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made everything
beautiful
in its time.



**ANNUAL
REPORT**
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Bolivia

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ON EARTH
AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN MATTHEW
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priorities

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INVITING PEOPLE TO BE
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Evangelism, Discipleship, Theological Education



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.**

Hill tribe coffee farmer in Thailand; read the story on page 9.

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beautiful in its time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



*Child in Thailand
participates in a
therapeutic art
session with Global
Servant Kit Ripley.*

FROM OUR CEO

IM has been in a season of growing, changing, and innovating as we trust God to make everything beautiful in God's time.

The biblical cycle of death and resurrection reminds us that “unless the kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (John 12:24). Our God brings new life out of death, and God has invited us to emerge from the prior years' struggles and to participate in this creation process. As we continue to plant and water faithfully, in God's time we joyfully witness the birth of new fruit, and new seeds.

IM family, in this chapter of our history, God has given us the opportunity to rethink community, how we invest in our communities around the world, and most importantly, how and why we minister cross-culturally in the ways that we do. Our global servants have thought extensively about the ways they incarnationally communicate the gospel in word and deed around the world. Together we have all lived out the calling that God placed on our lives to be a small but essential part of God's mission.

In 2022, our IM community rejoiced to see Aaron and AmyEstelle Trout commissioned for ministry in Southeast Asia. Our July 2022 World Mission

Conference brought many of you together with about a third of our global servants. In the home office, we upgraded our technology and implemented a finance system that will scale and grow with IM in the years to come. And, for the third year in a row, we closed the fiscal year with a healthy bottom line to support ministry programs and to continue into 2023 with a balanced budget.

Thank you, IM family, for your sacrificial generosity. Your investment year after year enables us to build the deep relationships of trust needed to do ministry together cross-culturally.

I hope these pages offer you a snapshot of the amazing beauty God is creating in our midst.

To God be the glory!



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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Jorge Medero-Roldán

Year 2022 marked the transition to the post COVID-19 era. As the apostle Paul taught us in Philippians 3:13, IM's board continues to move forward to fulfill God's call and learn in uncharted waters. We continue to discern God's vision, leverage new technologies that facilitate new ways to proclaim Jesus' abundant life, and enable global servants to focus on the ministry to which God called them. Despite global conflicts posing economic challenges, we affirm that **God has equipped IM to respond rapidly with spiritual, educational, economic, and health resources, recognizing that nothing will limit the profound transformation of God's love.** This commitment, 208 years ago, of Adoniram and Ann Judson will continue for many years to come. On behalf of the Board of Directors of IM, thank you for responding to God's call in partnership with IM.

LOOKING *forward*



Katie Boatwright
Chief Strategy Officer

Matthew recorded Jesus' last words before ascending to heaven as a commissioning of the eleven to go and make disciples of all nations. Jesus ended that commissioning with a promise: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

In that moment, it's safe to assume that Jesus knew the technological age would come. **The promised presence of Jesus emboldens us in "this age" to respond creatively to the needs of a hurting world and "go and make disciples."**

IM's strategic investment in technology over the last five years enables us to leverage data in significant new ways. Our investment is already yielding benefits. Please join us in asking God to show us God's path for IM as we leverage these tools in pursuit of God's mission.

The ways in which we minister cross-culturally will change over time, but Jesus' call to go and make disciples of all nations, and his promise never to leave us... these will remain to the very end of the age.



In February 2022, five of IM's partners in the Dominican Republic gathered for the first time to explore how they can best work together. Photo by Global Consultant Stan Slade.



*International Associate
Global Servant Boaz Keibarak*

A DOOR *to peace*

Through radio, Rev. Boaz Keibarak found a unique tool to build peace in the Northern Rift Valley of Kenya.

After the death of his father, and amid rising conflict within his family, Boaz Keibarak became homeless at the age of nine.

"I slept in empty maize sacks, searched for food in dumpsters, sniffed glue to cope with the pain, and got involved in stealing cattle," he says. "Then a local Kenyan pastor reached out and shared God's love with me. I lived with his family for the next fourteen years."

As Boaz experienced God's love through the pastor's family, his desire grew to share the gospel through a ministry of peace and justice.

"The transition from home to street life that I experienced was very violent. It was painful, but healing took place after I received the message of hope in Christ Jesus," Boaz explains. "The experience enabled me to realize that wherever there is pain, there is an opportunity for healing. Wherever there is violence and conflict, there is a door for peace."

Today Boaz is an ordained pastor and gifted peacemaker. In 2013, he completed the Training for Conflict Transformation (TCTT) with former IM Global Consultants Dan and Sharon Buttry, after which he founded the Kingdom of Peace and Development (KOPAD) organization to continue conflict transformation training throughout the Northern Rift Valley.

There is ongoing conflict along the Kenyan border with Uganda. Groups of nomadic herdsman compete for scarce resources in the severe, arid climate, leading to violent ethnic clashes.

