

The Outreach Foundation REACHING OUT

Spring 2013

Connecting God's People with God's Work in the World

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. — John 15:16

We are so grateful for the generosity and encouragement of our donors, which enables us to touch lives and spread the good news of Jesus Christ all over the world! In this special "annual report" issue of *Reaching Out*, we want to give you a glimpse of the work you provide and the difference your gifts make. Follow us around the globe as we look at four unique stories of help, encouragement, and changed lives.

Through Outreach's Booth Leadership Initiative, thousands of African evangelists and rural pastors have received both ministry training and vocational training that has enabled them to support their families while staying in ministry settings where the church cannot fully pay them.

Pastor Samuel in Maffo, Ethiopia, is just one example. He received training and a grant of \$275 which he used to plant 60 apple trees. The trees began to bear fruit, enough to sustain his own family and to sell at the market. With the proceeds from his orchard, he purchased an ox, which has tripled in value, and opened a savings account. He and his wife have six children ranging from 1-16 years of age. Now, they are eating three meals a day, including milk.

Pastor Samuel's growing congregation has 1,200 church members. And with support from Outreach they have also started a literacy program with 35 students.

The Booth Leadership Initiative is changing lives and building the capacity of church leaders serving on the exciting edges of the church's growth in Africa!

— **Rob Weingartner**, Executive Director

✓ Pastor Samuel in Maffo



In 2010, I traveled with The Outreach Foundation's Marilyn Borst and a group of faithful women to visit the churches of the Synod of Syria and Lebanon. We shared worship. We met with Iraqi refugee families who were being cared for by the church. We heard stories of courage and of love and of faith. I came home with new friends and new connections in this global gathering we call the Body of Christ. And my heart burned to return. But war broke out in Syria. The Presbyterian Church in Aleppo, where we sang "Amazing Grace" and shared with the families caring for Iraqi refugees, was completely destroyed. We grieve for the ministry that will no longer be done in that neighborhood, for the congregation whose church home was destroyed, many of their own homes destroyed, jobs gone. Those who cared for refugees are now refugees themselves as they flee to safer parts of their country or to Lebanon.

In some of Paul's epistles he refers to a collection taken for the persecuted church in Jerusalem. The Outreach Foundation is doing the same thing for the present day persecuted churches in Syria — collecting money to aid these now displaced brothers and sisters. We are not called to suffer as they have been. But we are called to stand with them: to show up when we can, to release the resources that God has provided us to be used in their time of need. This burning heart of mine will return to Lebanon

in May with an Outreach Foundation team to meet with Syrian Presbyterians as a journey of solidarity.

— **Julie Burgess**
West Hills Church
Omaha, Nebraska

<< Julie (left) and fellow traveler Kate Kotfila sharing a picture book following worship at Aleppo Church



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, Fellowship of Presbyterians 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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Over the past thirteen years Dr. Atef Gendy has served as President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). During that time many Egyptian Christians have left their country for lands where they are not under pressure from the predominantly Muslim religion and culture. Yet Dr. Atef and leaders of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt have encouraged others to see these times as opportunities for participating in God's mission in Egypt.

Outreach partners with ETSC by providing scholarships and facility support. In the past couple of years three to four graduates per year have launched new church developments. These are located predominantly in the new population areas on the outskirts of Cairo and other cities in Egypt. Recently, a team from The Outreach Foundation met several new pastors and more seasoned pastors engaged in new church development. In each case growing numbers of believers are worshiping the Lord and serving the community through nursery schools, medical outreach, and food assistance.

One pastor told the visiting team, "We have good relations with our Muslim neighbors." "How is this?" we asked. The pastor replied, "When we were building our church, we gave them our business. They sold us the nails, the paint, the concrete and other materials we used in construction. When they asked what we were doing, we told them, 'We are building something which will be for all people.' We thank God that we have been accepted as a vital part of this Cairo neighborhood."

The Outreach Foundation is pleased to be a part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt's vision to start dozens of new churches over the next five years.

