



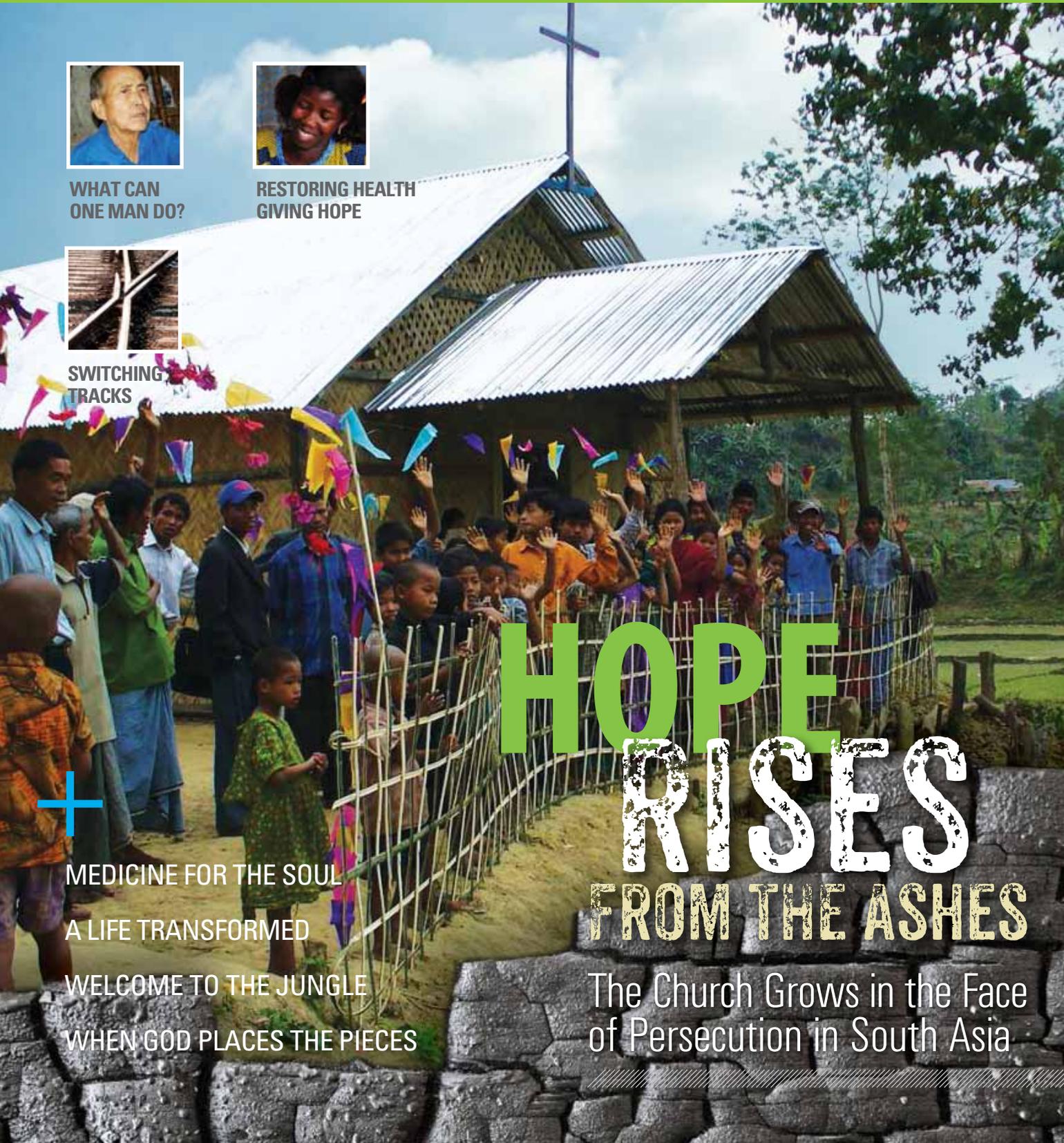
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BY: CARTER DAVIS

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The Reality of Persecution

L.Z., an ordained minister who has lived in South Asia his entire life, has seen churches burned down, public beatings, and consistent abuse (both physical and mental). He's also witnessed the murder of Christians in a country that supposedly allows its people a guaranteed freedom of religion. In spite of all of this persecution, God's kingdom is growing.

