

GLOBAL MISSION

Picture Story

CHURCH PLANTING
CHRIST'S METHOD
UNREACHED PEOPLE

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VEILED COUNTRY

Acts of Kindness

Less than a year ago, a Global Mission pioneer couple started church planting in a city of nearly 650,000 people with no known Adventists. They asked themselves, “How can we share the Bible with people who have never heard the name of Jesus?” They knew they needed to follow Christ’s method of ministry.

At the grocery store one day, Mei En* chatted with the lady ahead of her. Her name was Hai Lan* and she was blind. Mei En asked if there was anything she could do for the lady. “Please lead me to the checkout. I have to pay for my things,” she replied. After checking out, Mei En offered to help Hai Lan home. She owns a small massage parlor, which provides enough for her to raise her two children.

Mei En and her husband often visit Hai Lan, bringing her vegetables and brightening her day. They help sweep and clean up the parlor. They’ve told her that they’re Christians. Hai Lan said she didn’t know anything about Jesus and didn’t believe in any religion. She’s learned that she can only rely on herself.

Hai Lan is the pioneer couple’s first friend with special needs. They want to share God’s love with her and are sure that one day she will know Jesus. Please pray for this couple’s growing ministry.

A veiled country is one where the work of the church, our workers, and the people we seek to reach would be endangered if details were released. We’ve removed identifying information to protect the Global Mission pioneers and their community, so that the work can move forward to the glory of God.

**Name has been changed.*





MALAWI

He Wasn't Supposed to Believe

As a teenager, John was handpicked by local leaders of his faith tradition to study at a school in Tanzania. The plan was for him to learn how to enter communities and create new followers. He started by learning a lot about his religion—the next step was for him to also learn about Christianity, since he would try to convert Christians.

They wanted him to study the King James Version of the Bible. This is when John wound up studying at an Adventist school. He attended the classes and engaged in discussions about Adventist beliefs with the pastors. He joined a youth group. All the while, he sent reports to his leaders.

After three years of studying, John said, “I do understand the Bible!” He felt convicted to give his life to God and was baptized at a camp meeting. The leaders and John’s family were furious.

Despite rejection from his family, John pursued ministry. He was chosen to be a Global Mission pioneer. He ministered for ten years, following Christ’s method of ministry and sharing his testimony with the people he met. Through his work, God changed the lives of young people like these. Pray for pioneers like John, who dedicate years of their lives in service.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Showers of Blessings

Food and shelter are often where people start when they reach out to the homeless population in their community. But a group of church members in New York City realized that on a warm day, a nice shower would also be appreciated. So the idea of having a shower van for the homeless was born. This urban center of influence on wheels makes it easy to take the service to the homeless, rather than making the homeless go to locations that provide the service.

The shower van is equipped with three shower stalls, and volunteers drive it to places such as shelters, drop-in centers, and soup kitchens. The clients are given clean clothing to change into after their shower. Maria Alvarez, who works with the ministry, says that the volunteers are often asked, "Why are you doing this?" And their response is always, "We see you have a need, and we are here to serve you and provide for your needs because we care for you." Participants leave feeling refreshed.

Ministering to those in need comes in various forms. Please pray for urban centers of influence such as this that reflect Christ's love using different methods.

The Unreached Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

The stories you read here are active examples of believers following Jesus' method of ministry. These believers are reaching out to at-risk communities, creating and embracing new groups of believers, and taking big risks for the gospel.

The Bible is full of stories of God's people passionately taking care of those in need. Jesus had a pattern to His ministry: taking care of people's needs to show them He cared, and then sharing the beautiful truth of salvation with them.

It is this combination of caring for people and sharing the Good News that is clearly shown through these present-day mission stories. Christ's method of ministry is certainly alive and well throughout the worldwide church today. And we want to keep it going!

Your donations make the goals and dreams of the next generation of mission pioneers possible. These passionate disciples have creative visions for disciple-making programs, new urban centers of influence, and new church plants, especially in the 10/40 window.

Please join us in prayer and consider giving to Global Mission as each dollar moves us closer to the ultimate goal of sharing the gospel with the whole world.



In His service,
Caleb Haakenson

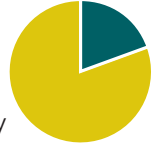
Share the gospel with us through these projects.



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Secret Urban Center of Influence

One pioneer team in an unreached city in a closed country



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$13,354

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Horn of Africa

Secret disciple-making project in a closed country

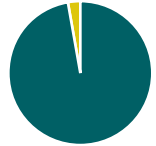


■ Raised ■ Needed: \$23,894

#7210H4K | GOAL \$50,000

Kolkata

Pioneer teams planting churches in Kolkata, India



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$48,656

#9710 | GOAL \$25,000

Unusual Opportunities

Funds quickly available for unexpected projects that don't fit usual categories



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$25,000

#9730 | GOAL \$75,000

Urban Centers of Influence

UCIs in new, high-priority mission fields: cities



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$48,439



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