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"I have brothers and sisters around the world who need me...
I am not fully alive without them. Let's discover what that
is by becoming partners in God's work. Together we assault
evil in the world... together we incarnate Jesus... together
we grow strong. What has God given me for you? What has
God given you for me?"

Ron Burdock, Director of Global Outreach (Northpark Church), seminar 2010



#### MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT & YOU

As Christians, we are all called into the rescue mission of God. He wants to heal a broken world through us, often in our everyday lives, and by our love we will be known.

As His Body, this must take on dimensions of evangelism, compassion, social action, and justice. God's victorious plan is huge and He uses us as one part of His global church.

As John Stott reminds us, "We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." This means 'as we go' in His world, we pay attention to our individual responsibilities, act together as community, and expand our horizons as partners.

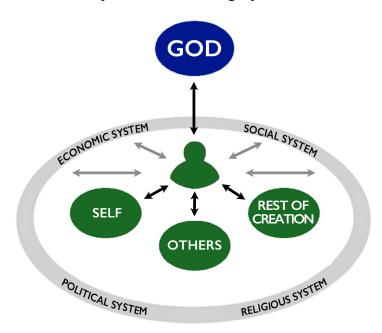
It is in the very being of God that the basis for the missionary enterprise is found. God is a sending God, with a desire to see humankind and creation reconciled, redeemed, and healed. The missional church, then, is a sent church. It is a going church, ement of God hrough his people, se to bring healing to a broken world

Michael Frost & Alan Hirsch

#### THE RESCUE MISSION OF GOD

#### **ACT 1: CREATION (GENESIS 1-2)**

This is God's passion for Life, sustained by His Justice. The text conveys that humanity was born into four wonderful relationships: firstly with GOD, and then with SELF (knowing identity and purpose), with OTHERS and with the REST OF CREATION (see ovals and black arrows). Love and stewardship ruled the day. Later would come the interrelated human systems (shown in grey).



#### ACT 2: FALL (GENESIS 3)

Reality has been very different. Sin - or going our own way - has brought brokenness and poverty into each relationship and corrupted the systems (see over, in red).



#### **ACT 3: REDEMPTION**

God's passion for us showed itself again in compassion, anger and rescue. His justice ultimately led His Son to the cross to reconcile 'all things' - all four relationships (Col. 1:19-20) once and for all.

Now He calls us, His body, to be witnesses, ministers and messengers (2 Cor. 5:16-20) of a new kingdom of love and gracious embrace. Our faith must be lived out as right religion (James 1:27), as we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8).

#### FINAL ACT: CONSUMMATION

God sends us to bring healing to a broken world until He comes again to wrap up history and complete the work forever (Rev. 21:1-4).

#### WE ENGAGE AS:

#### partners

We develop healthy, long-term local and global partnerships in which we can be on mission together, seeing the gospel proclaimed and lived out in areas of compassion and justice. We deliberately create space to develop relationships.



## community

These short-term projects are part of our witness to our city. Most times the need is local and the call is for handson action. The main exceptions are relief projects which often are global and engender a financial response.



### individuals

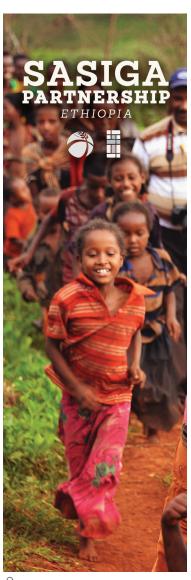
If you call one of the communities of our church your home then we want to support you in your missional choices. Home is the place where you are known, where you give and serve, worship and grow together with others.





## PARTNERS (global)

Rooted in sustainable development and relationship, justice and love.



#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ETHIOPIA

**SASIGA** 2005 - now Food for the Hungry (fhcanada.

org) - We are partnered with FH in a wholistic development project in a number of villages in the Sasiga area of western Ethiopia. They work with churches, leaders and families with aims of bettering health, supplying clean water, creating agricultural and economic options, increasing education for all, gender empowerment, care for a fragile environment and ultimate sustainability. In addition, it trains and resources churches for loving, impactful outreach.

