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WE INVITE YOU TO DISCOVER OUR PARTNERS

Here you will find the location of our local and domestic partnerships listed by region, as well as a few notes about their ministries. Most partners have robust websites that outline their work in greater detail, and links to those pages are included on our mission website pages. A small number of our global friends work in “closed countries” that are not open to Christian ministries; in those cases, names and exact locations have been adjusted for confidentiality.

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Scripture reminds us that we worship a loving God who is tangibly present in cultures and communities around the world. The vision for worship found in Revelation is one where every tongue, tribe and nation join their voices together in worship of God. The heart of God constantly calls us toward Him and toward one another. Jesus searches for us when we are lost and He seeks us out. He stands at the door and knocks. God reveals Himself to those who do not even know how to look for God. And one of the great comforts of our faith is knowing that we are loved by a God who will cover the earth to call His beloved home. Missions provides an incredible opportunity to discover God’s movement in the world and invites us to participate in that work.

For 60 years the people of Christ Church have shared a robust, unwavering commitment to global and local missions. Discovering the different ways cultures and communities live out their faith changes us, humbles us and invites us into relationships that we might have otherwise missed.

This resource invites you deeper into these opportunities at Christ Church providing a next step on your journey—whether a long-time friend to our partners or a newcomer to this conversation. Here you will find invitations to prayer, fellowship and connection as well as details about our global and local partnerships. You will also find out more about our LIFT Center and tangible opportunities for engagement there. We hope that you will use this guide as a companion for prayer and an opportunity to learn and engage deeper in God’s global and local work.

In 1 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul says that we are co-workers in God’s service, a reminder that we are called to live out God’s love and grace as friends on mission together. Thank you for the part you play in that work and for your commitment to missions.

To God be the Glory,

Your Christ Church Missions Team

PRAYER

Praying for our partners is one of the most important ways to honor their work. Consider praying for them in these ways:

- Pray that God would give them vision and clarity about the work they are called to do.
- Pray that they would be protected from any number of issues they might face, from physical illness to burnout to the sheer exhaustion of caring for others.
- Pray that their families would be safe and healthy and that they would enjoy encouragement from their extended families and friends.
- Pray that we would be good partners and honor them and their work.
- Pray for clarity for how we can engage deeper and encourage them.
- Pray that we would remember to keep praying!
- Pray for partners serving in places where sharing their names or locations could put them at risk as they continue their ministry in challenging and often unseen contexts.

GUATEMALA

We join with partners who advance these life-changing causes.

LIFTING CHILDREN, WOMEN & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Jesus said that children are to be valued, protected and nurtured. As a result, we support partners who work to protect kids from abuse, ensure that they are adequately fed, clothed, and cared for, and provide them with the spiritual and academic nurture that increases their health and hope and draws them closer to God. We also support partners who work with the unique vulnerabilities that people with disabilities experience. We also work to strengthen the experience of women in communities where their voices are abused or marginalized.



RELIEVING SUFFERING

The Gospel highlights the work of the Good Samaritan who came to help people lying beaten, down in a ditch and without the resources to help themselves. Having experienced this grace from God, we are moved to offer relief to people who have been ravaged by crises (either ongoing or acute from an unexpected disaster) and need practical help to get back on their feet.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

The Bible reveals God's passion not only for individuals but for the flourishing of whole neighborhoods and cities. For this reason, we invest in Christian ministries that move beyond immediate relief measures (e.g., food and clothing) to advance integrated community development strategies (e.g., shelter and housing; nutrition and healthcare; vocational assistance and financial inclusion).



DEVELOPING LEADERS

Jesus chose apostles who could not only influence individuals, but multiply ministry that changed entire regions. Similarly, we seek to identify catalytic change-makers and provide them with theological education, leadership training, financing, volunteer support and prayer that helps increase their impact.



MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

One of the primary ways God changes the world for the better is through the radiant influence of disciple-making churches. We, therefore, invest in individuals and ministries serious about evangelistic witness, discipleship and church-planting. In this way, we advance the redemptive work of Christ faster than any other measure.

DOMESTIC PARTNERS



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NATIONWIDE

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Administer Justice Nationwide

Administer Justice is a Christian legal aid ministry that equips local churches to launch Gospel Justice Centers, where volunteer attorneys provide compassionate, low-cost civil legal help alongside prayer and spiritual care. They serve vulnerable individuals and families facing issues such as housing instability, financial hardship, immigration issues and personal safety, offering both practical legal support and the hope of the Gospel. A Gospel Justice Center operates at the LIFT Center the third Saturday of every month.



Altar Fly Fishing | Nationwide

Altar Fly Fishing is a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to strengthening pastors and ministry leaders through restorative fly fishing retreats that foster spiritual renewal and long-term soul care. By combining time in creation with guided teaching, coaching and spiritual direction, Altar supports the wellbeing of those who serve the Church—investing in healthier leaders for the sake of their families, congregations and communities.