One Saturday night, the night before L.Z. had planned to baptize believers in a nearby village, the unthinkable

happened. "A father was killed by his son as the father was preparing to be baptized," L.Z. recalled. "The dead body was brought to the nearest police station, and I saw 12 people inside the newly built church—all of them praying. One of the elders told me that I should go back [to my village], otherwise if found, they maybe kidnap, physically torture, or kill me. We prayed together, and the Lord gave us comfort."

Two weeks later, L.Z. baptized 13 people.

Stories like this are fairly common, said Paul Taylor, MTW's international director of Asia/Pacific, who has spent time in this country alongside L.Z.



Remains of the village church, burned in an act of persecution.

"These people have very little in the way of possessions; this is a very poor country," Paul said. "When you add on top of that the fact that Christians are a miniscule portion of the population and the dominant religion is very intolerant of Christians, you're going to have problems. But, there is an extremely dedicated group of Christians who are committed to sharing God's Word with His people."

New Believers from All Backgrounds

Paul, L.Z. and Jon, an MTW missionary who has also spent time in the region, all agree—the Church in this part of South Asia is experiencing phenomenal growth.

"You can catch glimpses of it happening—in the Buddhist, Hindu, and Animistic students at the local Christian school who are learning about Christ and coming to faith in Him," said Jon. "Many villages now have churches where there had been none before. A Buddhist young man who was a relative to an area tribal king professed faith in Christ despite the threats of his family. Christ is calling His sheep."

MY LIFE WITH CHRIST

"I truly did not know Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord for many years. I passed my time as a normal Christian, but without knowing Christ who died on the cross and who saved me. In 1998 [at a seminar in Thailand], the Holy Spirit touched my heart, and suddenly I felt myself as a man free from bondage with peace



Villagers gather together for worship.

Spreading the Gospel Side by Side

Although the emphasis in this country has been to primarily use local leaders such as L.Z. to spread the gospel, MTW does have a team there. Jon recounted firsthand instances of being able to openly share God's love with His people in the area.

"I have seen the gospel shared at tea shops, on buses, with neighborhood children, and preached beside national brothers in villages that have never heard of Christ. My prayer for this nation is that Christ would draw hundreds of millions to Himself. We long to see an exponential multiplication of biblical churches sound in doctrine and kindled in Spirit."

In spite of the increasing number of believers in this country, it's still very much an unwelcoming place for Christians; but amidst the threat of persecution, God is at work and His kingdom is indeed growing.

"Where [the] father was killed, today there is a wonderful church established," L.Z. said of the man preparing for baptism who died by his son's hand. The original church building was burned down in 2006, but today there is a concrete church building built with the help of MTW. It often seems that Satan is winning over us, but as Christ died and was resurrected from death and won the final victory, today there is a church where the Living God is dwelling. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen." [📄](#)

Pray for "an exponential multiplication of biblical churches sound in doctrine and kindled in Spirit," throughout South Asia.

of mind; my heart was full of love and joy. I prayed to the Lord asking forgiveness. I felt that I am a sinner—not worthy to call the name of the Holy Father God. But the Lord told me that I have to go and proclaim what I have." -L.Z., national pastor



A typical home in R village.

what can one man do?

BY: PAUL TAYLOR

Church Planting Transforms a Village

A Dream

Mr. K Mru had a dream. It was a dream to bring education to the children of his village. The place where he lived, “R” village, is set deep in the mountain jungles of South Asia where his people, the Mru, live. The children of the village, like those of most Mru villages, had little or no education. His heart ached as he thought about the future of these children. And that was the beginning of his dream.

K Mru had heard about the work of the Presbyterian Church in South Asia and Mission to the World, and knew that as the Presbyterian church planters worked in a village, they also taught the children. So that was where he started.

