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↑ Traveling in China





Worship in Cuba

Marking Mission Milestones

35 years and \$100 million

hen eighteen ministers and elders gathered on Matagorda Island near Rockport, Texas, on July 31, 1978, to begin discussions that would result in The Outreach Foundation's founding one year later, they had no idea what it might become. I know, because several of them told me so.

They didn't imagine that The Outreach Foundation would reach the milestones that we mark this year -35 years of service and \$100 million disbursed in support of God's mission worldwide. We rejoice and give thanks to God!

From its beginning The Outreach Foundation has believed that the Good News of Jesus Christ is the very best news of all, news that the church is called to share with all the peoples of the world. We have believed that bearing witness to Jesus is at the heart of all mission and that each follower of Jesus, and every congregation, has the privilege and responsibility to participate in God's mission in the world.

The Outreach Foundation's vision of connecting God's people with his work began humbly, taking five years to raise and disburse the first \$1 million. By 2007, 28 years after its start, the \$50 million mark was met. Through the grace of God, the next \$50 million was raised and disbursed in less than eight years.

During the past 35 years some things have changed:

- · We've rediscovered that we are on a mission field ourselves, that the person who may not know of God's love for them might well be our neighbor.
- · We have also experienced the vital growth and mission initiative of the churches in the global South. Brothers and sisters in other cultures and contexts have many things to teach us about what it means to live for the Lord and to share his love with others.

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

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I am so thankful for the saints upon whose shoulders we stand in this work. And I thank God for you who continue to make our work possible through your prayers and your gifts. Thank you. Already this year you have helped train church planters in Brazil, supported discipleship ministries in China, put a new roof on a hurricane-torn church in Haiti, and educated pastors and church leaders in Egypt. Through partners whose hands you have strengthened, vulnerable children in Zambia have been rescued, pastors in Cuba have been trained, and relief efforts in Syria have blessed many driven from their homes.

When the first Christians arrived in Thessalonica nearly 2000 years ago, it was said of Paul and the others, "Those people who have turned the world upside down have come here, too." Dear friends, the world is still in need of some turning.

Grateful for God's faithfulness, the vision of our founders, the heroic ministry of missionaries and global partners, your prayers and your gifts for God's mission, we recommit ourselves to sharing and showing Jesus' love.

- Rob Weingartner



Announcing the 2014 Annual Fund

Thirty five years of a giving legacy is the inspiration behind The Outreach Foundation's 2014 Annual Fund. We invite you to support the 2014 Annual Fund to help continue our work of sharing the Gospel around the world. Donate online at www.theoutreachfoundation.org.

Q&A with Traveler and Trustee Mark Mueller

TOF: How has traveling with The Outreach Foundation impacted your life?

MM: First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama has always held a Sunday in August in reserve for Rob Weingartner, Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation, to come and preach. After listening to Rob one Sunday in 2010, I asked him if our church could get more involved in The Outreach Foundation, in particular with the Middle East since so many of the members at FPC have interests in that region.

Four years later, FPC is not the same church nor am I the same pastor. Our church has taken mission trips to Lebanon, Syria, Cuba, Rwanda and Iraq. This has helped stir us into a more vibrant church with a fuller emphasis upon mission thanks to the work of God through The Outreach Foundation. Outreach has also had a significant impact upon my life and made my work as a pastor more life-giving and fruitful

TOF: Do you have story to tell about someone you met on one of your trips?

MM: If I were to pick one person and one story, I would tell about elder Zuhair Fathallah in Basrah, Iraq. Zuhair has helped hold together the church in Basrah through some very difficult times, some of which include two Gulf wars and United Nations sanctions. On my first visit to the church in Basrah with The Outreach Foundation, I officiated at a communion service, pictured here, with three other Presbyterian pastors from the United States. Zuhair, the elder of this church, is in the center of the picture. This was the first time in two years the congregation had been served communion by a pastor. We served it with homemade wine that Zuhair had made in his back yard. It was a glorious day, and one that I will never forget.

TOF: How does travel with The Outreach Foundation differ from other trips you have taken?

MM: I love traveling with The Outreach Foundation because the trips are led by very knowledgeable people such as Marilyn Borst, Associate Director, who is an incredible source of knowledge. I have learned a lot about the Middle East from Marilyn.

