

The Outreach Foundation

REACHING OUT

Spring/Summer 2015



⌒ Clean water well in Mozambique



⌒ Worship in China

“**C**apacity-building” is a popular phrase today in discussions about mission and economic development. Some describe it as the difference between giving a man a fish and teaching him how to fish.

For The Outreach Foundation capacity-building means that we try to develop relationships that help each partner become better able to serve God with their own gifts and calling. This is not an unhealthy one-way dependence; rather we depend upon each other as members of the Body of Christ in mutual dependence.

A critical dimension of what defines The Outreach Foundation is our calling to build up the church for God’s mission. When our congregations get tired of working in a particular place, or when mission agencies or other organizations turn their attention to the next disaster, the church there remains in place. It is the church that will continue God’s Kingdom work, so we believe that investing in the capacity of the church to bear witness to the Gospel is a critical mission strategy.

What does this really look like? Read on for several examples from our global partners:

Tete Province, Mozambique is the poorest province in one of the poorest countries in Africa. Yet, the people are joyful and thankful for what the Lord has provided. The Holistic Evangelism Project in Mozambique has planted 80 churches since 1998 as it serves the needs of the people in holistic ways. In addition to Sunday worship and evangelism, churches there provide so much more. Clean water wells become expressions of God’s love. Schools and teacher housing ensure education is available in this most rural of areas. Health and social services change lives – all because the church understands its role to be ministering to the hearts and bodies of the people. And at the center of it all is training for elders, evangelists, and women’s leaders because these congregations share but two part-time pastors!

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TURN TO PAGE 3 to see what God is doing in Iran.

About The Outreach Foundation

The Outreach Foundation engages Presbyterians and global partners in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Because our ministry is Kingdom work, not denominational work, we work with PC(USA), EPC, ECO, The Fellowship Community congregations and others. We help congregations build long-term partnerships with the global church that are mutually transformational. Every person, project and partnership we support is directly involved in sharing the Gospel in word and deed.

Our work depends entirely upon the involvement and financial support of mission-minded individuals, congregations and organizations. We receive gifts in our office and disburse them directly to partners around the world. Established in 1979, The Outreach Foundation is independently governed by a Board of Trustees, all of whom are pastors or officers in their respective congregations.

Vision

Creating dynamic relationships that deepen mission passion and build mission capacity

Convictions

Jesus Christ is the only Lord and Savior.
The church exists for God's glory and God's mission.

The Spirit calls and empowers every follower of Jesus to live for him in the world.

The church bears witness to the good news in word and deed.

Biblical partnerships are built on mutual respect and sharing.

Priorities

Building the capacity of global church partners
Sending and supporting missionaries
Caring for vulnerable children
Expanding support for mission
Transforming lives through mission involvement

Reaching Out

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Cover story continued...

Christianity in China is exploding – estimated to be as many as 10,000 new Christians per day! As you can imagine, one of the biggest issues the church in China faces is leadership to shepherd all the believers. As a result, Outreach helps the church in China to provide continuing education for church leaders, provide scholarships for students at seminaries and Bible schools, and expand library resources. Much of the growth is outside of city centers. Evangelists in rural areas are trained in the cities then sent back to their villages with “mini-libraries” containing important theological resources that wouldn't be available to them otherwise. Being blessed to be a blessing.

In Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, the church reaches the hearts of people through fresh water cisterns. Because water is desperately scarce, collecting water is an important way of life. The Presbyterian Church in Xpujil helps families install cisterns to catch and store rain water. The families pay back the cost of the cisterns over time, and those funds are used by the Mexican teams to build yet more cisterns for other needy families. The funds that donors provide go beyond relief to facilitating community development. Without the church being there to facilitate this effort, health status and daily life would decline. The “living water” is just that – for body and spirit.

The Outreach Foundation is honored to connect our donor partners with our global partners. Despite our differences, when God's people join together, the church is built up for God's mission around the world. We learn from each other and are better equipped to share and show God's love, in our neighborhoods and to the ends of the earth.

