



2018 IMPACT REPORT



MEETING THE DEEPEST NEEDS

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Doing Much for the Cause of Christ

"I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done." ~ PSALM 9:1

As I reflect on the previous year of ministry, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to God. As you partnered with AMG, the Lord used us to accomplish marvelous things; doing exceedingly and abundantly more than we could think or imagine. We saw the deepest spiritual, physical, and emotional needs met in the lives of thousands of people. Our media Gospel ads in Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist religious and cultural environments reached people who had never been exposed to the Word. Our medical ministry offered physical and spiritual healing in places like Haiti, Guatemala, India, Uganda, and Greece. People came to faith, churches grew, and pastors were trained in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Needy boys and girls received loving care that provided them with the opportunity to lead productive lives as committed followers of Christ. New ministries started or grew in places like Colombia, Uganda and Pakistan. I am truly grateful to God, and to you, for making all of this ministry possible. Indeed, the fruit is amazing.

This past January I had the great blessing of visiting our ministries in Thailand. It was incredible to witness the progress God has allowed us to be part of, and to see many examples of changed lives resulting from our 40 years of ministry in the region. I had the privilege of sharing with national Burmese pastors living in Thailand, while also hearing their amazing stories of growth resulting from AMG's extensive discipleship program. New church members are engaged in a year-long intensive, which has become part of their church culture. Many of them will move on to other areas and will plant new churches themselves. The growth has been incredible.

I had the opportunity to hear from alumni of one of our hostels in Thailand, which is part of our child and youth development ministry. It was so heartwarming to see how God used your generous investments to bring boys and girls out of poverty, preparing them for careers as accountants, teachers, nurses and other professionals. Even more exciting is the fact that most of the alumni we met are now committed followers of Christ, and God is using them to transform their communities. At **By Grace School** we met a young tribal girl who wants to become a doctor. If she achieves high enough marks on

