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Dear Participants in our Orientation to American Baptist Life seminars,

Welcome!

We are certainly delighted that you are exploring American Baptist life and I pray that as you dip your toes into American Baptist waters, you will find yourselves drawn to make it a deep dive!

International Ministries serves as the cross-cultural, mission-facilitating arm of American Baptist Life. In other words, we join people in their discernment of God's call into foreign, cross-cultural ministry outside of the United States and Puerto Rico, and we send them overseas in partnership with our international partners.

At 206 years old, we are one of the oldest North American mission movements, and our overseas involvement has been a pillar of our denomination's identity for centuries.

The words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:13ff inspire us to work in God's mission until it is "on earth as it is in Heaven" (as our vision statement describes): "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?"

My prayer for you as you continue to discern God's call on your life is that you will always have an appreciation for the men and women who bravely packed their bags and sailed across the ocean in the 1800's and still board flights today and learn foreign languages so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can continue to redeem and renew in the midst of human need – physical, psychological and spiritual. As I am fond of saying, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is alive and well and it is *still* changing lives around the world today!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions about American Baptist International Ministries.

Together with you in God's mission,

Rev. Sharon Koh  
Executive Director/CEO



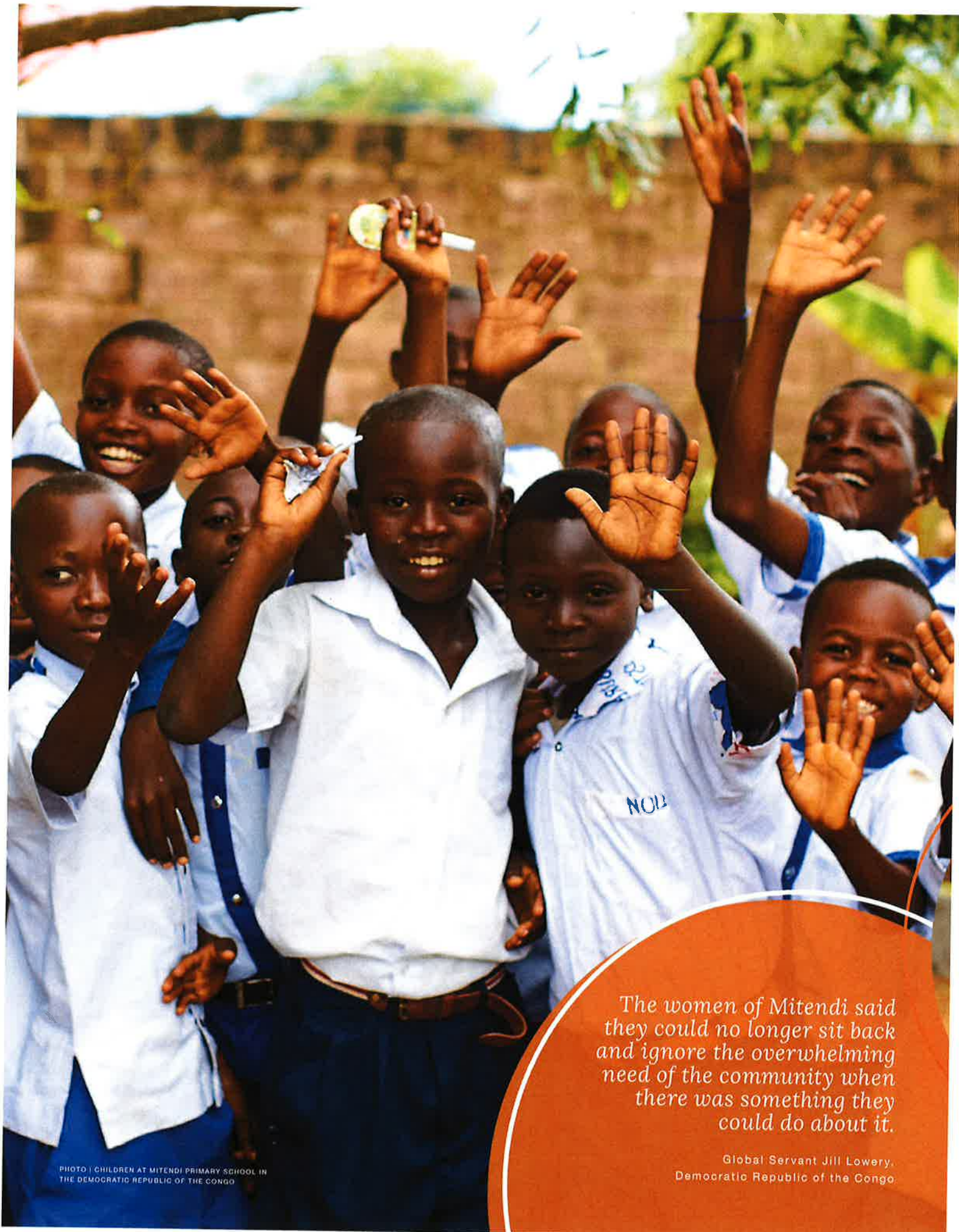
together *for*  
GREATER GOOD



international  
ministries







*The women of Mitendi said they could no longer sit back and ignore the overwhelming need of the community when there was something they could do about it.*

Global Servant Jill Lowery,  
Democratic Republic of the Congo

PHOTO | CHILDREN AT MITENDI PRIMARY SCHOOL IN  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



**Cross-cultural mission flourishes when we come together in partnership with you, local churches, organizations, and foundations.**

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Congolese Baptist women identified the need for a primary school to educate the children in the surrounding communities who were displaced by war. They sacrificially transformed their limited space at the Mitendi Women's Center into a school, rotating groups of children through, in half-day sessions. Classes were held in rooms, corridors, the entryway, and even under trees in the yard, but the need still exceeded their capacity. The women shared their dream of building a school with International Ministries (IM) Global Servant Jill Lowery. Jill, with the help of the IM development team, conveyed this vision to churches and individuals in the U.S., who helped fund the construction of a primary school that serves more than five hundred of the most vulnerable children in the region.

In Beirut, IM Global Servant Dan Chetti partners with twenty-six dedicated Arab leaders who share God's love through the Enduring Love project with people in seven countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa. The Enduring Love team has launched four "Business as Mission" enterprises, promoting the development of microenterprises that will ultimately foster self-sustaining ministries. These relationships have led to the formation of more than three hundred home groups.



PHOTO (ABOVE RIGHT) | THE ENDURING LOVE PROJECT LAUNCHES "BUSINESS AS MISSION" ENTERPRISES



PHOTO | GLOBAL SERVANT DAN CHETTI



PHOTO | GLOBAL SERVANT JILL LOWERY (LEFT)

International Ministries' missionaries, development workers, associates, and international associates—referred to as "global servants"—seek to enter into what God is doing around the world. **As we labor prayerfully alongside local Christians, the Spirit of God fuels our collaborative efforts to serve God's kingdom on earth.**

When you join the work of over 120 global servants and over 250 international partners in 70 countries, you help make disciples of Jesus Christ by supporting long-term initiatives that care for the whole person. You participate in God's redemptive, restorative work. You help pioneer new approaches to mission in many different cultures. You bear witness to Jesus as you meet practical needs. How might God use your life and gifts for a greater, *eternal* good?

