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ABWE was founded in 1927 as an independent Baptist mission. We are dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission by multiplying leaders, churches, and missions movements among every people. Currently, more than 1,000 ABWE missionaries are working to advance God's work in more than 70 countries by sharing the story of hope, building communities of faith, and serving the world with love.

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All Hands on Deck

IT'S A JOY AND PRIVILEGE to participate in making disciples of all nations. But we can't afford to glamorize or romanticize the Great Commission.

The reality is that billions of people have never heard the gospel.

The same gospel void that fuels human trafficking in India, sows racial hostility in Ferguson, Mo., and sparks tribal conflicts in the East. Sin's grip on the world is firm and expansive.

In response, ABWE continues to diversify its missions strategy and evangelistic tactics.

The call to preach the gospel is simple, but the Great Commission is too big for a one-size-fits-all philosophy. It requires us to unite with our Christian brothers and sisters with a range of gifts and abilities through new ministry initiatives, like Live Global (pg. 18) and EveryEthne (pg. 10), so that ABWE might become "all things to all people" to save as many as possible (1 Corinthians 9:22).

We take heart in the fact that we are led by not just a Savior but a King who will vanquish the enemy and set his dominion over all the earth (Psalm 110:1).

Until then, this promise spurs us to put one foot in front of the other, falling into ranks with the entire Christian body. The marching orders have been issued (Matthew 28:18-20), and every Christian has a particular role to play.

It's time for all hands on deck. Join us in the fight.

PAUL DAVIS
ABWE President

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CONNECTIONS

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TWEETABLES



PHILIPPINES - Robert & Kim Clark

Volcano Taal erupted in January, leaving hundreds of thousands of residents displaced from their ash-covered homes.



BAPTISM



BRAZIL David Carrel

David celebrates the baptism of his daughter Anna Claire.



PERU John & Wendy Patton

100+

ladies from more than a dozen churches came out for a Ladies' Day of Fellowship which featured games and a gospel message.



"Please pray for the area and people of Taal, Tagaytay, Balangas, Lipa City, Bauan and Ocampo in the Philippines."



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Ecuadorian commandos announced their faith in Jesus Christ during October's TACTICA training and evangelism outreach. TACTICA invests in Latin American authorities and their families through police training, evangelism, and discipleship.





Church planting takes much more effort in places like Kapagu, Papua New Guinea. Sometimes, missionaries have to start with things like building infrastructure just to get to the locations they are trying to reach with the gospel.

Building Bridges

📍 LOCATION: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TIM AND LEANDRA HAWES TARGETED THE VILLAGE OF KAPAGU in the lower Bena valley for their next church-planting initiative. But crumbling road conditions and an impassable gully made the remote village virtually inaccessible by vehicle. Additionally, a tribal conflict divided the clan, making it even harder to reach with the good news. Tim decided to construct a bridge to cross the gully, but he encountered obstacle after obstacle with the project.

First, the chainsaw died. Then, the winch broke. To make matters worse, the log beams for the bridge fell into the gully, and the Land Cruiser’s power steering failed. Tim had no doubt they were fighting an invisible enemy. He and Leandra asked ministry partners in the US to fast and pray for the village people, who wanted to use sorcery to retaliate and ward off these misfortunes.

They claimed that sorcery was more powerful than the Christian God. But when the prayer warriors in the US began their work, construction progressed more smoothly. The bridge to Kapagu was completed in November, allowing the team to conduct a mobile medical clinic in the village, which was suffering from a typhoid epidemic that afflicted a third of the community.

But amidst the hatred caused by a longstanding war, Tim and Leandra witnessed the Holy Spirit construct a different kind of bridge—not one that ushers in supplies or materials, but instead the life-changing message of the gospel that brings true peace and hope with God and one another. The Lord demonstrated his reconciliation around Christmastime, when the village reunited over a peace ceremony. The tribespeople played games and celebrated on the very same field that had been previously soaked with the blood of battling villagers. Jesus is truly the prince of peace. ●



A Floating Library

📍 LOCATION: MYANMAR

IT WAS 11 P.M. ON A HOT, HUMID NIGHT IN YANGON, MYANMAR.

But rather than preparing for bed, the students at Faith Baptist Theological Seminary were wide awake as three trucks lumbered up to the building. Within each truck was a stack of 500 boxes full of theological books that had just completed their voyage from North America. The students and staff joyfully unloaded the trucks and passed the boxes from student to student, up the stairs, and into the new library.

For the past 15 years, seminary founder Dr. Do Suan Mung and other believers have been praying for God to provide new theological books and Bibles for the institute. Due to political unrest in Myanmar, Christian materials were prohibited for sale or purchase in the country. The only way for believers to access Bibles or other Christian print content was through the help of foreign countries.

ABWE's partnership initiative, Live Global shared this request for new library books to build up and train believers in Myanmar with solid doctrine. Christians in the US and Canada advertised the need to others and joined Dr. Mung in prayer for God to provide.

Churches across North America began collecting books. Retired pastors donated their libraries, while others donated unused or extra books and others purchased books, specifically to donate to the library. In the end, 30,000 books were gathered and sent from Ontario, Canada, where believers packaged the books in banana boxes and shipped them to Yangon in a container.

There were several updated arrival dates and some uncertainty over whether the books would be allowed through customs. Ultimately the Lord guided the new library books halfway across the world to the seminary.

The last time the Myanmar seminary received books for its library was in 1986, carried on horseback and led by Dr. Mung himself. Yet even with limited resources, God has continued to use his word and faithful believers to equip men and women for gospel work as they disperse to all areas of Myanmar. ●

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to find out how you can

leave a legacy



*A true legacy is instilling
a vision within others.*

LEAVING A LEGACY MEANS MORE than simply passing on an inheritance or the “good stuff” you’ll be remembered for. A true legacy is instilling a vision within others.