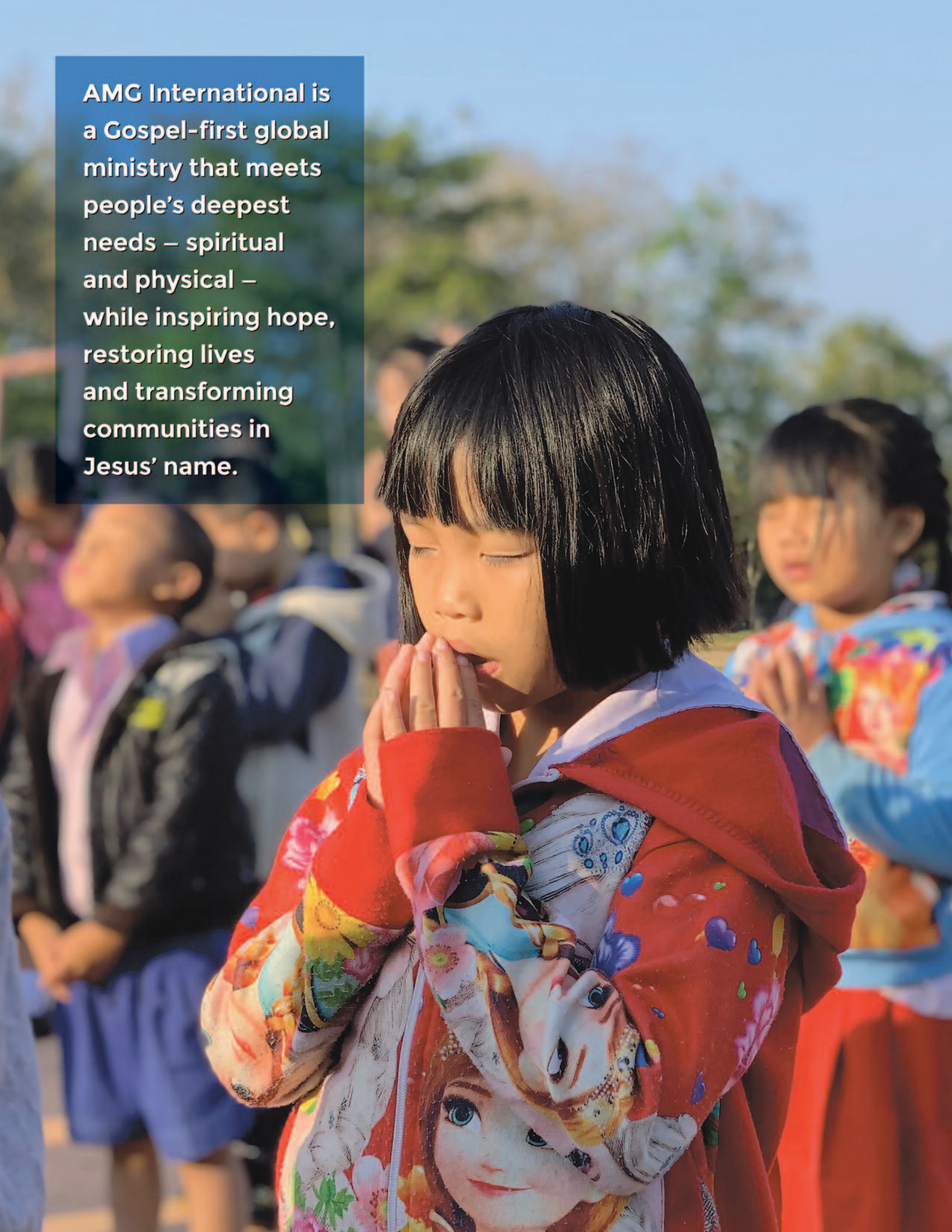


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Indeed, it is amazing to see what God has already done. But I'm even more excited about what He is going to do in the future. If you and I continue to faithfully serve Him, I know that thousands more people with deep needs will experience the transforming power of the Gospel this year. With your help, we will be able to expand our ministries to refugees in Greece, do more pastor training in Africa, and share the Good News with more people in Pakistan and Indonesia. God is at work! Together, let us press on to advance His kingdom, inspire hope in the lives of the needy and the lost, and bring glory to His name. Thank you for your faithful partnership.

AMG International is a Gospel-first global ministry that meets people's deepest needs – spiritual and physical – while inspiring hope, restoring lives and transforming communities in Jesus' name.



Faithfully Treating the Sick in Cubulco, Guatemala

It was July 1953 when two Wycliffe missionaries, Mary Shaw (an English teacher), and Helen Neuenswander (a nurse), boarded a bus in Guatemala City and rode 12 hours to the remote town of Cubulco to begin following the mission God had placed on their hearts. After completing two summers of linguistics training with the *Summer Institute of Linguistics*, and *Jungle Training Camp* through Wycliffe, these two ladies were ready to start translating God's Word into the language of the Achí people of Cubulco. They rented a room and began the arduous task of learning the local culture and establishing an alphabet. The duo made the mistake of telling their landlady that Helen was a nurse. Although there were no phones or newspapers in town, it did not take long for word to get out and for people to start knocking on their door looking for medical assistance. At that time there were no doctors, clinics, or medical assistance available in town except for a small pharmacy. Seeing the need, Helen began treating patients with medicine that she had brought herself.

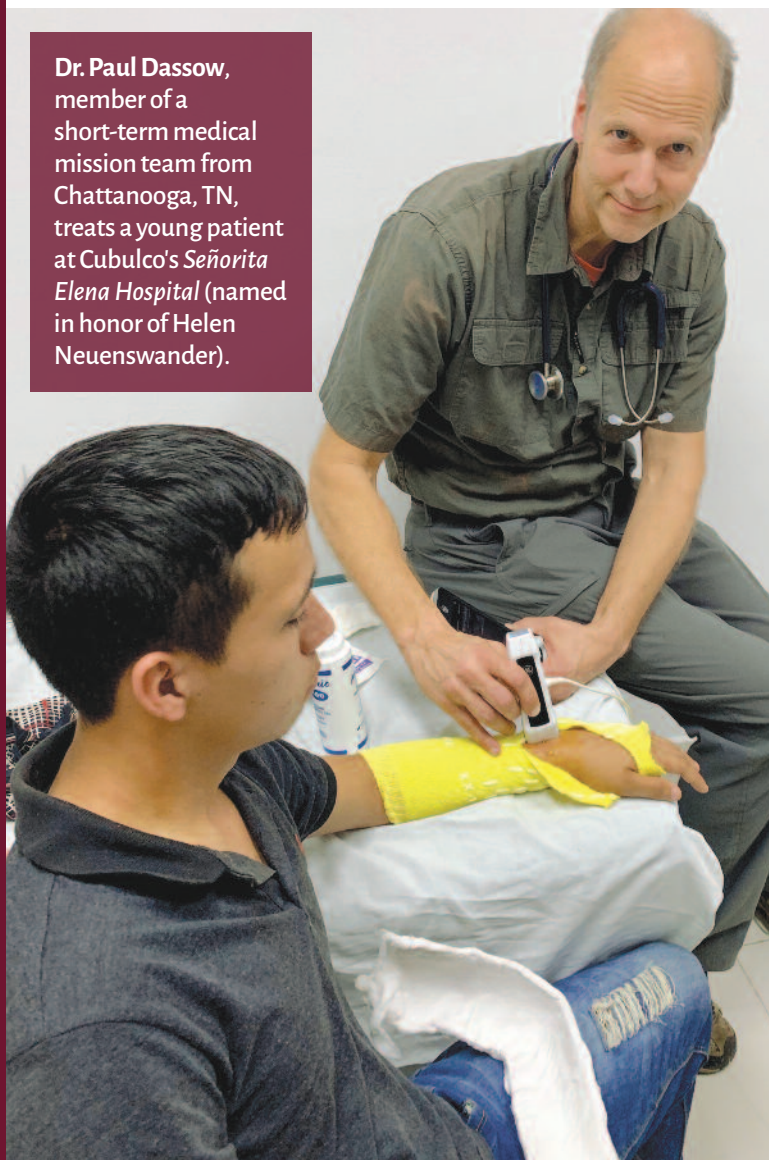
In the years that followed, Helen spent more and more of her time treating patients out of her home. This was not ideal, and eventually a clinic was built with a large waiting room, two examining rooms, simple laboratory, maternity unit, and an x-ray machine. While this clinic met many of the needs of the local people, Helen realized there was much more that could be done. She stated, *"the Cubulco people need more than just an out-patient clinic. Achí patients who need hospitalization have to decide whether to die at home or be hauled for hours in the back of a truck to the nearest hospital in Salamá, hoping they'll be received. And even if they do get in, nobody there understands their language or their ways."*

