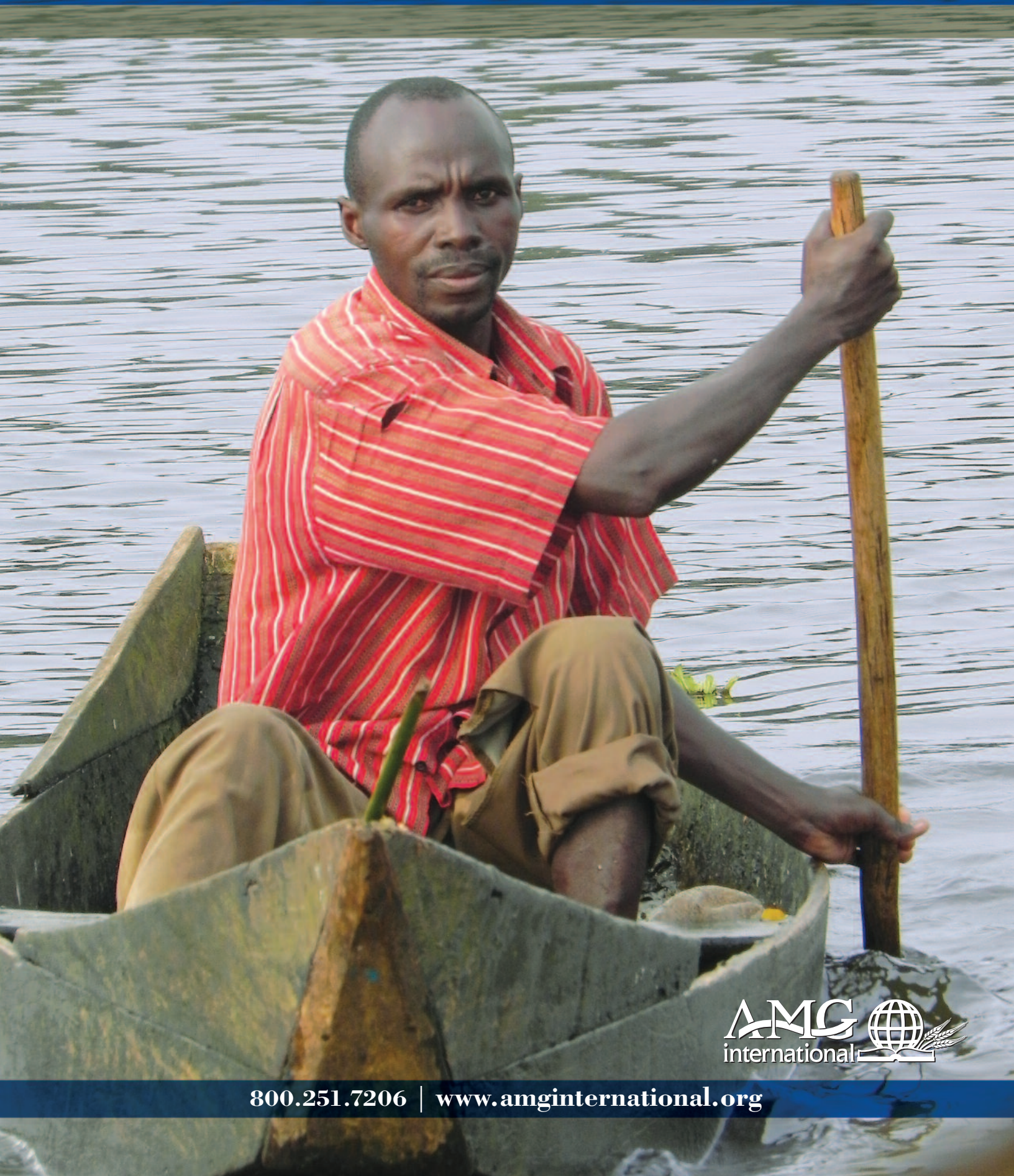


2017 IMPACT REPORT



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A Letter From Tasos Ioannidis

My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God as I reflect on what the Lord is doing to transform lives throughout the world through AMG. Testimonies such as the following from our collaborators around the world continue coming in to our ministry headquarters in Chattanooga.

