



Missions



Does Missions Really Matter?

It's a good question. I hope you give it sober consideration.

Does praying for people 12,606km away from us actually touch them or make a difference in anyone's life? (that's the distance from Comox to Chennai, India, by the way). Do missions trips actually accomplish anything? Does a gift of \$5 to missions actually improve the potential for someone else I don't know to discover that Jesus loves and saves them? What about a gift of \$500 or \$5,000, for that matter?

These are the kind of questions I want you to ponder.

In Genesis 40 we discover the story of Joseph in prison. Just like Jesus, Joseph had 2 criminals on each side. One, a Cupbearer, was promised life and the other, a Baker, was not. Then he was raised up and given all authority. I love the similarities in Jesus and Joseph's stories.

Just like Joseph was used by God to rescue his own people and feed nations, Jesus came to give His life for nations.

Jesus is the better Baker. He becomes the bread of life and feeds nations!

Jesus is the better Cupbearer. He drinks the cup poisoned with sin and death, for everyone!

Jesus is the better Joseph. He forgives, rescues, and administers a provision of salvation for all!

Did Joseph's work matter to Israel, Egypt and the nations? And, does Jesus' mission matter to our church, and the lost children of God here and across the Earth?

Personally, I think Missions Matters. Why? Well, first of all, it's our human mission to bring glory to God. We're called to do it in everyday life and to extend His glory around the globe!

Secondly, though, if you're still wondering if missions matters, consider what the answer might be if you could ask:

- The orphan who is now fed and feels safe.
- The widow that lost her home in a flood.
- The girl rescued from sex-trafficking.
- The new convert in India.
- The cripple who was healed in Guinea and can now work.
- The church planter in Africa, risking their life daily to share Jesus in a setting that violently opposes the gospel of Christ.

I think you know it. God's mission -here & beyond- matters!

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LEAD PASTOR



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LOCAL

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GLOBAL

CHRISTO & SARAH EMMANUEL (INDIA)

Together with their 3 daughters, Pastors Christo & Sarah serve in Chennai, India. A decade ago they were sent to plant a new church and through the years it has burst into life, reaching thousands through gospel preaching, children's camps, caring for the poor and multiple weekend services. Their passion to reach the lost for Jesus has not only resulted in hundreds of baptisms, but the planting of other new churches!

SERGIO & NANCY BERSAGLIO (VILLAGES OF HOPE, AFRICA)

Serge and Nancy are the directors of Villages of Hope (VOH) which began in 1999, in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic that left countless children orphaned and vulnerable. 20 years later, there are now 10 villages located in five African countries providing over 3,500 children with education, nutrition, shelter, and healthcare! While the compassionate ministry of Jesus is provided, His gospel message and ongoing discipleship are at the very centre of everything that is provide for the children.

MATTHEW & AMBER PRICE (THAILAND)

Matthew and Amber and their four young children have been stationed in Bangkok since 2016. Amber is the Director of Impact School of Missions in Thailand, which equips organizations in South East Asia with young, passionate and high calibre leaders. Matthew is the national director for ChildCARE Plus for Thailand, which sponsors and meets the dire needs of children and families. Together, they are also working with urban refugees, migrants, and women in red light districts who are increasingly part of their community in Bangkok.

(RAN, SOUTH EAST ASIA)

Having been global workers in the Ukraine since 2002, [redacted] and [redacted] relocated to Asia in 2013. Together with their three small children, they are presently stationed in a Restricted Access Nation (RAN) where they serve as Assistant Regional Directors. Their broad influence includes overseeing other missionaries and Bible Schools, training church planters for Muslim nations, supporting vulnerable refugees and educating marginalized children with special needs.



EMERGENCY RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS (ERDO)

ERDO is the humanitarian arm of PAOC and began in 1983 with the desire to meet the needs created by a massive drought and famine in Ethiopia.

ERDO now serves children and families in 30+ developing countries of the world with crisis response, community development and child sponsorship (ChildCARE Plus). Together with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank over one billion dollars has been raised to respond to natural disasters and areas ravaged by conflict and economic collapse. ERDO has been named a top Canadian charity by McLean's Magazine, MoneySense Magazine and the Financial Post.