Aside from the educational nature of the trips, I enjoy travel with Outreach because the trips are relaxing. All the details are worked out in advance, and I can simply give myself to the travel. The trips have "down time" where one can rest, relax, read and reflect. I am excited and

invigorated when I return from a trip because I have built new relationships with Christians around the globe. It has simply been a joy to break bread and visit with new friends. The time is enjoyable, fun and quite different from other types of travel.

TOF: Talk about travel in the Middle East

MM: I would never have imagined five years ago that I would travel to Iraq, Lebanon and Syria as well as preach in Damascus at the height of a civil war, but I have done so through The Outreach Foundation. I have had tea with President Bashar Hafez al-Assad at his administrative palace, visited the presidential home of Saddam Hussein, and met many church leaders throughout the Middle East. I have ventured into regions that many in the United States would conclude are "out of bounds," but each time traveling mercies were granted by God and good relationships developed with the people I met. I have always felt safe and at ease as we have traveled with our trusted global partners in the Middle East. I love everything about my Middle East travels and am thankful to The Outreach Foundation for their leadership.

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller
First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Alabama
Trustee, The Outreach Foundation



Mark Mueller, left, assisting >> Elder Zuhair Fathallah, center, with communion



Tavel with The Outreach Foundation

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

Holy Land: August 29 - September 10

On this trip we will be hosted by our partner, Bethlehem Bible College, which seeks to train and prepare Christian servant-leaders for the churches and society within an Arab context. We'll serve the college in one of its ministries, meet with other Palestinian Christian ministries, and visit important places from Christ's life and ministry. Marilyn Borst and Rob Weingartner will lead this trip.

Africa: Emerging Leaders/Pastors – October 21 – November 2

Outreach trustee Rev. Enock DeAssis and Executive Director Rob Weingartner 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 has taken root in the African context will help participants to see their own ministry in creative, new ways.

China: October 20 - November 2

This discovery trip will focus on the rich history of Presbyterian involvement in Kingdom work there. 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. Peter Lim will lead this trip.

Egypt: November 7 - 17

Come celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo, which is training the next generation of leaders for the 400+ Presbyterian churches in Egypt and beyond. Egypt is a land with a long, grand and diverse history; this history includes the amazing stories of God's church. 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.

Lebanon and Syria: November 16 - 25

The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, the extension of our Presbyterian family in the region, is based in Beirut which will be our base, as well. This visit of solidarity provides opportunity for congregations and individuals who have supported the Syria Relief Appeal through The Outreach Foundation to experience the situation firsthand and to learn from Synod leaders.

For more information please contact Lisa Dill at (615) 778-8881 or lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org or visit our website and go to "Trips" www.theoutreachfoundation.org

Fiscal Year 2013 ANOTHER YEAR OF BLESSINGS

Outreach Foundation was blessed in 2013 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 2013 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 1,171 donors in 2013, representing individuals/couples, churches and organizations. Supporters represent 48 states, the District of Columbia, and various foreign countries. Total contributions were more than \$6.2 million. A breakdown of the gifts shows the following:

- 704 individuals gave \$1.1 million, a significant increase over 2012
- 381 churches gave \$3.0 million, the same level as in 2012
- · 86 organizations, including foundations and companies, gave \$2.1 million, also a significant increase over 2012

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 EPC, PC(USA), ECO and Fellowship of Presbyterians congregations.

Contributions grow by 5% to \$6.2 million

As mentioned above, individuals, churches and organizations contributed more than \$6.2 million in gifts during 2013, reflecting an increase of 5% over 2012. Chart 1 shows how these gifts were designated and applied.

Haiti Outreach Ministries

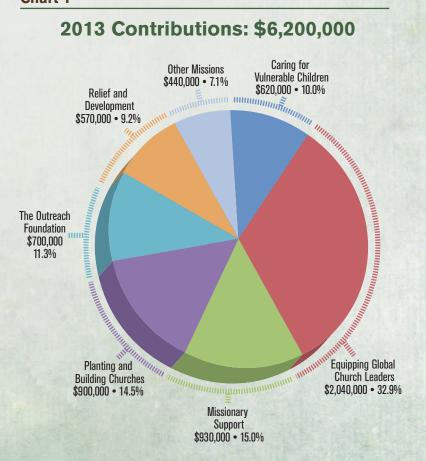
The Outreach Foundation does not receive financial support from any denominational entity. We rely entirely upon the financial support of mission-minded individuals, congregations and organizations, receiving gifts in our office and disbursing them directly to mission partners around the world.