Fresh water cistern in Mexico



A Wind in the House of Islam

One of The Outreach Foundation's most amazing ministries is one that we haven't shared much about – ministry to Iranians. The following dialogue gives a brief overview of this work:

Outreach Friend: "Outreach has a ministry to Iranians? I thought Christianity was illegal there."

Outreach: "No, it's not illegal. There are many Christians in Iran, and many more that are coming to know Jesus despite the fact that conversion to Christianity is illegal."

Friend: "Is this a new movement?"

Outreach: "No, it's been going on for about 2,000 years! In Acts 2:9, on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descends upon all the peoples, the first three named people groups are all Iranian: Parthians, Medes and Elamites. Iranian Christians have played a significant part in Christian history and mission. Persian Christian missionaries took the Gospel to China in the early 7th century."

Friend: "But all that was before Islam became the dominant faith."

Outreach: "True, but the Holy Spirit never stopped working and still hasn't. Today we are witnessing rapid growth of the church among Iranians. No one knows for sure, but estimates are between 300,000 and a million Christians in Iran alone, not to mention elsewhere."

Friend: "But isn't there a lot of persecution of the Church in Iran?"

Outreach: "There has been and continues to be persecution of the Iranian Church. But through it all, Iranian believers demonstrate a great deal of courage and perseverance in their faith. Although many Iranian Christians have left their homeland, they continue to be strong and evangelical in their faith wherever they have ended up. Did you know one of the largest Iranian populations outside of Tehran is in London? We work with Iranian Christians in London who are active in sharing the Gospel with non-Christian Iranians."

Friend: "But how do Iranians in Iran hear about the Gospel? People certainly can't speak freely like we do here."

Outreach: "You'd be amazed at Iranians' ingenuity. Christian satellite TV is very popular in Iran – even though satellite TV dishes are illegal! We're involved in production of some Christian programming. In fact, there was a series recently broadcast about establishing house churches. Our sources inside Iran report that since that series was broadcast, 60 new house churches have been formed. And, demand for Bibles in Iran is at an all-time high. We're also providing theological training for Iranian Christian leaders."



^ Recording an episode of the house church programs. At least 60 house churches have been formed since the series began.



^ Illegal satellite dishes in Tehran, Iran

Friend: "But don't Islamic leaders control all aspects of life in Iran?"

Outreach: "Granted, Islam remains dominant, but there is a deep spiritual hunger and many are turning to Christ. Did you know that more Muslims have become Christians in the past 15 years than in the previous 1,300 years combined? Our work in training Iranian Christian leaders, the TV programs, deepening personal relationships and providing other support are ways that we are sharing God's plan. There is a wind in the house of Islam, and that wind is the breath of the Holy Spirit."

Travel with The Outreach Foundation

COME JOIN US TO SEE GOD AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD!

>>
Timothy Schoonover
and his new Ethiopian
friend, Fekadu Begna



"Meeting our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ethiopia was transforming. We were able to see first-hand the work of God through the global church. It continues to be refreshing, invigorating, and encouraging to reflect on what God is up to. It's humbling to see how 'church can be' – empowered lay leaders, dedicated to prayer, open to signs and wonders, trusting God even in persecution, and evangelistically driven – priorities the Western church often misses. This trip was a gift to me as a young pastor. While the foundation of my ministry hasn't quite hardened, I'm grateful that my new friends have shaped me in such a way that will impact a life-time of ministry."

— Timothy Schoonover, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Mozambique, Tete Province: June 8–18, 2015

(Registration has closed. Watch for future Mozambique trips.)

For more than a decade, The Outreach Foundation has helped to facilitate a creative holistic evangelism project in Tete Province that demonstrates God's love through churches, schools, clinics, water projects, health initiatives, leader training and more. Nearly seventy congregations have been established. Trip leaders will be project director Rev. Nedson Zulu, public health nurse Sebber Banda, and Outreach trustees Berry Long and Tom McDow.