Asian missionaries made their way up the mountain and down into the jungle, they prayed that the Lord would use them to bring many to Christ and that He would transform this village.

A Transformation

They arrived and quickly realized that God had already paved their way. They found an openness created by the elders of the village in exchange for bringing schooling to the children. A few months later the national leaders and I visited to see how the work was progressing. To our delight, Mr. K Mru had come to Christ, along with a few others.

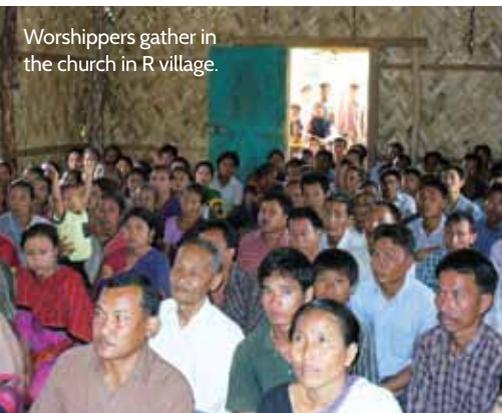
Today more than half of the population of R village has come to Christ. Through the influence of these new Christians the entire culture, educational level, atmosphere and life of R village has been changed. A school has been constructed. A church has been planted. The village is a cleaner place to live. Happiness is now seen on the faces of the villagers, and R village has become a place of rejoicing in the newfound relationship with the Almighty Creator God.

This past January, Mr. K Mru went to be with His heavenly Father. He lived to see his dream become reality far beyond his initial expectations. And a village has been transformed through church planting—again.

Paul Taylor is the international director of Asia/Pacific for MTW.



Mr. K Mru



Worshippers gather in the church in R village.

An Appeal

Upon finding the national leaders of this mission work, he made his appeal that someone be sent to R village to teach the children. The mission leaders agreed to send someone, with one condition. Along with education, the

mission workers would expect to share the good news about Christ. Mr. K Mru and the other village elders agreed to that.

There were no believers in R village when a missionary couple and a single man were first sent by the Presbyterian Church and MTW to begin the work. As the three South

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FROM THE COORDINATOR

We Are Better Off



Dr. Paul Kooistra

I was troubled when in junior high I read Jesus' words, “But I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you” (John 16:7, NIV 1984). Would it not have been much better if Jesus had remained on earth? Consider how a retreat led by Christ would impact your spiritual life. Was Jesus saying that the Holy Spirit is more important to the believer than He is?

I found an answer in a most unlikely place, the first verse of the book of Acts. Luke writes to Theophilus, telling him that in his Gospel he recorded what Christ did while living in the flesh here on earth. Now what he is doing in his second book—Acts—is telling him (and us) what Christ did on earth after He ascended into heaven.

You will often find “The Acts of the Apostles” as the title for Luke's second book. I prefer a title which is a bit long, but I believe better describes what Luke is detailing: “The Acts of Christ through His Church by the Power of the Holy Spirit.” When Christ said that His disciples would be better off when He left (John 14:12), He was saying, “I plan to carry out my earthly ministry worldwide through my Church.”

There is a tendency to regard the period between the ascension and the second coming as a pause in Christ's ministry. Nothing could be further from the truth. ***Christ has not shut down His work, He has revved it up. Now, rather than preaching in a village here and there, He is preaching in millions of places through us, His servants, by the power of the Holy Spirit.*** This is why He commands His disciples not to leave Jerusalem until His Father sends the Holy Spirit to them (Acts 1:4). By themselves their work would be hopeless, but by filling them with the Spirit He will be working through them.

The entire book of Acts is outlined in 1:8. Christ is telling the Church that we will take His gospel to every part of the world, but not until we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. If a dictator were going to capture the world, he would create an enormous military machine. Christ has done it through the Church, an army of love, which is continuing to spread all over the world.

Paul D Kooistra

A patient with her child at the medical clinic

Restoring Health. Giving Hope.