Boaz is known throughout the region for his ability to mediate and transform conflict. In 2013, his mediation led to a ceasefire among Pokot and Turkana tribal leaders. He has planted four “intra-tribal” churches that focus on unity in Christ rather than tribalism.

“Rev. Keibarak is widely regarded as a key leader in conflict resolution,” says IM Area Director for Africa Karen Smith. “There is a high demand for his training and workshops, which are based on the TCTT model.” In 2019, Boaz became an international associate global servant with International Ministries.

In 2020, when so many organizations around the world shifted their communication onto Zoom, Boaz needed a different solution to reach across his vast community. “Many rural counties in Kenya don’t have good internet access due to long-term marginalization,” he says. **“But eighty percent of the population in this area listens to radio broadcasts. I realized that using the radio for peace-building would be the best way to deliver a message to thousands of people.”**

In 2021, Karen and Boaz successfully applied for a Palmer Grant to fund a radio program with weekly messages on how to transform conflict based on biblical principles.

“The program has been tremendously successful, far beyond that which we initially hoped,” Boaz says. “People have the place to voice their concerns and generate solutions to the situations that trigger conflict. The call-in program was particularly successful. The interactive format allowed everyone to be heard, contribute to the conversation, and ask relevant questions.”

In one key response to these radio conversations, one of the tribal groups acknowledged their part in the conflict and sought an amicable solution—sparking five other tribes to join them in a peace-building dialogue facilitated by KOPAD with support from International Ministries.

“Through Christ, God made peace between himself and us (2 Cor 5:18), and God gave us the work of bringing people into peace with him,” Boaz says. *“Amani yetu ni wajibu wetu—our peace is our responsibility.”*



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of the population in the Northern Rift Valley of Kenya listens to radio broadcasts.

HOPE THROUGH coffee

For three decades, Global Servants Becky and Mike Mann worked to help three hundred hill tribe villages in Thailand benefit by farming coffee.

IM Global Consultant Mike Mann grew up in northern Thailand, watching and learning as his parents, IM missionaries Dick and Marlene Mann, worked among the hill tribes to help families establish sustainable livelihoods. “When they came in 1959, many of the hill tribes were growing opium,” Mike says. “As an agriculturalist, my father tried to introduce crops that would replace the opium trade. In those days, no one ever heard of coffee in Thailand. But when people could see coffee could be good, a coffee ministry was started to replace the opium.”

Though the hill tribes are native to Thailand, they are not considered citizens, unless they have the proper paperwork, which many do not. They don't own their land, or have equal access to medical care or education. In 1991, Mike and his wife, Global Servant Becky Mann, founded Integrated Tribal Development Foundation



(ITDF) to come alongside these communities and seek long-term solutions to their most pressing issues.

ITDF worked to make sure the villages could access clean water. Then they built and established schools and clinics. Next came the need to generate reliable income sources.

“We used the coffee experience we had earlier,” says Mike, who like his father studied agriculture. Dick helped to establish coffee as a viable industry in Thailand, but ITDF has been working for the last thirty years to find ways to give hill tribe farmers more power in selling their coffee, and to ensure a stable market.

The farmers were growing and picking the red cherries of their coffee plants, but they depended on the buyers to pulp, dry, and roast them.

“When you pick coffee, the cherries need to be pulped within twelve hours,” Mike explains. Hill tribe farmers found themselves at the mercy of whatever prices brokers offered, since there was no way to find another buyer in time to pulp the cherries. **“We helped them get the coffee to the stage where they could pulp and dry it themselves—the parchment stage—and then the farmers have up to a year to find a buyer.”**

In addition to this, ITDF formed the first hill tribe coffee cooperative in Thailand so they could sell in larger quantities. More than forty villages have joined this co-op. ITDF worked simultaneously to establish the first Fairtrade Label Organization (FLO) market for the coffee—and to open the first FLO coffee shop in Thailand while beginning to export coffee to the rest of the world.

“We are the only co-op in Thailand to sell coffee to Starbucks, which has standards to follow under the C.A.F.E. practices [Coffee And

Farmers Equity],” Mike says. “And as soon as Starbucks started buying the coffee, everyone wanted to come to Thailand and buy the coffee.”

Yoba, a 63-year-old coffee project staff member who has worked with ITDF for 29 years, says, “Villagers have trust in ITDF and continually join the project. Coffee farmers receive support on coffee-growing knowledge and skills training, coffee seedlings, and a guarantee for a stable market with fair prices. **The coffee cooperative group in each village is well-established and managed by villagers.”** Yoba says the co-op also opens doors for him to share about Jesus.

