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"on earth as it is in heaven." –matthew 6:10

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



FROM THE CEO

“Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.”

MARK 8:25



Dear Friends of IM,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

Whenever I read the account of Jesus’ miraculous healing of a blind man in Mark 8, it strikes me that what the man really needed was Christ’s touch. Could Jesus have simply spoken the words and healed him? Of course. He had done so in other instances.

But, in this case, the healing was in person and flesh-on-flesh. Jesus actually spat on the blind man’s eyes!

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?” (Mark 8:23)

At International Ministries, our global servants and our ministry partners believe in and practice incarnational ministry—we seek to demonstrate Jesus’ love in person. Oftentimes, God is already doing something in the context where God invites us to participate but the vision is not immediately clear to us when we first arrive.

[The man] looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.” (8:24)

We pray that the stories in these pages—of the gospel of Jesus Christ changing lives all over the world—will awaken in you a sense of inspiration

and invitation to participate more deeply in God’s mission. I pray that when Jesus puts his hands on our eyes that we, like the blind man, will be able to see clearly all that God is doing to bring about God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. (8:25)

Thank you for your commitment to God’s mission through International Ministries. We are called to be faithful to your prayers and your gifts. I pray that our voices will join together in the musical strains of “I once was lost, but now I’m found; was blind, but now I see” as we seek to share Christ’s healing and restoration with others around the world.

Together with you in God’s mission,



REV. SHARON T. KOH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO

WAVES, RIPPLES, AND ROLLING CUR

“God has moved in ways that have sometimes been visible and dramatic and at other times been slow, steady, and perhaps largely unseen.”

Several bodies of water played prominent roles in my life as I grew up in western New York. I remember the gentle waves of Lake Chautauqua, the more powerful currents of nearby Lake Erie, the thunderous roar of Niagara Falls, and the calm ripples of the spring-fed pond in our own front yard. These images all come to mind as I reflect on how God has been dispensing “living water” (John 4:10) around the globe through International Ministries in the past year. Through the faithful work of more than one hundred long-term global servants, nine hundred volunteer short-term missionaries, and thirty-seven dedicated staff and special assistants—all coming alongside and working with partners in the body of Christ in their respective countries of service—God

has moved in ways that have sometimes been visible and dramatic and at other times been slow, steady, and perhaps largely unseen. But in all cases, God’s Spirit has brought spiritual nourishment and refreshment—and eternal life—to individuals and groups of people as they have come to follow our Lord Jesus more faithfully.

Over the past year, a growing number of men and women from the U.S. and several Latin American countries have been equipped for leadership and ministry through a Master in Theological Studies program jointly developed by IM, Palmer Theological Seminary, and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. The needs of immigrants and refugees have been addressed in Eastern Europe, Mexico, Lebanon, and Malaysia. The freedom of Baptists and other religious groups has been strengthened in Southeast Asia. Conflict transformation trainers have been raised up and equipped for ministries of peace and reconciliation in Africa. And individuals have made faith commitments to follow Jesus and be baptized in Northeast India, Thailand, Hungary, and countless other places. You can catch glimpses of God’s work through ministries like these in the stories in this annual report, as well as in journals our global servants post on their pages on the IM website.

In addition to sending and supporting long-term personnel, IM has continued to invest in training, sending, and supporting well-prepared short-term volunteers and teams, ensuring that short-term mission trips bring genuine help to host communities and



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provide meaningful ministry experiences for participants. A revision of IM's short-term mission curriculum has been in development, and the short-term mission staff team provided more than eighty pre-trip orientations and post-trip debriefings for teams and individual volunteers.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds provided by American Baptists, IM provided assistance to meet immediate human needs in the wake of natural disasters like Cyclone Titli in India and Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. OGHS funds also provided grants to support long-term development projects like digging a well for a Bible institute in Togo and funding a women's economic empowerment program in Ethiopia. Grants from the Virginia and Gordon Palmer Trust enabled IM to support the development of the Bible institute in Togo and a program for theological education in Cambodia, among other projects. And, more than sixty Christian leaders around the world were recipients of Leadership Development Grants to support their education and equip them for ministry.

Through our global servants, our short-term volunteers, our staff, and the resources God provided, IM has invested in channels through which "living water" may flow from churches and individuals in the United States and Puerto Rico to people and communities in need around the globe, trusting our Lord's promise that, "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).