REACHING OUT ROMANIA (ROR)

Reaching Out Romania, which is directed by Lana Matel, seeks to rescue and rehabilitate sex trafficked, enslaved and abused women and girls. In fact, since 2007, most of the victims sheltered at RoR have been minors. Based just outside Bucharest, this NGO has helped rehabilitate over 470 victims of trafficking! ROR continues to provide dignity, shelter, psychological assistance, education and professional training so women can reintegrate into society sustainably and with healing.

PREM SEWA SHIKSAN SANG SCHOOL (NAGPUR, INDIA)

A beloved visionary, Frank Juelich started a home in 1981 initially for 10 boys who came from difficult situations in India. It has now grown to be separate schools for boys and girls with over 1,000 children cared for each year. They provide education, dormitories, meals as well as healthcare. With the compassion of Christ they bring dignity and empowerment to children marginalized by caste, being orphaned, crippled, blind and special needs.

LES & LOIS PAULSEN (INTERNATIONAL)

Les and Lois work with PAOC providing international education through GlobalEd by providing biblical theology and ministry training. Their vision is to develop teams of global workers with a passion to ensure the next generation of missionaries are well-equipped for long-term, fruitful life and ministry, and especially mobilized to go beyond where the Gospel has already gone -- to reach the world's remaining unreached people. For example, Zambian Christians are now being trained as missionaries to the Middle East!

DAN & MARDELL MACTAVISH (ROMANIA AND SPAIN)

Dan and Mardell have ministered in Spain since the early 1980s establishing the Salem church in Alicante, Spain which has grown from 9 people into a group of churches throughout Spain. Presently their influence has also expanded to into Romania, through the local church and social justice. They are passionate about bringing awareness and response to the very real problem of human trafficking in Romania (see Reaching Out Romania).



GLOBAL EMERGENCY MISSIONS SOCIETY (GEMS) & FOREIGN AID DISTRIBUTION (FAD)

GEMS sends relief to people impacted by poverty and disaster around the world. Since 2003 it has sent 132 shipping containers with clothing, medical supplies, and construction equipment to 25 countries in five continents. FAD is the local Comox Pentecostal Church arm of GEMS and through the years many of our volunteers have gathered, sorted, packed and shipped thousands of boxes of humanitarian aid through our church! Tens of thousands of lives have felt the help of our volunteers and the financial contributions that send these shipments around the world.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC)

YFC has a strong history in the Comox Valley. Internationally, YFC is present in 126 nations and is made up of tens of thousands of full-time, part-time and volunteer staff working together in giving every young person an opportunity to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Local YFC workers continue to open doors into public schools, provide connection and ministry for teens across the valley, and also help support our own Elevate Youth Ministry!

COMOX VALLEY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE (PCC)

The Pregnancy Care Centre is a Christ centred faith based Canadian national organization dedicated to upholding life by providing care-workers, resources, education and support to compassionately serve those challenged by an unexpected pregnancy. Our local PCC is directed by Lisa Brown and seeks to provide practical support to remove many of the obstacles preventing women from carrying pregnancy to term. In the way of Christ, PCC treats each person with love, value and worth, regardless of race, faith background, pregnancy decision, or lifestyle.

2021 Missions Goal:

\$50,000

Monthly Goal* \$4,500

What would you love to give to missions this year?
What could you give monthly toward that goal?

www.cpclife.com/giving



A chin an illiterate teenage girl from a poor Taiwanese family, deeply steeped in the superstitions and hopelessness of Buddhism, came to work in our home when I was a young child. My mother not only taught her how to perform the household tasks of her job, she also taught her to read and write in Chinese, how to play the piano and, most importantly, she led her out of darkness, into the light of the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! Achin later married a young minister, raised four accomplished children and has devoted her life to bringing others to Christ. Hopelessness changed to hope one life at a time. This is why Missions matters to me!

Jennifer McQuade
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Thank You.