Breakthrough | Chicago

Since 1992, Breakthrough has served the East Garfield Park community by partnering with neighbors affected by poverty to build connections, develop skills and create pathways to opportunity. Through education, housing, economic support, health services, violence prevention and spiritual formation, Breakthrough works to restore individuals and strengthen the entire community.



By the Hand | Chicago

By The Hand is a faith-based after-school program serving more than 1,500 students in four of Chicago's most under-resourced neighborhoods, focusing on academic excellence while nurturing the whole child—mind, body and soul. During the critical after-school hours, it provides a safe environment, mentoring, tutoring, nutritious meals, healthcare and the hope of the Gospel.



Caring Network | Chicagoland

Caring Network serves women in crisis dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. Trained counselors and nurses support women with unconditional love, non-judgmental counseling and spiritual guidance, all while meeting their physical needs through baby items and ultrasounds.



Cru | Chicagoland

Cru campus field staff work on local college campuses to actively share the Gospel, disciple students and send out equipped graduates to continue living on mission. Through Bible studies, one-on-one mentoring, evangelism and mission trips, they train college students to confidently start spiritual conversations and make disciples who make disciples.








Elim Christian Services Crestwood, Illinois

Elim Christian Services equips children and adults with disabilities to pursue their God-given potential through person-centered education, adult programs and community partnerships, serving individuals of all faith backgrounds. Rooted in a Christ-centered belief that every person has value and purpose, Elim works to see people with disabilities thriving in their communities and leading their fullest lives.



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Emmaus | Chicago

Emmaus is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to preventing sexual exploitation and supporting male survivors of the sex trade—an often-overlooked population—through trauma-informed care, community partnership and survivor empowerment. Grounded in the belief that every person has inherent worth, Emmaus works to help men and boys move from exploitation to freedom and fullness of life while fighting trafficking worldwide.



Fox Valley Christian Action St. Charles, Illinois

Fox Valley Christian Action disciples children and teens in under-resourced communities of the Fox River Valley into life-transforming relationships with Jesus Christ through free summer camps and year-round programs. Since 1977, FVCA has created Christ-centered spaces where low-income youth can grow in faith, overcome challenging circumstances and become connected to a local church community.



Gideons International Chicago's Western Suburbs

Gideons International seeks to help people encounter God's Word and come to faith in Christ. They mobilize volunteers to distribute Bibles and share the Gospel in places such as hotels, hospitals, schools, prisons and military bases in local communities around the world.



Inner City Impact Cicero, Illinois

Inner City Impact (ICI) serves children and teens in Chicago neighborhoods by creating safe, family-like environments through afterschool programs, sports, camps and leadership development. Since 1972, ICI has invested in the communities it serves to build lasting relationships, present the Gospel and help young people grow in faith, confidence and hope for a better future.



InterVarsity Christian Fellowship | Chicagoland and Southeastern Michigan

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship serves college students and faculty by forming diverse, Christ-centered communities where people can explore faith, grow through Scripture and follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. Through evangelism, discipleship, multiethnic engagement and global missions, InterVarsity equips students to live out their faith in every area of life and service to God's purposes in the world.



JUST of DuPage DuPage County, Illinois

JUST works within the DuPage County Correctional Facility to help incarcerated people make positive and lasting lifestyle changes. Staff and volunteers lead more than 80 weekly classes through an innovative and holistic combination of spiritual, educational, vocational and additional services.



Lawndale Christian Community Church Chicago

Lawndale Christian Community Church (LCCC) is a nondenominational church in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood committed to building a community of authentic believers and transforming the city through the life-changing power of the Gospel. LCCC serves spiritual, physical and social needs through worship, discipleship and community initiatives—including health care, housing development, legal support, recovery programs and youth outreach—to help individuals and families thrive in Christ.



Love INC | Chicago Suburbs

Love INC mobilizes local churches to provide holistic, Christ-centered care to neighbors in need, addressing spiritual, emotional, relational and material challenges through volunteer-led support and resource coordination. By building transformative relationships rather than simply meeting needs, Love INC helps individuals pursue their God-given potential while strengthening churches and communities.



Outreach | Villa Park, Illinois

Outreach serves vulnerable residents of Villa Park through youth development programs, case management, counseling and family stabilization services that address educational, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Rooted in Christian faith, Outreach works to restore hope and create opportunities so individuals and families can overcome barriers and become all that God intends them to be.



Pacific Garden Mission

Chicago

Pacific Garden Mission (PGM) is the nation's oldest continuously operating Gospel rescue mission, providing year-round meals, shelter and Christ-centered programs to help people experiencing homelessness in Chicago to overcome addiction, restore families and find hope. Through their hands-on work and media ministries such as "Unshackled!," PGM shares Christ's message throughout the city and beyond.



Prison Fellowship

Nationwide

Prison Fellowship serves people affected by incarceration by sharing the Gospel inside prisons, supporting prisoners' children and families and advocating for restorative justice—because every person is made in the image of God and no life is beyond Christ's reach. Their work seeks to transform lives and communities by helping people encounter Jesus and experience hope, mercy and second chances.