A West African church reaches out to the community through medical clinics

A church in West Africa is utilizing medical missions clinics to minister to its community's physical and spiritual needs. In 2011, MTW collaborated with the indigenous New Harvest Missions International to provide a mobile medical clinic based at the church. A short-term medical team returned last October, and MTW will send another this August.

"This is the poorest area in the world," says Frank*, MTW's area director for national associate ministry in the Muslim world. "Most people live and die without ever seeing a doctor, so a short-term clinic has great impact."

Treating the Whole Person

Thanks to the help of the national church partner, which provided both clean facilities and financial assistance, MTW teams treated an astounding number of patients with conditions like diabetes, parasites, and dental problems. In addition, team members prayed with patients, connected them with the church, and shared the gospel. "We see many people come to faith each time," says Frank of the clinics' impact, "and we have seen key area leaders reached and churches launched as a result."



Doreen (left) with a patient and doctor

"I believe she was much more attentive to what I had to tell her," explains Doreen, "because we had already spent a significant amount of time together over several days, including frequent prayer."

In another instance, Doreen treated a woman suffering from sickle cell anemia. The woman was pale and fatigued from lack of iron.

"Our clinic had plenty of supplemental iron tablets, so I handed several month's worth to her. She gasped and motioned her hands in gestures of thanks." The woman returned several days later. "Out of a huge canvas bag, she pulled out thank you gifts!" recalls Doreen. "She bought me a blue, African-styled dress, and picked a bouquet of beautiful flowers and a bag full of bananas from her yard!"

Working Together

Such stories illustrate how MTW [short term teams](#) are helping to grow and encourage this West African national church community. "The key is the collaboration," says Frank, "between MTW short-term teams and indigenous missionaries who are working in the communities before the team comes and are there afterward to ensure follow-up."

MTW is sending another medical team to this West African national church in August, and hopes to send more in the future. In fact, MTW is seeking a full-time medical person to work in West Africa, as well as more volunteers to join short-term medical teams to work in the region. [📍](#)

For more information on MTW's medical ministry, visit www.mtw.org/medicalmissions or email medical@mtw.org.

*Last names withheld for security reasons

Medicine for the Soul

BY: MARTY BAAS



Natasha, nicely dressed, sat in the waiting room at a medical clinic in Lavantille, Trinidad. As I sat talking to her, she told me her story of divorce nine years before in which her "fake" Christian husband gained custody of their three boys. But because her work is right in front of the boys' house, she sees them daily.

I had come on this medical missions trip hoping for just such an opportunity. There is always a need for non-medical people like myself on these trips—people who are willing to help by simply listening, and by sharing the truths of the gospel.

Natasha went on to explain that she had just come out of a relationship and that her life was still quite messy. She said she had been a Christian, but had "backslid." I asked if she had a Bible. She did not, but said she was planning to ask her mom for one for Christmas.

Recommended Reading

Opening my own Bible, I began to explain how important it is to read it and talk with God like a Father, suggesting that she begin each day with the Psalms, and then read a Proverb. I also suggested she read in the New Testament—especially the Gospels—so she could know Jesus and how He wants her to live.

Knowing that what we get for free we do not always value, I suggested that she could save a few dollars each week from her paycheck and in three months she would have enough money to buy her own Bible. We prayed and I encouraged her to get back into the church even without the fancy shoes and dress (her excuse). And so we parted ways.

A "Chance" Encounter

Several months later, on a return trip to Trinidad at a different clinic, I glanced over and recognized this young lady who was looking right at me. She said, "Hi Marty, I did exactly as you told me to do!" Then she reached in her purse and came out

with a study Bible! "Yes, I bought it and have been reading it. Now look at the front, I have marked my readings." I saw a carefully marked chart showing how consistently she had been reading. And of course, like a good grandmother I *ooohed* and *aaahed*.

We chatted a little longer. She said that her husband was planning to take the boys to church. I asked if she was back in church. She replied "No, not yet." So I pray for her—with great hope.



Natasha at the clinic

Natasha proudly shows how she's marked her Bible readings.