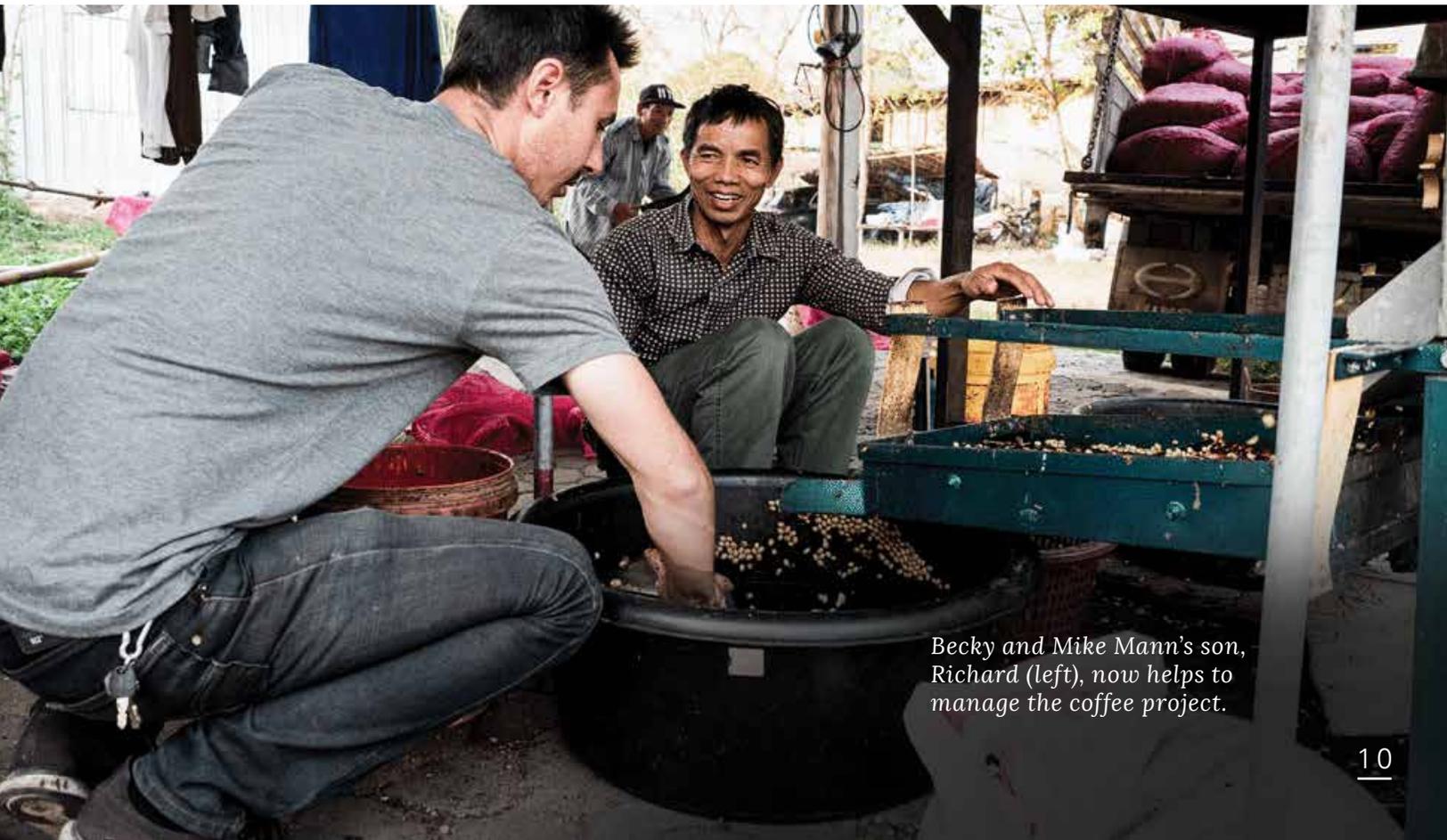
Since 1991, more than 300 villages and 14,000 families have been positively impacted by ITDF’s work in water, education, clinics, and coffee, as well as Becky’s work to coordinate an economic development initiative specifically for women. Through Hands to Hearts, women produce handcrafts to sell locally

and internationally. Today, Becky and Mike’s son, Richard, is helping to manage the coffee project.

Mike says, **“We’ve evaluated this project, and we can get a family out of poverty in six years if they start to grow coffee.”** It’s a testimony to the ways in which God can use people working together—through the co-op and through donors supporting projects like this one—to bring about transformational change.

6 years

If a family starts growing coffee, they can get out of poverty in six years.



Becky and Mike Mann’s son, Richard (left), now helps to manage the coffee project.

STARTING BUSINESSES THAT HELP communities

A new initiative in South Asia prepares church leaders to start faith-based businesses in struggling communities.

“Today many people in rural places and vulnerable communities are experiencing worsening poverty, hunger, and unemployment,” says International Associate Global Servant Dr. Wati Longchar. “The pandemic exposed that the market economy cannot protect and sustain rural and marginalized people in the face of a disaster. While the rich became richer, the poor faced greater challenges and even died of starvation in many countries.”

Twice in 2021, IM Area Director for East and South Asia Dr. Ben Chan worked with Wati to provide Christian leadership training in partnership with North East Christian University in India. The course helped church leaders understand the impact of the pandemic and how they could provide relevant care for their congregations and communities.

