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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & PRAYER GUIDE

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KINGDOM MULTIPLICATION VISION UPDATE



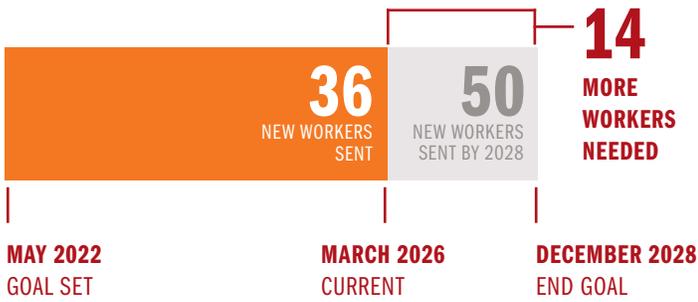
A landscape view outside of a village in rural Thailand.

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EMM's strategic focus is to identify, equip, and send missional leaders to serve on multi-generational and multi-ethnic teams who invite people to follow Jesus as maturing, multiplying disciples and nurture transforming communities of worship.

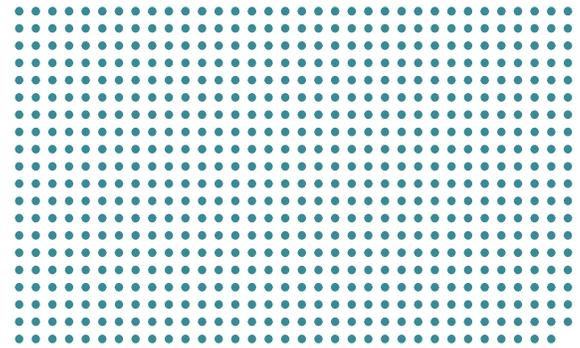
We primarily focus on least-reached people groups of Central Asia, Central Europe, Southeast Asia, and West Africa, and refugees in Lancaster, Pa.

In 2022, we set a new strategic focus for our work through 2028. This strategic focus, the Kingdom Multiplication Vision, is something with which we are diligently engaging to see people come to know Jesus. This issue of Messenger serves as a way to update you on the progress we are making, and also to highlight the room for opportunity that we have together in our work of sharing Christ's transforming love with the world.



NEW WORKERS SENT SINCE MAY 2022

We walk with people through an extensive journey of exploring their call to missions. This means sending workers for short-term and long-term service.



RECRUITMENT CONTACTS

SINCE JANUARY 2023

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Our team has traveled to a number of events and had personal contacts with each of these individuals. While not every interaction results in a decision to serve with EMM, every engagement is important in helping us move toward our goal.



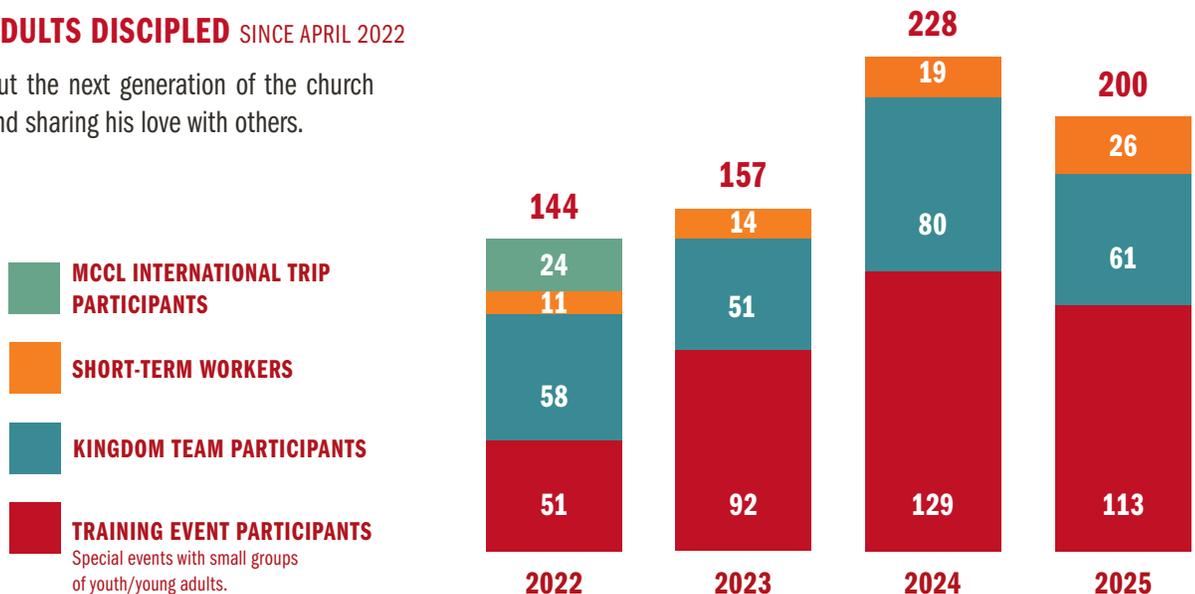
Friends and family of Torance Moore pray for her during a commissioning service for Advance.