Helen's passion was for Cubulco to have a good hospital, staffed by people who cared enough to speak the Achí language. By the mid 1980s, her dream of constructing a hospital was realized, and with the help of work teams from the USA, construction began on what would become *Señorita Elena Hospital*. However, Helen's health was de-

teriorating rapidly and her time on this earth was coming to an end. Thus, Mary and Helen approached AMG International to ask whether we would be interested in taking over and expanding the operation of the hospital. After bringing this petition before the Lord, AMG agreed and assumed responsibility in January of 1990. Helen was relieved and just a week later passed into the eternal glory prepared for God's faithful servants. With the generous support of donors, AMG invested in increased infrastructure, modern equipment and professional staff.

Twenty years and many patients later, AMG began considering an overhaul of the hospital to bring it up to current-day standards. Two studies were conducted by *Engineering Ministries International* to evaluate the infrastructure and examine the health needs of the community. Based on those studies, plans were drawn up for an expansion and renovation of the existing hospital, including the addition of valuable services like gynecology, maternity, ultrasound, vision care, trauma and emergency care. Specialty services would also be added on a rotating basis, keeping patients from having to travel several hours for their care. In addition, AMG's first retail pharmacy began selling medicines and products to the public, which aided in its self-sustainability.

Dr. Paul Dassow, member of a short-term medical mission team from Chattanooga, TN, treats a young patient at Cubulco's *Señorita Elena Hospital* (named in honor of Helen Neuenswander).



In February 2016, the original clinic built by Helen and Mary was demolished as it was deemed unsafe. Over the next two years, a new building was constructed on the original site. AMG missionary Paula Ferro, an exceptional local architect, designed the new facility. While AMG was able to execute the project on-budget, it was not without its setbacks. Construction took longer than expected and there were challenges with government agencies due to corruption within the Guatemala customs office. This made the process of importing used medical equipment very difficult. However, God was faithful and connected us to local medical equipment vendors who provided new, good quality equipment at affordable prices. A partner ministry, *Vine International* of Tennessee, was also instrumental in getting critical pieces of surgical equipment delivered for the new medical center.



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AMG Guatemala recently finished construction and celebrated the grand opening of the hospital. AMG's leadership from the US and Guatemala joined local officials and hospital staff to mark this important occasion in the life of the Cubulco community. With the help of generous AMG donors, the new hospital is meeting the deepest physical and spiritual needs of people living in and around Cubulco, by providing quality healthcare and sharing the life-transforming message of the Gospel.





For over 75 years, we have leveraged the insights of local leaders and churches, that know their communities best, to identify the right strategies to meet the deepest needs.

Volunteer medical professionals on a short-term mission trip perform surgery on a patient at the hospital in Cubulco, Guatemala.

Reaching the Poor and the Lost

Paul and Frances Baker, longtime donors to our ministry, share that giving to the Lord's work through AMG International has brought them much joy over the years.

Married for 46 years this June, Paul and Frances have seen God teach them in many ways, one of which has been through their involvement with AMG International. The Bakers own two automotive/tire shops in little Marion, North Carolina. They have two sons, now 42 and 40. Both of their boys are married, and each has two sons of his own. Ivan is the Administrative Pastor at the church his family attends and his wife, Crystal, works in Christian counseling. Nathan and his wife, Autumn, manage one of the family's tire shops.

The Bakers' sons would tell you they well remember the many children the family was privileged to support through AMG. Through just a few dollars a month, a child can receive meals, an education and, most importantly, hear the Gospel message. It was always a joy for them to receive pictures and letters from the children they had chosen. One girl they faithfully supported in the Philippines finished her education and became a teacher in a Christian school. What a joy it was for the Bakers to see that lovely young lady succeed, and to realize God allowed them to play a significant role in her life.

AMG International first came into Paul and Frances' home by way of radio station WMIT-FM (Black Mountain, NC). They regularly listened to the teaching of Dr. Spiros Zodhiates (long-time president of AMG International) on Sunday mornings, before leaving for church. As the Lord blessed their business, the couple was able

to support even more children through our ministry.

It was meaningful for the Bakers to be able to show their sons pictures of the children they were supporting. Eventually, they got their Junior Sunday School classes at church eager to bring offerings to help support children in need. And, they often posted pictures of the sponsored children in the classroom, hoping the youngsters would develop a heart for missions, both at home and abroad. That was many years ago, and their sons and those in the Sunday School classes are grown, but Paul and Frances remain passionate and excited about the ministries of AMG.