# together

# for GREATER GOOD

*Evangelism and discipleship are at the core of everything we do. International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaim God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life in six ministry priority areas.*

## 1. SERVING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

**When you join with us in prayer and support, we can offer practical help to immigrants and refugees, building upon the celebrated immigrant and refugee ministries of American Baptist congregations, regions, national organizations, and partners.**

In Tijuana, IM Global Consultant for Immigrants and Refugees Ray Schellinger serves with Mexican partner churches who provide shelter, food, health care, and education for thousands of asylum seekers waiting in Mexico for their cases to be adjudicated in the U.S. Through these partnerships, your gifts support immigrants and refugees in Central America, Colombia, and Ecuador.

IM Global Servant Larry Stanton is assisting churches in Bosnia to provide emergency services to refugees traveling from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan along the Balkan route toward Europe. Your giving enables the Bosnian Baptist churches to provide three meals a day for about two hundred migrants in Bosnia. With your support, Larry partners with other small nongovernmental organizations such as SOS Team Kladusa and No-Name Kitchen to provide emergency medical supplies, clothing, toiletries, and food. He has seen the wonderful impact of sharing the gospel mandate to love. "One young refugee became a believer," Larry says. "He now boldly witnesses to the Muslim community as he continues traveling. He sees how God worked, moving his family along the refugee route to call him into the family of Jesus!"

PHOTO (LEFT) | SERVING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN BOSNIA

## 2. ADVOCATING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

**You can facilitate work within the body of Christ around the world to embody God's love in situations of discord, suffering, and conflict.**

IM Global Consultants for Peace and Justice Dan and Sharon Buttry have trained and mentored more than 350 church and community leaders in over 50 countries using their innovative experiential learning methodology, 10-day Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers. Many of these leaders have worked tirelessly to build and sustain peace among communities fractured by war and violence. The legacy of the Buttrys' work is evident in the lives of leaders like IM International Associates Christina and Lance Muteyo. The Muteyos serve through their organization Trees of Peace Africa in Zimbabwe and describe themselves as "Zimbabwean peace warriors." They conduct trainings in conflict transformation and mentor the next generation of leaders in peacemaking. "Peace is a cornerstone of human development," explains Lance. "We want to train community leaders to be implementers of conflict transformation--to be trauma healers."

## 3. ABOLISHING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND ALL FORMS OF GLOBAL SLAVERY

**You can support the provision of exemplary services to survivors of trafficking and all forms of modern-day slavery.**

In Chiang Mai, Thailand, at the New Life Center Foundation (NLCF), IM Global Servants Jeni Pedzinski and Kit Ripley serve young women who are at risk for, or survivors of, human trafficking, forced labor, and sexual abuse. NLCF residents receive shelter, education, vocational and life skills training, rehabilitative counseling, and a range of therapeutic activities. The center's staff have witnessed many positive trends over the past three decades of ministry, including increased access to education, improvements in Thai anti-trafficking law, and expanded vocational opportunities for women. The NLCF has played a pivotal role in stimulating these changes through interpretation services, scholarship programming, and anti-trafficking campaigns.

PHOTO | SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT AND LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS ARE PART OF TRAFFICKING PREVENTION IN THAILAND, ABOLISHING GLOBAL SLAVERY







PHOTO (ABOVE) | GLOBAL SERVANTS DAN BUTTRY AND LANCE MUTEYO PLANT A TREE OF PEACE IN UKRAINE AS PART OF CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION TRAINING, ADVOCATING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



PHOTO (RIGHT) | GLOBAL SERVANT DWIGHT BOLICK TRAINS PARTNERS IN RAINWATER HARVESTING IN CHILE, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 4. PROMOTING EDUCATION AND PROVIDING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

**Your funding promotes the liberating power of education. This includes primary and secondary education, teaching English to speakers of other languages, and theological study for current and future church leaders.**

"Education is power," says Mercy González-Barnes, IM Regional Consultant for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. "Not the power to dominate, but the power through the Spirit of God to serve and transform lives."

In Mexico, IM Global Servant Patti Long coordinates a special education program at the Monte Horeb Baptist Grade School in Tijuana, a school that reaches out to the most vulnerable of the city's young population—its children with special needs. "It is difficult for parents [of children with disabilities] to find a school that will work with and welcome their children, but all are embraced by the Baptist Grade School," Patti says. In addition to gaining a safe learning environment and nutritious meals, the school's students participate in chapel, where they learn that God loves them, that they are special, and that God has plans for their lives.

Patti's husband, Global Servant Tim Long, serves in leadership development with the Baja Baptist Seminary of Mexicali and IM-related churches in the Dominican Republic. Tim also works alongside IM Regional Consultant for Education J.D. Reed and IM Regional Consultant Mercy González-Barnes to invest in theological education for present and future church leaders. Through an exciting partnership between IM and Palmer Seminary, we offer a Master in Theological Studies (MTS) that is online and completely in Spanish, contextualized to empower leaders in Latin America, where the evangelical church is growing rapidly.

PHOTO (BELOW) | GRADUATION IN THAILAND PROMOTING EDUCATION AND PROVIDING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



PHOTO (LEFT) | HOT MEALS FOR CHILDREN IN TIJUANA PROMOTING EDUCATION AND PROVIDING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION





PHOTO | RAISING CHICKENS AS A MICROENTERPRISE IN SOUTH AFRICA EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 5. EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**You can transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ by empowering people and communities through economic development with a balance of environmental stewardship.**

When in Chile, IM Global Servants Barb and Dwight Bolick worked for eighteen years with Mapuche churches and communities to help restore this indigenous group's identity as a people made in the image of God.

One part of this ministry included rainwater harvesting in the Mapuche community. Today, Dwight continues this work remotely, training partners in Central America in rainwater harvesting, installing model systems, and encouraging its use to address the severe water crisis.

In collaboration with IM Regional Consultant Ricardo Mayol-Bracero's Water for All project, which helps communities protect their water sources, Dwight and Ricardo are introducing similar model systems in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Mexico. This is one way to help people recover ownership and care of their own water sources.

## 6. TRANSFORMING LIVES BY PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**We engage in curative, preventive, and educational ministries around the world that promote holistic health and wellness.**

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), IM Global Servant Wayne Niles serves with IMA World Health as the in-country finance officer for several health projects. He manages the DEVRU project, which helps Congolese prevent starvation with disease resistant and high protein food crops. IM Global Servant Katherine Niles partners with Congolese Christian health professionals and grassroots community leaders to reduce the DRC's maternal and child mortality rates. Katherine also coordinates White Cross efforts and support for the network of Baptist hospitals and health centers in the DRC.

PHOTO | DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN BOLIVIA HEALTH AND WELLNESS



PHOTO | FREE HEALTHCARE TO RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NICARAGUA HEALTH AND WELLNESS

to build

**GOD'S KINGDOM**





PHOTO | GLOBAL SERVANT ROVAINGINA RICHARDSON ENGAGES IN RESTORATIVE MINISTRY WITH WOMEN WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF A CULTURAL PRACTICE CALLED "TOKOSI" IN GHANA, ABOLISHING GLOBAL SLAVERY

## BRIEF HISTORY

The oldest international Baptist mission agency in North America, IM has been responding to the call of Jesus Christ since 1814.