– *Jeff Ritchie*, Associate Director for Mission



<< Jeff Ritchie (front row, right), pictured with new pastors and lay pastors, all graduates of ETSC

Precious was born in a small village in southern Zambia to a mother who was mentally challenged and infected with HIV/AIDS and a father she never met. She and her mother lived in a tiny mud house that had nothing in it. Her only sibling died of hunger and insufficient care, and Precious was also very unsafe and at risk of being abused.

Precious was rescued by Namumu Orphanage Center, a partner of The Outreach Foundation, when she was five years old. She was named by the Namumu staff because her mother lacked the ability to name her child. Now she eats three meals a day, sleeps in a bed, and has friends her age. She is loved and protected and attends the Namumu Community School. There is no telling what might have happened to her if Namumu had not found her. Precious has a bright future now.

The Outreach Foundation is helping rescue children from desperate conditions by coming alongside global partners to strengthen their hands as they offer shelter, education, medicine, food, and spiritual care and nurturing.

– *Ebralie Mwizerwa*
Projects Coordinator

<< Vulnerable children



Travel with The Outreach Foundation

Taking our three children to Mozambique strengthened our spirituality, opened our eyes to vulnerable need in this world and provided new opportunities for philanthropy in Tete Province. This trip was a tremendous blessing to our family.

— Betsy Hunt, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN traveled with The Outreach Foundation to Mozambique in 2011 and 2012

√ The Hunt Family



Women's Trip to Rwanda: July 4–16, 2013

The Outreach Foundation's women's trip to Rwanda will offer an opportunity for U.S. Presbyterian women pastors, elders, deacons, and mission committee members to visit Rwanda, enjoy fellowship with their Presbyterian sisters, and encourage, learn and, embrace the cultural diversity in Rwanda. It will also offer an opportunity to work alongside Rwandan women, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, building churches — an opportunity to witness the reconciliation and healing that has taken root in the nation and hear live testimonies. This trip will be co-led by Ebralie Mwizerwa, a native of Rwanda, and Marilyn Borst.

Zambia: July 21 – August 2, 2013

This trip will introduce travelers to our partners in Zambia. The itinerary will include a visit with three crisis nurseries in Lusaka and Justo Mwale Theological University College. In addition, we'll meet with leaders of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) while also spending six days at Namumu Orphanage Center. This trip is led by Southern Africa Coordinator, Bill Warlick.

Cuba: September 9–18, 2013

Come meet the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba! During this trip the group will stay mainly in Matanzas, where the Evangelical Theological Seminary will host us, but we will also spend several nights in Havana. Along the way we will be learning from church leaders and visiting congregations of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba. This trip is intended to encourage pastors and mission leaders to explore the possibility of developing a new mission partnership for their congregation in Cuba. Congregations who are already connected to Cuba through The Outreach Foundation are also welcome to apply.

China: October 16–29, 2013

In this 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. This trip is led by China Mission Specialist, Peter Lim.

Haiti: October 25–28, 2013

Travel with Rob Weingartner to visit Haiti Outreach Ministries. This creative, Christ-centered ministry works in four poor neighborhoods and involves churches, schools, clinics, housing, vocational training, and more — offering great opportunities for mission partnerships

Egypt: November 8–16, 2013

Join the Rev. Nancy Fox and Marilyn Borst in Egypt this fall to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo, which is training leaders for the 400+ Presbyterian churches in Egypt and beyond. We will also 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. Estimated land cost, \$1,300; estimated airfare, \$1,300.

Visit www.theoutreachfoundation.org for more information about these trips.

Because of the mission and vision of The Outreach Foundation, my prayer to stand with the church in peril gets answered in reality when I travel to Iraq to fellowship, pray, fall in love with and most of all learn from our steadfast, faithful Iraqi brothers and sisters. My trips to Iraq have shown me we are one family in Christ called to shine His light of hope into the places of hopelessness, despair and injustice.