China: Seminarians Study Tour – June 22 – July 4, 2015

(Registration has closed. Watch for future China trips.)

This study tour for seminary students will focus on the training ministry of the Chinese Christian Church in a variety of settings, providing opportunities to share faith and build relationships with Chinese students and leaders. We'll visit Shanghai, Nanjing, Xian and Beijing. This trip will be led by Outreach's China Mission Specialist Peter Lim.

Lebanon: Faithful Women on the Road – July 24 – July 31, 2015

We invite you to consider joining a group of women from Presbyterian churches around the U.S. on a unique mission vision journey to learn about and build personal relationships with Presbyterian women from Syria and Lebanon. This trip will be led by Marilyn Borst, Associate Director for Partnership Development. Space is limited.

Brazil Church Planting Conference – August 21 – September 1, 2015

Join with others to experience the commitment of our Brazilian partners to church planting as a key vehicle for sharing the Gospel. Hear from church visionaries, learn from practitioners and spend time exploring how God is at work in Brazil. Associate Director for Mission Jeff Ritchie and Portuguese-Language Ministries Coordinator José Carlos Pezini will lead this trip.

China: Presbyterian Heritage Tour – October 19–31, 2015

Throughout this discovery trip to a country where the church today is growing in unparalleled ways, we will meet with partners to discern how God's Spirit has worked in the past and is working today through a dynamic and vital church. Peter Lim, China Mission Specialist, will lead this trip.

Rwanda: Emerging Leaders – October 19–31, 2015

The Outreach Foundation's Executive Director Rob Weingartner and Projects Coordinator Ebralie Mwizerwa will lead a group of younger pastors to experience the faith and faithfulness of African Christians who have much to teach us about pastoral vocation and missional calling. Seeing how the gospel is being lived out in the African context will help participants to see their own ministry in creative, new ways.

India: Kolhapur Mission Conference – November 8–17, 2015

The Kolhapur Christian Council in Maharashtra has a bold vision for church planting. The trip, led by Associate Director for Mission Jeff Ritchie, will include time with the KCC at their exciting annual mission conference and opportunity to see other ways in which God is at work through the church in India.

Egypt: November 11–21, 2015

Egypt is a land with a long, grand and diverse history; this history includes the amazing stories of God's church. We will visit new church developments in the 'suburbs' and 'satellite cities' around Cairo, meet current and future church leaders, and be inspired by the church's bold and progressive mission vision even as our presence there will encourage local Christians. Associate Director for Partnership Development Marilyn Borst will lead this trip.



Virginia Grogan from Laguna Presbyterian >>
Church and her sponsored child at
Tumaini Children's Ministry in Nyeri

Fiscal Year 2014 ANOTHER YEAR OF BLESSINGS

Outreach Trustee Mark >>
Mueller in a Yazidi refugee
camp in Northern Iraq

The Outreach Foundation was blessed in 2014 with continued growth in contributions and disbursements to missionaries and projects, allowing us to continue the legacy of helping proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for blessing us, and to our donors for their support.

Your partnership with us is extremely important as you support, pray for, and participate in our expanding work. Therefore, as your partner, we offer you this summary of 2014 financial activity. This is only a brief snapshot. An audited financial statement is available on our website (www.theoutreachfoundation.org) or from our office upon request. The Outreach Foundation's fiscal year runs concurrent with the calendar year.

About our donor partners

The Outreach Foundation received financial contributions from 1,401 donors in 2014, representing individuals/couples, churches and organizations. Supporters represent 44 states, the District of Columbia, and various foreign countries. Total contributions were \$6.6 million. A breakdown of the gifts shows the following:

- 943 individuals gave \$1 million
- 366 churches gave \$3.3 million
- 92 organizations, including foundations and companies, gave \$2.3 million

We think of our ministry as Kingdom work, not denominational work. Therefore, we work with many different denominations. However, our primary partners are congregations from the extended Presbyterian family. We joyfully partner with ECO, EPC, Fellowship Community and PC(USA) congregations.