The first known missionaries to emerge from the newly formed United States were George and Hannah Liele, emancipated slaves who went to Jamaica in 1783 to share God's love. Nearly thirty years later, missionaries Adoniram and Ann Judson joined the Baptist movement. After Ann's early death, Adoniram continued to serve in Burma for nearly forty years. Luther Rice, a missionary originally sent to serve with the Judsons, fell ill and had to return to the U.S. He dedicated himself to organizing financial support for the Judsons and other missionaries.

Inspired by Rice's passion, Baptists in America formed what became known as the "Triennial Convention" in Philadelphia on May 21, 1814. This is the date IM celebrates as our founding anniversary. The convention appointed a committee (the Baptist Board for Foreign Missions) to manage what would become the Baptists' first unified missionary sending effort in the U.S. Our name has changed over the years—the American Baptist Missionary Union (1846), the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (1910), the American Baptist Board of International Ministries (1973), and now International Ministries.

The diversity of our missionaries and leaders is a pillar of IM. In 1815, we endorsed Charlotte White, the first woman in America to be appointed as an international missionary by any denomination or sending agency. That same year, Lott Carey formed the African Baptist Missionary Society after purchasing his freedom from slavery. In partnership with the Society, we appointed Carey to serve in Liberia in 1821. In 1826, Louisa Purchase, our first appointed Native American woman missionary, began her ministry in the Choctaw nation. In 1886, we appointed L.C. Fleming, one of the first African Americans to graduate from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, for service in the Congo.

Over two hundred years of IM's history are marked by countless servants who risked their lives to stand with those facing unjust situations and profound difficulty. Through world wars, pandemics, political unrest, and economic depression, we have developed resilience and sustainability, adapting our methods and approaches while remaining rooted in and faithful to Scripture. We serve together with and learn from our many local partners in ministry around the globe.





# respond to INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES TODAY



*With your help*, church leaders receive contextualized theological education, children attend school, survivors of exploitation experience restoration, community leaders become advocates of peace and justice, and indigenous people access clean drinking water.

As you become involved in the restorative work happening in the name of Jesus around the world, God will broaden your picture of the church, your understanding of who God is, and what it can mean to be a follower of Jesus.

**Together, led by the Holy Spirit, we can respond to the call of Jesus. We can participate in God's work to build God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."**

## How can you, your church, or your organization partner with us?

- Volunteer in a cross-cultural setting through our short-term mission program. To learn more about short-term mission, email [volunteers@internationalministries.org](mailto:volunteers@internationalministries.org).
- Become an IM global servant; learn more by emailing [rragwan@internationalministries.org](mailto:rragwan@internationalministries.org).
- Give annually or structure a gift for the general endowment.
- Partner in support of a specific global servant or sponsor a particular project.
- Partner to bring change in one of our focused impact areas.

To connect with a donor advisor and explore the ways in which you can partner with us in God's global mission movement, email [IMdonorservices@internationalministries.org](mailto:IMdonorservices@internationalministries.org). Find out more about our global servants, projects, and the countries we serve at [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org).



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AS IT IS IN  
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## STORIES OF IMPACT

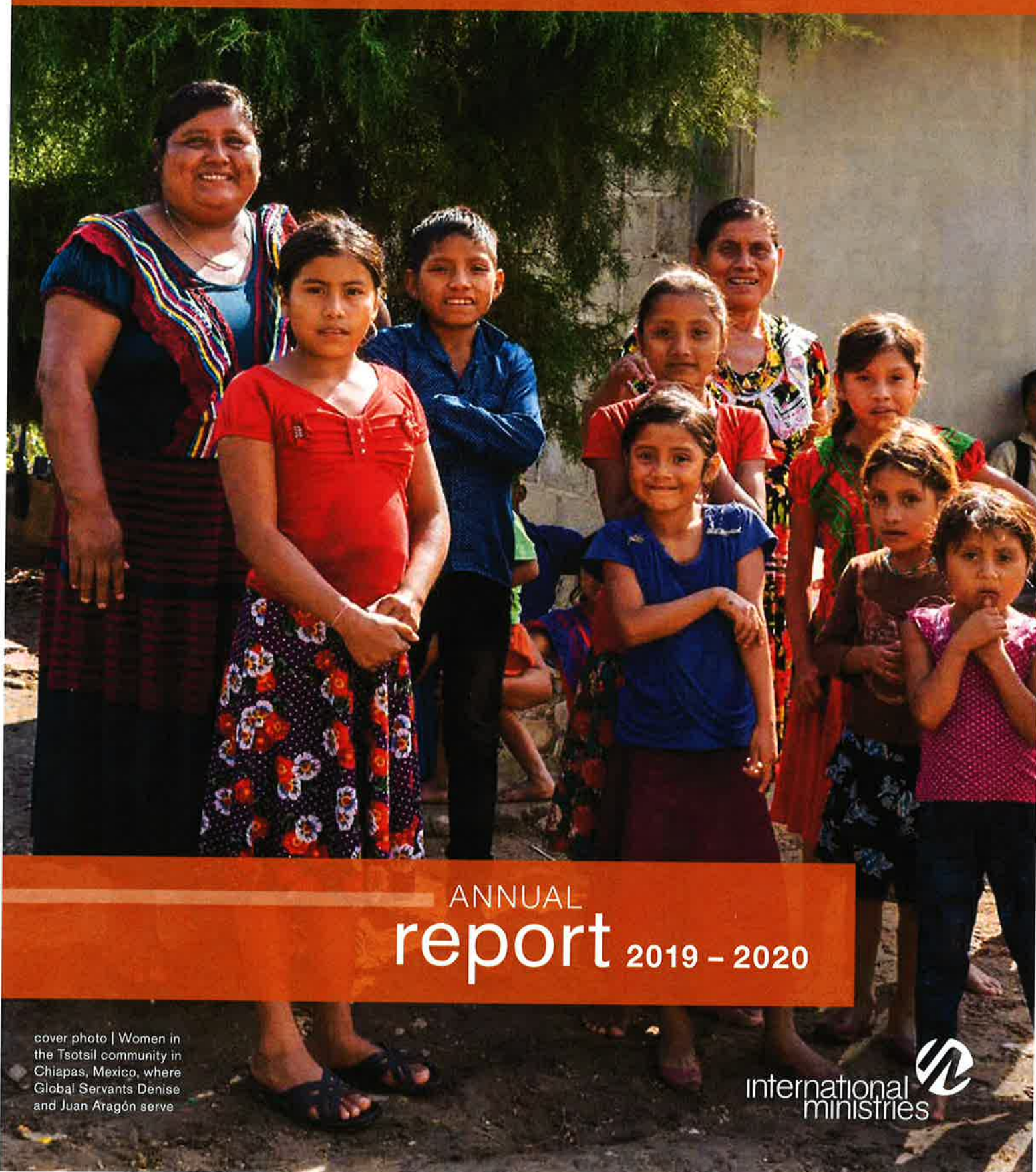
How you are facilitating the ministries of IM global servants.

## MEET OUR LEADERS

Hear from our CEO, leadership, and new board president.

## FINANCIAL DATA

How your partnership is having an impact.