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

— Matthew 18:19

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS DISCIPLED SINCE APRIL 2022

We are passionate about the next generation of the church learning to love Jesus and sharing his love with others.



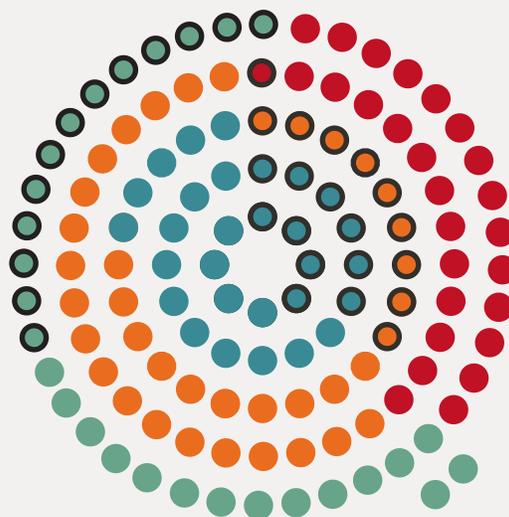


All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17

MISSIONAL LEADERS TRAINED THROUGH THE KAIROS COURSE SINCE APRIL 2022

This course guides participants to a biblical worldview and to live as a world Christian. It uses a unique combination of facilitated introductions, reading, videos, group discussions, special activities, and prayer for unreached peoples. Kairos is one of several mobilization tools produced by Simply Mobilizing, Inc. located in the Phillipines. Kairos is for all Christians at any point in their journey with God. It is not a “missions” course. It is an opportunity for all God’s people to have their worldview transformed and aligned with God’s heart for the nations. He has called us all to play a part in His mission, and there are many different roles to fill.



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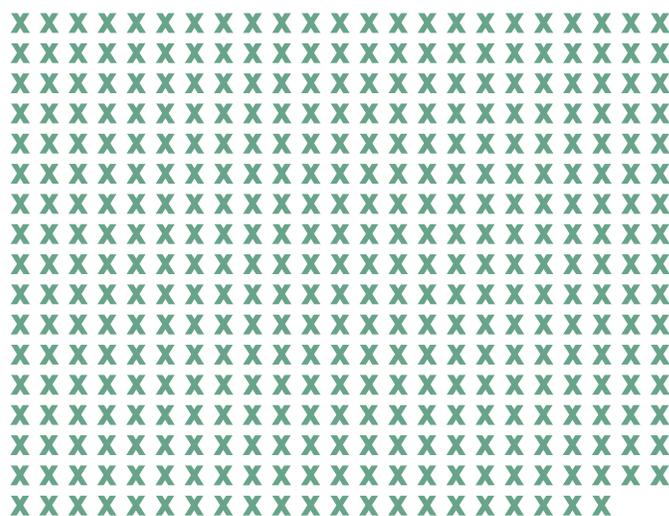
- 29 PARTICIPANTS IN 2022
- 38 PARTICIPANTS IN 2023
- 27 PARTICIPANTS IN 2024
- 28 PARTICIPANTS IN 2025
- 33 FACILITATORS TRAINED

RADIX STUDENTS SINCE APRIL 2023

In the 16th century, the Radical Reformers – also known as the Anabaptists – looked to the “roots” of the church as their inspiration. The term “radical” comes from the Latin word “radix” which means “root.” The early Anabaptists wanted to see the kingdom of God restored to a kingdom that was not of this world – but a kingdom that transcended national, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds.