At MTW medical clinics, we see people whose physical needs often bring them into an encounter with the gospel. We are there to address the needs of the whole person, medical and spiritual, including the need to find supportive community in a local church. And this is why I love it. With each clinic, there is the opportunity to meet another Natasha. [📍](#)

Marty Baas is a retired MTW missionary who now serves as a [medical missions](#) volunteer.



Julie Stout

Switching

Tracks

to Change my Life

How God used a missions conference

Heading into 2010's PCA Global Missions Conference in Chattanooga, Julie Stout was unsure of her career, her calling, or her future.

The 33-year-old Gainesville, Fla., healthcare professional had recently exited a long-term abusive relationship that left her spiritually and emotionally depleted. Though she had felt a tug toward missions since childhood, it took a pointed challenge from her church missions chairman to move her to action.

"He said he could see in me a strong desire for missions—so much so that he insisted that I attend the PCA Global Missions Conference in Chattanooga at the church's expense," said Julie.

It was a worthy investment.

BY: MELISSA KELLEY

A Providential Encounter

The first person Julie met as she walked into the conference hall was missionary Dal Stanton, MTW's team leader in [Bulgaria](#). And that conversation set the stage for a vision trip Julie took to Bulgaria in 2012, where her eyes were opened to the vast needs of victims of sex trafficking. She is now itinerating and raising support to serve as a long-term missionary with the "Daughters of Bulgaria" ministry in Sofia.

"I have a strong desire to work with abused women based on my past," said Julie. "It's hard to get out of that dynamic without help. I can understand it because I've been through it myself." When Julie leaves for the field in 2014, she'll have completed her degree in counseling, allowing her to provide free counseling services to women transitioning out of abuse and sex trafficking.

Julie freely admits that she didn't expect to come out of the PCA Global Missions Conference with such a clear vision for her future. "I thought I'd just be getting some general information," she said. But God often surprises us in the way He works.

2013 PCA Global Missions Conference Travels to Greenville, S.C.

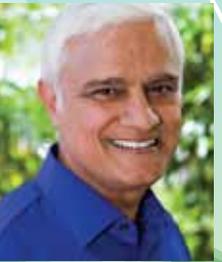
Julie's story may not be typical, but it represents the power present when thousands of believers gather in Christ's name to seek His face and reflect on His work around the world.

The [2013 Global Missions Conference](#) will be held in Greenville, S.C. Co-sponsored by MTW and [Reformed University Fellowship](#) (RUF), the November 8-10 conference will welcome all who are interested in missions, including missionaries, students, musicians, pastors, artists, Christian leaders, businesspeople, youth workers, doctors, and teachers.

Conference speakers will include noted apologist Ravi Zacharias, MTW coordinator Paul Kooistra, RUF coordinator Rod Mays, and Greek national pastor Giotis Kantartzis. Worship will be led by Indelible Grace founder/RUF pastor Kevin Twit.

Come share the excitement of God's work at the [2013 PCA Global Missions Conference](#), November 8-10 in Greenville, S.C. Visit www.mtw.org/gmc for more details or to register. Early-bird registration applies through July 31 and there is a discount for students and for groups of six or more. <#>