# ANNUAL report 2019 – 2020

cover photo | Women in the Tsotsil community in Chiapas, Mexico, where Global Servants Denise and Juan Aragón serve

international  
ministries 



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WE'VE BEEN  
**surprised** *by*  
GOD'S **GLORY**

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This has been a memorable year. The COVID-19 pandemic brought all life to a halt in March; racism has reared its ugly head; and travel, education, and church all seem to be disrupted indefinitely. Most of us are having to find new ways to work, relax, exercise, and even be around family and friends. And the longer things drag on, the less likely it seems that anything is going to go back to "normal."

Yet God has entered our mundane, repetitive days in surprising ways. God has been present in video-conferenced prayer meetings, social gatherings, and milestone events. At International Ministries, we had a few historic moments in 2020, including our first online commissioning with Global Servant Faye Yarbrough, our first World Mission Conference Live Stream event, and numerous online meetings and celebrations during which we were very present with each other and yet located all over the world. **COVID-19 is teaching our IM family that God is not limited by our inability to be together in person.**

I've been very pleasantly surprised to see how our global servants have embraced ministry in creative new ways. We have had Holy Communion over Zoom and taken virtual short-term mission trips to Hungary, Thailand, Japan, and the Dominican Republic; and in many of these instances, the participation was greater in number and farther in reach than it would have been in traditional settings.

**We've been surprised by God's glory.**

I think of Noah, who surely had cabin fever after being cooped up on a ship with his family and some animals during months of unrelenting rain, sending out a dove over an abyss of water just one more time—but this time the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf! Or Moses, leading his flock across the barren desert terrain just like he had done yesterday and the day before—but this time, he came across a fiery bush that burned and yet was not consumed. I think of Joseph enduring another night in prison until a conversation about a couple of weird dreams changed his lot in life. **God surprised them as God surprises us—interrupting life as they knew it and reaching into the darkest, loneliest, most hopeless times and places with a message of hope.**

IM was very pleasantly surprised to turn a financial corner even in the midst of the pandemic. Given the global context, we saw this as a surprising experience of God's glory, carried out through sacrificial and generous giving among our friends and supporters.

Thank you for your partnership and participation in God's mission through IM. As the year ahead unfolds, we look forward to more and more ways that God's glory will surprise us, and we look forward to celebrating those moments of interruption together.

**"From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another." (John 1:16)**

Serving together with you in God's mission,



Sharon T. Koh, MDiv, MAT  
Executive Director / CEO of International Ministries



## Our MISSION

International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

**ON EARTH  
AS IT IS IN  
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6:10

70

**COUNTRIES**

120+

**GLOBAL SERVANTS**

250+

**GLOBAL PARTNERS**

430

**SHORT-TERM MISSION VOLUNTEERS**

# impact areas *and* MINISTRY PRIORITIES

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## INVITING PEOPLE TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

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EVANGELISM



DISCIPLESHIP



THEOLOGICAL  
EDUCATION

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S REIGN OF JUSTICE, PEACE AND ABUNDANT LIFE

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IMMIGRANTS  
& REFUGEES



PEACE & JUSTICE



ABOLISHING  
GLOBAL SLAVERY



EDUCATION



ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



HEALTH &  
WELLNESS

## EQUIPPING THE BODY OF CHRIST TO ENGAGE IN GOD'S MISSION

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MISSION FROM  
EVERYWHERE  
TO EVERYONE



SHORT-TERM  
MISSION



YOUTH &  
YOUNG ADULTS



TRAINING &  
CAPACITY  
BUILDING



# Building HEALTH

Partnerships foster holistic health care  
in areas of rural and urban poverty.



**Drs. Anita & Rick Gutierrez**  
***Global Servants to South Africa***

Seventeen years ago, Drs. Anita and Rick Gutierrez left their family medicine practice in Michigan to work in the province of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Traveling into impoverished areas from their base in Durban, they train "Health Builders"—laypersons who can perform health screenings and provide education and referrals to local clinics for people with obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and HIV.

The Zulu population of KwaZulu-Natal was the epicenter of the HIV pandemic during its start in the 1980s and has been heavily affected by the virus in the years since. "We were pioneers in our training of laypersons to do HIV tests in the community starting around 2005," says Rick. "Because we were family physicians with a broad focus on Health and Wellness, we never attempted to segregate screening services for different



Health Builder trainers Jabu (left) and Pilile (right) train people in health building and gardening and organize weekly community health education meetings in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

disease types. I remember in 2008, when we were doing health outreach alongside many well-equipped Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mobile units, the CDC workers were flabbergasted when the people flocked to be tested by our Health Builders, while the larger CDC units went unused. The answer was that by offering a variety of health services alongside HIV testing, there was no stigma for people screened."

Anita and Rick think holistically about community health. This means emphasizing not only medical interventions, but also promoting healthy living, including access to good nutrition. In 2010, they began brainstorming with Health Builders in rural Zululand about starting small businesses and decided to try raising chickens. Rick trained at the KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute and began raising a hardy South African breed of chicken good for eggs and meat. After receiving grant support and investing in the necessary equipment, Anita, Rick, and local Health Builders hatched and raised as many as 3,000 chickens and quail in a year.

"What excites us most about our mission is the way in which its primary foci enhance one another," Rick explains. "The Health Building enhances people's quality of life and changes the way they look at themselves and their community. The Bible studies that are a part of this training create a space for deep interactions. On a practical basis, having a garden or animals to tend is very helpful in maintaining health. So, we've grown our agricultural pursuits from the poultry focus to integrate vegetable gardening and now fruit tree nurseries and orchards."

Over time, Anita and Rick have been able to increase the number of Health Builders they train annually from twenty to fifty, by using experienced Health Builders as co-trainers at conferences and weekly sessions. "We spend additional time training and equipping our Health Builders to become successful poultry farmers, tree nursery keepers, and gardeners, to help them in their efforts to establish small businesses. Our focus is working side-by-side with them to better their overall quality of life," Anita says.

To increase the reach of their health training, Anita and Rick started creating educational videos. So far, they have produced nearly thirty videos in several languages on topics ranging from how to measure blood pressure to how to graft fruit trees. Their series on HIV has received over half a million views on YouTube.

At the core of Anita and Rick's ministry are long-term, meaningful partnerships and a continuing trust in God.

"Living far from family, working with people facing the challenges of poverty, and experiencing cultures different from ours have sometimes given rise to situations that made me feel some anxiety or pain," says Anita. "God has taught me that daily prayer, Bible study, and worship are the most important part of each day. By giving thanks for what God has provided, I am increasingly able to embrace each day knowing that no matter what I may face, God will be with me and his goodness will prevail. God calls us on journeys where only his strength can take us, and this is where we have most powerfully seen his love."

3,000

**CHICKENS & QUAILS** RAISED

1,000

**FRUIT TREES** PRODUCED

589,000

**VIEWS** OF ANITA AND RICK'S HIV VIDEO SERIES ON YOUTUBE



# supporting CHILDREN on the MARGINS

Wherever she goes—whether into a school or beside a hospice bed—Carmella Jones brings the joy of the Lord with her.

Early on Monday mornings in Budapest, Hungary, Global Servant Carmella Jones walks through the doors of the Pannonhalmi Béla Baptista school, past the cross recently installed in the school's foyer, and into her classroom.