Most people want to leave an inspiring and impactful legacy, but many avoid doing the tough work of actually building one.

1

It starts by:

DOING HARD WORK. Ask yourself the tough questions: “If life abruptly ended, what responsibilities and commitments would be left dangling? What messes—concrete and emotional—would I want sorted out?”

2

CUTTING THROUGH EXCUSES. Many people don’t create a will or talk to their families about important topics because they assume there’s plenty of time, it might be awkward, or it will “all work out in the end.” Getting serious about your legacy means you may have to push past the excuses that are holding you back.

3

BEING INTENTIONAL. Just like creating an estate plan requires evaluating your assets and getting your affairs in order, leaving a legacy with heart means you decide to tell your loved ones what you believe, how special they are to you, and why you support organizations that align with your values.

LEGACIES

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

○ ABWE INTERVIEW



Weary traveler,
Lynn Silvernale
(on right) with her
fellow teammates.



SERVING
WITH ABWE
FOR 50+
YEARS

HONORING

Lynn Silvernale

After 29 years, Lynn and her team completed the monumental task of translating the entire Scripture into the common language of a major people group in South Asia. Her colleagues have stated that this is one of the single most important contributions made by our entire team over the years in this region of the world.



M INISTRY WORKERS ABOUNDED IN LYNN'S HOME CHURCH.

They looked somewhat like heroes through her wide young eyes. One day Lynn discovered a box full of pictures and articles from the *Message* magazine that her mother had collected over the years. She spent her elementary school days reading the wonderful stories of ABWE workers.

Lynn went on to fulfill her childhood dream of becoming a ministry worker when she left the comforts of home behind for East Pakistan in 1961.

This past July Lynn was awarded a Presidential Citation for 50 years of Extraordinary Service with ABWE.

stood from the table and cheered as we watched it from the window. It was carrying the final draft of our Bengali Common Language New Testament to Bangkok for publication.

Another fond memory was witnessing Mrs. D. finally hold 29 years of work, which is how long it took us to translate the entire Bible from English to Bengali, in her hands for the very first time. She was dying from throat cancer and passed away soon after.

Q: How did God first call you to cross-cultural ministry?

A: My family frequently entertained ministry workers in our home. Through hearing them tell of their experiences, I knew by the time I was eight years old that God wanted me to go into ministry. One Sunday a few years later, I heard Dr. J Buswell read Romans directly from the Greek New Testament, which sparked my interest in Bible translation. That desire was affirmed when a couple doing Bible translation work in India presented their ministry at my church.

Q: What was the best part of living overseas and doing cross-cultural ministry?

A: It was a great privilege to live in a different culture and see those people come to Christ. You learn a lot about God's sovereignty—that didn't become real to me until I went to South Asia. I saw his sovereignty accomplished through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Q: What moment had the biggest impact on your ministry?

A: The greatest impact came through a Bengali woman named Mrs. D. She was an English teacher at a local high school, and I thought she could serve as our translator. Mrs. D. thought she was a Christian because she had been born into a Christian family, but she didn't really understand her need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I approached her one day about this and tears sprang from her eyes as she said, "No, I don't think I am a real Christian."

A few months later, Mrs. D. told me the Holy Spirit had convicted her of her sin. She gave her life to Christ, saying it was like God had tugged on her hair and said he wanted her to be our translator.

Q: What is your favorite memory from the field?

A: I was eating lunch in an apartment with some other ministry teammates when we heard a plane flying overhead. We immediately

Q: What advice would you give someone considering cross-cultural ministry?

A: If you feel the leading of the Lord, pursue it and find out more about it. I had felt for years that God wanted me to be a ministry worker, but one day after I applied to ABWE I wondered if this was really God's will or only mine. Around that time, I heard Pastor Tom Younger speak at a conference about how the Lord can only steer a moving vessel—that told me to keep moving! •

"I'm humbled to be able to serve alongside missionaries like Lynn Silvernale. Although she's in her 80s, Lynn continues to work as tirelessly in the Lord's service as she did her 20s and 30s. If I had a goal for what my life looks like when I "grow up"—it would be modeled after Lynn's life and ministry."
— Paul Davis, ABWE President

FINDING FAITH IN FERGUSON

○ By LOREN SKINKER



THE NORTH AMERICAN CHURCH IS IN DECLINE, ESPECIALLY IN CITIES. Meanwhile, increased globalization is drawing more people into the US than ever before.

Recognizing an immense opportunity to carry the gospel into urban centers and multicultural communities, ABWE's EveryEthne ministry initiative works to identify, train and empower Christian leaders to reach these cultural, social and religiously diverse communities—so that they can become a launching pad for missions.

SOMEONE WAS WATCHING HIM.

The hair on the back of Chris Brown's neck rose as he nervously fumbled with the pump handle and slid the nozzle into the fuel tank, keeping his head down to avoid attention.

He tried to calm himself.

It was just another day, with customers filling up on gas before driving into the collective white noise of traffic. Nothing was out of the ordinary, Chris reassured himself as he shifted uneasily on his feet and glued his eyes to the pump's screen.

The numbers ticked upward at painfully slow rate.

He heard the commotion before he saw it. A car screeched to a halt, stopping just before his fender. Although Chris had the uncanny feeling of an approaching disaster, he was now paralyzed by its arrival.

THIS IS IT, *he thought.*
THIS IS THE END OF ME.





Chris Brown, third from left, rides in the back of the car with his three older brothers.

WITH THEIR PARENTS WORKING AS TRUCK DRIVERS, Chris Brown and his three brothers often fended for themselves at their home in Ocala, Fla. Unsupervised, the four young boys lived in a state of disfunction—roughhousing, fighting, and surviving on barely eatable microwave dinners.