A young man in Guatemala who went through our Bridge to Life child and youth development program is now a lawyer, serving others in his community and living his life as a committed follower of Christ...

A young man in Turkey who heard the Good News through advertisements placed on the Internet, by our coworkers in Turkey, is now a believer in Jesus and is preparing for his baptism...

A young lady who suffered with leprosy in India was effectively cared for and treated, and is now cured of the disease. Not only that, but she has trained to be a nurse in order to care for others in need and to express the love of Christ to them...

A pastor trained in Uganda, whose church is growing, is impacting his rural community in amazing ways...

A refugee from Syria made his way to Greece, found Christ, and is now active in sharing the

Gospel among his countrymen...

We serve an awesome God, and He is accomplishing marvelous things as you and I partner to make His love known among the least and the lost around the world. The Gospel and His Kingdom are advancing, and together we are impacting the world for Christ.

But much work remains to be done. There are three billion people who have never heard the Gospel. There are millions of precious boys and girls who live in extreme poverty. And, according to one estimate, 85 out of every 100 pastors have had no training. These are areas where we can make a real difference and impact eternity.

With your help this year, we will make progress in meeting the deepest needs and inspiring hope in the 36 countries we serve. Each month more than one million will hear the Good News through our media evangelism efforts. Thousands of children will be cared for, educated and untethered from the cycle of poverty. Thousands of pastors will be trained to effectively serve their communities.

May I ask you to prayerfully consider being part of these ministries? Will you help publish an ad

that will reach someone who might never hear the Gospel otherwise? Will you care for a destitute child, giving him or her an opportunity for a better future and introducing that little one to Christ? Will you make it possible to train a pastor to impact a local community for God's glory?

I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to accomplish this year as together we press on to make Him known around the globe.





AMG International is a Gospel-first global ministry that meets the deepest needs – spiritual and physical – by inspiring hope, restoring lives and transforming communities.

Making a Difference... *One Child at a Time*

San José el Yalu is a small impoverished village located in a rural area of central Guatemala. The largest population group is made up of subsistence farmers from the Kaqchikel Mayan Indian Tribe. These are families that earn a small income. In fact, over 60 percent of the Kaqchikels live in poverty and are malnourished. This forces many of the tribal children to begin working at a young age to help support their families. As we do in every community we serve, AMG International works with knowledgeable local leaders to determine the deepest needs of the residents in order to develop an effective partnership strategy that will inspire hope and bring transformation.

In this particular village malnutrition is a major issue facing children, as is the lack of educational opportunities. AMG International's Yalu Nim Jay Students Educational Center was founded in 2015 to address these needs. The locals affectionately refer to the center as "The Big House." It serves 175 boys and girls ranging in age from three to nine. The students receive nutritious lunches and safe drinking water, and are taught skills focused on mathematics, language, communication, values and entrepreneurship, along with proper hygiene and health practices. We also provide the students with sound biblical studies, which is important since there are no Evangelical churches in the community. In partnership with our donors, AMG is able to staff the center with a coordinator, three teachers, two cooks and a janitor.

"Giving Back..."

We wanted to impress on our children the joy of giving back to the Lord. For Christmas one year, we gave our six kids and their three spouses a year's sponsorship of an AMG child, and we asked them to match our gift to them by sponsoring a child in return. Four of them did and continue to this day. One son and daughter-in-law chose instead to go to the mission field themselves with New Tribes. One son is in China with the International Mission Board waiting for the Lord's leading in his life.

We are privileged to be workers with AMG going into the harvest. We will love to hear those voices sing our Lord's praises one day.