Tabitha House in Budapest, Hungary

Re-opened in September after a coronavirus lockdown, this Baptist school of a hundred children in grades one to eight is small enough to feel more like a family than a school. It is a special place for children with learning disabilities, in a culture that has often marginalized them. Ninety percent of children at this school have individual educational plans, as they learn with autism, attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity disorder, or dyslexia with numbers and letters.

"As a Christian, I believe it's important that we realize God cares for those on the margins," Carmella says. "And people with disabilities are certainly on the margins."

In her role as school chaplain, Carmella team-teaches sixteen English classes a week with a Hungarian teacher and interacts with every child in the school. "As a native English speaker, my language is a gift to give," Carmella explains. "It's not a gift I did anything for, but I see how God can use this gift to change the future for these children. Here, you can't graduate high school unless you know another language, so we are giving our children every opportunity."

On Thursdays, Carmella spends the day working at Tabitha House. The only pediatric hospice institute

in Hungary, Tabitha House has just ten beds with which to serve children with terminal or chronically life-limiting conditions and their families. Every family in the program can receive up to twenty-eight days each year of overnight care, as well as day care support for six to twelve hours a day.

"Tabitha House is pretty unique," Carmella says. "These children are the most marginalized, and I see God's hand caring for them. One boy's

parents couldn't cope with his disabilities, and they left him in the hospital for the state to care for him. Tabitha House isn't a long-term care facility, but God opened the door in our facility. He provided for this child through every nurse, every volunteer, every heart filled with compassion. We cared for him up until the time he died. God provided the funds needed for his care over and over again. And when it came time to bury him, the nurses were at the funeral."

Carmella describes the impact Tabitha House has on parents who need a break from intensive caregiving to focus on their other children, and on rest for themselves. "I'm reading to the children, holding them, feeding them, playing with them. This may be a child who can do absolutely nothing for themselves but they can look at you and just giggle. And when the parent can come in and hear their child giggling—it's a comfort to that parent knowing their child is treated with kindness, compassion, and dignity."

Thinking back to the time when God first called Carmella from her work as an ordained Baptist pastor and a nurse to move to Hungary and teach children, she says, "I felt totally out of my element. But this is so clearly where God has led me. I would hope that my being here would bring my children joy and help them know what joy looks like. Many people do not smile here. I'll hear a child say, 'I'm always going to be happy when Carmella comes in the room, because she is always smiling.' My hope is that they will see how God brings joy to the life of the believer. That's how I understand my smile and my joy—as a reminder that God is near."



**Carmella Jones**  
*Global Servant to Hungary*

180

**HOURS** SPENT EACH YEAR WITH CHILDREN  
IN HOSPICE CARE AT TABITHA HOUSE

16

**CLASSES** TAUGHT EACH WEEK TO STUDENTS  
AT THE BAPTIST SCHOOL IN BUDAPEST



# THE *Project* OF HOPE

As the Project of Hope provides health care and empowers leaders, the Holy Spirit is transforming lives.



**Sarah Matos | J.D. & Rhonda Reed**  
**Global Servants to Bolivia**

"Over the past six years, one of the main things we have tried to do has been to empower local leaders to build relationships among themselves and within their ministries. When House of Hope became a Bolivian nonprofit foundation in 2018, it opened doors to empower local ministries to participate in the foundation," says J.D. Reed, IM regional consultant for theological education. "This has opened the door for relationship development and long-term sustainability."

House of Hope was founded sixteen years ago in Cochabamba, Bolivia, by former IM Global Servants Mario and the late Iris Morales, as they worked with newly graduated seminary students to develop ministries that would partner with local churches to make an impact on their communities. Today, as the Fundación Proyecto de Esperanza (FPE, or Project of Hope Foundation), it focuses on health and wellness, training local leaders, and local church empowerment in conjunction with short-term volunteer teams. Local FPE Directors Carmen Flores and Richard Achu manage the ministry in Cochabamba, while IM Global Servants J.D. and Rhonda Reed provide administration to the foundation, fostering relationships between FPE and local churches.

In 2019, FPE conducted 20 mobile dental clinics that served more than 800 patients and 10 medical clinics with more than 450 patients, all of which was made possible through White Cross ministry grants and donations. These clinics provided basic

**60+**

MINISTRIES PARTNER WITH FPE IN  
**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**800**

**CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**  
BENEFITED FROM MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS

**400**

**ADULTS** BENEFITED FROM MOBILE  
MEDICAL CLINICS



Dr. Danitza Vargas takes a medical history at a mobile clinic in Cochabamba.

care mainly for children and their parents who are outside the health care system. Local churches use clinic days as an outreach into their communities.

Over the past sixteen years, FPE has partnered with more than sixty local ministries to identify and train local Christian leaders. Leadership development meetings have provided a place for participants to worship, pray, share what God is doing in their communities, support one another, and engage in leadership training.

FPE also regularly hosts short-term volunteer teams from the U.S. in partnership with local churches. These teams work on projects that will empower and sustain the churches' ministries in their communities, building both physical structures and relationships.

It was through short-term mission that J.D. and Rhonda first forged a deeper connection with House of Hope. "I had the opportunity to take five trips as a pastor with short-term teams to the House of Hope ministry," J.D. says. "When we began our time with IM and they offered it as one of the places we could go, it made the most sense for our family. Since we already had deep relationships with the leaders there, it made the transition much easier."

IM Global Servant Sarah Matos (Nash) also first connected with FPE through short-term mission. Now she has been invited to join the team and help expand FPE's ministries into Santa Cruz. "I feel honored to serve alongside this holistic ministry that brings transformation and hope into children's lives," Sarah says. "What excites me is partnering with churches in the city and training Bolivian women to be mentors in the Talita Cumi Girls' Club program for girls ages eight to twelve. This project uses Christian virtues to encourage girls to stay in school and prevent human trafficking, abuse, and adolescent pregnancies."

As Bolivians currently face the weight of the global pandemic as well as political unrest and a dengue outbreak, the Reeds and Sarah are flexibly responding to the needs of their communities. "Even in the midst of all of this, we see God working," Rhonda says. "God

has provided food and resources for all of our leaders' families, as they have not had an income since March. For now, FPE is serving our leaders and their families as they try to encourage their communities. We are letting them know that we love them and they are not forgotten."

In the coming years, J.D. says, "we hope to foster local community transformation by working through the local church and its leaders, empowering them to share the love and grace of Christ throughout their communities. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will open space for lives to be transformed both physically and spiritually."

FPE Director Carmen Flores poses with a Quechua woman at a clinic in Camiri, Bolivia.





# finding *a SPIRITUAL FAMILY*

**In Debrecen, God used the lockdown to create a spiritual family.**



**Amanda & Jon Good**

***Global Servants to Hungary***

Leaders in the Baptist church in Debrecen, Hungary, noticed that international students at the local university were lonely and isolated. These leaders began to pray, then asked Global Servants Amanda and Jon Good if they might help the church create a community for these students, through which to share the love of Jesus.

The Goods and their four children arrived in Debrecen, the second largest city in Hungary, in 2017 to partner with Hungarian Baptists. Amanda teaches conversational English at the Talentum Baptist Elementary School, and Jon assists the Debrecen Baptist Church with outreach, church planting, church development ministries, and the training of Christian leaders. Their children attend the local public schools, and the whole family is learning Hungarian.