JIM BELL, MDiv/CE

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GLOBAL MISSION



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LET LIVING WATER FLOW

“if you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” —john 4:10



Jesus' words in John 4:10 are so profound that even without context they speak to our hearts. There is a deep thirst in each of us that can only be quenched by the presence of God, by opening ourselves to a relationship with the living Christ, by receiving the deeply satisfying in-filling of God's Holy Spirit, by yielding our innermost selves to the One who created us. Jesus quenches our deepest thirst with what he calls living water, a life-giving presence that is deep, joyous, and restorative.

IM's global servants work cross-culturally with international partners to meet a broad range of human needs, but a deeper human need is also addressed. Indeed, *the* deepest human need is met. IM's global servants make God's love visible, accessible, and understandable to those who are still thirsting. They offer living water.

They offer because they first received. In 1817, a missionary named George H. Hough began publishing in Burmese the works prepared by missionaries Ann and Adoniram Judson that brought Burmese national Maung Yah to the source of living water. A few years earlier, when Hough was applying for missionary service, he told the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society board that he sought the “happiness of making the sacrifice, encountering the trials, enduring the fatigues, and dying the death of a missionary.” This was the impact of Jesus' living water on George

Hough's life and subsequently on the life of the first identified beneficiary of our international mission work.

Today this same living water continues to flow at the foundation of each global servant's call to cross-cultural ministry, and motivates the board of directors, mission volunteers, IM's home staff, and generous donors like you to seek the “happiness of making the sacrifice.” We wish to share living water because we first received it; we love because God first loved us. Thank you for this partnership!

As of December 31, 2019, Mercy Johnson and I completed our terms of service as vice president and president of IM's board of directors. We count it all joy to have been provided this privilege. We join you in welcoming our new President Jorge Medero-Roldán and our Vice President the Rev. Jenny Quey. Each is a gift from God, and each will work tirelessly with the rest of the board of directors to partner with you to help living water flow to all who thirst around the world.



REGINALD MILLS, MDiv, PhD
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYONE

“Here is some amazing news: the body of Christ is experiencing dynamic growth in the Majority World—Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania,” says the Rev. Dr. Ann Borquist, IM global consultant. Today, about three of every four Christians live in Majority World countries,¹ giving an ethnically diverse face to the body of Christ.

In spite of these dramatic changes, there are more people in today’s world who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior than at any other time in history. But there is more good news: those who historically received missionaries from the West are now sending hundreds of thousands of their own missionaries to countries around the world, including to the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Ann and her husband Bruce, also an IM global consultant, have seen this “new

sending movement” in action. “For eleven years we were part of a team that trained Brazilian Baptist missionaries who now serve in twenty-three countries around the world,” remarks Bruce. “We recently heard that ten Brazilian pastors were sent to Aotearoa, New Zealand—our home base since 2015—to plant churches that will reach all people, not just Brazilian immigrants.”

IM is on the forefront of this exciting movement through our ministry priority, From Everywhere to Everyone (FE2E).² As IM’s global consultant for FE2E, Ann serves as a bridge between global partners in the areas of contextualized theological education, servant leadership, cross-cultural skills development, church-based holistic community transformation, and work with refugees.

“FE2E is an exciting reality of God’s mission today. It is not what your grandmother, or even your mother, experienced,” says Ann. “The world is in a dynamic state of flux—politically, socially, and economically. In response, churches, denominations, and mission agencies are finding new ways to work together in God’s mission to address these new global realities.”

The role of women in the church is a mission-related area of concern shared by many global partners. “A young man in the class I taught remarked, ‘Men and women are equal... but women are a little bit lower,’” says Ann. “Bruce and I have encountered this attitude on at least three continents and have seen how it hinders the church’s ability to participate in God’s mission. In response, I have developed a seminar titled ‘Women in Leadership in the New Testament.’ In one seminar in Myanmar, we examined Jesus’ radical affirmation of women despite the pervasive misogyny of his time. We also rediscovered Paul’s surprising advocacy of women and his commendation of women in leadership in the church. The director of the national Baptist women’s ministry later told me that my teaching had ‘opened their eyes—widely.’”

Bruce, IM global consultant for economic and community development, promotes faith-based social entrepreneurship, church-based community and economic development, servant leadership, and cross-cultural ministry training. Bruce and Ann work alongside a wide range of Baptist partners, including those in Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and others.