One day, there was a knock on the door. It was a youth pastor from a local church stopping by to follow up about a previous youth event. Appalled by the boys' living situation, he immediately went to Wal-Mart and bought them groceries. Chris was encouraged by his kindness and started attending the church. But he began to question his place there when

the church youth group went door-knocking in his own poor neighborhood.

Eventually, he left the church, and with no adult figure to mentor him, Chris turned to gang life for a sense of belonging and brotherhood.

That's when everything started to spiral. After high school, Chris left his parentless home to live with drug dealers. Soon enough, the bonds between housemates broke under money pressures, and an angry friend set Chris up to be robbed.

When Chris heard the intruder clanging around inside the house, he fled for his life while gunshots rang out behind him.

He immediately called the police. They arrested the robber, but he was bailed out the next day for a hefty sum of \$100,000.

Chris roamed the streets as a marked man, with his head on a swivel and one eye constantly peering over his shoulder. If there is a golden rule in gangs, it's that "snitches get stitches." The threatening measure is an effective tactic to ensure that gang members don't give information to the police. By telling the cops who the robber was, Chris had violated the code.

What was the consequence for breaking it?

Chris was about to find out. >>

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The hitman who had pulled up behind Chris' car was coming toward him. At the same moment, Chris heard it: the sound of sirens.

The police had been trailing the hitman's vehicle. As Chris crouched for cover, the officers shouted orders from behind the doors of the squad cars, their guns trained on the man.

"It was one of the scariest moments of my life," Chris said. "And so I just gave God one of those 'Hail Mary prayers' to get me out of this mess, and then I'd serve him."

The standoff didn't last long before the man was in handcuffs.

Chris was left shaken, struggling to wrap his mind around what had just transpired.

Having made the prayer from a state of despair, Chris was unsure of his next steps when reality set back in. But God intervened in his life when Chris was let go from his job and dismissed from community college because of an unforeseen paperwork issue. Old relationships also began to crumble; and while it seemed like his world was collapsing, Chris viewed it as a fresh start.

The Lord was closing doors and guiding him down a new path.

FINDING DIRECTION

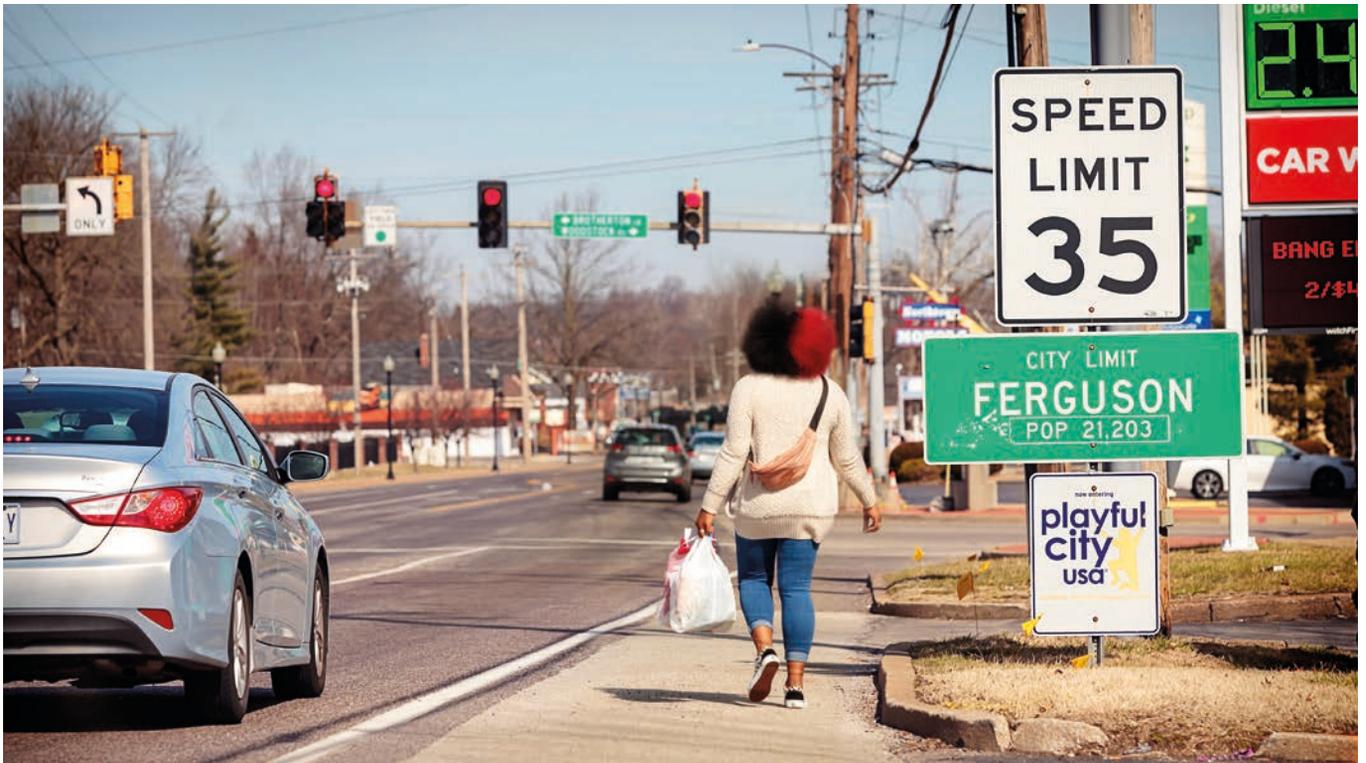
After his parents' divorce, Chris moved back into his old house to be with his lonely mother. He resolved to read the Bible diligently, wanting to understand the Lord that he had pledged to serve. Oddly enough, Chris remembers it as an extremely difficult period in his life. The more he learned about the holy and perfect character of God, the more aware he became of his own sinful nature—it was a crushing revelation.