**Brian and Susan Bell,
New Hampshire**

Our students participate in daily devotionals, learn Gospel songs, memorize Scripture verses, and receive a structured weekly Bible education. One of the things we find throughout the townships where we serve is that the children benefiting from the generosity of our donors have hope for a future. They are not worried about mere survival, rather they are filled with hope and are inspired by the teachings of Christ. This allows them to dream big dreams and prepare themselves for a better tomorrow.



There are many children still in need of sponsors. Please consider joining nearly 2,300 other AMG sponsors in providing hope for a child in need. A list of young people awaiting sponsorship, along with their bios, can be found at www.amgkids.org. You can also support one of our child and youth development centers like the one in San José el Yalu. Your partnership will change a life and impact the world for Christ.

The Impact of Sponsorship...

Chris Cirucci has had her life shaped by Christ ever since becoming a Christian at summer camp at the age of 13. She later received her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and after working for a few years in that field, she pursued her passion and attended medical school. She graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and from there went on to do her OB/GYN residency at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. After completing her medical training, Dr. Cirucci moved to Pittsburgh where she has since worked in private practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist.

Dr. Cirucci's training as a physician has opened up many opportunities for her to serve God overseas, having volunteered several times in Africa following her residency. More recently she has served six times (for a month each) in Bangladesh, working at Memorial Christian Hospital. The Lord has given her a heart for Bangladesh and its people, who desperately need to know Christ. Their medical needs are great, and their spiritual needs are even greater.

It was on one of her first trips to Bangladesh that she learned of the Hebron Hostel located in the Chittagong Hill tracts of Bangladesh. This is a very remote area of the country, where people live on subsistence farming. Most of the residents are illiterate. Very few villages have schools, so the children have little opportunity for education. The Hebron Childcare Project enables children from these villages to live at a Christian boarding center, attend school, and receive Bible teaching. Although it is crucial for these children to receive an education, the main goal of the project is to equip a new generation of Christian leaders who can read, understand and apply God's Word.

Parents in the area desperately want their children to attend the boarding school, as they know this is a way for their children to escape a life of poverty. When Dr. Cirucci learned of this project in Bangladesh and discovered that her small



monthly donation could change the life of a child, she realized what a great opportunity this was to make an impact for Christ. The child sponsorship program of the Hebron Hostel is managed by AMG International. Dr. Cirucci initially sponsored two boys, and the next time she returned to Bangladesh she had the pleasure of meeting one of them. She was again impressed with the impact that her small monthly donation was making. She then chose to sponsor more children and has encouraged others to do the same.

Dr. Cirucci says, *"It has been a blessing to partner with AMG through child sponsorship. Having seen this program first hand, I can say that this is clearly the best \$32 monthly investment one could make! Many of us long to make a difference in this world, and I know that sponsoring a child in this program is making a difference in the life of a child. Unlike some sponsorship programs in which the money goes to the community (which is fine), in this program my money directly impacts a child, allowing them to receive food, get an education, and hear the Gospel. I feel that sponsoring a child through AMG is one of the most impactful things that I can do!"*



AMG's Vision:

Every community
in every nation will be
redeemed and radically
transformed by the
love and Gospel
of Jesus Christ.

Preparing Pastors for Ministry

This past October, missionaries Ron and Denise Hamme travelled to AMG's campsite on the island of Northern Samar to provide pastoral leadership training. The two-day "train the trainer" session was conducted with the purpose of preparing a group of qualified men to teach the **Biblical Training Centre for Pastors (BTCP)** materials. These materials have been written especially for the purpose of equipping pastors and Christian leaders in areas where formal Bible training is either unavailable or beyond the financial or transportive means of those we serve.

Many pastors in developing nations are leading churches today with either little or no formal training. In fact, by some estimates, 85 percent of churches in the world are led by individuals who have no formal ministry training.

The BTCP materials provide the basics for a pastor to effectively lead, teach, and shepherd a congregation. Five men participated in the training and two were deemed adequately prepared to begin teaching the materials. The remaining three men will initially be students in the BTCP courses, with the intent of eventually becoming teachers as well.