When asked to describe their call to this ministry with IM, Bruce responded, “We see evidence of God at work in and through us as we come alongside IM’s partners and connect them with one another. God has uniquely prepared us to bring together, encourage, and build capacity in the body of Christ, and God is using us to open up new possibilities for people and organizations to be Jesus in their context.”



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¹“Global Christianity: A Report on the Size and Distribution of the World’s Christian Population,” Pew Research Center, December 19, 2011, <http://www.pewforum.org/2011/12/19/global-christianity-exec/>.

²Samuel Escobar, *The New Global Mission: The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone*, Christian Doctrine in Global Perspective Series (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2003)



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LIVING LOVED BY GOD

“A simple hug speaks volumes to the value and worth of the person.”

IM Global Servants Deb and Keith Myers minister to seven different indigenous people groups across four states in southern central Mexico through an invitation from the Council of Rural Indigenous Evangelical Churches of Mexico (CICEM).

The Myers work to train disciples through regional workshops for church leaders, for youth, and for the empowerment of women in leadership. “Many times, these faith-building relationships extend past the classroom setting to having a meal around a table, playing games with kids, sharing stories of cultural difference,” says Keith. “At times, a simple hug speaks volumes to the value and worth of the person.”



The Myers teach church leaders through a three-week stewardship program that focuses on the renewal of relationships. “The classes are first rooted in the restoring and redeeming work of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection,” Keith explains. “Not until the vertical relationship is established with the Creator can the other relations be in harmony.” Next, the group will consider self-health and worth, then relationships with others, and finally living in harmony with the rest of creation, including care for animals and the environment.

Keith tells the story of one of the participants in the program. Alberto Cano, a close friend of the Myers and pastor of Iglesia Ebenezer in the northern mountain range of Puebla, Mexico, was walking his 5-year-old son David to school shortly after a training event. As Alberto watched, David pulled a sweet from his pocket and threw the wrapper on the ground. Alberto said, “David, the owner would not like that you threw trash on his street.” David asked, “Who is the owner?” Alberto bent down, looked into his son’s eyes, and responded with a teaching from Psalm 24: “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Immediately, David darted back to the paper he had thrown on the ground and put it in his pocket. “The hope now is that David will teach others his age the importance of a good relationship with creation,” says Keith.

The Myers are working on a second phase of workshops focused on how relationships can be restored at the cross, and are developing a program for the empowerment of indigenous women. They travel frequently from church to church for youth events, to preach, and to join in celebrating church anniversaries and baptisms—connecting and reconnecting with communities they have come to know well over the last seven years. “We are always so excited to get there and see all the people,” says Deb. “We love what we do.”



KEITH MYERS, MEd
GLOBAL SERVANT,
MEXICO



DEB MYERS
GLOBAL SERVANT,
MEXICO



SUPPORT FOR THE POWERLESS

Since 2013, IM Global Servant Sarah Chetti has pioneered a ministry among the 300,000 migrant domestic workers (MDWs) working as maids in Lebanon. MDWs can be recruited from other countries under false pretenses, only to find upon their arrival in Lebanon the true nature of their work and the level of control their employers exert over most aspects of their lives. Lebanon exempts domestic work from its national labor laws.

Sarah runs a center for ministry to MDWs called *INSAAF: Justice and Compassion of Jesus*. In cooperation with other organizations, Sarah and co-worker Elma Khoury advocate for the rights of MDWs. “Quite alarming is the number of MDWs who have died in Lebanon through failed escape attempts, suicides, or homicides at the hands of their employers,” Sarah explains. “It is clear MDWs need further support to change their situation.”

In 2009, Sarah and Elma met Rovina Samoranos at Tripoli Prison. Rovina had come to Lebanon from the Philippines as an MDW. Her six children were still small when she left hoping to send enough money home to provide them with food and education.

Rovina arrived at a house in which the madam of the house was sick with kidney cancer. A doctor came to perform blood tests on Rovina, and she became increasingly certain that they were planning to harvest her kidneys to benefit the madam. “We have read accounts of maids forced to give up their organs

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for transplant, or meeting with unexpected deaths,” explains Sarah. Rovina found herself locked in the house, denied any outside contact. In desperation, not wanting to be killed, Rovina defended herself, and the madam was killed.