In addition to providing educational opportunities for the children they currently sponsor, the couple supports the ministry efforts of some of our national leaders, and also gives toward our fruitful newspaper evangelism initiatives. They remain grateful for how AMG International uses numerous means to reach the lost for Christ, and they are excited to share in its impact. In addition, the Bakers always enjoy learning about all God is doing through St. Luke's Hospital in Greece and through our leprosy clinics in India. In the words of this generous couple, *"The Bible is true; when we give to those in need, God repays!! Proverbs 19:17 says, 'He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him again.'"*

We are grateful for the generosity of Paul and Frances, and donors like them, and we value the impact they are having throughout the world. Together, we are meeting people's deepest needs, while inspiring hope, restoring lives and transforming communities in Jesus' name.



Fleeing Persecution and Finding Jesus

Beginning in 2015, Greece became the strategic landing zone for masses of refugees fleeing their homes in the Middle East for a better life in Europe. Most of the refugees come from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq, seeking to escape persecution, brutal dictatorships, war, famine and economic disaster.

While many of these displaced people have relocated to other countries, there remain many refugees who still find themselves struggling to meet basic life needs in Greece. Most of them have entered into what seems to be an endless waiting period, as they look to be reunited with family elsewhere in Europe. Many tell us of the hopelessness and worthlessness they feel as they wait for whatever is next. The sense of despair is palpable in the refugee communities.

When the first wave of refugees arrived in Greece in March 2016, AMG International quickly began serving wherever the needs were greatest. Transportation quickly became an obvious need. Public transportation from Lavrio to downtown Athens, an hour away, was virtually non-existent. But, refugees needed to get from the camps to Athens for hospital appointments, meetings at consulates, and asylum services.

Not surprisingly, God had a plan, and used this for their good. He provided AMG with a vehicle and we were able to build trust with camp authorities, who allowed us to begin transporting refugees to their appointments. From the very first week, this ministry has had an amazing impact as the travel time led to conversation after conversation.

On one of these drives, a man surprised AMG Greece staff with a very direct and profound question. He said, *"I know you are Christians, and you believe in Jesus. Can you tell me about this?"* What a joy and privilege they had to answer this man's sincere question. The ride finished, and soon after their paths crossed again, and again this man had a question. This time he asked, *"If what you say is true and you believe that Jesus is the only way to God, then why have I never seen a Christian in my country talking about Jesus? Why do Christians keep Him all to themselves?"* But, before they could answer, the man continued and answered it himself saying, *"I think I know. It was impossible for Christians to come to my country, so God brought us out of our country so we could hear about Jesus."*

Our national leaders have since had many more conversations with this man, and he even visited our church at the **CosmoVision Center**. In July 2017, he was relocated, along with many other refugees, to a camp in Thessaloniki. Fourteen months later we found out that this man, who began his search for Jesus in an AMG car, was baptized and started a home church for refugees. If space allowed, we could share many similar stories of God working in the lives of refugees through the efforts of AMG and our supporters.

We well know that the people God is calling us to serve once had lives they loved, jobs that provided for their families, and plans for the future before they found themselves needing to flee their homelands. Loving them, listening to their stories, working to build community and looking for ways to allow them to use their skills, or develop new ones, are things we see God using every day!





Much of our ministry to refugees is focused on building bridges and demonstrating the reason for the hope we have in Jesus. We are often reminded that without His great love and great sacrifice, we would be forever lost. Please pray with us that God would give our national leaders vision, patience, confidence and love to impact those within the refugee community, whether we interact with them for a day, a month, or years into the future. May we see them as God sees them — loved and worth the price He willingly paid.

As you can imagine, ministry opportunities abound as we expand our work with refugees. In fact, God has opened the doors for AMG to start two new ministries. We recently birthed *HomeSpot Lab* and the *Athens Ministry Center*. God has provided the spaces necessary to house these new ministries for reasonable prices, and He has connected us with partners who are assisting us in ministry on a day-to-day basis.

HomeSpot Lab, located in Lavrio, focuses on building community and training female refugees in working with textiles. We are teaching job skills that will help them provide for their families in a foreign land. In addition, our *Athens Ministry Center* can be found in downtown Athens and is serving and ministering to refugees located near the center of the city.

Please pray with us as both of these ministries are in the beginning stages of operation. We so value your partnership, prayers and financial support. God is working through donors like you to impact the lives of refugees needing to find God and know Him better. These new ministries have huge potential to help meet the needs of our growing refugee communities, while giving us yet another platform on which to build meaningful relationships and find ways to share the hope we have in Christ.