Reclaim13 | Chicagoland

Reclaim13 works to free children from sexual exploitation by preventing abuse, providing healing and safe residential care for survivors and engaging communities to raise awareness and support. They serve children and youth vulnerable to or affected by trafficking because every child deserves to grow up safe, loved and free from harm.



Resilient | Villa Park, Illinois

Resilient serves marginalized youth and families in pockets of suburban poverty throughout DuPage County, working to address overlooked social and economic disparities along the Roosevelt Road corridor and beyond. Through relationship-based programs that build character, life skills and self-empowerment, Resilient shares the love of Jesus while investing in a flourishing, thriving community.



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Salam Christian Fellowship
Lombard, Illinois

Salam Christian Fellowship shares the Gospel with Muslim and Middle Eastern immigrants through worship services, Bible studies, evangelism and baptism. Alongside spiritual teaching, Salam provides practical support—such as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, mentoring, transportation and basic needs assistance—creating a welcoming Christian community that helps immigrants grow in faith and adjust to life in the United States.



South Asian Friendship Center | Chicago

South Asian Friendship Center is a community presence in Chicago’s Little India neighborhood that shares the love of Christ through tutoring, English classes, children’s programs, Bible studies and neighborly hospitality. They serve South Asian families and neighbors of diverse faiths because they believe in proclaiming the uniqueness of Jesus by building friendships and offering free resources that support whole families.



World Relief | Chicagoland

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian nonprofit that partners with local churches to serve refugees and immigrants, helping the most vulnerable rebuild their lives socially, economically and spiritually. Through wraparound services such as resettlement support, legal and employment assistance, education and advocacy, World Relief works to create welcoming communities where displaced families can belong and thrive—both in Chicagoland and in more than 100 countries worldwide.



Young Life | Chicago’s Western Suburbs

Young Life in the Metro Southwest and Eastern DuPage areas reaches middle and high school students by building friendships, hosting weekly gatherings and offering camps that introduce adolescents to Jesus and help them grow in faith. They serve teens—including middle schoolers through WyldLife and students with differing abilities through Capernaum—because they believe every young person deserves to experience belonging, purpose and life as God intended.



Youth for Christ | Chicagoland

Youth for Christ partners with justice-involved teens through its Juvenile Justice Ministry, building Christ-centered relationships that provide consistent, faith-based support across community, court and corrections settings. By walking alongside young people during some of their most vulnerable moments, the ministry fosters holistic growth—physical, emotional, mental and spiritual—offering hope, stability and a pathway toward lasting transformation.



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LIFT CENTER | LIFT MARKET

The Christ Church LIFT Center is a centralized hub for community members to find the resources and support they need to flourish.

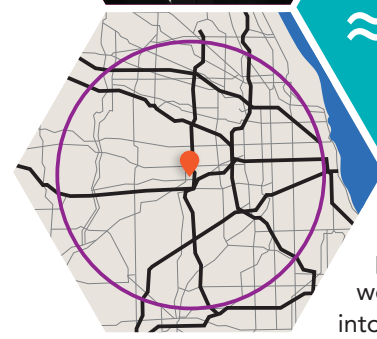
We offer personalized services for guests, and in cooperation with several of our domestic partners, the LIFT Center engages local need with care and compassion and focuses on the following areas:

FOOD & WELLNESS | The LIFT Market is a grocery-style food pantry. Guests can shop for needed items twice per month.

CARE & RESOURCING | A team of trained volunteers make up the LIFT Center Care team. They meet with guests who need assistance beyond food and offer limited financial assistance and referrals to meet needs. The LIFT Center also houses an Administer Justice Legal Center that is open once a month to provide legal next steps for those in need.

EDUCATION | In partnership with World Relief, English classes are held at the LIFT Center twice each week. An English Conversation Cafe is held monthly. CAP Money budgeting classes are offered on a regular basis. A Spanish-speaking small group was prompted by a LIFT Market host volunteer.

COMMUNITY | In addition to creating community among volunteers and guests within the walls of the LIFT Center, we partner with schools, non-profits and other organizations to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our neighborhoods.



Our guests come from parts of DuPage, western Cook and into Kane/Will Counties.



Scan the QR code or see page 25 to learn about ways to serve at the LIFT Center.



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Philip & Jill Aspegren
Costa Rica

Phil and Jill Aspegren both work on staff with Casa Viva, an organization aimed at partnering local governments, churches and families to support children in need of care. Casa Viva believes children need small, secure and specific solutions which play out best in individually selected and trained family homes.



Cesar & Nancy Cortez
South America

Cesar and Nancy Cortez have been ministering in South America since 1995, building community water systems and training Bible teachers and pastors. Using their giftings they have worked in Ecuador, Cuba, Haiti, Colombia, Brazil and Peru, to help provide drinking water and sanitation systems to these areas. In addition to this work, they also work to equip church leaders with books, resource materials, practical workshops and seminars.