Participation quickly surpassed Ben and Wati’s targets, with more than 450 church leaders and seminarians from 12 countries completing the course.

Given the success of the 2021 leadership seminars, Ben wanted to develop a new program for 2022. This six-month program would culminate with an invitation to students to apply for a Seed Award grant with a business plan developed during class. **Seed Awards would fund life-changing small business initiatives to create jobs, help churches, and enhance the quality of life in vulnerable communities.** Ben explains, “We teach fishing, but let us also help them build a fishpond!”

Ben wrote the proposal with support from Katie Boatwright, IM’s Chief Strategy Officer. As with any new project, IM needed to find funding to develop course content and secure start-up Seed Award funds. Zofia Dripps, IM’s Associate Executive Director

*Christian Enterprise
Development students*



for Mission Advancement, shared the proposal with two major donors, who generously responded with \$78,000 toward the project and Seed Awards.

Ben and Wati invited IM Global Consultants Dr. Ann and Dr. Bruce Borquist to design the curriculum and serve as lead instructors. The new 6-month Christian Social Enterprise Development program for Christian leaders in South Asia launched in January 2022. The same program was offered again in July through December 2022.

Ann and Bruce present the biblical-theological foundations for holistic mission and work with participants to identify an opportunity for a social enterprise in their community through prayer, listening, and research. Participants discover hidden resources in their context and develop a business plan to address a social problem in their community in a sustainable way. The class also includes presentations from Christian business leaders in South Asia.

Among the students in the first 2022 cohort, sixteen applied to the award team for Seed Awards, and six received a \$5,000 grant to set their business proposals into action.

As Ben explains, “Through this program, we want to enable the church to bless its community by starting a business that opens up a space to bring forth holistic transformation through the gospel, address a social problem, and provide income for the founders and the people they serve.”

One participant reflects on how eye-opening the program was for him: **“Serving God involves giving hope to someone who does not have hope in their lives.** Faith-based social entrepreneurship is a tool of empowerment to give marginalized people hope for a better future.”

300 pastors and leaders from South Asia participated in the new Christian Social Enterprise Development program in 2022.



International Ministries Global Consultants Ann and Bruce Borquist

SHORT-TERM MISSION CAN *change you*

Eighteen-year-old Liam Farrell put his college plans on hold to serve and learn from others in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In the summer of 2021, as Liam Farrell finished high school, he thought to himself, “If you had the opportunity to explore, to experience a new culture, why not take it?”

Growing up in rural Maine, Liam knew long-time IM Regional Consultants Ann and Bill Clemmer as neighbors and family friends. He knew they were involved in ongoing work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and that they were currently back in the US. So one day, as Ann gardened outside, Liam approached her to learn more.

“I wanted to explore someplace French-speaking, and a place where the culture is totally different,” he explains.

Liam decided to put his college plans on hold. Instead, in June 2021, he began a process of spiritual, emotional, and physical preparation for the trip with IM’s Short-Term Mission staff, who remained connected with Liam before, during, and after his trip to accompany him spiritually throughout the experience.

In February 2022, Liam flew into Rwanda and then crossed the border to Goma, DRC. For two months he lived in the HEAL Africa compound, where the Clemmers also live.

Ahead of time, Ann and Bill talked with Liam about his skills and the ways in which they could be put to use. Liam spent the first few weeks simply being present at various ministries.

“I didn’t feel like I had the knowledge to teach the Bible, but then we went to the English class, and I thought I could do that.

Every Friday, I’d help the Sunday school teachers with their college English papers and speaking conversationally. It was really fun—even coming up with lesson plans.”

“Liam was a huge hit,” Ann says. “There were even a few doctors who came from the hospital to join his classes. He also did homework help for the English classes taught at Tuungane School, started a chess club at the international school, played soccer with the children, and just made himself available.”

“The school was four- to seven-year-olds,” Liam explains. **“I’d make paper airplanes, they taught me Swahili, and I was able to practice my French as well—I could use it to explain an English word or concept.**

The hardest part of Liam’s experience came as he connected with the homeless children Ann and the Sunday school teachers reach out to on Saturdays.

Liam Farrell with Tuungane school children.



“I’d play soccer with them, do an English lesson with them, but then I’d go back to the compound and they’d go back to the street. I don’t know that I was ready for that—no one can understand what that’s like. It’s so hard to really think about it.”

Liam saw how difficult it could be not to become overwhelmed by the obstacles faced by those around him. “I’m working with thirty homeless children—what about all of the other homeless children? **But as soon as I focused on the community around me, I could see the tangible impact. I’m another human being, and I can bring some joy.**”

One example of tangible impact Liam saw was the goats project. “Churches around the US donated goats to single mothers in Goma. The mothers use the goats to sell produce at the market. When that goat has a kid, they can give one to another mother in the community. It started with 75 goats donated and now there are 400 goats. **It was really powerful to see how much someone could do by giving a goat. It would be the difference between sending their child to school or not, having**

75 goats

**donated by churches are
changing the lives of single
mothers in Goma.**

**the money to rebuild their house after a
volcano erupts or not.”**

As Liam began his freshman year at Wesleyan University in September 2022, he no longer wanted to pursue a finance major. “I want to do something on an international scale that has a bigger impact,” he explains. “Maybe something in government or international law. [The trip] opened the door to a whole spirit that I hadn’t been exposed to.”