Mission disbursements grow by 17% to \$6.7 million

During 2013, The Outreach Foundation disbursed more than \$6.7 million in support of missionaries and projects around the world. This represents a 17% increase over 2012. See pages 7-9 for detail on the programs that were supported.

Chart 1

2013 Contributions: \$6,200,000

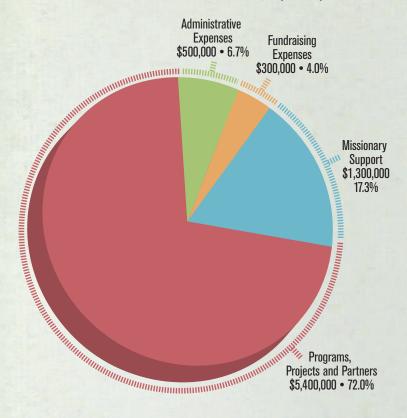


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Chart 2

2013 Disbursements: \$7,500,000



Our total expenditures for 2013 were \$7.5 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.

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 3 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.

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 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.



Work Funded in 2013

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 2013. Thank you for your gifts in support of this Kingdom work.

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**The Outreach Foundation has mission staff and 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
Mission Trip Scholarships for Seminary
Students and New Pastors
Missionary Fund
Vulnerable Children's Fund

Africa

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

DR Congo

- Booth Institutes, Kinshasa (BLI)
- Congo Primary Education
- 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)
- · Gidada Bible School, Western Wollega
- University Student Ministry

GHANA

- Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Mission, Theology, and Culture
- Interfaith Research and Resource Center

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/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
- Malagasy Children's Home
- Topaza Orphanage

MOZAMBIQUE

- Igleja Presbyterian Church, Holistic Evangelism in Tete Province
- Evangelist/Tentmaking Program (BLI)
- Igleja Presbyterian Church, New Church Development at Cuamba

RWANDA

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

SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

- Church and School Projects in South Sudan
- Comprehensive Church-based Education
- Giffen Institute of Theology
- Reconcile Peace Institute
- Scholarships at Nile Theological College and Gerief Bible School
- Scholarships for Theology for Sudanese Women
- Sudan Evangelistic Outreach Ministries
- Sudan Theological Education by Extension
- Vocational Training Program (BLI)

UGANDA

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

ZAMBIA

- CCAP Synod Construction
- CCAP Church Various Small Projects
- CCAP Church Chawama Congregation
- Crisis Nurseries in Lusaka
- Justo Mwale Theological University College
 - Evangelist/Tentmaking Program (BLI)
 - Scholarships/D.T. Banda Studies
 - Water Rehabilitation Project





- Russia Television Ministry
- Russian Bibles for Children

Middle East

EGYPT

- Bibles for Egypt
- · Center for Study of Middle East Christianity
- 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
- Training for Peace-building

- · Basrah Radio Ministry
- Evangelical Church of Kirkuk
- Iraq Leadership Development
- New Church Development in Irbil
- IRAN
- PARS Theology Center
- Grants for Iranian Christian Church

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

- Bethlehem Bible College
- Musalaha A Ministry of Reconciliation

I FRANNI

- 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-Damascus Church
- Syria Relief

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
 - High School Construction
 - Repatriote Church and Primary School
- Spreading the Good News to Children

MEXICI

- 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
- IPIB Missionary Training Center
- SARA Retreat Ministry

UNITED STATES

- CabWayLinGo Presbyterian Chapel, West Virginia
- Missional Leadership Formation Fund
- Smaller Church Initiative
- **The Outreach Foundation partners with additional projects not included in the list above due to their location in sensitive areas of the world.

Syria Update

Outreach Foundation made its first appeal for Syria Relief in February 2012. This appeal was in response to a request from our partners (National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon) to help them support Presbyterian families whose lives and livelihoods were being interrupted by war, encouraging them to stay in the country by providing assistance for housing, food, fuel and schooling. Despite all the challenges, many congregations recently celebrated Holy Week like the congregation in Fairouzeh, pictured here, a few miles east of Homs.