Following this training, AMG Philippines Church Ministries Coordinator, Pastor Reynaldo Teñoso, called together about 80 pastors, church leaders and interested believers from all over Samar, and a few neighboring islands, for a special three-day Pastors and Leaders Conference. There was a great spirit of anticipation as Ron Hamme taught on the subject, "*The Life of the Minister is the Life of His Ministry*," and Pastor "Rey" taught on the qualifications for church leadership, interwoven with biblical principles related to church administration. The participants were thirsty for the rich and insightful instruction and encouragement they received from AMG. Despite being interrupted at times by heavy downpours and power outages, the fellowship was great and many attendees commented that the teaching received was vital and would be quickly implemented into their ministries.

Together, with our faithful partners, AMG International is able to train nearly 1,500 pastors and church leaders every year. Imagine the impact that has in strengthening churches, changing lives and transforming communities around the globe.



2017 MINISTRY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Child and Youth Development

4,324 Sponsored children

3 Major international partners in Canada, Germany, and the Netherlands sponsoring approximately 35,000 children in AMG child and youth development centers

▶ Discipleship

224 *Mission Adventures* participants ministered on 18 international trips

44 Missionary households supported

309 National leaders in our national worker sponsorship program

1497 Pastors and church leaders trained

2 Income-producing projects created; fully supporting three pastors and a boarding school in the Philippines

▶ Media Evangelism

20,000 Daily listeners hear the Good News on *Cyprus Radio*

702 Responses to Gospel ads in Indonesia

22 Radio stations broadcasting the Gospel in Indonesia

660 Bible correspondence courses distributed monthly in Indonesia

9,953 New Testaments requested in Turkey

▶ Healthcare

5,974 Patients treated monthly, on average, at *St. Luke's Hospital* in Thessaloniki, Greece

2,500 Leprosy victims cared for monthly

8 Medical facilities around the world treating the sick and sharing the Word of God

▶ Refugees

190,000 Refugee visits to *Home Spot* in Greece

▶ Human Trafficking

11 Women and their 17 children were rescued by the *House of Damaris* ministry — a safe house for trafficking victims in Greece — led by an AMG missionary couple