Eventually, God impressed upon his heart to contact the same youth pastor who had knocked on his door all those years ago. Chris met with him and opened up about his life-altering experience and newfound calling in Christ.

The pastor sensed that his attitude and fervor were genuine. He sent Chris to a church-planting conference in California that confirmed his yearning to devote his life to ministry.



After a "hail Mary" prayer, Chris Brown turned his life to the Lord. The journey led him to Bible college, where he met his wife, Kaitlin.



Chris returned home intent on going to Bible college to receive professional ministry training. He got a landscaping job and began to save money for tuition. A few months later, he found himself on a plane to California.

“I had no idea what to expect,” Chris said. “I didn’t know where I was going to live or how I was going to keep affording college. I felt like Abraham when he just followed the Lord’s direction.”

The atmosphere at West Coast Baptist College was unlike anything Chris had experienced before. Although harmful, there was a freedom and independence associated with gang life that made the strict rules and regulations of university feel like a strait-jacket at first. But as Chris became more accustomed with university

life, he realized that he was rubbing shoulders with classmates who also shared a passion to pursue the spiritually lost.

God used a guest speaker to instill within Chris a desire to reach cities—environments where injustice, religious skepticism and racism abound. Places where, as the misguided saying goes, “churches go to die.”

Chris aspired to be a city church planter, and he began praying that God would show him which metropolitan to minister in.

DEFINING MOMENTS

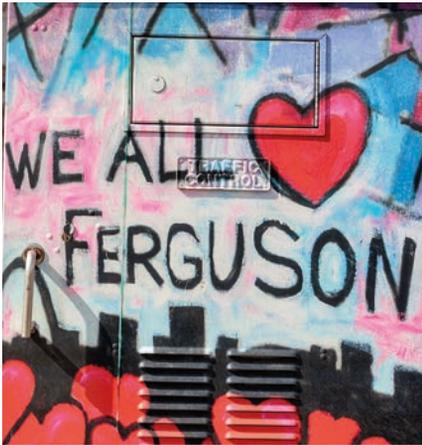
Chris met Kaitlin in a freshman class on the book of Romans. She initially rejected his pursuit of her, but they began dating by their senior year. Kaitlin had grown up in nominally Christian

home and trusted in Christ during middle school. By the time she arrived at West Coast Baptist College, her eyes were fixed on overseas missions through education.

Chris’ passion to do church-planting work stateside challenged her heart, as Kaitlin had never considered North America to be a missions field. However, as Chris explained his vision, Kaitlin couldn’t ignore the devastating need for healthy churches in the US.

Senior year culminated for the Browns with the successive events of graduating, marrying and moving to Missouri to establish a church in the racially divided city of Ferguson, Mo.

The summer before, Chris had visited the race-torn city during an internship at a nearby church. Even two years after a controver-



“I knew the Lord wanted me to do something in Ferguson. So, I submitted to his will and told him that if he opened the doors, I would follow.”

sial altercation where a police officer gunned down an 18-year-old black male named Michael Brown in 2014, it was evident that Ferguson had barely recovered.

The roads were repaved and boasted new sidewalks to hide any traces of the damaging aftermath, but the repairs didn’t conceal the heavy feeling of oppression and heartache hanging over the streets. While driving through the city, Chris noticed the resentful stares aimed at his white carmate.

Although he didn’t personally know the people of Ferguson, Chris related to their stories. His own backstory of racial tension and family turmoil offered him an intimate level of insight into their lives.

When he saw an irritated woman brandishing a shoe and chasing a girl down the street, Chris was reminded of his own dysfunctional family life.

“I couldn’t sleep that night,” said Chris. “I knew the Lord wanted me to do something in Ferguson. So, I submitted to his will and told him that if he opened the doors, I would follow.”

With an eased conscious, he was soon sleeping soundly.

A flower and plaque mark the spot where Micheal Brown was killed. His death in 2014 was followed by rioting and violence.

After settling down just west of Ferguson, Chris and Kaitlin hit the road to raise financial support.

At one fundraising conference in Las Vegas called IdeaDay (IdeaNetwork.church), the Browns were invited to pitch their ministry to an audience of potential church donors and religious organizations. It was there that they caught the attention of the ABWE’s EveryEthne team. After seeing the Browns’ presentation, Executive Director for North America, Doug Martin, and other team members approached Chris and Kaitlin about the possibility of partnering together.

“Our team instantly knew that the Browns were a quality couple with vision and great passion,” Doug recalled.

The Browns accepted EveryEthne’s invitation of partnership and soon after became missionaries with ABWE. The prospect





of receiving counseling, financial coaching and networking opportunities was an attractive offer for the young church planters.

They returned to Missouri with raised spirits, their sails flowing confidently in the tailwinds of a supporting mission agency. Now it was time to roll up their sleeves and get to work. After months of assembling a pastoral team, organizing outreach events, and making small talk in coffee shops, the Browns held their first preview service for The House of the Lord church in February of last year.

Chris knew the core problem that drove the majority of his congregants to church—broken households. Indeed, when the Browns first surveyed Ferguson as a church-plant location, they struck up a conversation with four young African American boys on the street who all had disengaged

fathers. Chris understood the pangs of fatherly absence from his own childhood, and he used this commonality as an entry point to share about the loving father of Scripture with them. All four trusted in Christ right there in the middle of the road.

“Our vision is to unify homes through the gospel,” Chris said. “That’s why we are focusing on reaching lost teens and restoring families.”

One Sunday a desperate woman attended the church and asked the Browns to pray for her husband. He had left the house months prior, and showed no signs of ever returning. The very next day he came back. A skeptic may call it coincidence, but the Browns see it as another trace of the Lord’s faithfulness.

Another church-going couple sought out the Browns for advice. They had been attending church for most of their lives but still hadn’t come to a saving faith. Through the Browns’ wisdom and God’s grace, this couple is now saved and are active members of the church, bent on making more disciples.