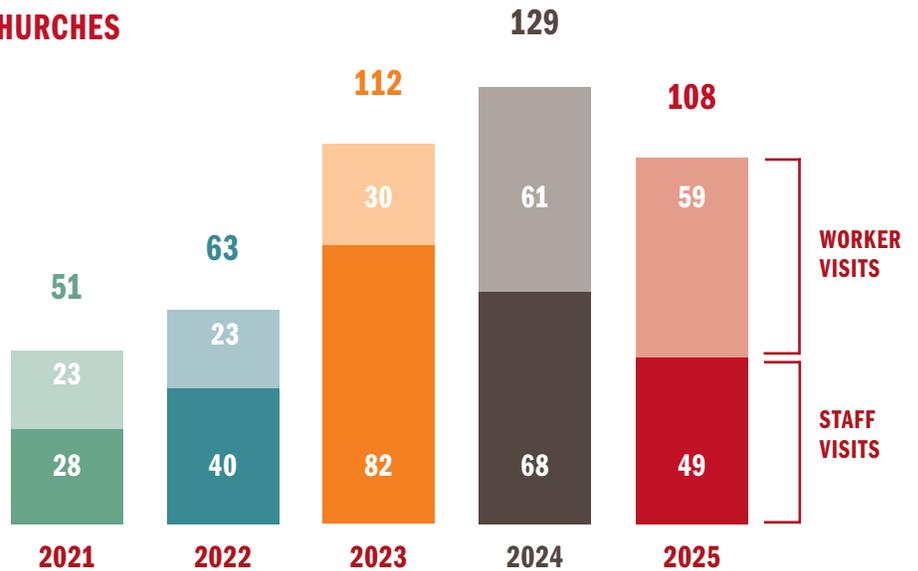
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Following in this stream, we are passionate about equipping and training the church around the world with missional Anabaptist resources. EMM and LMC designed Radix as an online learning platform available at radixtraining.org. It’s our goal that we’ll have 250 active ongoing learners engaged with a learning track in Radix.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

We encourage congregations to be active in making disciples locally as well as globally. We also hope all churches will become sending communities. Towards that goal, EMM staff and workers engage with churches regularly. This is a look at the churches our staff interacts with and also the data that we have for churches that workers visit during home leaves.