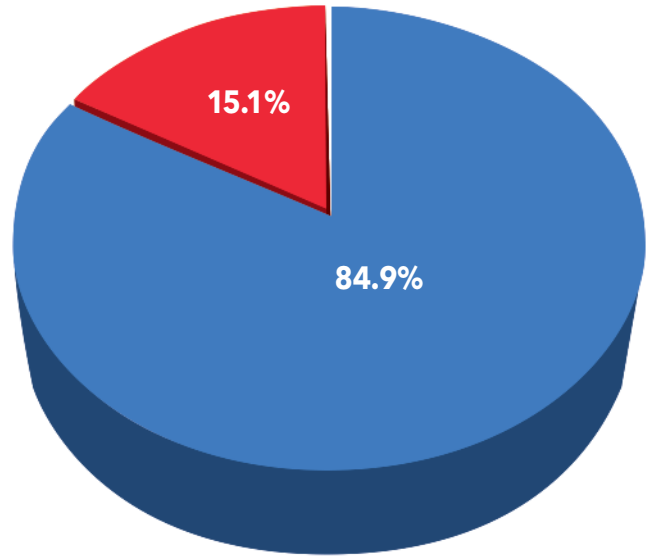
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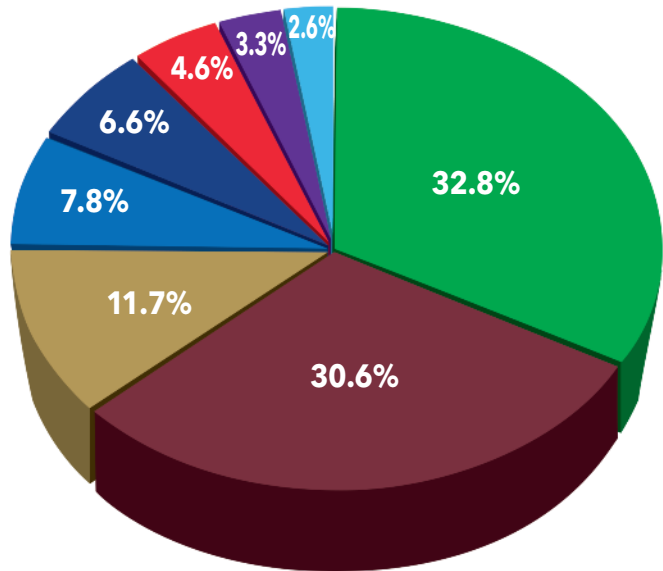
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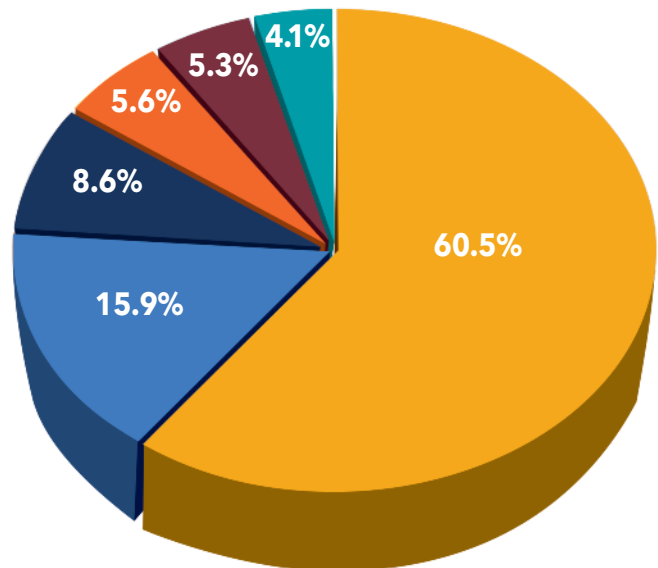
Where Donors Give

- ▶ Child & Youth Development
- ▶ Missionary Support
- ▶ AMG Ministry Projects
- ▶ Mission Adventures
- ▶ Sponsored National Workers
- ▶ Media Evangelism
- ▶ Disaster Relief
- ▶ Healthcare



Total Donor Support by Category

- ▶ Individuals/Households
- ▶ Churches
- ▶ Estates
- ▶ Businesses
- ▶ Foundations
- ▶ Other



A Nation Divided

God continues to bless our radio ministry on the island of Cyprus in amazing ways. Our station staff communicates the love of God and the sacrifices of Jesus on a daily basis, and listeners respond. One listener recently shared, *"I am 63 years old, and it's been almost a year [since I began] listening [to] your station, and my life has been changed. I wish I read the New Testament earlier in my life. For the past eight months I have [found] a new purpose in life. My goal is to speak to everyone [I can] about Christ. I also introduce your station to everyone I meet."*

Cyprus Radio is the only evangelical Christian station broadcasting in the country, and its signal can be heard all the way to the coast of Turkey, which is a predominantly Muslim nation. The station broadcasts a mixture of Christian Bible teaching, news and music in English, Russian and Greek. It is estimated that over 20,000 listeners tune in to our station every day. Without easy access to the Bible or discipleship training in the region, the station serves as an outreach to the unreached.

Cyprus Radio is operated by a highly skilled and dedicated team of believers. One key member of our team isn't done for the day when leaving the understaffed and underfunded station. She brings a mobile phone home with her in the evenings so she can take listener calls. But, these are not calls about programming and song selection, they are calls from people wanting to learn how to have a real relationship with Jesus. And, a kind and patient voice is always available to take the calls, listen to stories, and offer help.

Over the years, this staff member has had the opportunity to be used by God in conversing with people of all ages and backgrounds. She fondly recalls the conversation she had with an old priest who stated that he is finally learning the truth about Scripture. Our staff member was also able to share the Good News with a woman who was celebrating her 102nd birthday. Some callers request only a copy of the New Testament, and others call more often seeking help through difficult times and individual struggles. This team member constantly looks for ways to point people to a personal relationship with Christ.