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experiences through IM?**

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GLOBAL MISSION overview

Against the backdrop of tremendous turmoil from military conflicts in Myanmar and Ukraine, social disorder and violence in Haiti, economic devastation in Lebanon, and yet another hurricane in Puerto Rico, **the good news of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed in word and deed around the globe.** Through the sending and sustaining of personnel, by coming alongside and supporting the ministries of international partners, and in facilitating a wide array of programs and projects, IM works prayerfully toward the vision of God's will being done "on earth as it is in heaven."

PERSONNEL HIGHLIGHTS

IM has continued its rich history of sending international personnel, whom we refer to as "global servants," to join local expressions of the body of Christ in holistic ministries of discipleship and meeting human need. Our long-term missionaries, development workers, and consultants offered food and shelter to refugees escaping conflict, provided biblical and theological training to pastors and church leaders, helped Christian communities move toward sustainability through social enterprises, baptized persons coming to faith in Jesus and supported the planting and development of new churches.

IM's care for global servants deepened as the Annual Conference for Missionaries took on new shape as a retreat focused on spiritual



Jim Bell
Associate Executive
Director for Global Mission

formation and soul-care, and as IM developed new, supportive programming for MKs ("missionary kids") and families.

Short-term volunteers and special assistants touched lives and communities through both virtual and in-person engagement in teaching, counseling, and simply being present across cultural boundaries.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

In the seventy countries where we minister, IM does not assume the posture of experts or authorities with pre-determined strategies, but rather we come alongside our partners to support and equip them to do the work to which God has called them.

In 2022, IM entered into new partnership agreements with the Association pour la Mission Intégrée (AMI) in Burundi, the Cooperación Bautista Misionera Mesoamericana (COBAMI) in Mexico, and the Company of Grace in Vietnam. IM partnered with Baptist World Aid to sponsor a historic leadership retreat and visioning event which brought together leaders of Baptist conventions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic to facilitate coordination of efforts to recover from devastating earthquakes and social disorder.

PROJECT AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Through ongoing and innovative new programs, IM has worked to foster increasing capacity and effectiveness of ministry around the world. *(continued)*

- Leadership Development Grants provided scholarship funds for over one hundred students who are preparing for work in Christian leadership, pastoral ministry, education, and healthcare.
- Development projects funded through One Great Hour of Sharing and Palmer Grants helped construct schools and medical facilities, develop educational curriculum for students displaced by war, and support church plants in Europe and the Middle East.
- The Talita Cumi Girls Club program expanded to encompass eight Latin American nations.
- The new Emerging Leaders discipleship program has grown to involve sixteen young adults from five countries and six US states in two cohorts, “Connectors” for 16- to 20-year-olds and “Trailblazers” for 21- to 29-year-olds.

Through our partnership together, we are engaged in God’s mission, and God continues to be at work around the world in marvelous, transformative ways.

Dental clinics for children through the House of Hope in Bolivia



HELLOS & goodbyes

During our 2021-2022 fiscal year

ENDORSED



May 2022 | **Rodney Ragwan** was endorsed to serve as IM's Global Consultant for Theological Education.

APPOINTED



November 2021 | **Eric and Yuree Lembke** were appointed to serve at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College in the Mae La Refugee Camp in Thailand.



December 2021 | **Paul Rollet**, an associate global servant since 2016, became a commissioned IM global servant, serving with Companion With The Poor in the Philippines.



June 2022 | **Luis Matos** was appointed to serve with Cooperación Bautista Misionera Mesoamericana in Mexico alongside his wife, Global Servant Sarah Matos.



August 2022 | **Sarah McCloy** was appointed to serve in Japan in partnership with the Japan Baptist Union.

FAREWELLS



December 2021 | **Glen and Rita Chapman** retired after 35 years of ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



December 2021 | **Mike Lowery** retired after 25 years in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In April 2021 Jill Lowery began a new role as an IM donor advisor.



December 2021 | **Rovaughna Richardson** completed 6 years of service through International Ministries in Ghana.



February 2022 | **Emerson and Ivy Wu** retired after 9 years of ministry, first in Macau and then globally among Chinese churches.



March 2022 | **Denise Aragón** completed 5 years of service through International Ministries in Mexico.



May 2022 | **Ryan Baumgart** completed 4 years of service as an International Ministries Associate in Japan.



May 2022 | **Ruth Fox** retired after 23 years of ministry, first in Thailand with her husband, Chuck, and then as IM's Global Coordinator for Education.