2018 MINISTRY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

3,795

Sponsored children

20,318

Children benefiting from AMG centers, camps and programs

DISCIPLESHIP

54

New churches planted

678

Muslims in Indonesia and Pakistan accepted Christ as Lord and Savior

1,078

Active churches started or resourced by AMG

PASTOR TRAINING

789

National pastors trained

DISASTER RELIEF

62,205

People helped through disaster relief efforts

31,000

People provided with access to clean water

MEDIA EVANGELISM

13,489

Responses received from media evangelism efforts

3,062

Bible correspondence course participants

210,560

Bibles and tracts distributed

HEALTHCARE

88,777

Patients treated

21,982

Surgeries performed

REFUGEES

1,950

Refugees ministered to and served

MISSION ADVENTURES

55,206

Volunteer hours spent on international ministry trips serving people in need

MISSIONS

2,200,000,000

People have little to no access to the Gospel. Together, we can reduce this number in 2019 and beyond.

**TOTAL SUPPORT
& REVENUE: \$7,679,800**

**TOTAL
EXPENSES: \$7,437,500**

EXPENSES:

\$6,368,361

\$1,069,139

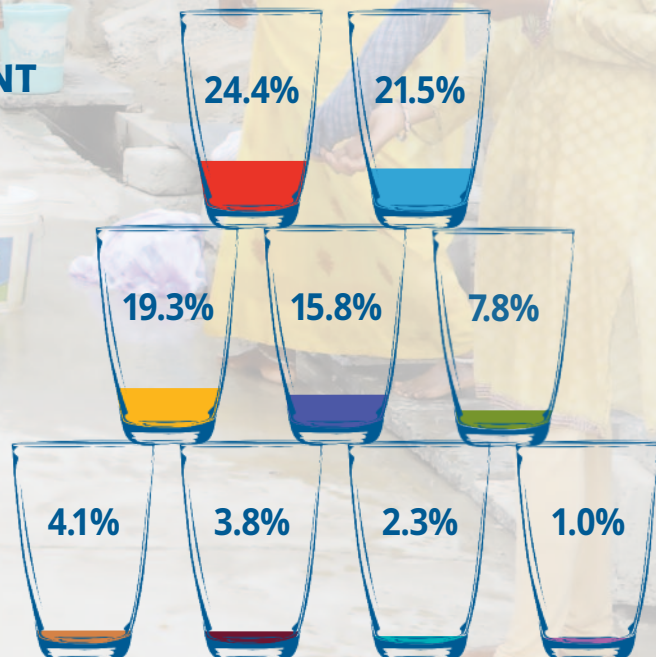
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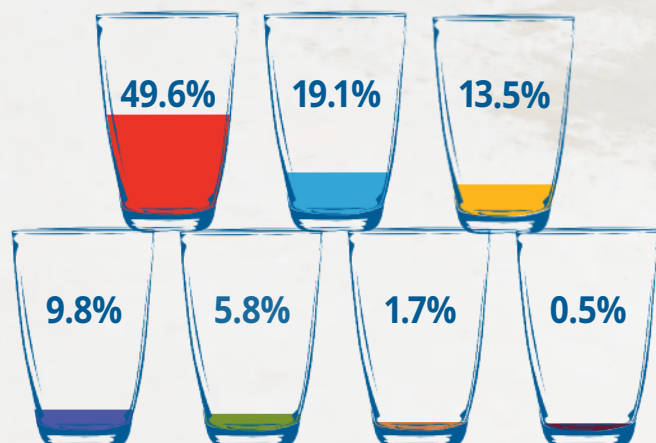
WHERE DONORS GIVE

- CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- MISSIONARY SUPPORT
- WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES
- MISSION ADVENTURES
- MINISTRY PROJECTS
- DISASTER RELIEF
- NATIONAL LEADERS
- MEDICAL MINISTRIES
- MEDIA EVANGELISM



TOTAL DONOR SUPPORT BY CATEGORY

- INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS
- CHURCHES
- ESTATES
- BUSINESSES
- FOUNDATIONS
- DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS
- SCHOOLS



Blessed Beyond Measure

AMG's *Mission Adventures* is a ministry that facilitates short-term mission trips that often change the lives of those served and those doing the serving. The trips provide participants with incredible experiences that lead to personal and spiritual growth. Volunteer team members get personally involved in making an eternal difference in the lives of people in need as they come alongside local pastors, missionaries and national leaders throughout the world. Participants help build schools and churches, engage in children's ministries in orphanages and youth development centers, care for the sick, and share the Gospel with those who desperately need to hear the Good News.

One of AMG International's *Mission Adventures* participants is Steve Gnerich. He and his wife, Beth, have been married for 35 years. Beth is a Kindergarten teacher, and Steve works as a district manager for an oil company. The couple have two grown daughters and two amazing sons-in-law. Ten years ago, the Gnerichs' church started a "go deep" mission effort, deciding to partner with AMG International in Uganda. Over the years, Steve and Beth have become dear friends with **AMG Uganda's** national director and his wife — Reuben and Florence Musiime. While Steve has supported and volunteered with several of AMG Uganda's ministry projects, he has a particular interest in healthcare.