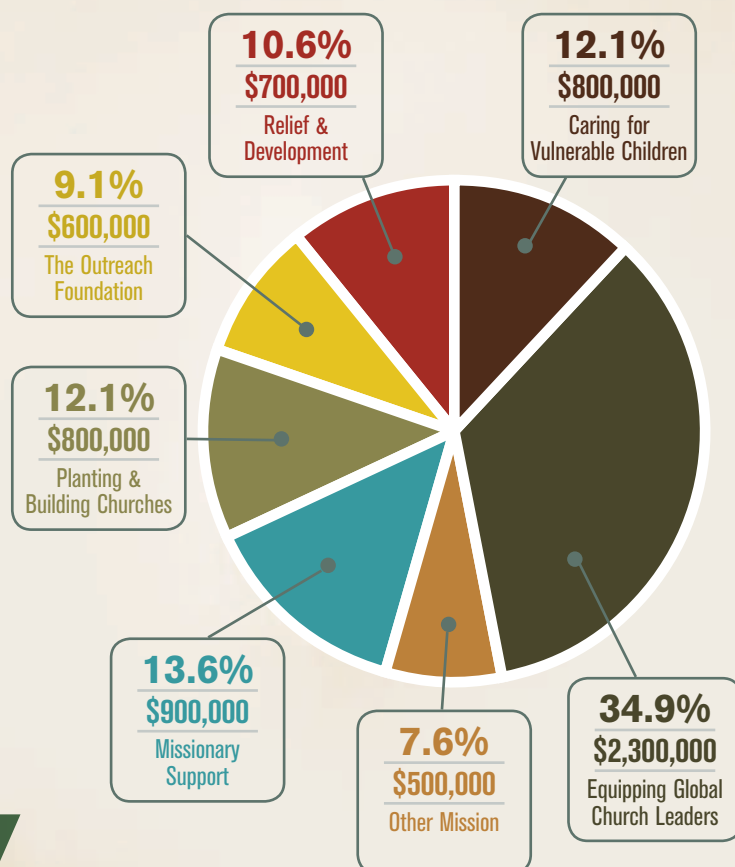
Contributions grow by more than 6% to \$6.6 million

As mentioned above, individuals, churches and organizations contributed \$6.6 million in gifts during 2014, reflecting an increase of more than 6% over 2013. Chart 1 shows how these gifts were designated and applied.



Please use this QR code to donate now to The Outreach Foundation. We appreciate your generous support!

Chart 1
2014 Contributions: \$6,600,000



Fiscal Year 2014 in Summary continued...

The Outreach Foundation does not receive financial support from any denominational entity. We rely entirely upon the financial support of mission-minded individuals, congregations and organizations, receiving gifts in our office and disbursing them directly to mission partners around the world.

Mission disbursements grow by over 5% to \$7.1 million

During 2014, The Outreach Foundation disbursed more than \$7 million in support of missionaries and projects around the world. This represents more than a 5% increase over 2013. See pages 7-9 for detail on the programs that were supported.

Our total expenditures for 2014 were \$7.9 million when disbursements for administration and fundraising are included (Chart 2). As is typically the case, total disbursements exceeded funds received during the year. The Outreach Foundation disburses more dollars for programs than were actually received because some contributions for projects and missionaries have planned disbursements over multiple years.

Endowment funds

The Outreach Foundation currently manages six endowed funds: The Outreach General Endowment Fund; Flowers Chair of Biblical Studies (San Pablo Theological Seminary, Merida, Mexico); McCall Endowment Fund for Mission in China; Rose Chair of New Testament Theology (Justo Mwale Theological University College, Lusaka, Zambia); Warlick Chair of Evangelism (Justo Mwale Theological University College); and the Larsen Endowment Fund for Children's Education in Africa.