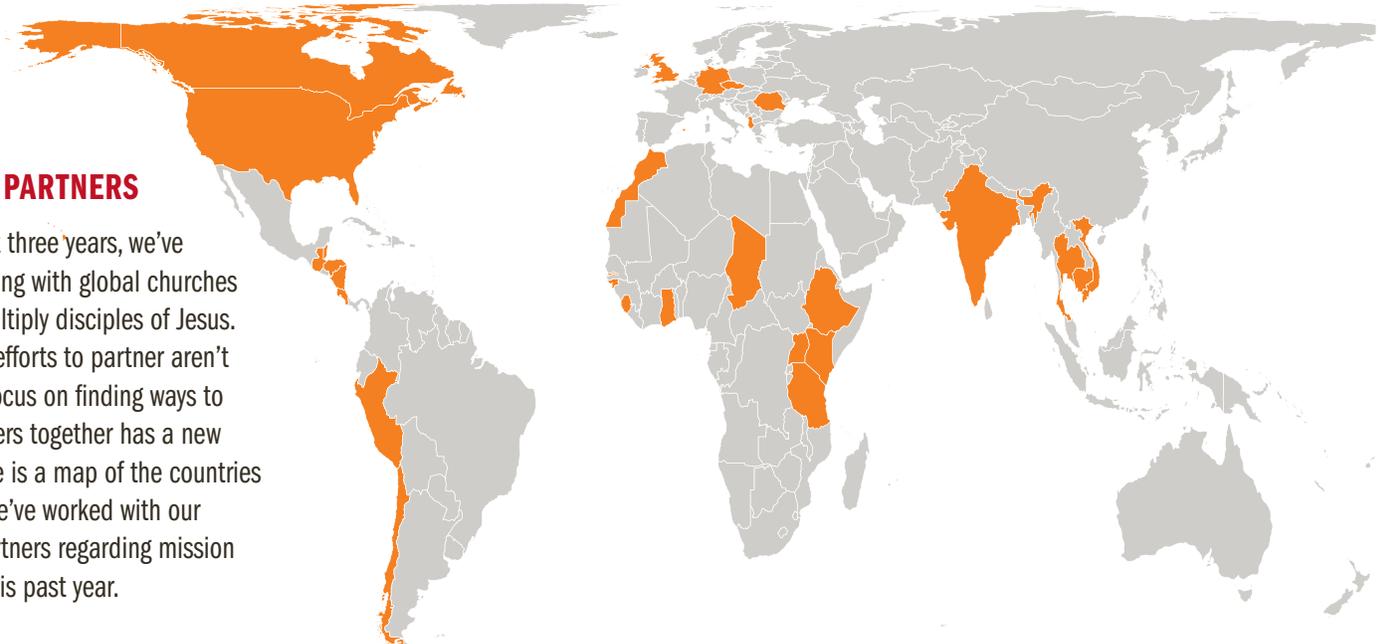


But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

– 2 Timothy 3:14-15

GLOBAL PARTNERS

In the past three years, we've been working with global churches to help multiply disciples of Jesus. While our efforts to partner aren't new, our focus on finding ways to send workers together has a new focus. Here is a map of the countries in which we've worked with our church partners regarding mission projects this past year.



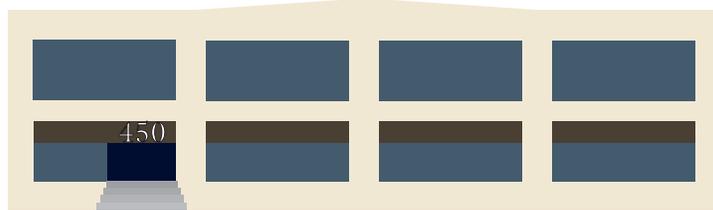
Hub450

Hub450 is the name of the building at 450 N. Prince St., Lancaster, Pa., which is home to these four permanent entities: Neighbors Community Center, Neighbors Cafe, LMC, and EMM. Hub450 also provides rental space for groups that need short- or long-term rental space for events, education, or ministry.



LMC is a fellowship of Anabaptist churches. This network of churches has more than 300 member churches in the U.S., Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

NEIGHBORS
COMMUNITY CENTER



Neighbors
WELCOME DESK

New! Neighbors Welcome Desk volunteers help people who ask for help connect with those who offer help, building a sense of community for all.



Neighbors Cafe is a privately owned business operated by Nolan Deck. The cafe provides a unique menu with globally inspired coffee, tea, and food.

In Luke 10, Jesus used the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate who a neighbor is. At the end of the parable, Jesus asked, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert of the law said, "The one who had mercy on him."

This is why Neighbors Community Center exists — loving our neighbors the way Jesus did. This includes holistic ministry such as an English program, providing support for other programs that serve refugees/immigrants, hosting cultural events for the community, and more. Neighbors Community Center is a welcoming place to connect, learn, and celebrate! The community center is a program of Eastern Mennonite Missions. Learn more at neighborslanaster.org.



IN 2025, NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CENTER'S IMPACT WAS MEASURED IN PART BY ...