— Barbara Exley, Kairos Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA traveled with The Outreach Foundation to Lebanon in 2010 and Iraq in 2011 and 2012

√ Barbara Exley (left), three leaders of the church in the Middle East, and Marilyn Borst



The Outreach Foundation enjoys important donor relationships with three distinct groups: individuals, churches and organizations. Historically, churches stand as the “original” partners of Outreach when the foundation was started 34 years ago. Seven congregations came together to provide leadership and financial support of the fledgling organization.

Today, The Outreach Foundation enjoys partnerships with hundreds of congregations. In 2012, 410 churches partnered financially with Outreach, representing 44 states and the District of Columbia. Those congregations represented various denominations, but the vast majority were part of the extended Presbyterian family: PC(USA), EPC and ECO.

Additionally, Outreach welcomed 45 new congregations into mission partnership last year. The congregations represented Presbyterian and non-Presbyterian denominations and supported a variety of missionaries and projects literally around the world.

Outreach asked three church partners why they support the work of The Outreach Foundation. Here are their responses:

Chris Scruggs, Senior Pastor, Advent Presbyterian Church (EPC), Cordova, TN:

“Many years ago, I had the honor of making a trip to Russia with The Outreach Foundation. Since then, Advent Presbyterian Church and others with which we’ve been connected have partnered with Outreach in Russia, Ghana, the Middle East, and in other specific projects. Our church has been richly blessed by our relationship and the friendships we’ve made along the way.”

Brian Stewart, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions, First Presbyterian Church (ECO), Greenville, SC:

“FPC Greenville has been a continuous supporter of The Outreach Foundation since its inception because of Outreach’s commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its desire to maintain vital partnerships with our other Reformed brothers and sisters around the world. As the ECO continues to grow, Outreach will be an important strategic partner as we strive toward missional engagement domestically and around the world.”

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Mission, First Presbyterian Church (PC(USA)), Evanston, IL:

“Outreach is focused on impacting the world for God’s glory, and at the same time is a friend of the local church here in the US. They come alongside of us and make themselves available to help us learn about, focus on, and experience what God is doing in mission in the world. They invite us into that mission while at the same time pouring spirit filled energy into us.”

Did You Know?

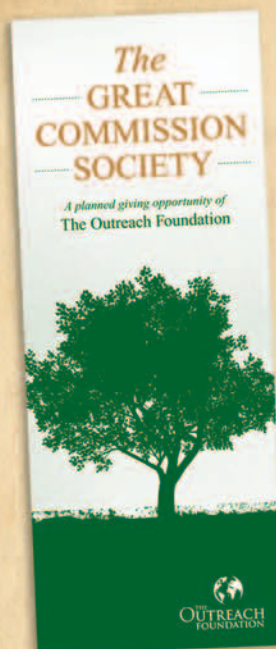
The most Presbyterian place may be the East Indian state of Mizoram where the seeds of the Gospel were sown more than a century ago by Welsh missionaries.

In 50 years the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus has grown from 50,000 believers to more than 5.6 million believers.

There are 51 congregations in the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba – 33 are fully organized with sessions and another 18 are missions.

There is one pastor in China for every 10,000 Christians.

Several years ago, the Mizoram Synod of the Presbyterian Church of India sent two missionaries to Wales.



Leaving a Legacy

We have been blessed in our lifetimes. Planned gifts are a way to demonstrate gratitude for what God has done in our lives and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Request a copy of our Great Commission Society brochure to learn more of how you can leave a legacy to help ensure the work of The Outreach Foundation continues.

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Fiscal Year 2012 IN SUMMARY

The Outreach Foundation was blessed in 2012 with growth in contributions, disbursements to missionaries and projects, and donor partners, allowing us to touch even more lives for Christ. We thank God for his provision. And, we're grateful 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, we are pleased to offer this summary of 2012 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.