Sarah and Elma were able to contact Rovina’s family and tell them what had happened. For ten years, Rovina supported her family from prison by making scarves and baskets that Sarah and Elma sold in churches; funds Rovina earned were sent to her family. “Rovina is a gentle, kind woman, who even while in prison was a powerful witness to the love of Jesus,” Sarah says.

Despite having received a life sentence, Rovina was given a reprieve and granted permission to return to her family in the Philippines at the end of October. Her youngest child is now thirteen, and Rovina has a grandchild she has never met. “This is a miracle,” Sarah says. “We rejoice with her.”

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SARAH CHETTI, MA

GLOBAL SERVANT, MIDDLE EAST



WHEN GOD PROVIDES A SCHOOL

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

There was only one other building nearby when the Mitendi Women’s Center was constructed in the town of Kimpese, just outside of Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the 1990s. But as wars collapsed the country’s economic system, people flooded the capital city, and soon makeshift homes surrounded the center. The government was unable to keep up with the needs of these new communities. The Congolese Baptist Community (CBCO) women working at the center watched the growing number of children loitering outside and dreamed of providing affordable quality education in a Christian context for the children, particularly the most vulnerable.

“I was hesitant to get involved with the idea of a primary

school,” says IM Global Servant Jill Lowery, who is also a member of the national staff of CBCO, an IM partner. “I couldn’t see past the financial burden. The CBCO women, however, had a much greater vision than I did.”

After two years of discussion, when Jill returned from her 2011 US/PR assignment, she found the CBCO women running a thriving primary school alongside the center’s program for at-risk women. “The CBCO women said they could no longer sit back and ignore the overwhelming need of the community when there was something they could do about it,” Jill explains. “I was so humbled by their persistence and faith. Wow! I still had reservations about how it would work long-term, but by the end of the following year, God opened my eyes to the impact that the school was having on the surrounding community. This was a work that God was doing.”

The school needed more space. The leaders could fit at most 330 children in the center in half-day sessions, but there were many more children who wanted to attend. The school built portable chalkboards so classes could be held in the corridors, in the entryway, and under the trees in the yard. “How can you turn kids away who desperately want an education?” Jill asks. “We needed a bigger building. We prayed that God would make a way, and he did!”

A pastor and his wife from California contacted Jill about the school’s needs and immediately pledged \$50,000. Then, as Jill spoke at the World Mission Conference, a church region pledged another



\$30,000. “Before I even submitted the project proposal, we already had half the funds to complete the project. Raising the second half of the funds wasn’t as easy, and I thank God for our IM team stateside, who committed themselves to raising the remaining funds.”

With a capacity now for 600 children, the new Mitendi Primary School remains dedicated to the most vulnerable. Kilu was one of the first students to register. Her father left before she turned three, and her mother died when she was just five years old. She lives now with her grandmother in a one-room house a few yards from the center. A shy girl, Kilu has often been underestimated. “But do not let yourself be fooled,” says school director Tata Bienvenu. “That girl is one of the top students in her class. She can go as far as she desires, even through university. Until then, we will walk beside her and do what we can for her. The Lord will do the rest.”

“What a beautiful thing it is to look at the completed school building already full of excited students,” Jill says. “I don’t even know how to begin to thank IM and all of our donors who were willing to invest time, energy, and money to support the dream of the CBCO women. It’s a miracle! May God bless you abundantly, as you have abundantly blessed the children of Mitendi.”



JILL LOWERY
GLOBAL SERVANT, DR CONGO



MIKE LOWERY, MDiv
GLOBAL SERVANT, DR CONGO



A PLACE AT THE TABLE

“God opens the door for me to provide a sense of belonging...to people who may feel forgotten.”

“I’ve always wanted to use my background in education abroad,” explains IM Global Servant Melanie Baggao. Melanie has been teaching English to Arab Christians at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Lebanon for four years, while also learning Arabic language and culture.

As the only seminary in the Middle East where Christians from a Muslim background can study Christian theology, ABTS educates Christians from across the region who will return to their home countries to build the church. “It is an honor to serve the students during this time when most of them have left their families and cultures to be trained up for further ministry,” Melanie says. “Being so far away from family is unusual in this culture, but it is a joy to be family together in a place we are all trying to get used to. Over the years, I’ve had students over for Christmas and Easter, and they have invited me into their apartments to share meals or a coffee—these are some of the many ways I could receive from them, and they could be hospitable in a culture where such things are extremely important.”