^ Installation in Rwanda

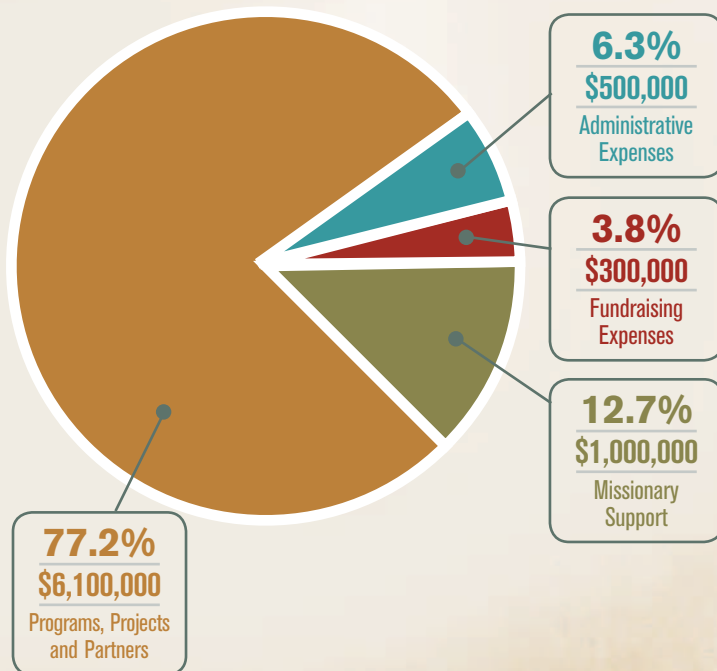
We welcome your partnership

Established in 1979, The Outreach Foundation exists to help you develop relationships and participate with global partners in God's mission. We focus on programs and projects that build our global partners' capacity for evangelism and mission. Your generous gifts help make this possible.

One way to appreciate what God is doing in the world is to join us on a discovery trip. Each year, we sponsor 8-10 trips to meet with our mission partners in various global locations to learn about their work. It is a wonderful way to see what the Lord is doing in the farthest corners of the earth. Check out our trips schedule on page 4 or online at www.theoutreachfoundation.org/trips

For more information about supporting missionaries and projects or developing mission partnerships through The Outreach Foundation, please contact us at (615) 778-8881 or info@theoutreachfoundation.org.

Chart 2
2014 Disbursements: \$7,900,000



Notes to the Charts

Gifts reported in "The Outreach Foundation" include contributions designated for our operations, as well as funds received without restriction. Contributions designated to be used "where needed most" are considered to be unrestricted and are also reported in this category.

Dollars reported in "Missionary Support" include compensation and benefits for missionary personnel, expenses related to their ministry, and, sometimes, specific projects directly related to their work.

"Other Mission" includes a variety of projects for which The Outreach Foundation receives and disburses funds. Dollars reported here represent translation and distribution of Bibles, funds designated for mission trips including scholarships, evangelistic outreach, and other projects that complement our program priorities.

More detailed descriptions of our program priorities, as well as specific ministries, are available online at www.theoutreachfoundation.org.

Overview of Work Funded in 2014

We give thanks to God that the projects and partners listed here were an active part of The Outreach Foundation's work around the world in 2014. Thank you for your gifts in support of this Kingdom work.