First, a word about our financial partners

The Outreach Foundation received financial contributions from 1,333 donors in 2012, representing individuals/couples, churches and organizations. Supporters represent most of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and various foreign countries. A breakdown of the gifts shows the following:

- 847 individuals gave \$1 million
- 410 churches gave \$3.1 million
- 76 organizations, including foundations and companies, gave \$1.8 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 PC(USA), EPC, ECO and Fellowship of

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Presbyterians congregations. See the article on page 4 for more information about congregational support.

Contributions grow by 11% to \$5.9 million

As mentioned above, individuals, churches and organizations contributed more than \$5.9 million in gifts during 2012, reflecting an increase of 11% over 2011. Chart 1 shows how these gifts were designated and applied.

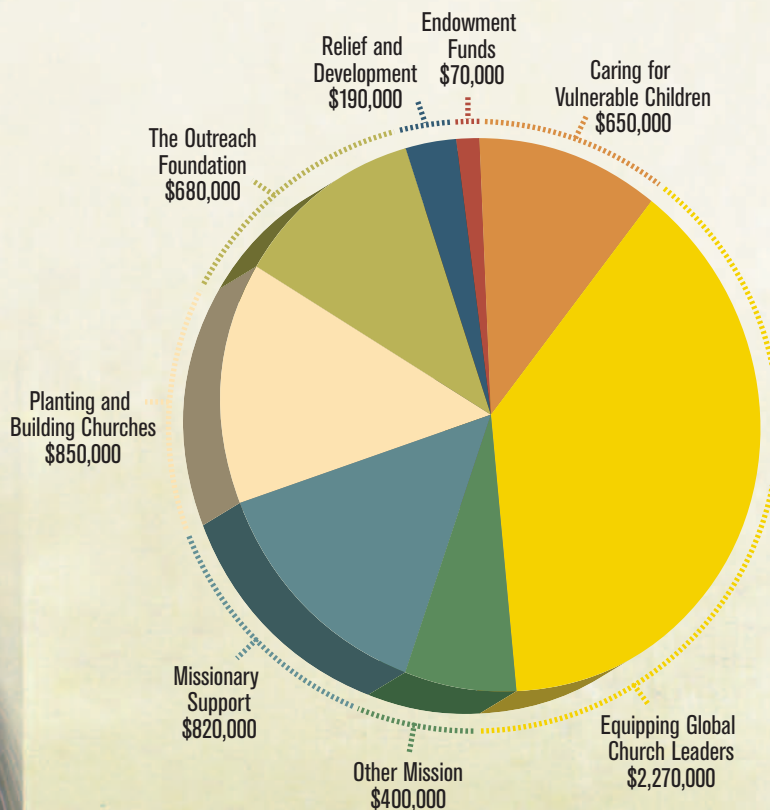
The Outreach Foundation does not receive financial support from any denominational entity. We rely entirely upon the financial support of mission-minded individuals, congregations and organizations, receiving gifts in our office and disbursing them directly to mission partners around the world.

Mission disbursements \$5.8 million

During 2012, The Outreach Foundation disbursed nearly \$5.8 million in support of missionaries and projects around the world. This represents a 7% increase over 2011. See pages 7-9 for detail on the programs that were supported.

Chart 1

2012 Contributions: \$5,930,000



✓ Rev Abel Mirabal (r), Pastor of the Guanabacoa Presbyterian Reformed Church outside of Havana, has mentored SET student, Yoelkis Sierra (l), who will soon graduate and become pastor of his own church



Fiscal Year 2012 in Summary continued...

Our total expenditures for 2012 were \$6.5 million when disbursements for administration and fundraising are included (Chart 2). This total of disbursements exceeds funds received during the year. The Outreach Foundation disbursed more dollars for programs than were actually received because some contributions for projects and missionaries have planned disbursements over multiple years.

Endowment funds continue to grow

The Outreach endowment enjoyed 19% growth from 2011 to 2012. 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.

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. To immerse yourself further into the work of our mission partners, consider joining us on a discovery trip. Each year, we sponsor 8-10 trips to meet with our mission partners in various locations around the world. It is a wonderful way to see what the Lord is doing in the farthest corners of the earth. Check out our trips schedule online at www.theoutreachfoundation.org

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.