Thanks to your gifts, Outreach has sent more than a *quarter million dollars* to support our fellow Presbyterians in Syria! We thank you for your generosity and ask that you please not forget our brothers and sisters in that war-torn area. Please maintain your high levels of prayer and, as able, continue to support their relief efforts financially. On behalf of the Syrian Presbyterians, we thank you.



To continue to support this ministry, please designate your gift for the "Syria Appeal." You may send a gift to our office; make an online gift through our website, www.theoutreachfoundation.org; or scan this QR code with your smart phone to make an instant gift.







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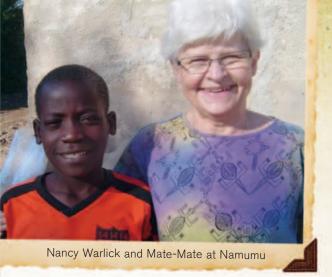
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A conference for congregational mission staff, leaders, mission committee members, and those who have a passion for global mission

A great opportunity to bring the Presbyterian family together

Comments from 2013 Participants regarding what they liked most about the conference:

- "I picked up good ideas to take home"
- "I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit. I believe we honored God with our shared interest in his mission"
- "Interaction with people from all three denominations (plus some!); having it focused on mission leaders from congregations."
- "The worship was great! And it was wonderful to be together as the broader Presbyterian family gathered around God's mission."
- "That we could all come together as servants."



What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this, to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering — *James 1:27*

A Future Restored

By Bill and Nancy Warlick, Southern Africa Coordinators

Mate-Mate

Mate-Mate came to the Namumu Orphanage Center (NOC) in Siavonga, Zambia in 2005 when he was around four years old. We were sad to find out that both his parents had died, probably of an AIDS-related illness, by the time he was two years of age. What a heartbreaking experience for a child so young!

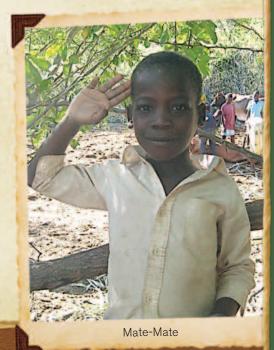
He then went to live with his grandmother who was very poor, had mental problems and lived in an unfinished, thatch-roofed hut. She couldn't provide for Mate-Mate and didn't give the oversight he needed. He was often seen wandering around by himself, foraging for food. A social worker in the area found him and brought him to NOC where elder Munjongo Namuyamba and his wife, Esther, were the directors. We were glad that his grandmother gave permission for Mate-Mate to live at Namumu. We visited Namumu shortly after he arrived. He didn't talk much and appeared to be a sad little fellow. Our hearts were touched by this child who had suffered so much at such a young age. Munjongo and Esther asked us to pray for Mate-Mate that he would experience the love of Jesus Christ, be able to go to school and fit in with the other children.

Over the years, as we have visited, we have seen many changes take place in this child. He used to hit the other children and had behavioral problems from time to time, but he now has become a caring child. The love and attention he received from the Namuyambas, the NOC staff and the other children has changed him. Last summer we took a group to visit Namumu, and we found that Mate-Mate was in fifth grade and a happier young boy

who loves Jesus and likes to play soccer.

His future is much brighter now.

One afternoon we told the children the story of King Solomon, then we prayed with them. Mate-Mate asked us to pray that he would be wise. We continue to pray for him and the other children now at NOC. We also think about and pray for many, many children in Zambia, Zimbabwe and other countries in central and Southern Africa who are orphaned (due to HIV-AIDS) like Mate-Mate. It is distressing to realize that there are several million of these children all over Africa. We are very thankful that one of the priorities for The Outreach Foundation is to care for orphans and vulnerable children like those at Namumu. To God be the glory!



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Did You Know?

Of the approximately 100 ordained pastors in the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda, one third are women.

There are about three million Christians in Pakistan, approximately 1.6% of the population. Of the three million Christians, 300,000 are Presbyterians belonging to 300 churches with 260 pastors.

Around the world, large global cities are the emerging mission "fields." Over the next 10 years, 750 million people will migrate from rural areas, first living in slum dwellings on the edge of megacities or in small pockets of land within them.

In many parts of the world with large populations who cannot read and write, people are learning about Christ via "story-centric" methods. This is called the Orality Movement.

Even in the midst of war, 15 of the 19 Presbyterian churches in Syria meet regularly for worship, if not in their own building (because it has been damaged or is in a dangerous area) then in another facility, like an elder-care home or apartment.