July 2022 | **Juan Aragón** completed 5 years of service through International Ministries in Mexico.

area highlights

A leader of Enfants Bien Aimés (“well-loved children”) hugs a child in the program led in part by Global Servant Ann Clemmer—sharing God’s love in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



photo by Bertin Kasolene

AFRICA

SAVING LIVES THROUGH PULSE OXIMETERS

During the deadly COVID Delta variant surge in South Africa, Global Servants Dr. Anita and Dr. Rick Gutierrez led fifteen training sessions to equip three hundred South Africans to use pulse oximeters at home to save lives. **Thanks to IM donors, they distributed almost one thousand pulse oximeter devices, pulse oximetry handbooks, and instruction sheets.** “Demand for training sessions was intense,” Rick says. Training sessions were held in churches, home groups, and local nonprofits to reach the maximum number of people. “Because of these many partners, we succeeded in our goal of broad dissemination of pulse oximetry and consciousness-

Karen R. Smith, MA, MS
Area Director



raising about its use for people at home as an early warning system for failing lung function. We built huge goodwill and our many partners are eager for future collaboration.”

Anita and Rick also produced educational, animated YouTube videos on coronavirus, pulse oximetry, and mRNA vaccines in multiple languages. Their COVID-related videos have a total of more than 85,000 views.

GLOBAL SERVANTS

Ann & Bill Clemmer | *Regional Consultants & DR Congo*

Anita & Rick Gutierrez | *South Africa*

Boaz Keibarak | *Kenya*

Christina & Lance Muteyo | *Zimbabwe*

Katherine & Wayne Niles | *DR Congo*

Kathy & Tim Rice | *DR Congo*

Toya Richards | *South Africa*

Faye Carol Yarbrough | *South Africa*



Pulse oximeter training

EAST & SOUTH ASIA

UNITING CHRISTIANS IN INDIA

Formed in 2014, the India Mission Coordination Committee (IMCC) has brought together eleven IM partner conventions and organizations. In its first five years, as it implemented the Baptist Declaration of the India Mission Summit, IMCC successfully launched four advocacy and training programs: the Commission on Anti-Human Trafficking, the Commission on Justice for All (including religious freedom), the Baptist Women's Forum, and the Baptist Youth Forum. In its second five-year plan, IMCC added a Commission on Mission with a strategic goal to coordinate national and global evangelism and church planting efforts. Among other initiatives, the IMCC supports IM Regional Consultant for India Development David Sagar and a local team to empower the Telugu Baptist *Samaikyatha* (Fellowship) to unite Telugu Baptist churches. **The IMCC has also birthed the National Council of Baptist Churches in India, the largest Protestant organization in India, representing more than 5 million Baptists.** They hosted the first Baptist leaders consultation conference in November 2022 to discuss and respond to national and global issues facing the churches.

Dr. Benjamin Chan,
M.Div, STM, D.Min
Area Director



Anti-trafficking awareness training for young women in West Bengal.

GLOBAL SERVANTS

Alemla Ao & Lanutemjen Jamir | *India*

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Katie & Taku | *East & South Asia*

David Sagar | *India*

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EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST & LIBERIA

AID FOR UKRAINE

Since February 2022, **American Baptist churches and others have given \$1.3 million through One Great Hour of Sharing for Ukraine relief.** These funds equip our partners in the European Baptist Federation, its member unions in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova, as well as IM global servants as they all work to provide aid through the three stages of the crisis—emergency aid, recovery, and rebuilding. IM Global Servant Larry Stanton has worked at the Ukrainian border to support Ukrainian refugees. Global Servants Amanda and Jon Good hosted refugee families in their home, and Global Servant Carmella Jones and her church provided hospitality and care for African students who fled Ukraine.



Dr. Charles Jones,
MDiv, MACE, DDiv
Area Director

GLOBAL SERVANTS

Melanie Baggao | *Middle East*

Dan & Sarah Chetti | *Middle East*

Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno | *United Kingdom*

Laura & Rich Freeman | *Middle East*

Amanda & Jon Good | *Hungary*

Carmella Jones | *Hungary*

Nora & Pieter Kalkman | *Regional Consultants*

Becky & Larry Stanton | *Hungary*

Ukrainian families receive care at the Hungarian border. Photo by IM partner Hungarian Baptist Aid.



IBEROAMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM FLOURISHES

In August 2016, an innovative and collaborative Master of Theological Studies (MTS) program began preparing Spanish-speaking students for holistic ministry and leadership in churches, organizations, and community life in Latin America. **Offered online through Palmer Seminary and coordinated by IM Regional Consultant J.D. Reed, this program is meeting the rapidly increasing need for theological training as the Global South becomes the center of growth in the evangelical church.** This program, which consistently expands each year, began its nineteenth cohort in August 2022, and currently has 89 students from 16 countries and 8 partner organizations. Thanks to scholarship support through your donations, 135 women and men have completed the program.

Dr. Adalia Gutierrez-Lee,
MD, MDiv
Area Director



MTS students, alongside IM global servants, in El Salvador.