We are also blessed to have a talented station manager who works tirelessly to maintain the station's technological capabilities. He uses his wits and resources to locate whatever parts the station needs to stay on the air, and often finds them on ebay and at US Embassy auctions. He is so gifted that other stations call him when they are facing technical maintenance issues, and he is always willing to help.

Our Cyprus Radio Ministry, and those who run it, are urgently in need of prayer support and additional funding. This vital ministry is the product of big dreams and many answered prayers. The station staff has poured their very lives into finding creative and effective ways of spreading the Gospel throughout the region. And while the staff has not received regular salaries for over a year, no amount of sacrifice has been spared in their desire to make an eternal difference in the lives of their listeners, be it just one more soul saved or one more day proclaiming the Gospel. Their desire is to impact their country and region in such a way that the notion of having a personal relationship with God is more of the norm than the exception. We can get there with the support of our partners and, together, we can help the station become more self-sustaining while it reaches the lost with the truth of Scripture.



Staying Healthy in Haiti

The **Bethesda Medical Center** in Grand-Bassín, Haiti has been helped immensely by AMG, its donors, and volunteers over the years. When we went into Haiti, we worked with local experts and church leaders to determine the deepest needs of the region, which we found to be healthcare.

So, in 2008, a team of volunteers from Signal Mountain Bible Church and Brainerd Baptist Church, led by AMG International, helped in the actual construction of a clinic. Ten years later, the medical facility is flourishing. The staff of 23 serves 5,000 patients annually within Grand-Bassin and throughout the surrounding townships.

The local residents understand and appreciate that the clinic was established by God. Without the heavily-utilized medical facility, many patients would no doubt succumb to cholera and other prevalent illnesses regularly faced by people in the region. As an organization, we discovered a critical unmet need, and with the help of our partners and by God's grace, we met the need.



The clinic's patients are grateful for the quality care they receive. One of those grateful patients, Amos Derosé, regularly attends scheduled devotions at the Bethesda Medical Center and recently accepted Jesus as his Savior. That may not have happened without the support of our generous partners who view our healing ministry efforts as an effective means for sharing the Gospel.

When we care for people's physical ailments they become much more open to hearing the Good News. We have structured our medical facilities, throughout the countries we operate in, to effectively meet people's physical and spiritual needs, whether it is at our state-of-the-art hospital in Greece or a smaller healthcare clinic in Haiti.



God's Provision Comes in God's Time

Before the earthquake, Pedro and his family lived in a borrowed house in San Juan Pilcaya, Puebla. The devastating epicenter of the earthquake that hit central Mexico on September 19, 2017 was very near Pilcaya. Unfortunately, Pedro's house was so severely damaged that it was no longer safe for his family to live in. They received some plastic sheeting, and with some help were able to build a one-room bamboo frame support on which to hang the plastic. The family is still living in that "home." It's been very cold there this winter, and Pedro's children seem to always be sick. And yet, despite all their personal hardships, they have maintained an attitude of gratefulness and have found ways to assist other families in need. Pedro is a brick layer and has put his skills to good use in helping his neighbors rebuild or repair their homes.

Pedro was involved in relief work using a building method he learned from a ministry that operated a compound near Pilcaya. The new houses are built by laying bales of hay on a stone foundation. The hay is then covered with cement. The houses have corrugated roofing, and concrete floors.

Pedro helped AMG Mexico build the first hay house in Pilcaya. Now he will receive the second

hay house. Construction on Pedro's house started in late December. He owns a piece of land that he inherited from his dad, and we are building a much-needed house for his family on his land.

Together, we are able to go into a community, help meet people's needs through disaster relief efforts, and introduce them to a loving Savior. Pedro has a saying he likes to repeat: "*God's provision always comes in God's time.*" It is evident that Pedro has a strong faith in God. Please pray that his family, along with many others in Pilcaya, will come to know the Lord through this difficult situation.