Sam & Nicole Fiala | Peru

Sam and Nicole Fiala serve in Pucallpa, Peru, in the heart of the Amazon, alongside South American Mission (SAM), which focuses on discipleship, church planting and leadership development. Through its aviation ministry, SAMAIR uses small aircraft to reach remote villages that are otherwise inaccessible, supporting pastors, church planters, Bible translators and medical needs. Sam is a local pilot and Nicole serves in an administrative role, navigating the logistical and operational demands of international missions.



Greg & Faith Hurst | Bolivia

Greg and Faith Hurst work with SIM in Bolivia, focusing on discipleship through family ministry and church planting. In the church they helped to plant, Greg serves as an elder and helps train the ministry team while Faith shepherds the leaders of the women's and children's ministries. The Hursts' vision is to mobilize their congregation and other Bolivian churches to plant Gospel-focused, disciple-making, missional churches that glorify God in their city, country and world.



Allinta Ruwana | Bolivia

Allinta Ruwana is a Bolivian, non-profit Christian organization that provides healthcare and English classes to the city of Potosí. Allinta Ruwana strives to create safe places where hurt people in mind or body can be restored and know their true identity as beloved children of God. The team is made up of Bolivian nationals as well as missionaries from all over the world who work together to demonstrate the compassionate nature of Jesus through health and education projects.



Vic & Leslie Trautwein Dominican Republic

Vic and Leslie Trautwein serve with Seed to Sower ministry which equips vulnerable children to grow into impact Christians through education, faith and community.



Learn more about our global partners.

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KENYA



Dotun & Ami Modupe | Kenya

Dotun and Ami Modupe are missionaries based in Nairobi, Kenya, working to transform communities, particularly within the Mathare Valley slum, by providing food, shelter, education and support through partnerships with organizations such as Bright Hope. Dotun serves as the country director for Bright Hope in Kenya.



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**Jean Baptiste Mugarura
Rwanda**

Jean Baptiste Mugarura began working for Youth for Christ Rwanda in 1995, one year after the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. In the years since, he has been ministering in a nation shattered by this history. His ministry includes addressing trauma, tension, poverty, illiteracy and disease. Jean Baptiste also started Kigali Christian Schools in 2016. They currently have three campuses with more than 2,000 children.





Kellie O'Brien | Tanzania

Kellie O'Brien is the founder of the O'Brien School for the Maasai. The school provides high quality, faith-based education while also empowering widows in the community through vocational training and income generating opportunities. O'Brien School also creates a space where girls and boys learn and lead together, challenging harmful cultural norms.



**Barbosa & Sinara Oliveira
South Africa**

Barbosa serves with One Challenge International and is currently based in Johannesburg, South Africa. Barbosa has focused his ministry on equipping pastors and leaders across Portuguese speaking countries in Africa. He is dedicated to training, mentoring, coaching and encouraging church leaders to be more effective and relevant in their ministries. Sinara Oliveira, though trained as an agricultural engineer, chose early on to focus on raising their children and managing their home.



**Emmanuel and Blessing
Oluwayemi | Nigeria**

Emmanuel and Blessing Oluwayemi are founders of Life Builders Ministries International, a ministry that provides holistic care for orphans and widows in Nigeria. Life Builders has also established two hospitals and a growing academy with more than 300 students from kindergarten through grade 12. Their work seeks to foster a transformed society where orphans and widows are cared for and equipped to thrive.



Stephen's Children | Egypt

Stephen's Children has a mission to help save lives, bring hope and restore dignity to under-privileged children and young people so they may reach their own people. They work in the slums and squatting areas of Egypt. By building strong trusting relationships with poor and vulnerable children and families, they are brought in to nurture, train and equip these precious people.



**Villages in Partnership
Malawi**

Villages in Partnership (VIP) works to raise villages in Malawi out of extreme poverty. Currently VIP works in 29 villages. Their model empowers villages to identify their own needs, contribute to the solution and take ownership of projects.