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.

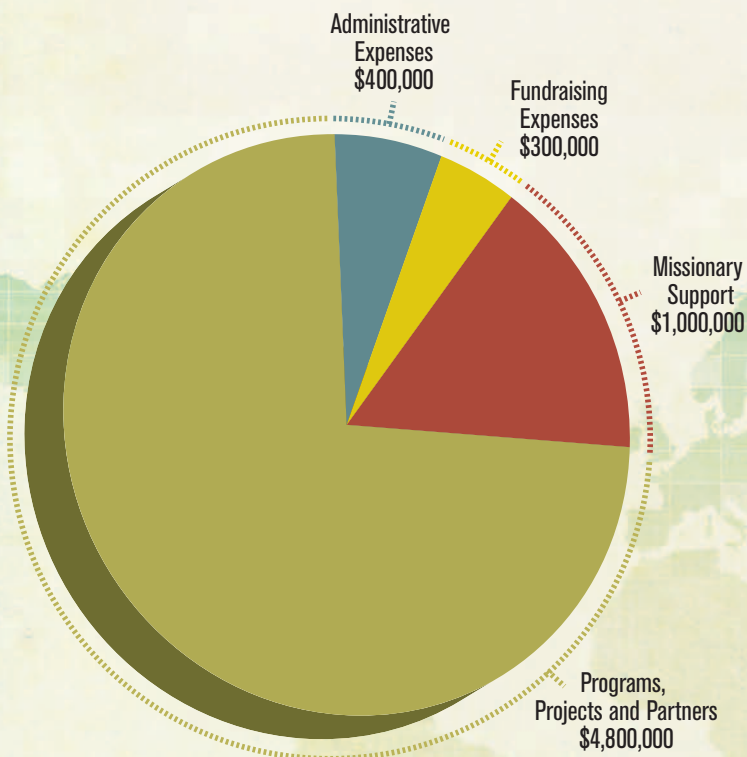
Dollars reported in "Missionary Support" include compensation and benefits for missionary personnel, as well as ministry funds which provide resources for missionaries to use in specific projects.

"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.

Chart 2

2012 Disbursements: \$6,500,000



The Ellington family serves in Zambia at Justo Mwale Theological University College.



Overview of WORK FUNDED IN 2012

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 2012. Thank you for your gifts in support of this Kingdom work.

OUTREACH FOUNDATION MISSION STAFF

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

MISSIONARIES

Baker, Doug and Elaine
(PCUSA) N. Ireland
Boyd, Jeff and Christi
(PCUSA) Cameroon
Carriker, Tim and Marta
(PCUSA) Brazil
Collins, Nancy (PCUSA)
East Central Africa Regional Liaison
De Melo, Jairton and Christina, Brazil
Dimmock, Frank and Nancy
(PCUSA) Lesotho
Ellington, Dustin and Sherri
(PCUSA) Zambia
Fletcher, John and Gwenda
(PCUSA) DR Congo
Gartrell, Gordon and Dorothy
(PCUSA) Brazil
Haswell, Henry and Lottie
(PCUSA-retired) Brazil
Inger, Joseph and Mandi (EPC) India
Kinsler, Art and Sue
(PCUSA-retired) South Korea
Lim, Choon and Yen Hee (PCUSA)
Regional Liaison for East Asia
Luke, Todd and Maria
(Outreach) Mexico
McCall, John (PCUSA) Taiwan
McKinnon, Matthew and Simone
(PCUSA) Brazil
Moore, Bill and Ann (PCUSA) Japan
Palm, Cobbie and Dessa
(PCUSA) The Philippines
Rice, Bob and Kristi (PCUSA) DR Congo