It’s these small divine markings that keep Chris and Kaitlin planting seeds in the spiritually dry and barren city of Ferguson.

“We are preparing and trusting God to provide rain so that Ferguson can have a revival,” Chris said.

The Browns are confident the showers are closing in. •

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WHY SENDING MISSIONARIES ISN'T ENOUGH.

Photography CODY GLOTFELTER

○ By LOREN SKINKER



OFF THE COAST OF INDIA, DOTTING THE BAY OF BENGAL, LAY A GROUP OF ISLANDS CONSIDERED TO BE UNREACHED.

Burdened for the people living there, national believers in India began praying earnestly for an open door. They knew it would be difficult and even dangerous for western missionaries to access the islands, and they felt strongly about playing their part in the Great Commission.

BUT HOW?



Two Indian missionaries were approached for money in a train station. Later, they realized that the encounter was actually an answer to their prayers.

W “We’ve been pickpocketed,” the man and his mother pleaded. “They took our money and we need 20 rupees to get home.”

The Indian missionaries were skeptical of the story they were hearing in the train station. But they gave the man and woman 20 rupees anyway, along with their contact information, and sent them on their way.

They never expected to hear from them again.

Soon, however, there was a phone call. “How can we repay you?” the man asked.

The missionary was shocked and explained that while he didn’t need to be repaid, he would love to visit the mother and son. The man happily agreed before telling him, “We live on an island in the Bay of Bengal”—the very place the missionaries and his church had been praying about reaching.

Two years later, this man and his mother would become the first new believers baptized by an Indian church on these secluded islands. Soon enough, the gospel spread to 12 more islands. Some 120 of the people’s children began attending a weekly Sunday school in the region, and outreach medical clinics were organized.

It became clear that these growing ministries needed a homebase. And while the Indian church was capable of sending field workers to the islands, they didn’t possess the funds to build such a facility.

Enter Live Global.

FROM INDIANA TO INDIA

The church in West Bengal had a long-standing relationship with a couple serving with ABWE’s Live Global ministry initiative—which works to connect people in North America with national believers serving across the globe.

The Live Global workers relayed the story of the island ministry to a pastor in Indiana, named Gary.

After a time of prayer, Gary’s church decided to provide the necessary construction funds for the building.

Today—because of the thriving ministry center and the continued outreach of the West Bengal church—those who were once suspicious of the gospel now view the Christians on their island as a positive presence and have grown more open to hearing the good news.



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

“Live Global doesn’t start, lead or initiate new ministries,” said Andrew C., Executive Director of Live Global. “We simply help the North American church come alongside partners who have already started global ministry.”

For example, when a Christian national from Trinidad and Tobago had aspirations to become a pastor, Live Global found a North American pastor who could serve as his mentor. The North American pastor trained and offered theological resources to the

Caribbean pastor, but he never stepped in to spearhead the effort of planting a church.

“We see the Apostle Paul using the partnership model throughout the New Testament,” Andrew said. “We love partnerships because of the biblical examples we have, but also because of its practical effectiveness in today’s world.”

While North American missionaries may spend years learning the language and culture before beginning to sow meaningful ministry seeds, oftentimes national believers are better communicators and leaders within their own social contexts.

Andrew and his wife, Taylor, were convinced of the ministry model’s advantages after witnessing this firsthand.

Dan* had arrived in Myanmar with the intention of going into remote areas and preaching the gospel. But after nine long years he still hadn’t grasped the difficult language. What’s more, the government had restricted his traveling to just one city due to safety concerns.

Because of Dan’s experience, Andrew and Taylor realized that even with years of preparation, they might still be unsuited to properly minister in foreign countries for factors beyond their control.>>



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Live Global merges ministries with technology to increase the gospel's global reach and impact.

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TAPPING INTO TECHNOLOGY

George Collins has carried the torch for international partnerships ministry for more than 25 years as founder and director of ABWE's Global Access Partnerships (GAP) and, more recently, co-founder of Live Global.

George was elated when he met Andrew in 2016. "I thought to myself, 'Now here is an articulate young leader with a vision and skillset who could have significant impact in attracting a younger generation for the global advance of the gospel.'"

In 2019 Andrew transitioned into the primary leadership role of Live Global.

With an extensive background in coding and web development, he plans to focus on how ministries can use technology to advance the gospel. Andrew saw the reach of technology while roaming the poor slums of Indonesia and noticing children on their smartphones playing Pokémon GO.

"The next frontier missionary won't be hacking his way through the jungle with a machete," Andrew said. "They might just be sitting behind a glowing screen and a keyboard."

Beyond partnerships, Live Global builds websites with geo-targeting capabilities. This method determines the location of website visitors, allowing Live Global to provide them access to specific gospel content, even if they live in restricted-access countries. Live Global also creates offline mobile apps containing the Bible and audio resources so that the illiterate can hear the word of God.

THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Even with supportive personnel and the right amount of finances, it's difficult for many North American churches to know where to begin with global missions. Live Global alleviates this burden by introducing them to international ministry opportunities.

"When I talk to churches, I let them know God is already working in incredible ways around the world



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WORKING IN INCREDIBLE
WAYS AROUND THE
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without North Americans leading the charge,” said Matt Johnson, director of Live Global church relations. “We get the privilege of joining them as partners.”

A 60-person church in North America was able to supply bicycles for a Live Global partner in Cuba, whose pastors needed them to travel and shepherd their widespread congregation in various locations.

This gift enhanced God’s kingdom by equipping nationals with the resources they desperately needed to share the gospel—something they were already doing, but could now execute better.

When Matt Cizauskas, a pastor in Rochester, Mich., joined a Live Global ministry in Kolkata to help their church-planting and social justice efforts, he found that their national partners equally impacted his congregation.