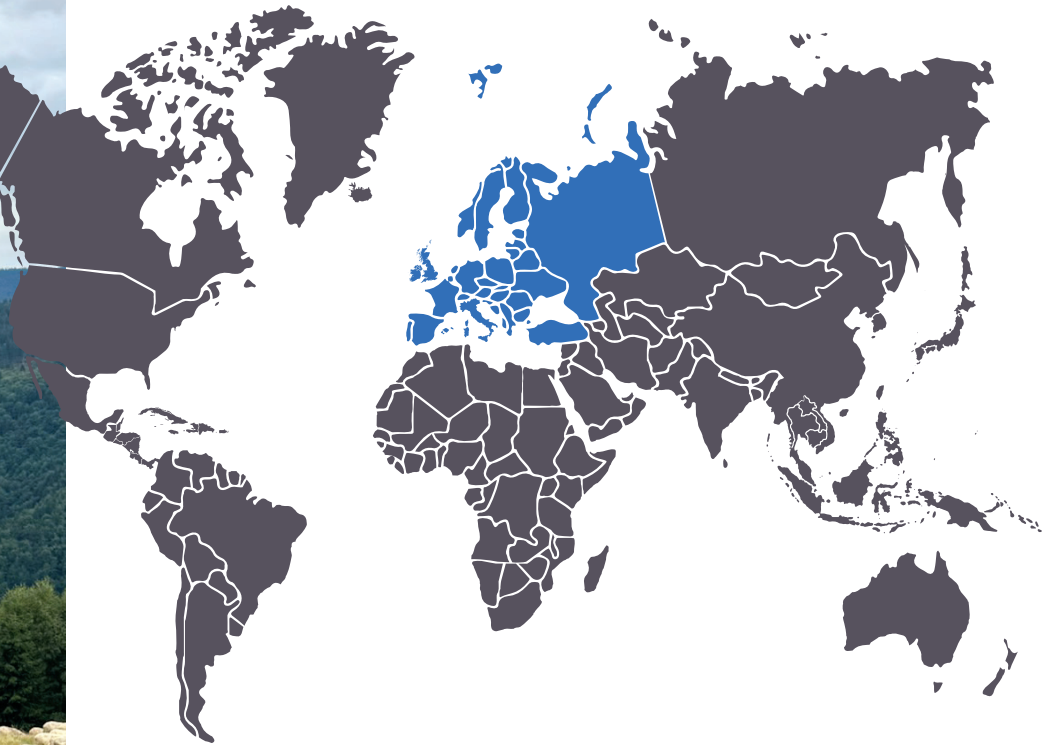
World Relief | Burundi

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 185 out of 189 countries in the 2018 Human Development Index. More than 80% of the population lives below the international poverty line of \$1.90 per day. Fifty-eight percent of children suffer from chronic malnutrition and one out of every ten children in Burundi dies before the age of five from a preventable disease. Since 2004, World Relief has been on the ground in Burundi helping local churches and government agencies to tackle these problems.





ROMANIA



Scott & Katarina Breslin
Sweden

Operation Mobilization is a faith-based NGO that offers the presence of Jesus to hurting Muslim people in the hidden places of Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. Scott Breslin is the Nordic Regional Leader of Operation Mobilization Europe and supervises their work in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and the Faroe Islands. In addition, Scott is the director of The Plant Network, Operation Mobilization's church-planting and disciple-making initiative across Europe. Katarina Breslin works as a palliative care nurse at the local hospital.



Kevin & Rahela Conway
Hungary

Budapest is home for the Conways, who serve with Christian Educators Outreach. Kevin trains pastors and church leaders in Eastern/Central Europe in the Scriptures in their own hometowns so that they don't have to travel/move to the West for training. Rahela leads Bible studies for young marrieds, professionals and preschool moms in their home. Kevin and Rahela both mentor and disciple numerous people in and outside their home.





Mihai and Tammy Lundell
Italy

Mihai and Tammy Lundell serve as leaders in Italy and the Europe Area for One Challenge International (OC). Their focus is developing new strategies for discipleship and leadership development, care and spiritual formation. Tammy serves as the OC Europe Area Director, overseeing the work and overall health of OC workers in 10 countries and leads the spiritual formation ministry in OC, facilitating retreats and offering spiritual direction. Mihai serves the OC Europe Area in member care, leads European Member Care network, the Global Member Care and serves on the pastoral leadership team of their local church in Italy.



Jeremy & Christy Otten
Belgium

Jeremy and Christy Otten are involved in Theological Education and Counseling ministries in Leuven, Belgium. Jeremy teaches New Testament at Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (ETF), Leuven. Christy provides counseling support for WorldVenture workers, ETF students and others in their community.



Jose Pablo & Jane Sanchez
Spain

José Pablo and Jane Sanchez serve the Lord with the goal to see an evangelical church in every unreached town of Spain. José Pablo is focusing on proclaiming the Gospel, mentoring, teaching and preparing leadership. He is also the president of the United Platform of Evangelization of Spain of the Federation of Churches (FEREDE). Both Jane and José Pablo serve with the Evangelistic Association Decision Spain and are developing Decision Academy with courses on evangelism and communication.



Mark & Melanie Stoscher
Albania

Mark Stoscher serves in Ersekë, a small town in southeast Albania. His primary role is as a director through Torchbearers. In this role, he works at Udhëkryq (Crossroads), Torchbearers' Bible School and summer Christian camps. Mark also works to support children in difficult circumstances through programs such as Foleza, which means "nest." This program provides after-school tutoring and an orphanage for disadvantaged children.








Emil & Adriana Toader
Romania

Emil Toader works with Missio Link International Foundation (MLI), a Romanian NGO, based in Timisoara, Romania. MLI's mission is: To equip, enable and offer resources for mission to strategic churches in Romania through church partnering and leadership development. To offer rescue and rehabilitation for girls who are survivors of severe abuse and traffic, children in disadvantaged rural areas, preventing school abandonment and young offenders in the Buzias Educational Center, part of the juvenile prison system in Romania, and leadership development through camps and outdoor programming for youth and through training and conferences for adults.