Sivalee, Michael and Irene
(IPIB) Central Brazil
Smith, Alan and Ellen (PCUSA)
Russia and Eastern Europe
Tilton, Doug (PCUSA)
Southern Africa Regional Liaison
Turk, Dan and Elizabeth
(PCUSA) Madagascar
Wehmeyer, Don and Martha
(Antioch Partners) Mexico
Weller, Michael and Rachel
(PCUSA) Ethiopia

****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 Participation
Mission Trip Scholarships for Seminary
Students and New Pastors
Vulnerable Children's Fund

AFRICA

The Booth Leadership Initiative
Women's Ministries' Support

DR Congo

- Booth Institutes, Kinshasa
- Congo Primary Education
- Presbyterian University of Congo, Ndesha
 - Polyvalent Training Program
 - Student Scholarships

ETHIOPIA

- Bible Translation Project
- EECMY Church Construction in Jimma
- EECMY Evangelist/Tentmaker Program
- EECMY Rural Literacy Program
- Gidada Bible School, Western Wollega
- University Student Outreach Ministry

GHANA

- Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Mission, Theology, and Culture

KENYA

- Clean Drinking Water in Kenya
- Karai Orphanage and Primary School
- Nyeri Street Children's Ministry
 - Post-secondary Scholarships
 - Sugarbaker Medical Clinic
 - Tumaini and Huruma Children's Homes
 - Vocational Training Programs
- PCEA Church Construction Projects
- PCEA Elder Training in HIV/AIDS Counseling
- PCEA Embulbul School Construction
- PCEA Evangelist/Tentmaking Training
- PCEA School Construction Projects
- Presbyterian University of East Africa

MADAGASCAR

- FJKM Evangelism and Outreach Ministries
- FJKM Evangelist/Tentmaking Program
- Malagasy Children's Home

MOZAMBIQUE

- Holistic Evangelism in Tete Province

RWANDA

- Busanza Church Construction
- City Evangelization – Kanombe Community
- Hannah Ministries
- Street Children's Ministry in Kigali, CPAJ
- Sunday School Curriculum for Children's Education

SUDAN

- Scholarships at Nile Theological College and Gerief Bible School
- Scholarships for Theology for Sudanese Women
- Sudan Evangelistic Outreach Ministries
- Sudan Theological Education by Extension

SOUTH SUDAN

- Reconcile Peace Institute
- Comprehensive Church-based Education

UGANDA

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

Overview of work funded in 2012 continued...

ZAMBIA

- CCAP Church Construction
- CCAP Church Various Small Projects
- Crisis Nurseries in Lusaka
- Justo Mwale Theological College
 - Evangelist/Tentmaking Program
 - Scholarships
 - Water Rehabilitation Project
- Mwandi UCZ Project
- Namumu Orphanage Center
- Siavonga Congregation
- Theological Education by Extension in Zambia (TEEZ)

ZIMBABWE

- Evangelist/Tentmaking Program
- Home of Hope
- Lovemore Home
- Higher Education for Boys at Lovemore Home

ASIA

CHINA

- Amity Foundation, Educational and Health Programs
- Chinese Bibles
- Continuing Education for Chinese Church Leaders
- Development of a Sunday School Curriculum for Churches
- Lay Counseling Training in Nanjing
- Mini Libraries for Lay Leaders
- Resources for Lay Leaders
- Theological Education in Jiangsu, Heilongjiang, and Shaanxi

INDIA

- Village Prayer Sheds in Bihar

MALAYSIA

- St. Andrews Kuala Lumpur

NORTH KOREA

- Compassion Ministries, Lighthouse Foundation
- Bong Su Church Mission to the Hungry

PAKISTAN

- Adopt a School in Pakistan
- All Mothers Educated Now
- Forman Christian College
- Gujranwala Theological Seminary
- Nirali Kitaben Literacy Program
- Pakistan Bible Correspondence Institute in Faisalabad
- Pakistan Christian Recording Ministries
- Pakistan English Medium School
- Pakistan Prayer Ministries with George and Gail McBane