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Rev. Dr. José Carlos Pezini
Stu and Linda Ross
Rev. Bill and Nancy Warlick
Rev. Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda

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Beisswenger, Philip and Bacilia • Guatemala
Boone, Tom and Joy • Lithuania
Boyd, Jeff and Christi • Cameroon
Carriker, Tim and Marta • Brazil
Collins, Nancy • East Central Africa
Dawson, Barry and Shelly • Thailand
Dimmock, Frank and Nancy • Poverty Alleviation Catalyst
Ellington, Dustin and Sherri • Zambia
Fletcher, John and Gwenda • DR Congo
Gartrell, Gordon and Dorothy • Brazil
Kinsler, Art and Sue • South Korea
Lim, Choon and Yen Hee • East Asia
Luke, Todd and Maria • Mexico
McCall, John • Taiwan
Moore, Bill and Ann • Japan
Rice, Bob and Kristi • DR Congo
Schwind, Steve and Lisa • West Africa
Sivalee, Michael and Irene • Central Brazil
Smith, Alan and Ellen • Eastern Europe
Tilton, Doug • Southern Africa
Turk, Dan and Elizabeth • Madagascar
Wehmeyer, Don and Martha • Mexico
Weller, Michael and Rachel • Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan

NOTE The Outreach Foundation partners with additional missionaries not included in the list above due to their service in sensitive areas of the world.

PROJECTS

International

Bibles for New Christians
Developing South—
South Mission Partnerships
Lausanne Conference
Mission Trip Scholarships for Seminary Students and New Pastors
Missional Leadership Formation Fund
Missionary Fund
The Outreach Foundation
Mission Conference
Vulnerable Children's Fund

Africa

Women's Ministries Support
The Booth Leadership Initiative (BLI)

DR Congo

- Booth Institutes, Kinshasa
- Congo Primary Education
- IPCK Building Fund, Kinshasa
- Presbyterian University of Congo, Ndesha
 - Polyvalent Training Program (BLI)
 - Student Scholarships

ETHIOPIA

- Bible Translation Project
- University Church Construction in Jimma
- EECMY Training/Tentmaker Program (BLI)
- EECMY Rural Literacy Program (BLI)
- EECMY Low Cost Church Building Program (BLI)
- University Student Ministry

GHANA

- Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Mission, Theology, and Culture
- Interfaith Research and Resource Center
- Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Northern Outreach initiatives (BLI)

KENYA

- Clean Drinking Water in Kenya
- Girls Rescue Centers
- Karai Orphanage and Primary School
- Nyeri Street Children's Ministry
 - Post-secondary Scholarships
 - Sugarbaker Medical Clinic
 - Tumaini and Huruma Children's Homes

- Tumaini E-Learning Program
- Vocational Training Programs/Center
- PCEA Church Construction Projects
- PCEA Embulbul School Construction
- PCEA Evangelist/Tentmaking Training (BLI)
- PCEA School Construction Projects
- Presbyterian University of East Africa

MADAGASCAR

- FJKM Evangelism and Outreach Ministries
- FJKM Aids Projects
- FJKM Evangelist/Tentmaking Program
- Ivato Theological Seminary
- Malagasy Children's Home
- Topaza Orphanage

MOZAMBIQUE

- Igreja Presbyterian Church, Holistic Evangelism in Tete Province
- Evangelist/Tentmaking Program (BLI)

RWANDA

- Busanza Vocational School Construction
- City Evangelization – Kanombe Community
- Hannah Ministries
- Presbyterian Ministry for Reconciliation and Healing
- EPR Church Construction
- Scholarships for Presbyterians at PIASS
- Street Children's Ministry in Kigali, CPAJ
- Sunday School Curriculum for Children's Education

SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

- Giffen Institute of Theology
- Rebuilding Hope in South Sudan
- Reconcile Peace Institute
- Scholarships at Nile Theological College and Gerief Bible School
- Scholarships for Theology for Sudanese Women
- Vocational Training Program (BLI)

UGANDA

- Caring for Vulnerable Children in Kamwenge
- Juna Amagara Children's Home

Overview of work funded in 2014 continued...