Even though he doesn't have any formal medical training, Steve Gnerich finds that medical mission trips are quite

fulfilling. With each trip he takes, Steve finds himself wondering why he is going, and hoping he will serve a purpose. God, without question, has always answered with purpose and blessings. Steve feels fortunate to watch trained medical staff share their gifting, but says it is much more than that. *"I get to see and experience how God uses those of us without medical training to fill in the gaps."*

One reason Steve believes God sends him on these adventures is to encourage our national staff. *"We come in for a week or two, and while it is an exciting time for all, we end up having to leave. But, God uses me to encourage the staff to stay strong in their calling to ministry."* When the medical teams are busy treating patients, the non-medical staff ministers to and encourages people as they wait to visit the providers. Some patients are scared, so the team looks for creative ways to share God's love and comfort with them while they wait to be seen. Sometimes that means sharing their lunch with patients who regularly arrive with no food. Other times, it is simply sharing a balloon or piece of candy with an anxious child. These volunteers share the love of God and proclaim Him as the Great Healer.

In addition, God uses medical and non-medical team members to help make connections between AMG staff in the clinics, and the surrounding villages, schools, government entities, hospitals and prisons. God has blessed those connections over the years, and

AMG continues to build on key relationships even after the volunteers are gone.

Typically, during dinner and into the evenings, the medical staff will gather to share stories of how God used them, and discuss the things He showed them during the day. And, the non-medical team does the same. Ministry volunteers soon understand that God has placed each of them there for His purpose. Steve will passionately tell you that *"the things God does during the trips are truly amazing."*





What do volunteers get out of the experience? According to Steve, “they get pulled out of their comfort zone and have the pleasure of being part of the ministry of AMG and that of their national leaders.” He adds, “I get to help others with what God called them to, and in my life this has been powerful. Because of my partnership with AMG, I have a clear picture of how I can focus my prayers for the mission, the people, and the ministry team in Uganda. I praise God for who He is, and have been changed for the better, repeatedly!”

Steve quips, “I have often been asked about the cost of going on the trips. Why go so many times? And would it be better to send money for the mission work rather than go myself? When I lay down just a part of my life — my comfort and my technology — to go, serve and see what God is up to, it broadens my Christian worldview. In the process, the Lord has shown me how to give generously and how He uses our gifts. It’s unbelievable! I have been blessed beyond measure, and far more than I deserve, by simply saying yes and going on His adventures. I have new friends and co-workers in faraway places who I call my brothers and sisters, because we share the same

Holy Spirit and we have served with Him together.”

In addition to giving their time, Steve and Beth sponsor several children and national leaders through AMG. Over the years, they have formed strong connections to those serving on the front lines and feel that they benefit as much as those they support. Steve writes, “we are fully committed to AMG Uganda and it has been unbelievable to see what God has done with Upendo school, the children, the nursing school and Neema Bible Community Church! Many of our friends have also gone to serve to see what God is doing through AMG in Uganda.” He goes on to say, “We strongly encourage others to sponsor AMG children, and if Uganda is not where God is calling you, then try another area that is supported by AMG. Once you get that first letter back from your sponsored child, you will never regret it. I also encourage you to go and see first-hand what God is doing; you will be blessed beyond measure!” Steve adds, “What is God calling you to do? It may be that He wants you to join us on a medical mission team.”



Enhancing the Donor Experience

AMG International made significant investments in our technology platform in 2018, so we can continually improve our donor experience and administrative efficiency. Strategic investments in 2018 included the rollout of our upgraded and more user-friendly website, along with internal implementation of our donor relationship platform (*Salesforce*).

Our new website has an updated design that enhances the user experience while improving compatibility with mobile devices such as smart-phones, tablets, etc. If you have a website account with us, you will be able to view both your offline and online donations on the site, and easily make subsequent gifts to help fund the ministry. If you haven't visited www.amginternational.org for a while, please give it a try. You'll quickly see that we have updated our look, and made it easy to learn about AMG and better understand the impact of our combined ministry efforts throughout the world. While visiting the site, you can read new stories, learn about current ministry initiatives, sponsor a national leader, and even write to your sponsored children. We welcome your feedback as we continue to enhance the new site.

With *Salesforce*, we have replaced our older donor management system with an industry standard platform. *Salesforce* allows us to enrich our partner interactions so we can provide an even better donor experience.

We continue to focus on keeping all data and donor personally identifiable information (PII) secure. Please know that our external financial transaction environments are PCI compliant. In addition, all of our IT platforms have the latest security updates, as we are committed to rigorously maintaining a secure environment.



In the fourth quarter of 2018, we were able to bring Dave McMahon on board as AMG's Director of Information Technology. Before coming to AMG, Dave was an IT officer at a Fortune 250 global company. He has a passion for the mission of AMG and a strong desire to help advance God's kingdom. Dave will provide strategic direction for future IT improvements, and also oversee the ongoing operational support of our technical infrastructure. Dave and his wife, Robin, have three married daughters and five grandchildren. In addition, he is an Elder at *New City Fellowship* in Chattanooga.





Our ministries
include child and
youth development,
media evangelism,
pastor training,
church planting,
healthcare and
disaster relief.