TAIWAN

- Happy Christian Home Ministry

EUROPE

BELARUS AND RUSSIA

- Christian Youth Sports Center
- Congregation Projects and Ministries:
 - First Baptist Church, Noyabrsk
 - First Baptist Church, Smolensk
 - Golgotha Church, Moscow
 - Good News Church, Moscow
 - Kirov Church
 - Kostroma Baptist Church
 - Ryazan Church Building
 - Saltikovka Church, Moscow
 - Transfiguration Church, Oryol
 - Tula Church Camps
 - Tula Church Rehab Ministry
- Narnia Center, Children's Ministry and Publishing in Russia; Bibles for Children
- Orphanage Ministries in Belarus and Russia
- Russia Television Ministry
- Russia Bibles for Children

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

- Bibles for Egypt
- Center for Study of Middle East Christianity
- "Come Over and Help" Evangelistic Project
- 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
- New Church Development

IRAQ

- Basra Radio Ministry
- Iraq Leadership Development
- New Church Development in Irbil

IRAN

- PARS Theology Center

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

- Bethlehem Bible College
- Musalaha – A Ministry of Reconciliation

LEBANON

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



SYRIA

- Ministry to Iraqi Refugees
- Women's Conference for Church Leaders in Small Villages
- Syria Relief

TURKEY

- Theological Training Resources Development

THE AMERICAS

CUBA

- Church Construction in Cuba
- Evangelical Theological Seminary at Matanzas
- Guanabacoa Campaign for Hope (HIV/AIDS ministry)
- Leadership Training Workshops
- Matanzas Presbytery

HAITI

- Haiti Outreach Ministries
 - Build a Home in Haiti
 - HOM High School
 - Repatriate Church, School
- Spreading the Good News to Children

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)
 - Sertão Project – Northeastern Brazil
- IPIB Missionary Training Center

UNITED STATES

- CabWayLinGo Presbyterian Chapel, West Virginia
- Smaller Church Initiative

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...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. — Romans 5: 3-5

Dear Friends in Christ's Mission,

It has been a little more than a year since The Outreach Foundation brought before you – our faithful partners – the Syria Appeal of the National Evangelical [Presbyterian] Synod of Syria and Lebanon. This appeal focuses on assisting families from some of the 20 Presbyterian churches in Syria who have been displaced by the war, which is now entering its third year. To date, your generous response has brought in over \$150,000. The work of the Synod, in this regard, continues to grow: it began with offering small grants to help pay for rent, food, heating fuel and school fees for families who have lost their incomes and/or been forced to temporarily relocate from areas of conflict; it expanded to renovating an old Synod school to receive refugees in Lebanon. Now, with the violence increasing, a new “rapid response” strategy will bring spiritual, psychological and financial resources to bear where brokenness and fear and despair are escalating, such as in Aleppo.

Recently, rebel fighters targeted a specific neighborhood in Aleppo where both Christians and Muslims lived, raped 13 women in front of their families and beheaded the local imam. Approximately 250 people fled their homes, including 11 from the Presbyterian Church. That very same Presbyterian Church building is now in ruins. But its faithful, albeit scattered, congregation gathered in an apartment to worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter, led by their pastor, the Rev. Ibrahim Nseir.

Your partnership with us, alongside the church in Syria is vital. You are making a difference. Your congregation is making a difference. We thank God for your support and compassion.

To continue to support this ministry, please designate your gift for the “Syria Appeal.” You may send a gift to our office or make an online gift through our website, www.theoutreachfoundation.org. You may also scan this QR code with your smart device to make an instant gift. You will find a downloadable bulletin insert on our website.

Thank you for praying for our brothers and sisters in Syria,

The Outreach Foundation



Aleppo Presbyterian Church then



Aleppo Presbyterian Church now



Worshipping in an apartment

Save the Date

A conference for mission pastors, directors,
and congregational mission leaders

September 19–21, 2013

***First Presbyterian Church,
San Antonio, TX***

Keynote speaker: Carl Medearis, author
of “Speaking of Jesus” and “Muslims,
Christians, and Jesus”

Fellowship, workshops, and much more

Sponsored by The Outreach Foundation,
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Thank You! We're so grateful to our donor partners and friends for helping make 2012 a year of wonderful growth. In fact, your partnership with us made such a difference that we invite you to take a few moments to view a special “thank you.”