GOD IS
WORKING



Live Global uses three essential ingredients: personal relationship, mutual accountability, and a servant spirit.



“Our partnership through Live Global has allowed our church family to be part of significant gospel work on the other side of the globe among some of the world’s most impoverished and desperate,” Cizauskas said.

“In return, our Indian partners have challenged and enriched us beyond measure.”

KEY INGREDIENTS

To help facilitate the process of connecting partners, Live Global uses three essential ingredients: personal relationship, mutual accountability, and a servant spirit.

This trifold standard is grounded in Ecclesiastes, which states that a “threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

“A partnership doesn’t survive solely on writing checks, but is sustained through an ongoing relationship where the North American church brings spiritual refreshment to its foreign counterpart and vice versa,” Andrew said.

Live Global’s priorities reside with those who are building leaders, planting churches, and spreading the gospel strategically.

Both parties must carry humble hearts, even if that entails bruised knees and elbows from scrubbing floors. This characteristic more specifically applies to the North American church, whose Western inclination is to dominate and ascertain authority. Their responsibility isn’t to steer decisions but to become servants.

With partners in more than 50 countries, Live Global strengthens ABWE’s mission by equipping foreign believers who are doing the Lord’s work around the globe—**BECAUSE THE GREAT COMMISSION IS TOO LARGE A MANDATE TO BE SPREAD BY THE MOUTHS OF NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ALONE.** •

50-50-50 in 5 Plan

Live Global is currently trying to recruit 50 pastors, 50 digital workers and 50 full-time team members in the next five years.



50 PASTORS

Live Global desires for pastors to form lasting relationships with national partners. Each pastor would visit their partner on a short-term basis, offer theological training, spiritual discipleship, and encouragement.



50 DIGITAL WORKERS

Live Global is seeking digital workers—designers, coders, app developers, photographers, videographers, social media experts, cyber-security experts—to facilitate gospel growth on the frontlines and behind the scenes.



50 FULL-TIME TEAM MEMBERS

As a growing ministry, Live Global needs full-time laborers. These full-time members will serve side-by-side with partners in their ministry, or represent them and work with them from North America.



LEARN MORE about becoming a part of our global network and connecting with those who are faithfully sharing Christ in their cultures and communities.

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VISUALS

MINISTRY PROFILE

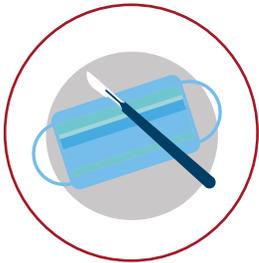


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HOSPITALS



MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

South Asia

(2019)

Patients: 6,366
Deliveries: 1,008
Surgeries: 2,450
Out-patients: 36,005

(Since 1966)

Patients: 149,788
Deliveries: 34,925
Surgeries: 63,557
Out-patients: 1,641,085



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Togo

(2019)

Patients: 2,232
Deliveries: 184
Surgeries: 1,133
Out-patients: 17,260



HOSPITAL OF HOPE

Togo

(Since 2015)

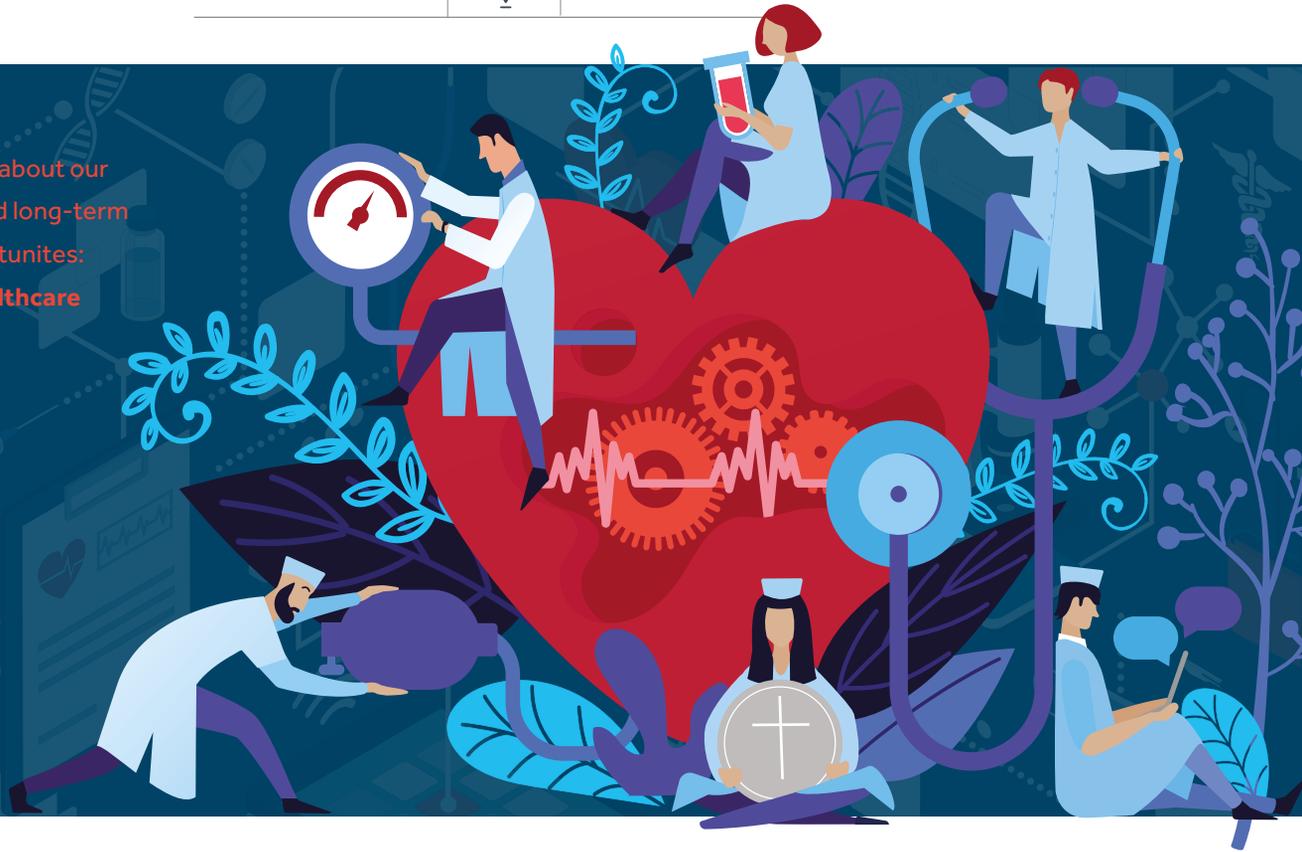
Patients: 58,000
Deliveries: 2,900
Surgeries: 5,205