"Over half the population of Debrecen does not claim any form of Christianity," Amanda says. "The people are searching for hope, and we are thankful to be able to partner with Christians here who are actively pointing to the living hope of Jesus."

The 500-year-old University of Debrecen has 30,000 students and this year a record 7,000 international students. In May 2019, Amanda and Jon began an English Bible study for these students, buying coffee and snacks and hosting meetings every other Monday night. "By the end of the summer, we were a little discouraged by the low attendance, and we even thought about ending the outreach. But then we met a young couple who came to the Bible study and brought some friends. They wanted to know if we could meet more often. We moved to weekly meetings, and soon attendance was booming, with new people coming every week."

Today, half of the group's members are Hungarians of all ages, and half are international students. Most, but not all, are not Christians. In the past year, the group has welcomed attendees from Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Palestine, Romania, Rwanda, South Africa, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, the USA, and Zimbabwe.

When coronavirus reached Hungary early in the spring of 2020, the English Bible study shifted to virtual meetings. Despite the new physical distancing, during the lockdown the Goods saw relationships within the group actually deepen from friendships into a spiritual family. "This time

**70** **GROUP GATHERINGS**  
IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

**6** **IN-PERSON SMALL GROUPS** AND ONE  
VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP MEET WEEKLY

**42** AVERAGE **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

**100+** ONGOING **PARTICIPANTS**

**24** DIFFERENT **COUNTRIES** REPRESENTED  
IN THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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provided an opportunity to build our leadership team and small group ministry. Now that we can meet in person again, we have noticed an amazing sense of unity."

The opportunity to find a spiritual family can be particularly meaningful for international students while living away from home. When some students' families couldn't travel to graduation, they gave the Bible study members their tickets and invited them to attend as their family. When another student was recently married and the groom's family could not travel because of the pandemic, the Bible study was again asked to act as family. Jon and Amanda stood in for the groom's parents, a humbling and beautiful testimony to the bond created by the Holy Spirit.

The group was able to meet outdoors throughout the summer, but as the weather turns colder and darker, they have been looking for a new space in which to meet physically, where they can continue to study the Bible and worship together while maintaining safe distancing. The Goods pray that even more people will come and experience the hope of Jesus through this community.

"Many of those attending aren't content just to show up," Jon says. "They seek deeper ways to connect and serve. Volunteers from the group serve alongside us, helping to teach English. Some teach and disciple others, many look for ways to meet physical needs of those who are less fortunate, and still others lead worship ministries. Tonight, one of our students took some flyers and said, 'I want to tell others about this group, not so we can get a bigger group, but because I don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to be part of something so special.'"

The English Bible study meets in small groups in Debrecen, pre-pandemic.





# Providing PANDEMIC RELIEF

**In times of crisis, IM's five area directors consult with partners to understand how we may best assist in their relief efforts. Our responses, including financial assistance, are determined by our partners' expressed needs.**

As early as January, IM Area Director for East and South Asia Ben Chan began fundraising for COVID relief in China in partnership with the Asia Pacific Forum and the Amity Foundation, China. By March, alongside our partners, IM helped provide 8,082 medical-use coveralls and 148,840 face masks. Emergency relief funds also provided meal coupons for the homeless and financial assistance to the Hong Kong Christian Institute.

By April 2020, IM established the International COVID-19 Appeal to respond to needs in the countries where our global servants and partners live and serve. As of September 30, 2020, IM had raised and released \$115,800 to help meet these needs. We've shared emergency grants for food, housing, and healthcare, and worked to ensure that partners at risk of suspending vital services can continue in their ministries. These relief grants have reached 53 partner organizations in China, India, Nepal, Mongolia, the Philippines, Japan, Malaysia,

Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Panama, Uganda, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cambodia, Serbia, Angola, Burundi, Togo, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, Lebanon, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe. Funds from White Cross projects have also had a tremendous impact.

Your gifts to IM throughout the year equip us to respond to situations of sudden need, and your additional giving through the One Great Hour of Sharing COVID appeal meant that our ministry partners around the world had food and other much-needed supplies amid shortages. While it is impossible in this space to show all the ways in which we have seen God at work through our global servants and partners in pandemic relief efforts, these photos illustrate a few examples.



*All of IM's partners in Africa are engaged in ministries related to COVID-19 relief and support. Highlights include making and distributing cloth masks and other personal protective equipment, and the provision of food to people who have lost their jobs and their income. Pictured here: the food distribution ministry of the United Baptist Church in **Zimbabwe**.*



*IM partner Multipurpose Community Development Service provided COVID education, personal protective equipment, and food supplies of rice, lentils, oil, and salt in the rural parts of the Rukum, Lalipur, and Bara districts of **Nepal**.*







Through White Cross funds, the **Myanmar Baptist Convention** distributed 140 bags of rice, as well as beans, oil, canned fish, and other supplies, to feed hundreds of people displaced by military unrest who face heightened difficulties during the pandemic.



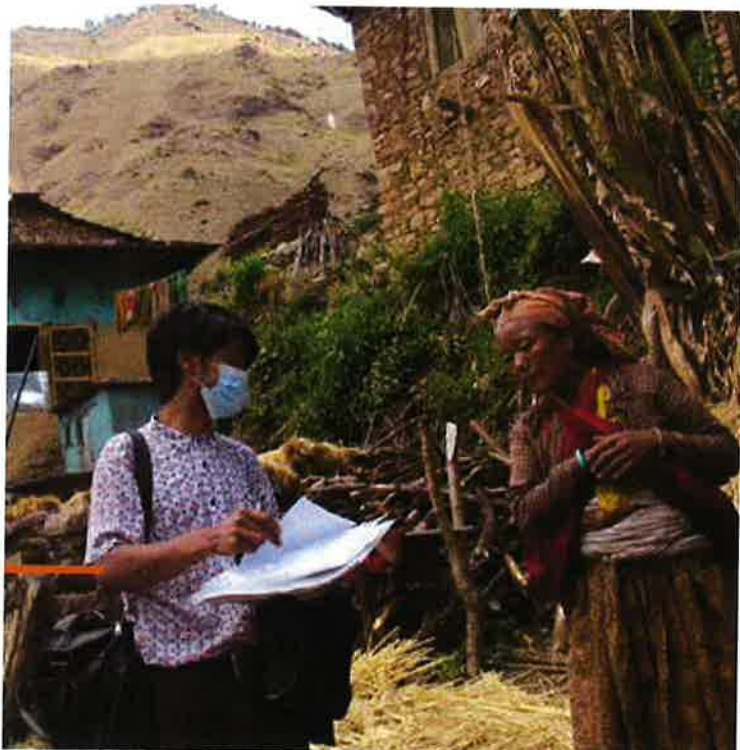
IM provided 43,810 common-use masks to the grassroots community in **Hong Kong**. The masks were distributed through a service with twelve Hong Kong churches and nongovernmental organizations.



In the **Dominican Republic**, through White Cross and other local partners, Global Servant Madeline Flores fed more than fifty families in March, then provided food and medicine for more than a hundred families from April to June.



Through IM's COVID-19 grant, IM Global Servants Annie and Jeff Dieselberg and the Nightlight ministry staff in **Thailand** prepared daily food packs for women living on the streets; by the end of June 2020, they had distributed 4,533 packs of food and 700 hygiene packs.