ZAMBIA

- CCAP Synod and Church Construction
- CCAP Church Various Small Projects
- CCAP Church Chawama Congregation
- Crisis Nurseries in Lusaka
- Justo Mwale Theological University College
 - Evangelist/Tentmaking Program (BLI)
- Mwandu UCZ Project
- Namumu Orphanage Center
- Siavonga Congregation
- Theological Education by Extension in Zambia (TEEZ)

ZIMBABWE

- CCAP Rock Haven Chalet
- Evangelist/Tentmaking Program (BLI)
- Home of Hope
- Lovemore Home
- Higher Education for Boys at Lovemore Home

Asia

CHINA

- Chinese Bibles
- Continuing Education for Chinese Church Leaders
- Development of a Sunday School Curriculum for Churches
- Jiangyin Church Communion
- Mini Libraries for Lay Leaders
- Resources for Lay Leaders
- Theological Education in Jiangsu, Heilongjiang and Shaanxi

INDIA

- Church Planting Movement in Kolhapur
- Resource Material for Evangelists and Church Planters

MALAYSIA

- St. Andrews Church, Kuala Lumpur

NORTH KOREA

- Compassion Ministries, Green Tree Foundation

PAKISTAN

- Adopt a School in Pakistan
- All Mothers Educated Now
- Forman Christian College
- Gujranwala Theological Seminary
- Nirali Kitabon Literacy Program
- Pakistan Bible Correspondence Institute in Faisalabad
- Pakistan Christian Recording Ministries
- Pakistan English Medium School



- Pakistan Prayer Ministries with George and Gail McBane
- Support for Maqsood Kamil PhD Studies
- United Bible Training Center

Europe

BELARUS AND RUSSIA

- Christian Youth Sports Center
- Congregation Projects and Ministries:
 - First Baptist Church, Noyabrsk
 - First Baptist Church, Smolensk
 - Good News Church, Moscow
 - Kirov Church
 - Kostroma Baptist Church
 - Saltikovka Church, Moscow
 - Tula Church Camps
- Davydovo Outreach to Children
- Narnia Center, Children's Ministry and Publishing
- Orphanage Ministries in Belarus and Russia
- Russian Bibles for Children

Germany

- Castle Church in Germany

Middle East

EGYPT

- Bibles for Egypt
- Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo
- Evangelical Church in Egypt, Global Mission
- Garbage City Ministry in Cairo, Center of Love
- Mission Initiative at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo
- Mission and Evangelism in Rural Egypt
- New Church Development
- Saray Evangelical Church
- Rebuilding Burned Churches in Egypt
- Training for Peace-building



IRAQ

- Basrah Radio Ministry
- Duhok Relief
- Evangelical Church of Kirkuk
- Iraq Appeal
- Iraq Basrah Church
- Iraq Leadership Development
- New Church Development in Irbil

IRAN

- Multimedia Theological Training Ltd
- Grants for Iranian Christian Church

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

- Bethlehem Bible College
- Musalaha – A Ministry of Reconciliation
- Palestine Bible Society

LEBANON

- Near East School of Theology
- Sunday School Ministry Expansion at Rabiya Presbyterian Church
- Synod of Syria/Lebanon Ministries

SYRIA

- Syria Relief

The Americas

CUBA

- Central Presbyterian Church, Matanzas
- Church Construction in Cuba
- Evangelical Theological Seminary at Matanzas
- Guanabacoa Campaign for Hope (HIV/AIDS ministry)
- Matanzas Presbytery

HAITI

- Haiti Outreach Ministries
 - Build a Home in Haiti
 - High School Construction
 - Repatriate Church and Primary School

MEXICO

- Chiapas Missionary Community
- Evangelism and Community Development with Todd Luke
- San Pablo Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Sureste Presbyterian Theological Seminary

BRAZIL

- Children of Bethlehem
- City of Youth

- Fortaleza Theological Seminary
 - Mission Center
 - Scholarships
- IPIB Mission Partnerships
 - Amazonia Holistic Mission Project
 - Gaúcho Project – South Brazil
 - New Church Development – Central Brazil (with Michael and Irene Sivalee)
 - Samambaia Church Construction
 - Sertão Project – Northeastern Brazil
- SARA Retreat Ministry

UNITED STATES

- CabWayLinGo Presbyterian Chapel, West Virginia
- Missional Leadership Formation Fund
- Smaller Church Initiative

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Creating a Lasting Legacy

Mildred Kennedy first became enthralled with mission sitting in the pew of First Presbyterian Church in Maitland, Florida. A missionary the church was supporting came to speak, and she was moved by the work he was doing. Not long after, she went to the Mission Conference at Montreat and “got hooked on mission.”