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PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

House Church: 1
Church Plants: 4
Bible Studies: 10



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CLINICS

PRENATAL CENTERS

UKRAINE

(2019)

Patients: 3,381
Professions of Faith: 15
 (Since 2014)
Patients: 27,564
 (Since 1993)
Church Plants: 4

GAMBIA

Patients: 9,177
Deliveries: 10

NICARAGUA

Patients: 588
Surgeries: 10
Professions of Faith: 21

UKRAINE

(Since 2011)

134
 involved in
BIBLE STUDIES

11
PROFESSIONS
OF FAITH

(2019)

Clients: 48
Babies Born: 20
Volunteers: 50
Involved in Bible studies: 60
Profession of Faith: 1



PERU

(2019)

Clients: 269
Babies Born: 31
Volunteers: 43
Professions of Faith: 10

• 242 •
 involved in
BIBLE STUDIES

FIELDNOTES

A TRIBUTE

○ 1956-2019 ○

Robert Anderson Cady died Nov. 30 after a brief illness.

He was 63. Rob leaves behind his wife of 33 years, Kristi and seven children (Luke, Julia Men, Miriam Hughes, Caleb, Faith, Paul, and Seth) and three grandchildren.

READ MORE.

abwe.org/robcady



Remembering Rob Cady

“Rob went out a winner. He was a committed follower of Jesus Christ, and he confronted and stirred others to follow suit.”

— STEVE MAYO, ABWE'S ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR

“UNREACHED” IS A POPULAR TERM in missions vernacular. It’s a buzzword that hushes crowds, stirs hearts and motivates missionaries to go to the far corners of the earth. Its utterance carries a certain gravitas and mystique that immediately assumes importance and priority.

But perhaps a lesser-known cohort is the “unwanted”—those who are deemed undesirable by society. The reason this group of people hasn’t heard the gospel isn’t due to remote location or governmental interference or ethnically-rooted Christian malevolence, but is simply a result of who they are.

Rob Cady understood the “unwanted” better than most. His fierce physique, which resembled a gym trainer-turned-Harley Davidson enthusiast, belied the sensitive and caring nature that enveloped his heart—one that broke for his “homies.”

These were men from America who were stripped from their families and sent packing to Cambodia. They had come from refugee families who originally fled to the US upon the collapse of revolutionary Pol Pot’s communist regime, which had left millions dead in its wake. In 2002 the US and Cambodia signed a treaty, leaving Cambodian refugees vulnerable to deportation back to their “home country.” The first to go were the troublemakers, former criminals in the US who had paid their time. With no

knowledge of the Cambodian language or culture, these men found themselves as outcasts in a foreign land that was supposedly their home.

In 2007 the Lord directed Rob to seek out these former convicts. He shared his life with them: opening up his home for meals and Bible studies and welcoming them into the community of the church. One could even spot him cruising with his homies on a motorcycle. By all accounts, Rob’s bearlike demeanor and straightforward manner of speech won the approval of the exiles, but it was his genuine concern for their eternal well-being that captured their hearts.

“Rob had an overwhelming passion for these men,” said Kristi Cady, Rob’s wife. “At times he was so distraught about how nobody understood them that it brought him to the point of tears.”

Twelve years later, these same tattooed, jail-hardened men cried and mourned at the funeral service of the beloved man who had transformed their lives by introducing them to the hope in Christ. He had surpassed the role of friend or mentor over the years. To put it simply, he was the father many never had.

Although Rob is gone, his legacy thrives in the seeds planted within his adopted sons. By God’s grace, they will follow in Rob’s footsteps and continue his unlikely ministry that initially met raised eyebrows and incredulous reactions—but was upheld by a God who often showcases his power through men and women, like Rob, who swim against the cultural flow. •



BY ALEX KOCMAN: DIRECTOR OF LONG-TERM MOBILIZATION

3 QUESTIONS *Every Church Leader Must Ask*

There is a growing pressure for churches to turn to the world's experts to accomplish God's work. But we must recognize that Scripture is sufficient to equip the people of God (2 Tim. 3:17; 2 Peter 1:3). However, that doesn't mean that every local church is an island. The church's mission is too big to accomplish alone.

Consider three ways pastors and church leaders can challenge themselves and their congregation to engage in God's work.

1. How can we help believers overseas?

"My church is too small to send." Many church leaders repeat this, although in reality sending capacity has little to do with size. But even those churches that feel legitimately impeded by small membership and meager budgets can still make a difference.

Traditional Western missionaries can sometimes be expensive and inefficient. But any church can support national missionaries who are already doing difficult work in difficult places. Live Global helps North American churches cultivate partnerships with ministries led by existing churches and believers in least-reached places. Partnership doesn't just bless nationals—it blesses the church here too, and can be a vital step along the way to sending our own.

2. How can we better reach our own community?

Healthy missions abroad depend on strong sending churches at home. But most churches in the US are dying, and less than 4 percent are reproducing themselves—due in no small part to the absence of godly, resilient, entrepreneurial church planters willing to take risks. And when many churches do find such men, they're tempted to keep them at all costs.