4,906

HOURS OF
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
LEARNING

750

HOURS OF ARTISAN SKILL
DEVELOPMENT FOR
IMMIGRANT WOMEN

4,270

VOLUNTEER HOURS

51

COMMUNITY EVENTS

202

ENGLISH STUDENTS

20

ARTISANS

77

VOLUNTEERS

64

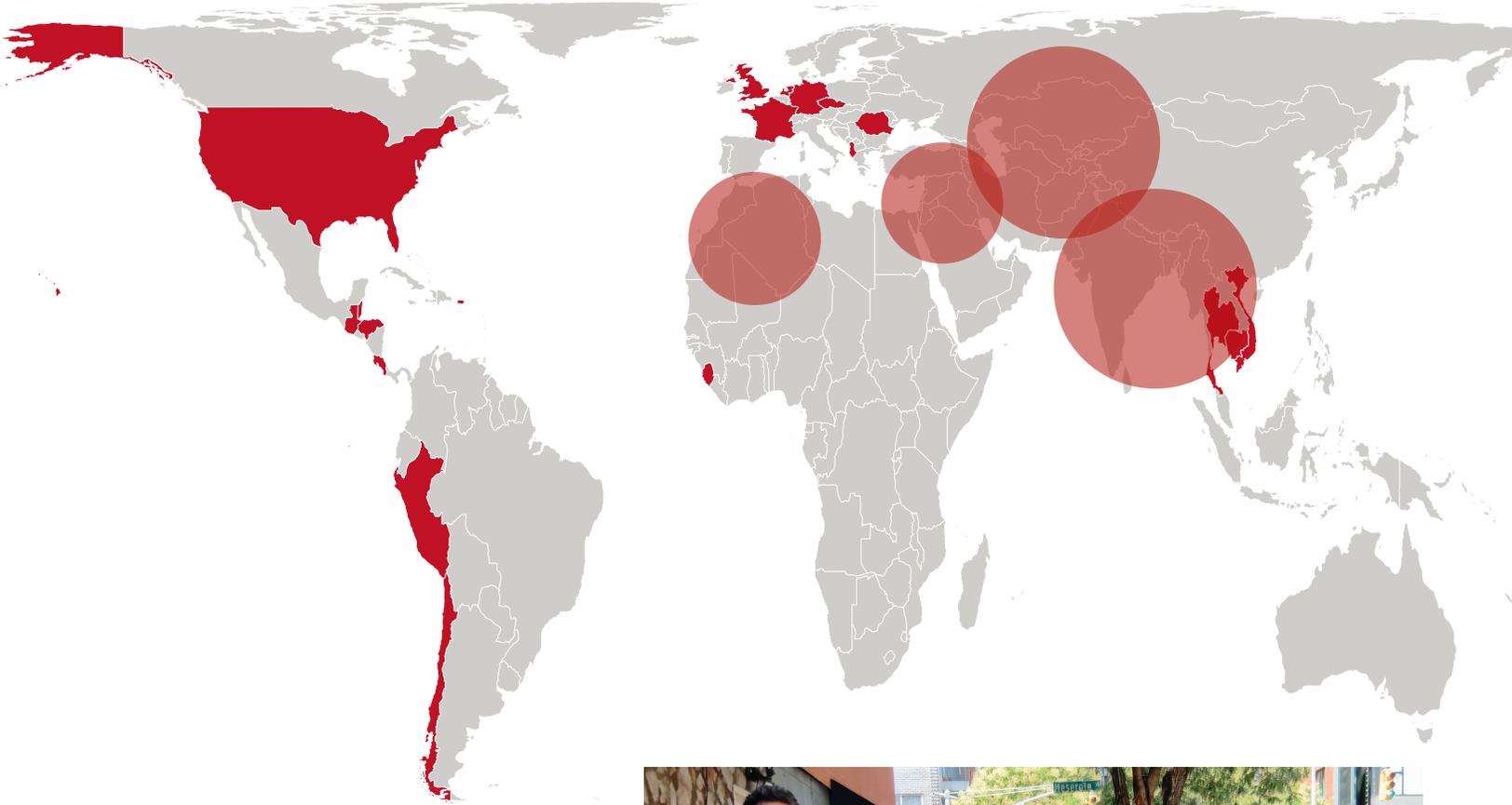
NEW! NEIGHBORS
WELCOME DESK
CONNECTIONS MADE

EMM had **162** team members in **26** countries in **2025**

8 countries/regions within shaded areas not named for security concerns

- 73** long-term team members
- 28** short-term team members
- 61** Kingdom Team participants

- 369** Missionary Support Team members
- 29** Staff members
- 16** Board members (who served at any point in 2025)



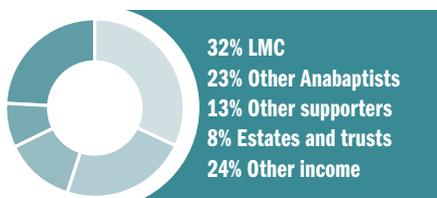
FINANCES 2025

We are grateful for the generous giving from congregations and individuals during 2025. If you would like a copy of our final audited report, please contact us. As we continue into 2026, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you and your congregation can continue to support the Impact Fund. You can support the Impact Fund at EMM.ORG/GIVE.



EMM Board member, Annie Sensenig (far left), greets members of Iglesia Cristiana Valle de Jesus in Brooklyn, New York after the August 2025 Board Meeting.

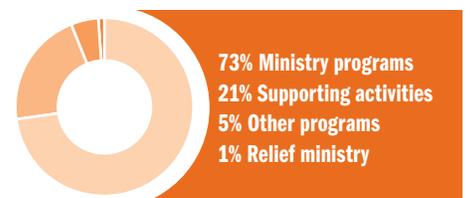
INCOME BY SOURCE: \$6,471,434



INCOME BY TYPE: \$6,471,434



EXPENSES BY FUNCTION: \$7,178,224



Due to rounding, figures may not equal the totals shown.