Three years ago, Melanie began volunteering to tutor displaced children living in a shantytown area in Beirut. Initially home to many poor Lebanese families, the neighborhood has received an influx of displaced people fleeing war. In 2014, the Lebanese Ministry of Education opened the doors of the public schools to these displaced children, allowing them to attend afternoon sessions after the Lebanese children finish their school day. These children, who have previously only studied in Arabic, are given the Lebanese curriculum, which is in English or

French. “I am there a couple of mornings each week to use my broken Arabic to help them with their homework,” says Melanie. “Imagine being a child displaced by war, missing a couple years of schooling, and trying to do science homework written in English when you barely know your ABCs. These children have their share of challenges, but I have seen them be committed to their studies and they thoroughly embrace the sense of normalcy that education offers them.”

With more than 30 percent of Lebanese people living below the poverty line, and with refugees now constituting more than a quarter of the country’s total population, non-governmental organizations and churches are struggling to meet ongoing needs with existing resources. “But in the midst of all these needs and an uncertain future,” Melanie says, “God opens the door for me to provide a sense of belonging through conversation, a hug, or a smile that can restore humanity to people who may feel forgotten.”

Melanie came to Beirut to give of herself as a teacher and use her educational background to serve others, but God has given her something more—a joy in practicing and receiving hospitality among people who find themselves living in a foreign place, be they students who have left family behind to study Christianity at the seminary, or children fleeing war. “God has called me to be faithful and to be present in the place he has me, among the people he has brought before me. Our countries, our enemies, and our friends may all reject us. But we, as God’s beloved children, should be the first to welcome the stranger because God has graciously done so with us. It is only because of the unwavering knowledge that I am God’s that I can come alongside students and displaced people and demonstrate that in God’s kingdom, they have a place at the table—they belong. There is always room at the table of Christ.”



MELANIE BAGGAO

GLOBAL SERVANT, MIDDLE EAST





GOD'S POWER IN EDUCATION

“You don’t just learn about theological education, you must live it.”



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

After thirteen years of teaching and mentoring men and women in Mexicali, in 2016, Mercy was invited to participate in a faith venture that brought together three American Baptist Churches (ABC) institutions: International Ministries, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and Palmer Seminary at Eastern University. The boards of all three organizations agreed to take a step of faith and participate together in a unique new Master in Theological Studies (MTS) program. Offered online and completely in Spanish, contextualized to the needs of Latino partners in ministry, the MTS program would train and empower leaders in Latin America.

“Most of the faculty in this effort are IM global servants who have a shared missiology and passion for this work,” Mercy explains. Through this program, they have taught groups in Mexico, the United States, Bolivia, Brazil, and soon will be teaching students in the Dominican Republic and Ecuador.

“During the past three years, I have seen our theological education multiplied,” Mercy says. “Our students are challenged both mentally and spiritually, and they in turn develop new ways to minister in their contexts. Our graduates are teaching in their churches, traveling to indigenous communities to train leaders, providing

workshops to victims of domestic abuse, and on the border reaching out to the immigrant population. When you can translate ministry to very different contexts and situations, then you are doing something right. You don’t just learn about theological education, you must *live* it.”

The biggest challenge for the program comes in finding the resources needed to fund its vision. “I am truly amazed at how our partners serve their churches and communities, many of them working for limited wages,” Mercy says. “This ministry is able to happen because of grants from International Ministries and Palmer Seminary and your partnership through your support of me and my colleagues in mission.”

Mercy notes the anxiety she sees in North American Christians over the vitality of the U.S. church, but she points out, “God is not surprised at what has been occurring in the church, and the Holy Spirit is alive and well, germinating the seeds of new ministries and ways of being the church. This program is more than a master’s program—it is the power of God renewing the church in Latin America and the United States. Let us walk in faith, trusting in the power of God that is at work in and through us.”