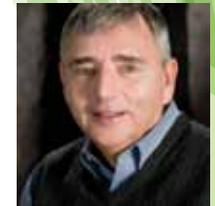
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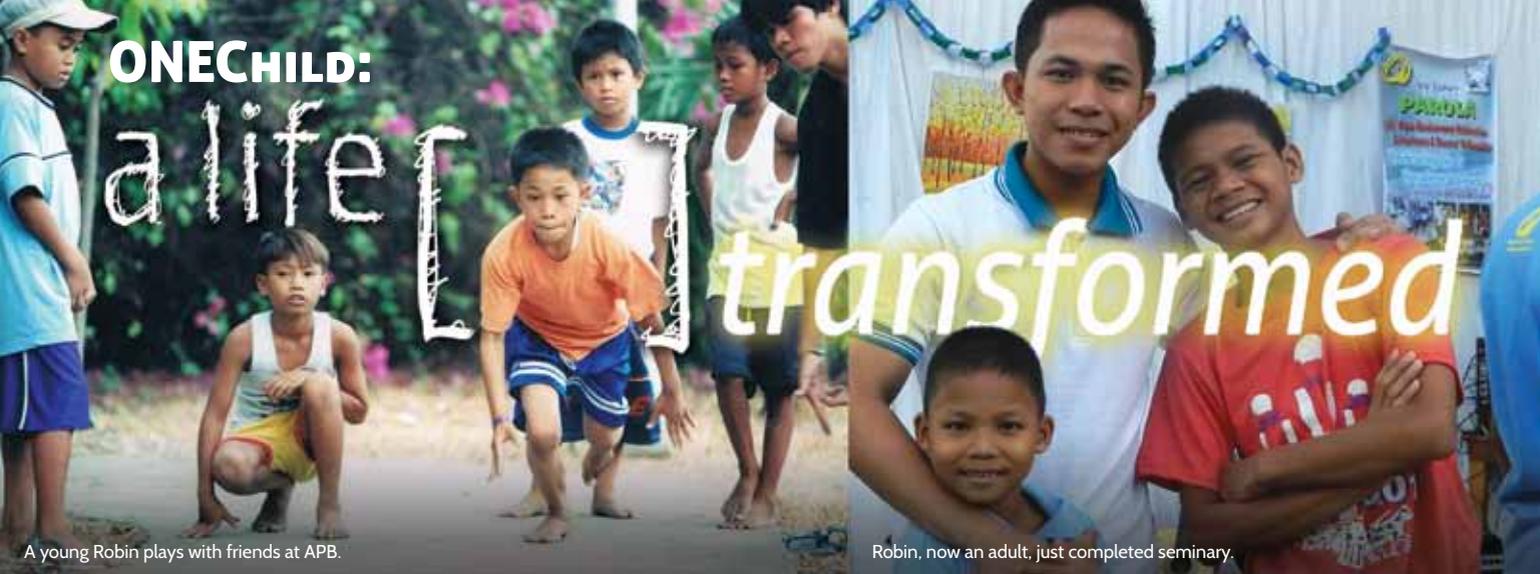
"So often in our church we know only about the work of the particular missionaries we support. To see more of God's work around the world is energizing, encouraging, and glorious."
—attendee Gail Trapp

"The weekend was such a blessing in that I was able to establish stronger foundations with which to grow in my Christian community back here on my college campus."
—Taylor Smith, college student



Mercy Ministry Pre-Conference

MTW will be hosting a [Mercy Ministry Pre-Conference](#), beginning Thursday evening November 7 and concluding Friday afternoon November 8. Philip Langford of International Justice Mission (IJM), Africa, will highlight issues of justice both at home and throughout the world. Sessions are designed to provide practical assistance to help us become the hands and feet of the gospel. Find out more at www.mtw.org/gmc.



ONECHILD:

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Welcome to the Jungle Ministering to At-Risk Kids in Bogotá

As we make our way to the Jungle, I know we are not entering the safest part of the city. In Bogotá, Colombia, the lower the street number, the less safe it becomes—especially for gringos. We hop onto a bus around 187th Street and make our exit at 22. This is known to be one of the more hostile parts of town.

up the traditional esthetics of a church in order to serve the children of the community.

As we leave the Jungle on Saturdays, I am reminded that though these depressed and dark areas of town are difficult to walk through, these kids don't get to

BY: NATE BONHAM

Robin, a young Filipino man, recently graduated from seminary and is considering becoming a pastor. MTW's mercy ministry to children at risk, now known as ONEChild, has played a vital role in Robin's life. He serves as a powerful example of what God can do in the life of one child through sponsorship.

BY: ROBIN M. ABAÑO



Robin M. Abaño

My name is Robin M. Abaño and I live in the Philippines. I grew up in a happy, but poor family. We were dependent on our father's job for us to be able to survive. When I was in my grade school days, I became a fish vendor and I sold fish on the street. In that way I was able to help my family in our financial needs. Most of the time, I didn't attend my morning classes,

not because I didn't want to but because I was eager to help my family by selling fish.