Remaining Faithful to People in Need

Dave and Lynn Rice have been married for 44 years. They grew up in Missouri and met in college. After graduating they moved to West Texas. Throughout their married life, the Rices have lived out their faith by using their spiritual gifts of mercies, helps, teaching and exhortation within various settings of the local church, itinerate preaching, Sunday school teaching, home fellowship groups and the 2002 *Billy Graham Evangelical Association's Metroplex Mission*. The couple resided in other areas in Texas and Oklahoma before settling in Richardson, Texas. Dave and Lynn have two adult children, Andrea and Nathan, and have been blessed with 15 grandchildren. Their son, Nathan, is the senior pastor of *Christ Community Church* in Ocala, Florida.

Over the years, the Rices developed a passion for AMG International's ministry in Uganda. It all started in 1993 when they first met Reuben and Florence Musiime at **Scofield Memorial Church**. Reuben, National Director of **AMG Uganda**, was attending *Dallas Theological Seminary* at the time. Dave and his friend John met weekly with Reuben, praying together for nearly three years, until the Musiimes moved to Uganda.

During that time, the group prayed for a ministry agency to come alongside Reuben and Florence to encourage them and support their calling to serve God in Uganda. It was then that Reuben connected with AMG International and began the planning process to join the ministry. Dave recently mentioned, *"It has been a great blessing to us to be a part of the ministry growth and development in Uganda for so many years. We hold AMG International in high esteem and admire their sacrificial work and service."*

Dave and Lynn initially connected with AMG in order to partner with the Musiimes through prayer and financial support. Dave said, *"Our experience has been uniformly positive and reliable. We really appreciate the attentive care that AMG has exhibited over the years and their adroit administrative handling of both contributions and correspondence."*

During the formative years of the Musiimes' ministry, God used their spiritual gifts and pastoring capabilities in ministering through personal contacts, local congregations, radio broadcasts, Awana programs, and providing for AIDS-orphaned children. They also had a biblical and spiritual influence on public education training and curriculum in the Kampala, Uganda, area. Over the years, Reuben and Florence broadened their ministry — deepening its cultural impacts by teaching and equipping local pastors,



through evangelism, establishing child and youth development centers, and serving inmates through their prison ministry. They have also established a ministry aimed at caring for and training up teenage girls. Dave shared, *"We rejoice in each of these ministries that God has created and sustains. The Musiimes have been very faithful throughout this entire time and are always ready to give God the praise for these blessings and ministry developments."*

Dave went on to say, *"We have been greatly blessed by our partnership with the Musiimes over the years, and we are so thankful for the expansion of their efforts to care for people in need. They have always provided timely ministry updates through AMG, along with some personal emails. When they visit the US, we have been able to meet for support, prayer and mutual encouragement. During our visits, the Lord is always the object of our thanksgiving and praise."*

Over the last 22 years, Dave has endured a variety of mergers and layoffs, and had to change jobs eight times. According to Dave, *"Our financial contributions varied with changes in income, but we are thankful we were able to remain faithful in our prayer and financial support for the ministry."*

The Rices encourage others to support AMG. *"Information available on the new AMG website is detailed and accurately shows the progression of the ministry over the years. It is a good initial step to become better informed; to let the Lord work in your heart; and to develop an intentional and prayerful response to how He may be calling you to get involved. During our time with AMG, the Lord has opened our eyes and broadened our Christian worldview. As a result, we have become much more sensitive in wanting to help meet the daily practical needs of others — especially children — along with meeting the spiritual needs of so many."*

A Filmmaker's Journey

Turkey is seeing a bit of a spiritual revival of late, and the number of people coming to faith may be unprecedented. We thank the Lord that so many are open to the Gospel and are making professions of faith. AMG International regularly receives testimonies and amazing stories of spiritual transformation. One such story illustrates God's pursuit of His lost sheep, and how He is faithful to those who truly thirst for Him.

Zarina and her sister, both well-known in the Turkish film industry, ran into difficulties on a movie project. Some of their family and friends, who committed to help fund the project, later backed out. This put the two in severe financial distress, leading them to consider suicide as a means of escape.

Before wanting to take such a drastic, life-ending step, they decided to look to religion for help. They first examined the Koran and became disillusioned by the teachings of Muhammad, and doubted the book came from God.

Zarina stumbled upon the New Testament after a pop-up ad placed by **AMG Turkey** appeared on her social media. She ignored it as first, but when it popped up a second time, she clicked on the link that led to AMG Turkey's website. While on the site, she requested a New Testament and a Bible correspondence course, the funding for which is made possible through the faithful support of AMG donors. After receiving the materials, Zarina and her sister were "blown away" by what they read. They stumbled upon the truth, and soon afterward they both asked Christ into their lives.

Zarina writes, "After countless nights of crying myself to sleep and experiencing vivid dreams, I realized I had come to a turning point. After reading the Gospel of Matthew you sent me, I kneeled, as if I had been preparing for it for

years, and while weeping with all the longing within me, I took refuge in my Lord Jesus Christ. It is impossible to express, in words, the unbridled enthusiasm and excitement I experienced that moment. I am a screenwriter and pride myself on using words well, but there are no words that can truly reflect the eternal glory of God."

