces, login to your account at **multiply.net** and select *communication preferences*.

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2. Select Reset Password (if you have not setup a password)
3. Enter the email address you use with multiply
4. You will receive an email with instructions on setting/updating your password

We are here to partner with you on God's mission.

SERVE

**We long to see every believer respond to God's unique call on their lives.**

It is through the support and involvement of people like you that we are working together to send disciples to make disciples who will make disciples, that the world may know Jesus!

Please visit **multiply.net/serve** to learn more about Mutiply's service opportunities.

GIVE

**Would you give and help make Jesus know around the world?**

Visit **multiply.net/give** to support specific people, projects and the ongoing work of Multiply.

**together that the world may know Jesus**

*Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ~ John 14:1 (ESV)*



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




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