Meet George and Anna Kefalas

George and Anna Kefalas have been happily married for 50 years and are blessed with three married children and eight grandchildren. Anna pursued a successful hair stylist's career before becoming a stay-at-home mom for several years, which she saw as her ministry. George has been engaged in real estate investing for more than 45 years.

The Kefalases feel blessed to be a part of the family of God, having accepted Christ in their teen years. Searching for answers to life's big questions, they discovered where true satisfaction and fulfillment are found — following God's biblical instructions, praying, and listening to wise people who have walked the path of life before them. They strive to live a life of obedience to God by putting their faith into practice, not worrying about things they can't control, and being joyful in each day of the journey. Along the way, God has placed some wonderful people in their path, for which they remain grateful.

George and Anna first met Dr. Spiros Zodhiates in their then home church, Bethany Church of Sierra Madre in California, in the late 60s when he came to speak. His first words of greeting to George were, "Young man, do you know Jesus Christ as your personal savior?" His enthusiasm for God's work was exemplary and contagious. Anna knew "Dr. Z" already because he was responsible for the establishment of an AMG orphanage in Katerini, Greece, where Anna spent three years before being adopted by loving Christian parents in California. Two of her siblings were also cared for by the same orphanage.

A few years later, George and Anna began sponsoring a young girl in an orphanage located near Athens, Greece. It was a turning point for George when the couple spent several hours visiting their sponsored child. *"That precious girl never let go of our hands. She held us tight. She wouldn't let us go. We realized the deep wounds and longings orphaned and destitute children have. Because of that eye-opening experience, we have been involved in children's ministries for over 40 years."*



The couple's second encounter with Dr. Zodhiates took place at the Greek Evangelical Church of Los Angeles in the mid 80s when he came to speak. They were encouraged and inspired by his deep commitment to the Great Commission, and his call to go into all the world with the saving message of Christ, which they took to heart.

In the past 35 years, George and Anna have frequently visited St. Luke's Hospital in Thessaloniki, Greece; a ministry of AMG International and the only Christian hospital in Greece, where Christian music and sermons are broadcast throughout the day. They remain impressed by the loving care, quality, and professionalism of the doctors and staff at the hospital, and for their strong Christian testimony.

George says, *"We resolved back in the 70s that although God was not calling us to be missionaries in a foreign land, we had an important role to play. As people showered with material blessings, our role was no less important than that of missionaries serving in the outer parts of the world. We ARE serving as missionaries by participating financially in the many important mission initiatives of AMG, and we feel we are fulfilling the most important commandments — to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves."* The Kefalases are living fulfilled lives due in part to their involvement with AMG, where George serves as a faithful member of the board of trustees.

AMG MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE:



ALBANIA

- Discipleship
- Media Evangelism



ARGENTINA

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship
- Media Evangelism



AUSTRALIA

- Discipleship



BANGLADESH

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship
- Media Evangelism



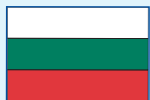
BOLIVIA

- Discipleship



BRAZIL

- Discipleship



BULGARIA

- Discipleship



CANADA

- Discipleship



COSTA RICA

- Discipleship



CUBA

- Discipleship



CYPRUS

- Discipleship
- Media Evangelism



EGYPT

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship



GHANA

- Child & Youth Development
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GREECE

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GUATEMALA

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- Healthcare



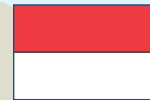
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INDIA

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INDONESIA

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ITALY

- Discipleship



KENYA

- Discipleship

Where and How We Serve



LEBANON

- Discipleship
- Media Evangelism



PERU

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship



THAILAND

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship
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LIBERIA

- Child & Youth Development
- Discipleship



PHILIPPINES

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TURKEY

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MEXICO

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ROMANIA

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MOLDOVA

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SOUTH AFRICA

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UNITED STATES

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ZIMBABWE

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PAKISTAN

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