Forty years later, she’s still hooked. Through The Outreach Foundation, Mildred has supported missionaries around the world, orphanages in Africa, new church construction in China, relief for Syrian Christians, even the Annual Fund. She knows the “harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” She wants to make sure the workers are there for the harvest.

But Mildred has taken it one extra step. She believes so much in the work she supports that she made a bequest to Outreach in her will. Her gift will help ensure the missions that she has faithfully supported will continue. Mildred stated, “It pleased me to feel that the work I’m interested in now would be helped even after I’m gone.”

Join with Mildred by becoming a member of The Outreach Foundation’s Great Commission Society. Society members have made a bequest in their will or living trust to The Outreach Foundation. Several simple sentences in your estate documents are all that’s needed.

Create your lasting legacy like Mildred did. For more information about The Great Commission Society and planned giving opportunities, contact Tom Widmer at The Outreach Foundation by phone (804) 658-4550 or by email (tom@theoutreachfoundation.org). Help Outreach keep proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

✓ Mildred Kennedy and her beloved miniature poodle, Trixie.



CONNECTING MISSION LEADERS

*A conference for
Presbyterian mission leaders*

December 3–5, 2015

**First Presbyterian Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

Theme: “Missional Church –
Has the vision shaped our reality?”

Sponsored by: The Outreach Foundation,
Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Antioch Partners

Join with other mission leaders to explore the impact of the missional church vision on our congregations. We will be led in our conversation by plenary speakers Dr. Darrell Guder, recently retired Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Timothy Carriker, missionary serving with the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil, a professor and missiological consultant doing research and producing resource materials on mission, and Dr. John Azumah, a minister in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana who serves as Associate Professor of World Christianity and Islam, and Director of International Programs, at Columbia Theological Seminary.

In addition to plenary speakers, our time together will include worship, workshops and lots of time for fellowship and networking.

Register on line at
www.connectingmissionleaders.com.
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The dedication of the church building for the Bura-Baraka congregation was a very special event in so many ways. It was an adventure just traveling to the church site. The trip to Bura through Garissa took 12 hours. We traveled in a convoy of four vehicles, which was especially important when we were on the road close to Garissa known as the “danger zone.” This area, very close to Somalia, is where El Shabab targets vehicles.

We passed through a police check point when we reached Garissa. A police officer approached and said, “I am Presbyterian – you must be the visitors from Nairobi. I am the Commandant of Police for Garissa, and I will escort you to my church where you will have lunch.” After lunch we proceeded with the same police escort to Bura. When we arrived around 9:00 p.m. it was 100 degrees and all we wanted was a shower and bed.

We got up early the next morning in anticipation of this special day. The Outreach Foundation has dedicated many churches in Kenya but never with three key leaders of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa in attendance – the Moderator, Secretary General and Deputy. The Moderator preached a compelling sermon on mission in this area which is about 80% Muslim. Rev. Peter Kariuki, the minister, is young, very energetic and believes schools are the best way to reach out to the Muslim community.

The Bura area is arid and very poor. The people live in grass thatched houses. Before this church was built the congregation met under a tree. Thank you for your partnership in sharing and showing Jesus’ love in these very remote places.

Blessings,

*Stu and Linda Ross
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The Outreach Foundation stands in solidarity with our Kenyan brothers and sisters and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa in the aftermath of the tragedy at Garissa University. Please pray with us for the families and students mourning the loss of their loved ones.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! — 1 Chronicles 16:24



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