EveryEthne, ABWE's North America ministry, empowers church planters with leadership coaching, soul care, and financial support to multiply missions-minded churches. EveryEthne also trains existing churches to reach their own backyards, drawing on ABWE's 93 years of missionary experience to help ordinary believers cross cultures without crossing borders.

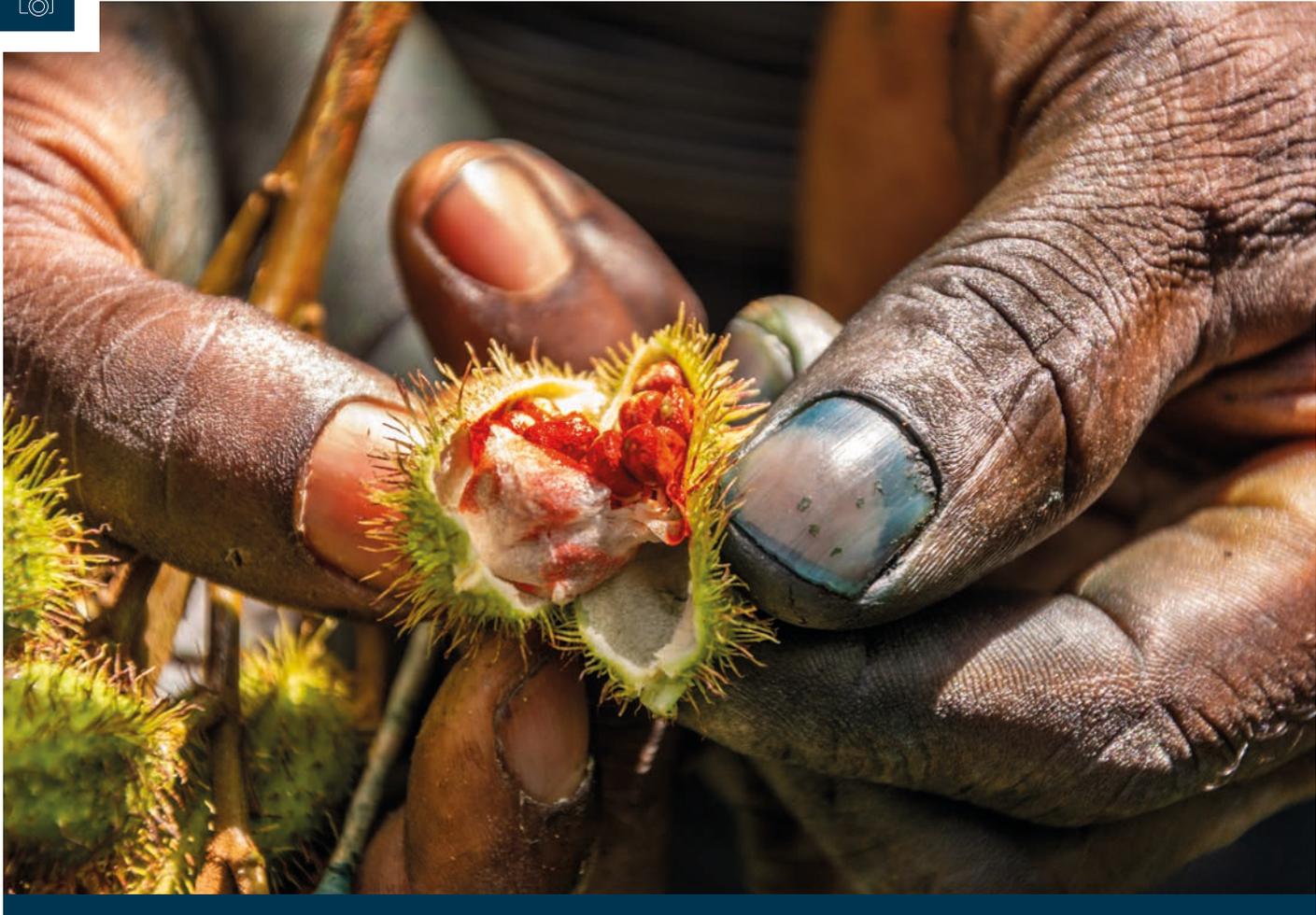
3. Are our church members equipped to share their faith?

It's increasingly uncommon for churches to train congregants in biblical evangelism. Good Soil arms church members with more than a canned gospel sales pitch. Instead, it trains believers to show their unbelieving friends and neighbors how the whole Bible points to Christ from Genesis to Revelation, and how to do so in the context of a loving relationship.

All of our churches—just like us—can be more intentional about the Great Commission. And organizations like ABWE exist not to build our own name, but to build the kingdom—starting with the ordinary church down the street. ●

SPOTLIGHT

HANNAH STRAYER



Nature's Color Palette

📍 LOCATION: TOGO, WEST AFRICA



Hannah Strayer

Serves in Togo, West Africa as a multimedia, missionary storyteller.

EXPEDIT (EX-PEH-DEE) LEADS TOURS THROUGH HIS VILLAGE TO WATERFALLS. Along the way, he introduces new plants to each group and shows them how vibrant colors can be extracted from them. He crushes the green leaves of an indigo plant and uses its residue to paint on someone's arm. Farther down the road, he breaks off a teak

leaf from its tree and grinds it in his hand, producing a reddish-brown liquid.

Lydia of Thyatira, the purple dyer from Acts 16, used a similar natural harvesting process. However, she extracted color from snails instead of plants.

To support his wife and children, Expedit began a painting business, using his knowledge of botany to do more than just identify nature. He has a large, gorgeous portfolio of work on canvas. Visitors can purchase these paintings for themselves at his home near Kpalime, Togo. •

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