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INDIA



Dr. Atul & Suman Aghamkar
India

As an urban pastor, church planter and missiologist, Dr. Aghamkar has become a leading voice in the field of urban mission in India. Presently Dr. Aghamkar and his team are engaged in a ground-breaking research initiative focused on emerging Christ-ward movements in North India. Suman Aghamkar works with the Widows and Girl Child Project, offering vital support to some of the most vulnerable segments of Indian society. She has also contributed to the revision and promotion of the Marathi (their mother-tongue) Bible in partnership with Biblica Inc.



Jake & Honah Finn | Thailand

Jake and Honah Finn serve fellow missionaries and their families throughout Asia at Cornerstone Counseling Foundation, located in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Jake is the director of clinical services. Cornerstone Counseling provides confidential and professional counseling, consultation and training from a Christian perspective for missionaries, mission organizations, churches, etc.





India Gospel League
South Asia

Sam Stephens serves to bring sustainable transformation to rural villages throughout South Asia. He does this by building strong partnerships and investing in these three ways: by caring for the children, the poor and the sick.



Mission India | India

Mission India trains and equips local Christians in India to do the work God has called them to do. They provide the training, resources and accountability to help Christians in India succeed in ministry.



Our Partner | Meghalaya, India

Our partner creates alphabets and written languages for remote people groups who have no prior written language. She then translates the Scriptures along with hymn books into the newly created written languages and the people are taught to read. To date, this partner has developed written languages for five people groups and has others in progress. She currently has translation teams in three locations.








Ben & Mandy Pehrson
Papua New Guinea

Ben and Mandy Pehrson lead a multi-language Bible translation program in Papua New Guinea, supporting ministry across 13 language groups. Ben trains and mentors translators, teaches in areas such as Greek, linguistics and exegesis while ensuring accurate Scripture translation. Mandy co-leads with Ben, offering mentoring, crisis care and support to the missionary community. Together, they invest deeply in both the work of translation and the people they serve.



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JERUSALEM



Michel & Roula Khalil | Global

Michel and Roula Khalil serve as the founder and president of Step Forward Global Ministries, a Christian nonprofit dedicated to empowering leaders and supporting persecuted churches across the Middle East and North Africa.



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Musalaha | Jerusalem

Musalaha, meaning “reconciliation” in Arabic, is a faith-based organization dedicated to promoting reconciliation between communities separated by ethnic, religious and social barriers. Guided by local community leaders, they teach, train and facilitate transformative encounters that foster unity, joint liberation and nonviolent co-resistance. Through this work Musalaha strives for healing, redemption and sustainable peace within their society and across borders.





Our Partner Couple in the Arab Speaking World

After an extended season of immersion in cultural and language studies, this couple is poised for long-term work in an Arabic-speaking context. Their passion is anti-human trafficking work, and their combined giftedness positions them well to advocate, rescue and extend compassion and hope in Jesus' name to victims of trafficking trapped in exploitation throughout the region. They are building programs focused on direct assistance, prevention, sustainable solutions and holistic care for survivors returning home.



SEMINARIES

As part of our passion to develop leaders, we partner with these two seminaries and trust that the instruction and education in these institutions is helping to shape future leaders who are equipped to honor God and extend God's love to others through their training.

Fuller Theological Seminary | Global

Fuller Seminary equips competent leaders who are culturally engaged and lean into the intersections of life through two schools: School of Mission and Theology and School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy. Fuller creates a vibrant variety of leaders, preparing individuals from different ethnicities, cultures and communities to help expand God's Kingdom on earth.