# Global SERVANTS



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**Carole Sydnor**  
**Retired | Nepal**



**Nancy & Stephen James**  
**Retired | Haiti**



**Dan & Sharon Buttry**  
**Retired | Global Consultants**



**David Parajón**  
**Reappointed International Associate | Nicaragua**



**Laura Parajón**  
**Resigned, continuing as Special Assistant | Nicaragua**



# meet Board President

JORGE MEDERO-ROLDÁN

**At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."**

**Luke 4:42-43**

Right from the start of Jesus' teachings about the good news of the kingdom of God, Jesus expressed that his message was not only for the Jews, but for all nations. This good news was laid out when he read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah:

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

(LUKE 4:18-19)

Jesus knows the struggles that people experience when living outside of his kingdom. These struggles are experienced as individuals and as societies regardless of where and when we live. For that reason, he invited people from other towns to hear the good news about the values and fruits of his kingdom as expressed by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 5:22: "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

IM has sought to carry on Jesus' mission to proclaim this message, inviting people from all nations to become disciples of Jesus Christ and equipping the body of Christ in God's mission. For more than two centuries, through both word and deed, IM global servants from different nations and backgrounds have professed the good news about discipleship, peace, and abundant life.

In 2019, I was invited to become the president of the Board of Directors of IM from 2020 to 2023. This invitation took me by surprise, especially because I am from a small island in the Caribbean, Puerto Rico. Like Jesus, I went out to a solitary place to seek his voice and meditate on this call. In these meditations, I followed a daily devotion series titled "Who Christ Calls You to Be." This series focuses on different areas that, to my surprise, aligned with several of IM's Focused Impact Areas (FIAs) as laid out in our strategic plan:

1. Christ calls you to be a light in a dark world (FIA 1: Inviting People to Be Disciples of Jesus Christ)
2. Christ calls you to be a champion of the poor and needy (FIA 2: Proclaiming God's Reign of Justice, Peace, and Abundant Life)
3. Christ calls you to unity and fellowship (FIA 3: Equipping the Body of Christ to Engage in God's Mission, From Everywhere to Everyone)
4. Christ calls you to be a generous giver (FIA 4: Pursuing Organizational Excellence through Financial Health and Accountability)

Finally, through this devotion series, I read God's invitation to me. God could have used angels or miracles or numerous other means to announce his message. Instead, he has chosen everyday people to be his mouthpiece in the world. Working through ordinary people facing the ordinary issues of day-to-day life, God intends to let the world know that there is hope beyond the problems and frustrations of the here and now.

The board also called Jenny Quey to become the vice president of the Board of Directors of IM from 2020 to 2023. She responded with a deep commitment and passion to serve God in IM. We are both humbled and conscious that this invitation comes from God; we bring open hearts to hear his word and seek wisdom in the difficult times the world now faces.

We are also very grateful for donors like you who sustain the IM global servants who are working in seventy countries and many different ministries—ministries that are now touching communities in the midst of a pandemic, practicing faith with deeds.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to express deep gratitude for your valued commitment to enable IM to continue proclaiming the good news of Christ.



Jorge Medero-Roldán, CPA, MBA  
President of the Board of Directors



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# A message from GLOBAL MISSION

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM BELL

"The dumbest thing I've ever done is purchase a 2020 planner!" Though my notebook-like daily planners gave way to Microsoft Outlook and an iPhone years ago, reading that meme still brought a smile to my face. We expected 2020 to be a year of clear vision and long-range achievement; instead, it's been a time of uncertainty and disruption in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, of renewed awareness of and response to racism, and of both natural and unnatural disasters. Circumstances have compelled us like never before to adopt a humble posture of dependence on God, recognizing that "if it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15). These indeed have been long months of challenge and struggle, but God has been faithful, and marvelous ministry has continued around the world through IM's global servants and partners.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been met with extraordinary responsiveness by IM's global servants and partners. You can see a few examples of this on pages 12-13 of this report. As the first reports of an outbreak were reaching the U.S. from China, Area Director Benjamin Chan was mobilizing the provision of personal protection gear and medical supplies to our partners in China, a gesture that was returned by our Chinese partners when the pandemic surged in the United States months later!

IM personnel and partners have also demonstrated great resilience in the face of the challenges and dangers posed by the pandemic. Most global servants remained in their host countries and continued ministry in new ways, adapting to the constraints of

quarantines and travel restrictions. A few were away from their countries of service when travel restrictions closed borders and continued to serve from a distance as well as finding new mission opportunities in their unanticipated relocation. Global servant candidates have not been deterred from following God's call—we celebrated our first virtual commission service recognizing God's call of Faye Yarbrough to mission in South Africa, celebrated as Alise and Mark Juanes landed and launched into ministry in Thailand, and welcomed several new global servants who have been endorsed to begin preparation for mission service. Baptists in India, in a movement facilitated by IM global servants and partners, are coming together for the first time in a nationwide fellowship and coordinating significant COVID prevention and relief efforts.

And, as has been true throughout the history of the American Baptist mission movement, IM's global servants have proven marvelously resourceful as they respond to God's call in the face of difficult circumstances. Global Consultant Luran Bethell has continued to link, network, and support ministries addressing human trafficking through Zoom meetings and conferences. Stan Slade, Aaron Osterbrock, and other IM theological educators have taught seminary classes from afar using online platforms and chat groups. In areas of Kenya where people have little access to television or the internet, IM Associate Boaz Keibarak launched the "Radio Peace Talk Show" to share the gospel and teach peacebuilding to persons confined to their homes by COVID quarantines. And in months where short-term mission trips have been



**Sharon T. Koh, MDiv, MAT**  
*Executive Director / CEO of International Ministries*

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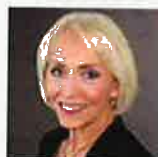
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grounded, IM's Short-Term Mission office enabled volunteer Kadie Henry to work virtually with Brazilian missionaries in Spain, began to offer virtual short-term mission trips, and launched the "Bridges 4 Mission" podcast series.

These examples are representative of the responsiveness, resilience, and resourcefulness that has characterized the ministry of IM's global servants, partners, volunteers, and staff in 2020. More accounts of God's faithfulness and continuing ministry may be found by perusing global servants' news and journals on IM's website. Even as responding to God's call takes directions and dimensions we never anticipated in our plans, we faithfully continue, knowing that "the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken" (Psalm 33:11).



Global Servants J.D. and Rhonda Reed sent 10,000 masks to Wheaton College to raise \$10,000 for the Project of Hope Foundation (see page 8) in Bolivia.



# Directors' HIGHLIGHTS



**Benjamin S.L. Chan**  
*Area Director for East  
and South Asia*

Starting in January, we provided protective masks and coveralls, COVID relief, and education. During the crisis, we have been using chat groups and virtual worship to encourage mutual spiritual support and the sharing of resources in congregations and communities.



**Joe Gonzalez**  
*Director of Information Technology*

As we direct all IT operations to meet ministry requirements and develop new technical solutions, we thank God that 100% of IM's systems are accessible at any time, from anywhere in the world.



**Sandra Dorsainvil**  
*Director of Short-Term  
Mission (STM)*

Since June 2020, STM has had a strong digital presence, offering many virtual visits hosted by our global servants and partners, starting virtual short-term experiences with volunteers, publishing a new leader's guide for STM teams, and launching the "Bridges for Mission" podcast.