GLOBAL SERVANTS

Barbara & Dwight Bolick | *Chile*

Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti | *Regional Consultants*

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Waleska Febres Hernandez | *Colombia*

Madeline Flores-López | *Dominican Republic*

Mercy González-Barnes | *Regional Consultant*

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Eliberto & Molly Juárez | *El Salvador*

Christine Lafferty | *Nicaragua*

Patti & Tim Long | *Mexico*

Luis & Sarah Matos | *Mexico*

Ricardo Mayol-Bracero | *Regional Consultant*

Peter & Sarah McCurdy | *Mexico*

Debbie & Keith Myers | *Mexico*

Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga | *Haiti*

David Parajón | *Nicaragua*

Ketly & Vital Pierre | *Dominican Republic*

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Brian & Lynette Smith | *Dominican Republic*

Corenne & Phil Smith | *Brazil*

Jae Stockton | *Mexico*

Ruth Vindas | *Costa Rica*

Dilia Delaya | *Honduras*

SOUTHEAST ASIA & JAPAN

HOUSE OF BLESSING REACHES INTO ITS COMMUNITY

In Thailand, where Global Servants Alise and Mark Juanes serve children and families through the House of Love and House of Blessing, government regulations kept schools closed through much of the pandemic. Undaunted, teachers and a social worker made weekly visits to the children's families to check their health, help with schoolwork, support them with food staples when needed, and pray with them. "This has been an amazing opportunity for the teachers to be visible in the communities, deepening connections with families," Mark says. **One impact of this program funded by IM donors is that 95 percent of the children remain in school for the time required by the Thai government.** This year, 41 children received IM-funded scholarships.

Global Servants Alise and Mark Juanes with House of Blessing teachers in Thailand.



Leslie Turley,
MA, MAGL
Area Director

GLOBAL SERVANTS

Aphiwan & Scott Coats | Myanmar & Thailand

Annie & Jeff Dieselberg | Thailand

Joel & Trish Hoefle-Magal | Thailand

Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang | Japan

Alise & Mark Juanes | Thailand

Eric & Yuree Lembke | Thailand

Becky Mann | Thailand

Lori & Matt Mann | Southeast Asia

Sarah McCloy | Japan

Jonathan & Thelma Nambu | Philippines

Aaron & Valerie Osterbrock | Malaysia

Jeni Pedzinski | Thailand

Mark & Ngoc Pham | Vietnam

Marlene Po | *Serving the Myanmar Diaspora in the US*

Kit Ripley | Thailand

Paul Rollet | Philippines

Shigemi Tomita | Japan

Aaron & AmyEstelle Trout | Southeast Asia

Amy & Joseph Vo | Vietnam

Katrina & Kyle Williams | Thailand

Kyle Witmer | Thailand



A woman displays her handcrafts during a September 2022 meeting of rural indigenous evangelical churches in southern Mexico, where Global Servants Deb and Keith Myers serve.

Patti Glasser

Associate Executive
Director for Operations



FINANCIAL *data*

The stories contained in these pages serve as a wonderful reminder that God's light shines into the world's darkness. As Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). IM's work helps to magnify God's light in the midst of hardship and difficulty.

Of course, God's ministry through IM is only possible because of the amazing support from our faithful donors, churches, and regions.

Our investment portfolio was not immune to the challenges experienced across the globe last year, recording both realized and unrealized investment losses. However, I am happy to report that by God's grace we ended the fiscal year with operational revenue that exceeded our expenses by almost \$1.3 million. These funds undergird IM's overall financial structure and serve as a springboard for a brighter financial outlook.

We now step confidently into 2023, heartened by the words of the psalmist: "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light" (Psalm 18:28).

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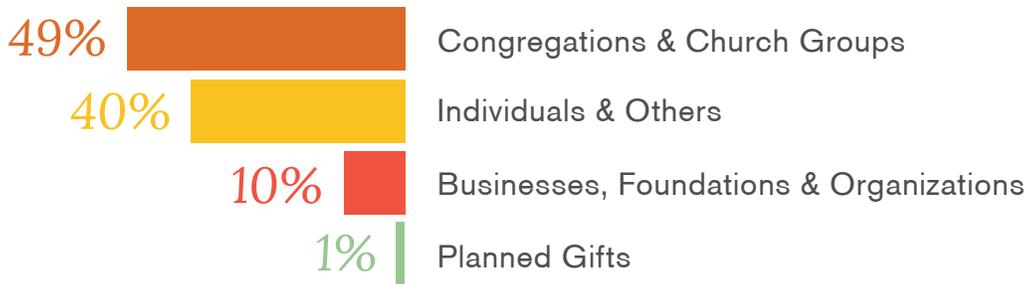
MISSION MINISTRY