MERCY GONZÁLEZ-BARNES, MDiv
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Economic Development



Health & Wellness



Everywhere To Everyone



Short-Term Mission



Youth & Young Adults



Capacity Building

we bid a fond farewell to these global servants



Ed & Miriam Noyes, *retired*



Ruth Mooney, *retired*



Kurt & Carrie Smalley, *resigned*



Deb Mulneix, *retired*



Lea Lindero, *retired*



Terry Myers, *resigned*



Marilyn Raatz, *resigned*

these global servants transitioned to ministry in the home office



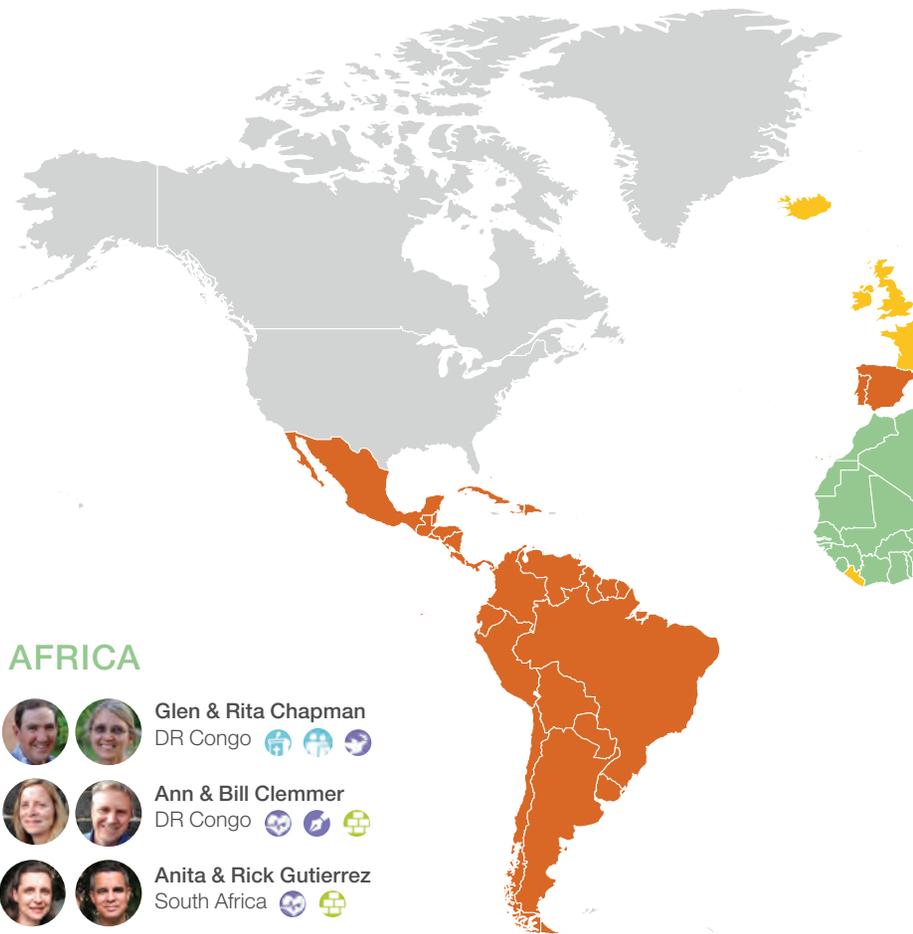
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GLOBAL SERVANTS 2019

125 TOTAL GLOBAL SERVANTS
30 COUNTRIES WITH GLOBAL SERVANTS IN RESIDENCE
907 SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS



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-  Eliberto & Molly Juárez
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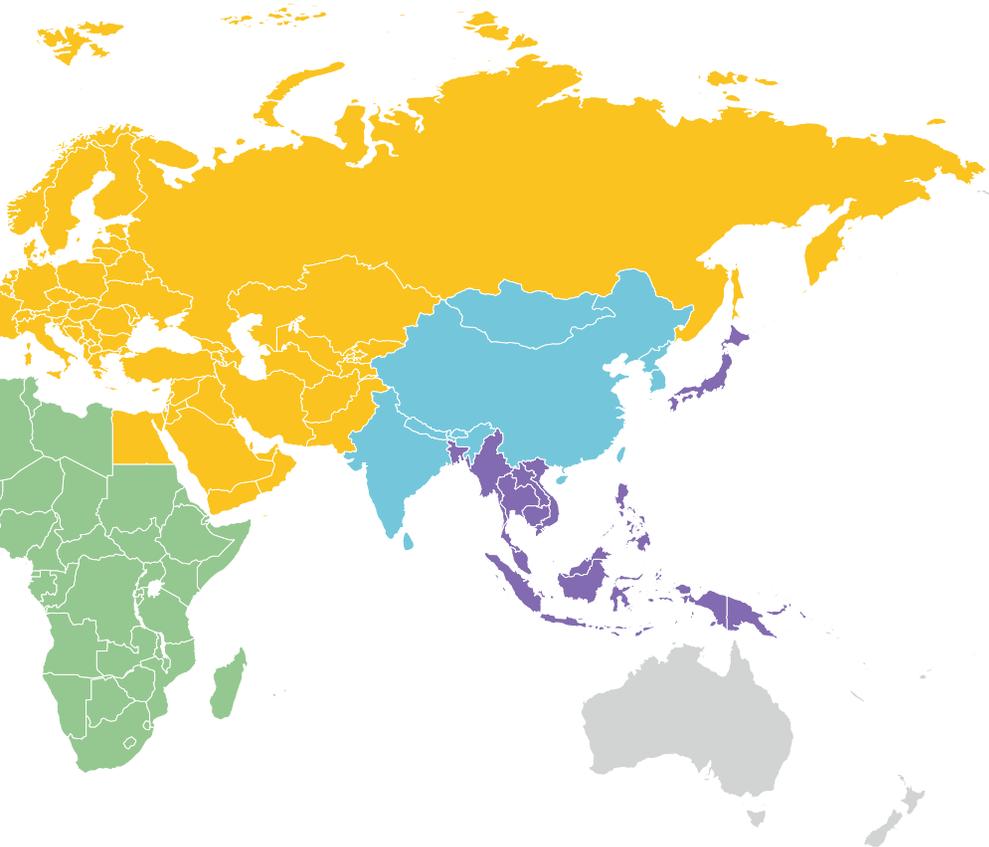
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FINANCIAL DATA

“With joy you will draw deeply from the fountain of salvation! In that wonderful day you will sing: ‘Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is!’” Isaiah 12:3-4

Through the ministry of our global servants and partners, many people around the world drank “deeply from the fountain of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3) in 2019. In these pages we share a few stories that illustrate how the continued generosity of our donors, churches, and regions made this possible.

As reflected in this financial summary, this generosity resulted in an increase in our total annual revenue of \$86,000. Notably, American Baptist mission support remained our most significant funding source in 2019. We thank the Lord and praise his name! We also celebrate the reduction in cost of IM’s global outreach by \$267,000, 70 percent of which resulted from a decrease in our Program expenses. IM’s leadership continues to closely monitor expenditures as we move strategically into the new decade and beyond.

In 2020, we will continue to step out in faith, confident that our Lord walks with us as we “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name [and] make known among the nations what he has done...” (12:4)



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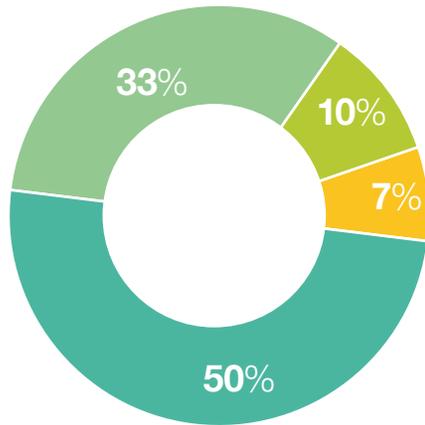
Statement of Mission Ministry

For fiscal years ending September 30, 2019 and 2018

Revenue, Gains, and Other Support	2019	2018
Contributions	12,783,753	11,839,506
Contributions to Endowment Fund	413,725	305,718
Realized Planned Gifts	103,235	877,818
Other Income	366,598	319,796
Endowment Income for Current Operations	2,339,505	2,527,875
Other Investment Income/Misc.	66,079	116,589
Total Revenues	\$ 16,072,895	\$ 15,987,302
Expenses		
Ministry of Missionaries and Global Partners	10,429,358	10,723,893
Ministry Support and Education	3,230,589	3,122,960
Total Program Expenses	13,659,947	13,846,853
Administrative Support and Fees	1,584,880	1,573,404
Development and Fundraising	875,093	966,717
Total Supporting Expenses	2,459,973	2,540,121
Total Expenses	\$ 16,119,920	\$ 16,386,974