Grace, peace and gratitude from your friends
at The Outreach Foundation.

Welcome New Trustees

The Outreach Foundation welcomes three new members to our Board of Trustees.

Rev. Dr. Jim Birchfield serves as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Houston. Jim has engaged in many short-term mission experiences, as well as many longer term relationships, in countries including Egypt, South Africa, Uganda, Malawi, Kenya, Honduras, Poland, and Romania. "We must endeavor, as the community of God's people, to witness about Jesus, by boldly proclaiming the good news, and, even more important, to live as witnesses of Jesus' healing power in our lives, by encouraging each other to live the way powerfully taught and perfectly modeled by our Lord." Jim and his wife, Marta, have two daughters—Lauren and Emily.

Caryl Weinberg is Director of Missions at First Presbyterian Church, Evanston. Caryl worked as a nurse in Chicago until she was called to full-time mission with PC(USA) doing community health. She served in countries including Ethiopia, Congo, and Ghana where she developed a passion for African women. Out of that passion came a vision for Tumekutana, which gathers women's leaders of the PC(USA) partners together across Africa every three years. Caryl believes strongly in "long-term relational mission, where the relationship is prioritized."

When **Rev. Dr. Marshall Ziemann** and his wife, Becky, were first married, they served as church planting missionaries in Spain for three years. "The believers we met there long ago are still an inspiration to us today." Now serving as Pastor of Outreach at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Marshall has lead church mission trips to Eastern Europe and spoken at conferences in countries including Hungary, Belarus, and Moldova. Along with visits to missionaries in the Philippines, Ecuador, and Turkey, he has traveled with Outreach to Lebanon and Iraq. Jim and Becky have three children—Natalia, Suzanne, and Ben.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received
to serve others, faithfully administering God's
grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10*

The staff of The Outreach Foundation gathered for a meeting in Franklin, TN in January 2013. Pictured are, front left to right, Linda Ross, Nancy Warlick, Odete Pezini, Lisa Dill, Ebralie Mwizerwa, Marilyn Borst, Peter Lim. Second row, Bill Warlick, Elizabeth Carter, Erica Jackson, Sasan Tavassoli, Rob Weingartner, Stu Ross, Linda Patrick, Tom Widmer, José Carlos Pezini.

√ Not pictured, greatly missed, Jeff Ritchie and Lucy Battle.



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Introducing the 2013 Annual Fund

Rob Weingartner, Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation, recently introduced the 2013 Annual Fund Campaign. In describing the campaign, he stated, "Our donors' generosity to the 2013 Annual Fund will enable us to continue working closely with all of our mission partners, helping them to share and show the love of Jesus Christ."

What this means in practical terms is supporting staff as they travel to congregations and global partners and making possible the work of those who are behind the scenes coordinating logistics of the international trips, receiving and disbursing project funds, providing oversight in the work of our global partners, and preparing updates on missionaries and projects.

We invite you to support the 2013 Annual Fund to help continue our work of sharing the Gospel around the world. Please send your gift to the address listed above or donate online at www.theoutreachfoundation.org.

Good News About IRA Charitable Donations

Congress' work in January on the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 created a positive opportunity for philanthropy and charitable giving. The law includes an extension of the provision allowing individuals to make required minimum distributions from IRAs directly to qualified charities. This is welcome news for many taxpayers.

Individuals at least 70½ may distribute an annual gift up to \$100,000 from an IRA account to a public charity such as The Outreach Foundation and exclude the gift amount from their gross income for tax purposes. Once given to The Outreach Foundation, you may designate it for your favorite project or missionary.

Please consult with a financial advisor, as The Outreach Foundation does not provide legal, financial or tax advice. If you have questions about project designations, contact us at (615) 778-8881.