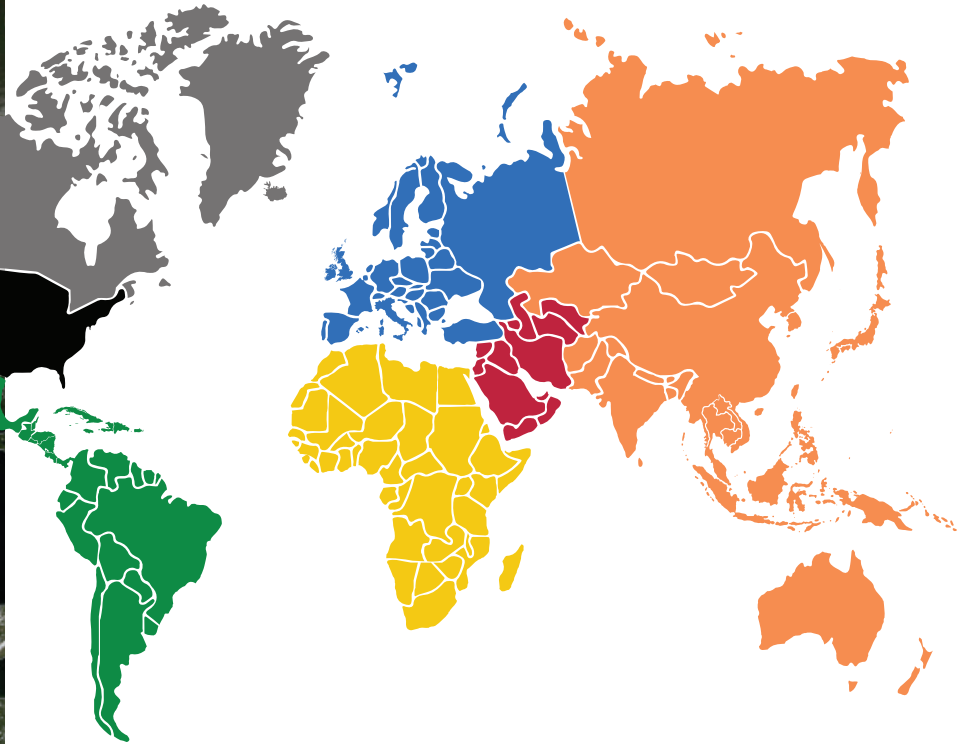


China Graduate School of Theology Hong Kong

The China Graduate School of Theology (CGST) is the only nondenominational seminary in Hong Kong. As an interactive learning community focused on equipping Christian disciples, CGST is committed to upholding the evangelical Christian faith while staying in touch with the current social and cultural milieu. Their aim is to create leaders who are able to respond to their changing environment, working together to find ways of continuing the Christian movement in Hong Kong, China and across the world.



U.S. BASED | GLOBAL FOCUSED PARTNERS



Carlos Calderon | Global

Carlos Calderone served for 17 years as vice president of Partners International, where he led the development and implementation of global field strategies, supporting indigenous churches across the 10/40 Window. Since January 2024, Carlos has been serving as Director of Fruitfulness with Global Fellowship, where he continues this work with great anticipation.



Steve & Margie Doty | Global

Steve and Margie Doty have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators for more than forty years in the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, Kenya and Thailand. They have had the privilege of being involved in three different translation projects, as well as teaching, training and mentoring lots of people along the way. Steve is still on staff at the university in Thailand where they have their training program, teaching translation.



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Haggai International
Global

Haggai International is committed to addressing global Gospel poverty by equipping strategically positioned leaders to share the message of Jesus within their own communities. Haggai focuses on training influential local leaders through immersive, multi-week programs led by experienced, non-Western faculty. These leaders are then challenged to multiply their impact by training others, often far exceeding expectations.



Iran Alive | Iran

Iran Alive uses modern technology to share the Gospel, train believers and fuel a discipleship-making movement. They do this through broadcasting the Gospel 24/7 across the middle east, pastoring an Iranian online church and training Christian leaders in Iran.



International Justice Mission
Global

Children, women and men face the reality of modern slavery, exploitation and abuse every day because people in power prey on the vulnerabilities that poverty creates. The International Justice Mission is on a mission to partner with local communities to build a more just world where everyone can expect to be safe and protected.



Mark & Michele | Global

Mark works in Pakistan, India, Egypt, Uganda and Kenya to reach Muslims, disciple Muslim background believers in Jesus and biblically equip leaders. Mark's focus is in multiplying international church leaders, and he is also writing a course on evangelistically reaching out to Muslims with the Gospel.



Greg & Lilly Ogden | Global

Greg Ogden is a partner in the Global Discipleship Initiative, which trains, coaches and inspires pastors and Christian leaders to establish indigenous, multiplying and disciple-making networks, both nationally and internationally.



Project Video | Global

Project Video strives to develop a team in each culture that can make Christian resources in their own language. Video can be mass produced and passed around where even evangelists cannot go. When people see these Gospel movies in their heart language, they realize that the Gospel has relevance to their culture.



Talking Bibles | Global

The Talking Bibles ministry provides and Talking Bibles in homes and in areas around the world where people cannot read. They partner with hundreds of missionaries, pastors and evangelists to distribute the Talking Bibles and follow up with answering questions and shepherding new believers.



BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING



PRAY & ADVOCATE

Create a routine to pray for our partners

You can pray on your own, with your small group, circle of friends or family. Create a schedule to pray daily or weekly for specific partners and locations in the world or across Chicagoland.

Join one of our Global Partner Advocacy Teams

Partner Advocacy Teams (PAT) are small groups that come together to deepen their partnership in a specific part of the world. They receive regular updates from missionaries in that region, offer ongoing prayer and connect with the partners in their region when traveling abroad or when a partner visits the U.S.

SERVE & GIVE

Join a Global Outreach (GO) or Domestic Outreach Team

These teams are an amazing opportunity for the people of Christ Church to deepen the relationships with our partners. By visiting our partners and joining in their work locally or globally, we experience God's compassion at work around the world and live out Jesus' call to love, witness and serve.