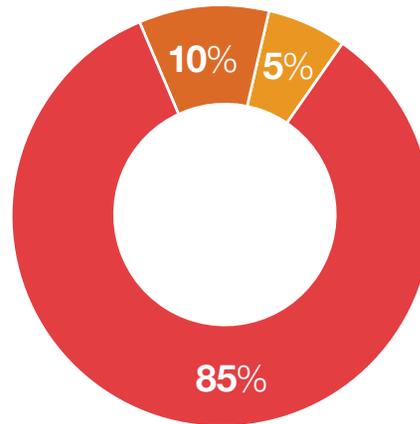
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ISAIAH 12:3 – 4



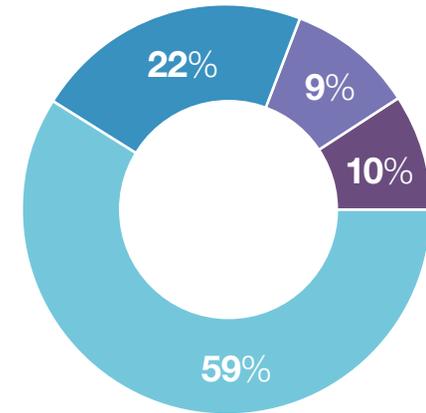
Sources of Contributions

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



Expenses

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



Global Servant Support Distribution

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

Global servant support is personalized to the ministry, geographic area, family size, and cost of living in the country of service. IM global servants have budgeted support goals to provide personal care and meet the needs in serving where God calls. While no two situations are exactly alike, this chart conveys the average distribution of funds received for global servant support.

MISSION ADVANCEMENT

“God loves difference and so must we.”

R. BAUCKHAM

I am intrigued by words and their meanings. If you have lived just fifty years, you have seen the emergence of new vocabulary words or changes in meaning to familiar words. Practice and frequency of usage reflect societal changes and acceptance of a word. In the church, we also see that as we respond to God’s call to make disciples, God calls us to accept new understanding of terms in the Word, such as “servant,” “master,” “brother,” “sister,” “friend,” and “Lord and Savior.”

A servant of Christ responds to the needs of humankind very differently today than in the first century. God’s transformative work through International Ministries (IM) global servants, with your support, makes more of what we do for God than we could ever achieve ourselves.

Imperative to global mission is retaining the particularity of the cultures and the distinctive differences of the people served. “God loves difference and so must we,” writes Richard Bauckham in *Bible and Mission*. Advancing God’s mission requires IM global servants to frequently cross cultural boundaries, accept new cultural practices, and adopt new languages, all while remaining faithful to their call to global service. Whether sharing the hope of becoming more like Christ, advancing technology, or promoting economic growth, they do not force the acceptance of one benefit at the expense of the others. And as these global servants respond to God’s call, IM works to enable their service and facilitate mission.

In this ministry, the results we see come only as God pours out blessings and abundant good. It is for this reason that we are eager to highlight in our newsletters, social media, and digital communications how God is working through IM global servants and our partners. We invite you to celebrate with us, to share these stories, and to invite others to join us in what God is doing around the world. We are not celebrating human results, but eternal results, as God brings Christians together in service, in prayer, and in the financial support that facilitates this ministry and advances God’s mission.

This ministry depends on your continued kindness in coming alongside IM in several ways of support:

- Personalized support for a global servant
- Gifts to the World Mission Offering and IM general fund
- Giving toward a specific mission project
- Gifts for the future as we enter into the third century of mission

*“You are my servant;
I have chosen you....
I will strengthen you
and help you; I will
uphold you with my
righteous right hand.”*

ISAIAH 41:9 – 10



Ways to give to International Ministries include:

CURRENT GIFTS

- One time or recurring gifts online
- Honor and memorial gifts
- Stock gifts
- IRA charitable rollover gifts
- Employer matching gifts
- AmazonSmile gifts

FUTURE GIFTS

- Gifts as part of your will planning allow you to make decisions today to continue supporting the global work of IM.
- You can designate IM as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or an IRA account, or establish a charitable gift annuity that provides tax benefits and income for you during your lifetime.

Your giving can advance God's mission well into the future. We thank God for each and every one of you and delight in having the opportunity to learn of your long-standing connections with IM and IM global servants.

We thank God for you and the sacrificial ways in which you support IM. Contact mission advancement at 610-768-2311 and let us know what questions you may have.



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