

World Team



Impact and
Gratitude Report

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear World Team family of partners,

We have been called to the sacred task spoken by our Savior to share the gospel with every nation, tribe, language, and people. Thank you for answering the call by playing an important role as you partner with us through prayer and financial support. Our work is not yet done, but we are excited to share how God is working through your partnership, the ministry of World Team, and our missionaries serving around the world. As you read the stories and review the encouraging demonstration of God's work, may you experience the joy of being part of His redemptive plan.



We thank God for His faithfulness and your obedience to His command.

Dr. Kevin Oessenich

Executive Director / CEO



MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION

World Team exists to glorify God by working together to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the world.

We envision innovative teams multiplying disciples and communities of believers, bringing the gospel within reach of lost people everywhere we go.

HISTORY AND KEY DATES

World Team has more than **200 years** of combined global mission history between two agencies that merged in 1995. Regions Beyond Missionary Union (RBMU) was founded in 1873 by the Irish revivalist H. Grattan Guinness. Originally West Indies Mission, World Team, was formed in 1928 in central Cuba by Elmer Thompson and B.G. Lavastida.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

GOSPEL-CENTERED

Impacting the unreached people of the world through sharing the Gospel

The Gospel has power to transform lives. Diro came to the Plas Prai Center as he entered 11th grade. While staying with us, he gave his life to Christ and has now graduated and is at YWAM's (Youth With a Mission) Discipleship Training School in Battambang preparing himself to serve God. He hopes to come back and serve with our Plas Prai boys as a volunteer national missionary.

Diro's parents needed to go to Mercy Medical Center for medical treatment, so Sina, our Plas Prai staff, took them. While there, they heard the gospel and responded by taking off their sacred waist threads and wrist bracelets, which they have worn for their entire lives as protection against spirits. These parents of Diro, our Plas Prai student, have begun their journey to follow Christ. This is what we see as the strategic value of investing in students. Like Silat, Sinat and Sothea's families, Diro's family has now come into the light of Christ. - Joel, Cambodia

[How the Cross changed the World - World Team Global](#)



RELIANCE ON PRAYER

Impacting ministry through prayer

In June of 2021, World Team France held their annual Paris Prayer Connection - a prayer conference where they invite others to learn about and pray for the many ministries in which our workers are involved.

The Paris Prayer Connection started nearly two decades ago, and has had an immense impact on ministry in France in both tangible and intangible ways.

Carolyn, serving in France shared...

There was one couple who came to visit us after attending the Paris Prayer Connection. “[They] pulled out a notebook from three or four years previous, and went over each of the prayer requests that had been marked down. As they asked about how each one had turned out, they were all answers to prayer that God had brought about as a result of the Paris Prayer Connection.”

“He or she that lives a prayerless life, lives without God in the world.”

— Jonathan Edwards



FACILITATIVE MINDSET

Impacting national church leaders

World Team has been among the Baka, a people group in Cameroon, since the early 1990s. In recent years, our workers have begun to see the fruit of the many years of labor among the Baka.

“It’s been hard to get traction [among the Baka],” shared Dan. “Over the last ten years, there have been a couple of key leaders rising up.”

“One of them is named Nestor. He carries himself differently. He has a confidence that comes from his faith in Christ that makes him stand out in his own community.

His growth has been a great encouragement to the team and is helping others in his community see the impact of Christ on a daily basis. As more and more leaders like Nestor begin to rise up, the team is seeing a change in the communities around them.”

The Cameroon team is also mentoring national believers who are becoming missionaries themselves. They face challenges as they enter into new people groups to share the message of Christ. World Team workers have had the opportunity to share ideas and encourage them as they foray into cross-cultural ministry for the first time.

Our hope-filled future is bound up in sharing the story of Jesus, in discipling others, in bringing those disciples together into communities of believers, and in developing and releasing those believers to create other communities... till Jesus the King comes again!



TEAMWORK

Impacting our teams through mobilization

The International Neighborhood Network's (The INN) mission is to glorify God by working together to establish reproducing churches among unreached diaspora that will multiply both here and in their homeland."

Each week, my team goes into our local M community and ministers to around 20 children by teaching them the miracles of Jesus and helping them discover that Jesus really is the Son of God! While some families have stopped their children from listening to the stories of Jesus by making them walk home during the story time, others have invited us into their homes to share more about our Savior. Many children are hearing of Jesus for the first time and responding to the stories of the kindness, love, and power of God! After learning that a miracle is something only God can do and that Jesus had the power and authority to perform miracles, one young child even exclaimed, 'Is Jesus God?!' " - An INN Worker

[Acts of Faith - Muslim Ministry by World Team US \(soundcloud.com\)](https://www.soundcloud.com/Acts-of-Faith-Muslim-Ministry-by-World-Team-US)

307

Number of
Workers

50

Number of engaged
people groups

28

Number of countries WT
workers are serving



HOLISTIC CHURCH PLANTING

Impacting the multiplication of churches

Church Planting is synonymous with the missionary sending agency World Team... It has always been the biggest reason that their 300 plus workers do the work that they do in 28 countries. More than 61 thousand donations were made to World Team last year for the purpose of planting churches. Why? What is so important about church planting? Listen to our missionaries and a National worker from around the world share insights on church planting.

[Church Planting - Pinecast \(Pnc.st\)](#)

“Christianity is the story told in the Bible. Christian churches exist to tell that story.”
- Dr. Larry Crabb

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Churches Being Planted

8

Expansion Sites in Progress



INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY

Impacting the world one relationship at a time

Most workers serve long-term, investing the time needed to learn language, culture, and build relationships. Our model is Christ, who emptied himself of the privileges and powers of divinity in order to carry out his mission.

“After our most recent flag football game, I brought ‘N’ to her friend’s house. During the 30 minute car ride, she told me how she had run into another flag teammate, ‘A’ on the train to the game. N was coming from church and was telling our other teammate about it. A said, “Wow, there are 3 Christians on our team this year!” I told N how A had actually come to church with us about a year ago. **N replied, ‘Wow, God is at work! I can tell that A has an interest.’**”

“The other Christian who joined our team this year is Josué’s sister, Lidia. Being Spanish and having grown up in the church, she is an incredible testimony to the women on our team. **Lidia falls into the less than 1% of Spaniards who are Christians, so it was not too surprising that some of the women took advantage of a team lunch to ask her many faith questions.**” - Kelsey, Spain

Thank you!



What does God have for World Team next...

A Vision for the 2nd Quarter of the 21st Century

Expansion and Mobilization

Funding of Cross-cultural and National Workers

The International Neighborhood Network Phase II

Exploration of a World Team Foundation

World Team Member Care Activities

World Team

“God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshippers for himself from every tongue, tribe, and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations.

Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.” ~ John Piper

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