**Adalia Gutiérrez Lee**  
*Area Director for Iberoamerica  
and the Caribbean*

During this year of pandemic, IM has continued its ministries with partners and global servants alike who have reached out to each other and to the communities they serve to offer emergency aid, distributing masks, hand sanitizer, food, and vitamins.



**Kathleen Geer**  
*Director of Donor Services*

Though we are a small team, we provide customer service to over 9,000 supporting churches and donors and process over 3,000 contributions per month. Throughout the pandemic we were able to continue assisting, communicating with, and receiving generous gifts from our committed donors!



**Charles Jones**  
*Senior Area Director and Area  
Director for Europe, the Middle  
East, and Liberia*

It has been a blessing to stand in solidarity with our partners during the pandemic and to assist with their relief efforts—doing awareness training, providing sanitation supplies, and addressing food insecurity.



**Mary Kate Kuchar**  
**Human Resources Director**

During the pandemic, we quickly transitioned to remote work, creating and updating policies to support staff and comply with changing laws and guidelines while providing member care opportunities to support community. We were thrilled to maintain our current healthcare coverage without a cost increase!



**Karen Mason**  
**Director of Events**

This year, we have successfully moved our events online, resulting in a 300% increase in attendance with participants from 37 countries.



**Tom Myers**  
**Director of Global Personnel Services**

During the past year, as we administered human resources for our global servants, I have seen these services growing as we worked collaboratively to focus more intently on providing emotional and spiritual support.



**Eileen O'Donnell**  
**Controller**

During the pandemic, our staff continued to perform fiduciary and banking functions efficiently without interruptions and to process international partner grants and disburse global servant support to sustain the ministries where IM is involved.



**Rodney Ragwan**  
**Director of Mission Mobilization**

During the pandemic, Mission Mobilization has remained available to respond to prospective candidates who sense God's call to serve overseas. You can expect a listening ear and a commitment to journey with you prayerfully through the discernment and application process.



**Lisa Rothenberger**  
**World Relief Officer / Scholarships**

This year, the international COVID-19 relief you provided through gifts to IM brought much-needed relief to sustain the ministries of international partners. One Great Hour of Sharing emergency funds supported disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries.



**Karen R. Smith**  
**Area Director for Africa**

Over the past year, I have been deeply blessed to bear witness to the faith, hope, and perseverance of our global servants and partners as they press forward in ministry—sharing the gospel and meeting human need—despite COVID-19 challenges and restrictions.



**Leslie Turley**  
**Area Director for Southeast Asia and Japan**

Through his people, God is working in new ways to ensure his kingdom continues "on earth as it is in heaven." These words take on new meaning through new ways of relating, new initiatives to meet human need, and the simple and biblical idea of people helping people.



# Financial DATA



**Patti Glasser**  
**Associate Executive**  
**Director for Operations**

This past fiscal year was like no other in recent memory. Yet we continue to “hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise” (Hebrews 10:23).

While the events of the fiscal year 2019-2020 were certainly unprecedented, God's grace was not. “From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another” (John 1:16). Despite the year's challenges, God's grace and blessings were clearly evident in the sacrificial giving of IM's faithful donors, churches, and regions.

As reflected in this financial summary, we ended the year with revenue almost one million dollars greater than our expenses. While this was largely due to limited travel and in-person attendance at major worldwide events, our global servants and staff made great use of our extensive information technology platforms to continue God's ministry throughout the world. Many of those ministry stories are shared on these pages and could not have been possible without continued support from our partners in ministry. In addition, through wise resource stewardship, our total net assets grew by almost three million dollars this past year. Praise God!

We move forward into 2021, confident in God's promise and thankful for the steadfast love that endures forever!

## STATEMENT OF MISSION MINISTRY

*For fiscal years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019*

<b>Revenue, Gains, and Other Support</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Contributions	11,803,649	12,783,753
Contributions to Endowment Fund	800,128	413,725
Realized Planned Gifts	129,360	103,235
Other Income	302,973	366,598
Endowment Income for Current Ops.	2,635,281	2,339,505
Other Investment Income/Misc.	96,993	66,079
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 15,768,384</b>	<b>\$ 16,072,895</b>

## Expenses

Missionary Ministry & Global Partners	9,716,839	10,433,861
Ministry Support & Education	2,753,316	3,226,089
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>12,470,155</b>	<b>13,659,950</b>
Administrative Support & Fees	1,517,411	1,583,930
Development & Fundraising	783,792	876,043
<b>Total Supporting Expenses</b>	<b>2,301,203</b>	<b>2,459,973</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,771,358</b>	<b>\$ 16,119,923</b>



Through White Cross, Kwai River Christian Hospital in Thailand received personal protective equipment and medical supplies.



#### Sources of Contributions

- Congregations and Church Groups
- Individuals and Others
- Businesses, Foundations and Organizations
- Planned Gifts



#### Expenses

- Program Expenses
- Administrative Support and Fees
- Development and Fundraising



#### Global Servant Support Distribution

- Missionary Income
- Medical/Retirement Plan
- Missionary Support Services
- Ministry Expense



# Mission ADVANCEMENT



**Zofia Dripps**  
**Associate Executive Director**  
**for Mission Advancement**

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

(2 CORINTHIANS 4:18)

In this verse in 2 Corinthians, Paul challenges the followers of Jesus to change their perspective. When, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can look at our situation and the world around us through God's eternal perspective, we can find greater clarity, greater purpose, and greater faith—regardless of circumstance.

Sometimes God disrupts us from our comfortable routines so that we can better see those factors that keep us from serving God. This change in perspective—from what is immediately around us to that which is eternally significant—can bring us to re-imagine the ways in which we might be used by God.

Rather than becoming overwhelmed, we can ask God how we can serve in our current situation. How might Jesus work in and through each one of us to accomplish God's kingdom purposes?

IM's work is only possible through our partnership with you. Thank you for coming alongside IM global servants and our international partners with generous hearts. Your faithfulness today is an incredible encouragement not only to us, but also to God's people around the world.

It is not possible to convey here all of the ways God is using you for kingdom impact, but we pray that through this report you will see God at work—improving health and

wellness, providing education and loving care for children with disabilities, enlarging the family of believers, and discipling a new generation of Christian leaders.

I pray that God will reignite your passion for global mission as you reflect on how your gifts directly change the lives of others.

For over two hundred years, God has worked through IM, and we have continued to keep evangelism and discipleship at the core of all we do. What might the church look like in the years to come if we could reach the 7,000 unreached nations (2.7 billion people) with the transformative love of Jesus Christ?

I hope God will use these stories of impact to inspire you to participate in what is unseen and eternal—and to ask yourself how God might use your life and gifts for God's good purposes.

How can you and your church equip and support global mission through IM?

- Personalized support for a global servant
- Gifts to the World Mission Offering and the IM General Fund
- Gifts toward a specific mission project
- A legacy gift for the future as we enter into our third century of mission

Together, we can come alongside our global servants and partners as we enter into God's extraordinary mission!



In Thailand, Global Servants Jeni Pedzinski and Kit Ripley minister through the New Life Center to promote education for girls and women.

## YOU CAN GIVE THROUGH

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## ASK OUR TEAM

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