Zarina continues, "Should any of my friends or family ask about my life, I plan to share with them the books you sent me. The materials will help them in their search, and when they are finished reading them they can pass them on to others to read."



Zarina is writing an e-book to send to her family and close friends that addresses the pain she suffered last year, and includes how she cried out to God to reveal Himself through her pain, and how God answered her prayer. She concludes by saying, "A few years ago I wrote a poem titled 'The Lost Announcement.' The thing I believed I had lost was God. It turns out it wasn't Him who was lost — it was me! I am grateful for AMG Turkey's involvement in leading me to Christ."

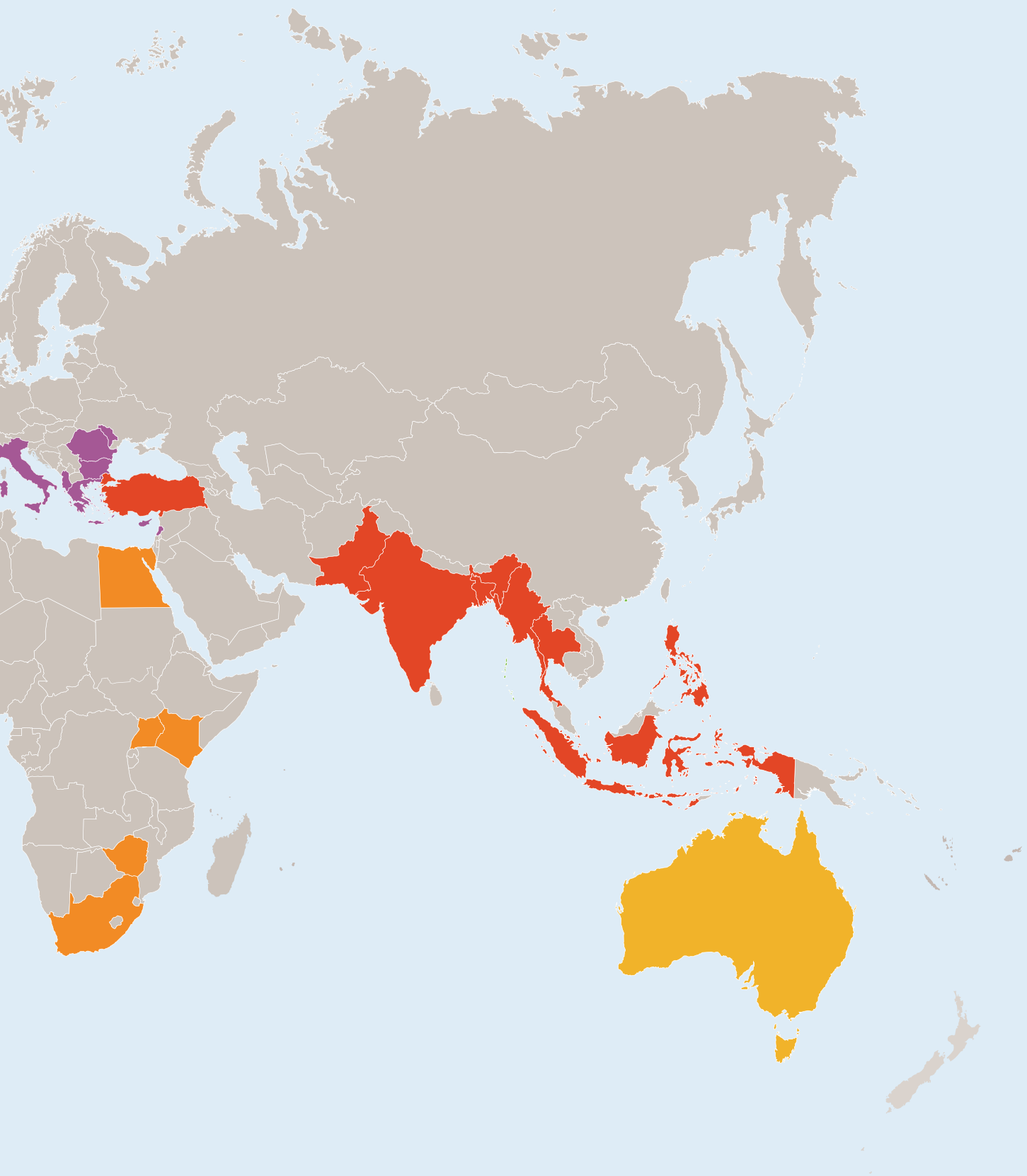


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THE DEEPEST NEEDS IN 37 COUNTRIES

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For over 75 years, we have leveraged the insights of local leaders and churches, that know their communities best, to identify the right strategies to meet the deepest needs.

Our methods include child and youth development, media evangelism, pastor training, church planting, healthcare and disaster relief.



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