Centered around visits in '05,'07'14 and 2017 we have utilized many ways to build relationship and awareness, fund special enhancement projects and respond to crises.





"First of all we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ; we honor and love you very much. We have seen practically the love of God from the members of your church sent to Sasiga. The staff is still recalling your devotion and commitment you showed to change the life of the project area people. Your contribution to change the life of the project area communities is very inspirational and always rings in the mind of our communities. Praise the Lord."

Abera, Project Manager, Sasiga

From our annual budget \$15,000 goes to Sasiga. Also our families and ministries have sponsored over 110 of the most vulnerable children within the area, multiplying the financial impact to over \$70,000 per year.

In May 2014 our trip's goals were to build relationships, listen and encourage, learn about progress and bring back recommendations for the future of our partnership, and how *our* church might be changed.

We visited many education, health and agriculture initiatives. We got to understand the role of child sponsorships and met with church leaders. The project continued to astound us: the workers are inspirational and committed. The changes we saw were profound and the love poured in has transformed and saved lives.

In 2017 we stood with our friends in Sasiga (and later at Lambrick) when the first region of almost 30,000 people graduated into sustainablility. We have committed to FH for another decade as operations move to adjacent highlands area impacting thousands more lives: Praise God!



We commit to praying for each other, investing financially, and good communication. As family, we want to see each other every 2 years - either here or there. So we invite you to consider when in the next decade you plan to go!

At the outset, we were told that we need Sasiga as much as they need us. Truer words have never been spoken. This partnership has transformed both of us - it has informed our theology, philosophy and methodology of mission, broadened our understanding of the gospel and led us into relationships that have been life changing.

## PARTNERS (global)



# JUSTICE, RESCUE & RESTORATION KOLKATA 2010 - now

We are seeking to assault the evils of human trafficking and sexual enslavement and to rebuild the lives they destroy by partnering with multiple groups. From our annual budget \$15,000 goes directly into addressing these

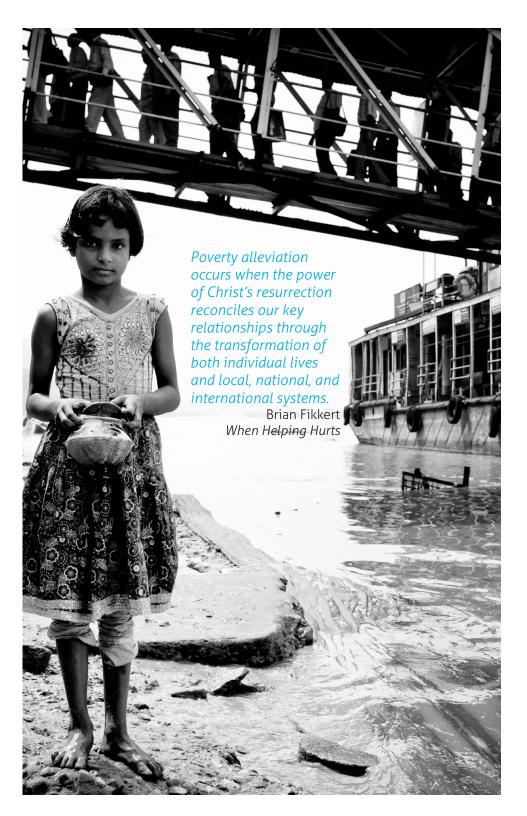


problems and helping women and children in extreme need.

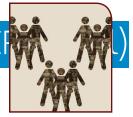
**International Justice Mission** (ijm.ca)- Working to break systemic chains of poverty and violence, we support them as they change laws, prosecute perpetrators, and rescue people.

Mahima Care Homes (mahimaindia.org) - Aftercare is essential to the future of rescued women. We plan to connect more deeply with this group in the future through Partners International. They work alongside IJM and others.

A pioneer for LPC, **Deb Morris** started at Freeset in 2010 - a business that buys women off the streets to offer them freedom through employment. This business-as-mission model works at ground level changing lives and bringing hope. Having worked with other small businesses in Kolkata, Deb returned home to finish her masters and become Interserves Western Representative.