APRIL DAILY PRAYER

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- 1 | Pray for Steve and Bethany Horst as they serve with their family in Thailand. Pray for them as they balance different projects and invest in different aspects of their team vision. For God's wisdom, energy, and direction.
- 2 | Join Jeremy and Jennifer* in prayer for a successful EMM Southeast Asia annual retreat. Pray that all the details come together well, and that the session speakers connect deeply with their hearts. Pray for meaningful connections, safety, and refreshment for the group.
- 3 | Pray that the Father would find the Khmer people to be the kind of "true worshipers" that He seeks, resulting in a new sound of praise in the Khmer language.
- 4 | Join Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their family in prayer for the fairly new Life Enrichment Church in Sisaket province, as they undergo administrative and ministry shifts, and begin relating more directly to EMM Thailand.
- 5 | Pray that the demonic strongholds and ancient doors of ritualistic, geographical worship in Southeast Asia would be broken by the power of the Gospel, "and in truth".
- 6 | Ask God to call both long and short-term workers to serve in Southeast Asia.

LANCASTER, PA

- 7 | Pray that each immigrant who interacts with Neighbors Community Center experiences the welcoming presence of God.
- 8 | Pray for the Kairos course that concludes at the end of this month. Pray that as participants meet for meaningful training sessions, they would fruitfully discern how God is calling them to engage in the mission task. Pray also that God would call participants to join the next course, which begins in September.
- 9 | Pray that more people will feel called to serve at Neighbors Community Center among those who have been welcomed here as refugees and those who will come in the future.
- 10 | Pray for Phil & Linda Gottschalk as they confirm assignments and duties for their next three-year term as non-resident workers based in Lancaster, PA. They will continue to

teach online via video chat with the Baptist Theological Institute here in Bucharest, Romania. Phil will also work with EMM's Christian Muslim Relations Team.

- 11 | Pray for God to raise up Kingdom Team staff to serve with youth in the summer of 2026.

CENTRAL EUROPE

- 12 | Ask God to call both long and short-term workers to serve in Central Europe.
- 13 | Join Karen Hess in prayer that God's truth would be revealed to the younger generation and that God would grant her wisdom as she disciples and mentors some young women in the Czech Republic.
- 14 | Pray for the Czech believers to rise up in faith and boldness to engage with their family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors, sharing testimonies of how God has transformed them.
- 15 | Pray for a movement of people coming to know Jesus, for disciples who make disciples into the 3rd and 4th generation in the Czech Republic.
- 16 | Pray for the many older people living in retirement who have distant or broken relationships with their children and experience deep loneliness in Germany. Pray for opportunities for Christians to build relationships with them and introduce them to Jesus.
- 17 | Praise God for a continuing good connection that Vojta and Stacy Prknovi and their family have with the local church they are members of, while also planting a house church in the Czech Republic.

WEST AFRICA

- 18 | Ask God to call both long and short-term workers to serve in West Africa.
- 19 | Pray for the church to mobilize as disciple-makers in their local community to see Muslims encounter and surrender their lives to Jesus in West Africa.
- 20 | Pray for a revelation of Christ and a revelation of one's identity being found in Christ. For many of the local Muslim Gambians, Islam is not just a religious belief, but it is an identity. Many of them don't actively choose Islam, but rather they are born into it, thus

presenting significantly more barriers to work through when hoping to see them become a follower of Jesus.

- 21 | Pray for Muslims in West Africa to have dreams and visions of encountering the person of Jesus Christ that can lead to conversation.
- 22 | Pray for Krystle and Nate Thorne as they serve with their family in The Gambia. Pray for them as they mentor the two young women, Therese and Anna, who are living with them during their school year.
- 23 | Pray that the local church would have their eyes and hearts opened to a new desire to see their Muslim neighbors come to Jesus in West Africa.

CENTRAL ASIA

- 24 | Pray for the believers who face persecution for their faith in Central Asia.
- 25 | Pray for innovative and unique church planting and discipleship models to reach the rural communities in Central Asia.
- 26 | Pray for groups of believers to form and develop among the minority groups in Central Asia, like the Uyghur and Dungan.
- 27 | Ask God to call both long and short-term workers to serve in Central Asia.
- 28 | Pray for unity among the believers and for workers to be sent into the harvest in Central Asia.
- 29 | Pray for the participants who attended a women's conference in Central Asia last month. Pray that, as they return to their normal day-to-day lives, they will take the lessons and insights they learned with them and implement them in significant ways.

OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

- 30 | Pray for God to call Advance program participants for the fall of 2026.



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\$409,593 RECEIVED
AS OF MARCH 13

\$1,645,000
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