Serve at the LIFT Market

Donate Food | Join the LIFT Market Crew

Pick up a green bag and donate food and supplies to stock the LIFT Market. Text NEED to 630.206.3327 to receive alerts and immediate needs.

Share your gifts and serve locally

Volunteer | There are many ways to serve at the LIFT Center, LIFT Market or with one of our domestic partners.

LEARN & CONNECT

Join an upcoming workshop or gathering

We create spaces to learn about partnerships and issues of justice directly from those engaged in mission work both locally and around the world.

Faith + Justice | Quarterly Workshop

Ongoing Conversations | Discussions around global and domestic issues.

Stay up-to-date! Subscribe to our newsletters

Mission Newsletter | Keep up to date with how God is working in our community and around the world.

Weekly Update | Highlights current and upcoming events including links to more information and registrations.

Sunday News | Learn about the weekly sermon topic and key Scripture teaching. Get access to online worship streaming channels, the Classic orders of worship and find news about upcoming events.

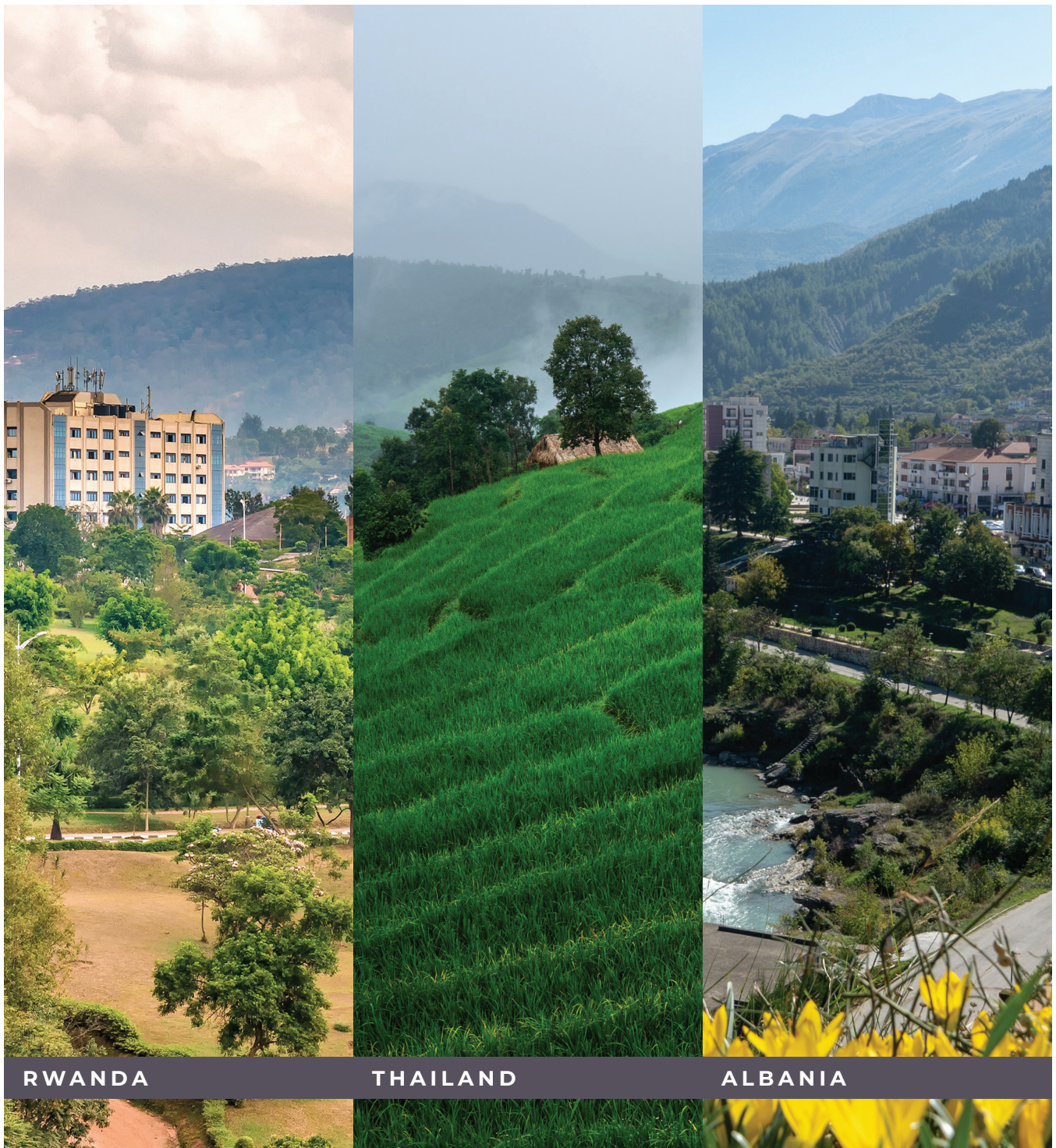
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