For fiscal years ending
September 30, 2022 and 2021

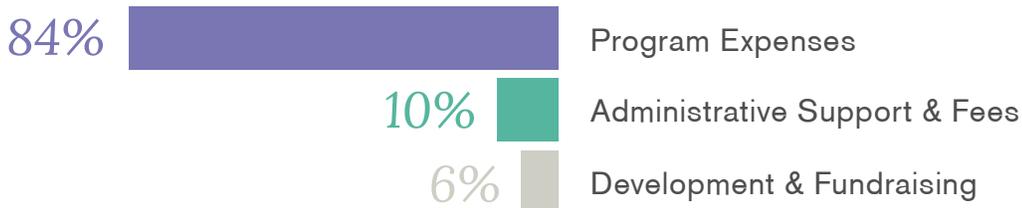
| Revenue, Gains, and Other Support | 2022* | 2021 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions | 13,902,174 | 12,911,621 |
| Contributions to Endowment Fund | 161,445 | 502,599 |
| Realized Planned Gifts | 487,967 | 245,389 |
| Other Income (includes PPP & ERC) | 710,339 | 1,554,625 |
| Endowment Income for Current Ops. | 2,859,031 | 2,672,076 |
| Other Investment Income/Misc. | -397,122 | 230,352 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 17,723,834 | \$18,116,662 |
| Expenses | | |
| Ministry of Missionaries & Global Partners | 11,009,349 | 9,899,041 |
| Ministry Support & Education | 2,832,085 | 2,822,286 |
| Total Program Expenses | 13,841,434 | 12,721,327 |
| Administrative Support & Fees | 1,582,881 | 1,490,276 |
| Development & Fundraising | 1,004,972 | 830,984 |
| Total Supporting Expenses | 2,587,853 | 2,321,260 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 16,429,287 | \$ 15,042,587 |

*2022 numbers are pre-audit.

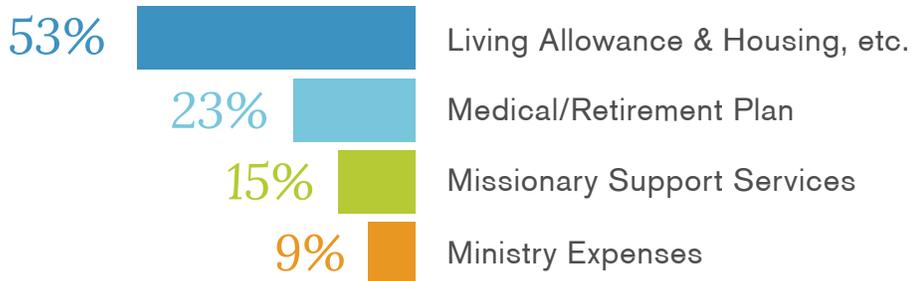
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EXPENSES



GLOBAL SERVANT SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION



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IM's operating performance to budget remained strong during the year with robust financial support of our global servants, prudent expense management, and a major achievement of raising over one million dollars for the General Fund. What a blessing this is to report.

Paul Vick | IM Board Treasurer



New Life Center in Thailand is empowering tribal women and girls to disrupt cycles of injustice and abuse.

MISSION advancement

We pray that “you will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us” (2 Cor 9:11).

Thank you for your faithful, generous giving! You make it possible for our global servants and partners to serve incarnationally around the world in Jesus’ name. I want to share a couple stories with you of transformational, sacrificial gifts and the difference they made in 2022.

SEED GIFTS

In January 2022, two IM donors gave a total of \$78,000 to fund a new initiative in Christian Social Enterprise Development in South Asia (read more on pp 11-12). This program provided 300+ pastors and Christian leaders with practical guidance to develop small business plans that will benefit their communities, and the opportunity to apply for Seed Award Grants to put their plans into action. **This visionary investment will empower the launch of twenty transformational small businesses in South Asia!**

MATCHING FUND POOL GIFTS

In June, a small group of eleven IM donors and one church gave a total of \$150,000 toward a matching fund pool to help newly endorsed (“NexGen”) global servants respond to God’s call in their lives. The NEXGEN Giving Match boosted seventeen of our newest global servants toward their funding goals.



Zofia Dripps

Associate Executive Director
for Mission Advancement

In July, another generous donor gave \$134,000 to create a matching fund pool to encourage support for the World Mission Offering and for IM’s General Fund. By September, 340 of you responded with \$145,460 in gifts to the General Fund Giving Match—using 100 percent of the matching funds available and doubling the impact of your gifts for world mission. **When we combine these gifts with all General Fund gifts in 2022—for the first time ever, you entrusted over \$1 million to IM in support of all of IM’s overarching operations and ministries.**

ESTATE GIFTS

This year, IM also received the news of the Dona and Perry Laten Legacy Endowment. Throughout their lifetimes, the Latens put their faith in Christ into action, while living modestly and giving quietly. They also took the steps to establish an endowment fund through the American Baptist Foundation so that generations to come will be able to respond to God’s call to world mission with obedience. What a legacy to leave behind! **Every year their endowed gift will support ministry around the world in an ongoing and enduring way—so much like the faithful witness of the Latens.**

Thank you for your partnership in God’s mission!

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- Gifts that reduce your taxes
- Gifts that pay you income for life (we can provide you with a free Charitable Gift Annuity illustration).
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