### PARTNER



Partnerships that are local and share leaders, participants, aims and vision

### LOVING OUR NEIBOURS DOWNTOWN VICTORIA 2008 - now

**Mustard Seed** - We are developing a strong partnership that encompasses food drives, special projects and volunteering.

The Agapé Meal- Our monthly ministry where everyone is valued, is the foundation of the above partnership. We know that restoring dignity is the foundation for addressing poverty. One Saturday a month we create a wonderful dinner for 100-120 people where music and conversation fill the air. We pay for





our operational costs. Volunteers from other churches and groups make Agape a weekly city-wide event.



#### LOVING OUR KIDS MESACHIE LAKE, VANCOUVER ISLAND CAMP IMADENE 1974 - now



This is our favourite camp and one with which we have deep roots.

In the summer our kids and leaders flock there. During the year they facilitate our retreats. The connections between staff and youth ministry are very strong. In return we provide funding, release our staff to work there and host their Victoria events.

We also direct youth into their Leaders-in-Training and Auxano programs.

## **COMMUNITY**



Projects and ministries for our whole church to participate in.

Some of our regular ministries reflect how we are on mission. They always need volunteers and prayer.

**Wiseways Preschool & Daycare** - We want to love and serve families in our neighbourhood in the name of Jesus.

**English Language Learners (ELL)** - We want to support and love immigrants in our neighbourhood.

**Alpha** - We want to help our friends neighbours on their journey towards Christ.

We also sulpport the **Victoria Pregnancy Centre** - From Mother's to Father's Day - with their baby bottle fundraising drive.







# 'Family' who we support with different levels of promotion, mentorship, prayer or funding.

Name: Aimee Admana Group: IVCF, China

Note: Ministering to University Students in

China until 2018.





Name: Clayton & Isobel Dougan

Group: Evangelism Int. Victoria and beyond

Note: Evangelism and Bible Teaching underpin this far-reaching international ministry. Check out Clayton's books on the Bible and the Church.



Name: Kelly Johnson

Group: Live Again Rwanda

Note: Creating and developing a counselling and training centre to help heal past pains and train new counsellors.

Name: Daniel and Sandi McDougall

Group: International Student Ministries, UVic

Note: Building deep friendships with short and long-term graduate visitors from other countries and watching what God

is doing.





Name: Deb Morris

Group: Interserve Canada

Note: Developing business-as-mission opportunities through strategic consulting for women trapped in poverty, violence and exploitation. An expert in understanding and addressing human traficking both in Canada and abroad (eg.

India)

Name: Sue Priestley

Group: Operation Mobilization, based in Ontario.

Note: As Associate Director, she uses her longterm experience, deep relationships & administrative skills to love and serve the

staff.





Name: Jenn Taylor Group: ABWE, Chile

Note: (Starts 2018) Bringing hope and faith to the people of Chile through work in local community projects including a

crisis pregnancy center.

Name: Brent & Shelley Weeks (Gathering)

Group: Reach Beyond, Australia

Note: Managing a radio station passionate about sharing the good news across Asia to people who have never experienced it.

#### GETTING INVOLVED

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# 10 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

 JOIN THE AGAPE MEAL - Sign up on our website (www.lambrick.com/getconnected/missional-engagement) and head to the Mustard Seed to serve, love and listen.

2. VISIT - Plan to visit our global partnerships and experience firsthand transformation.

BE INFORMED - Stay up to date with the news in the bulletin, on the website and posted to the info board.

**4.** PRAY - When informed, we can pray. At Prayerwerks we do that together <u>every</u> Wednesday at 7am.

GIVE - Your time, skills and money have a unique role in supporting all the work described in here.



- **6.** CONNECT Contact Individuals and Partners directly to get fuller updates and needs <u>a valuable opportunity for small groups!</u>
- **7.** EDUCATE Our major partners offer workshops on a regular basis. Dig in to the root causes of poverty and brokenness, and discern your response.
- **8.** BE A CHAMPION Passionate about a particular partnership? You could become its advocate, voice and help develop the relationship.
- **9.** DREAM Our biggest ventures started out as a dream from you, the community. We expect God to keep doing this, so tell us your dreams.
- 10.GO If you feel led towards a short-term experience, internship or a longer-term vocation locally or globally, we would love to talk.

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