That is where Ang Bahay Parola [ABP, the mercy ministry of the MTW Philippines] found me and worked it out so that I would be admitted in their temporary residential program. When I was at ABP, I learned more about God. One of the pastors led me to accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. They helped me improve my personality and provided opportunities to enhance my skills and talents that God has given me. I started using them for the Lord.

After four years in the residential program, ABP decided to reintegrate me to my family. I continued my high school education while doing my best to help my family again by selling salted peanuts and rice cakes at school. I studied hard and finished high school. After my graduation, I decided to enroll at Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS). Through the partnership of ABP and my church, I was able to get a bachelor of science degree in Christian education.

I am convinced that God has called me into the ministry and He will give me enough strength to do what He wants for me. I am praying about becoming a pastor. Presently, I am teaching a class of children in our children reach-out ministry in Zion Presbyterian Church. I am actively involved in the youth ministry and volunteer our ABP home for boys. I have the heart for those underprivileged children, like I was before.

I am grateful to God for all the things that He has done in my life and for all those instruments that He used that brought me this far. All the honor and praise belongs to God. No longer do I sell fish for a living, but I am a "fisher of men for Jesus." 📍

For information on how you can sponsor a child like Robin, visit www.mtw.org/onechild.

2013 Children's Project: One Child to ONEChild
MTW's 2013 [Children's Mission Project](#), "One Child to ONEChild," gives children in the U.S. the opportunity to learn about and help underprivileged kids in other countries. For more information on how you can present this opportunity to children, visit www.mtw.org/cp or email info@mtw.org.

In order to get there, you have to pass through a place called "the tolerant zone." Prostitution is illegal in Bogotá, but a blind eye is turned in this area and no apologies are made about it. Just beyond that is the transvestite zone—no explanation needed. Around the corner from our destination is a vacant lot with overgrown grass and a dilapidated fence that was once used by the FARC (a drug cartel) to train members how to build bombs. One such class failed by triggering a bomb that brought the building to ashes.

A Jungle Respite

We finally arrive at the Jungle, but this is not the jungle you may be thinking of. You have to knock on the solid steel doors for someone to let you in. As the heavy doors swing open, the bright greens and blues of the wall bring much relief from the darkness of the city blocks. Massive murals of elephants and giraffes canvas the cinderblock walls. A putt-putt course gives way to a half-size basketball court. A high rope bridge leads to a fireman's pole that brings you down to the base of a rock-climbing wall.

This "Jungle" is an old church renovated to serve as a Saturday morning drop-in center for at-risk children. It serves as a way to show children of the community the love of Christ. It's also the first step toward building relationships that we hope will lead to education, discipleship, and housing. A congregation still worships there on Sunday mornings, but they have given



Kids in the Jungle at Christmas

walk away. They live in them. It is our hope and prayer that in the midst of the surrounding darkness, the Jungle will serve as a safe haven for these precious children. They just need someone to hug them, to play with them, and to see that someone cares for them. Our conversations aren't much, but they see that we love them. 📍



The Bonham Family

"La Jungla" is part of a larger ministry, "Formando Vidas." For more information on this ministry, visit: www.ColombiaStreetKids.org. You can follow the Bonhams' ministry at www.CrossCollaboration.org.



VIEW FROM THE CHURCH

Filbert Pres. and the Purépecha Indians: Two Years Later

God's kingdom knows no national boundaries. For a group of interconnected people stretching from York, S.C., to Tarecuato, Mexico, this is more than just a theological reality.

BY: PHIL MOBLEY

Their continuing story is proof that loving one's neighbor and loving the nations are often one and the same in God's design.

As Goes the Farmer, So Goes the Church

In the spring of 2011, *Network* chronicled the beginning of a Reformed witness in Tarecuato, Mexico, a two-and-a-half-hour-drive southeast from Guadalajara. This effort—led by Mexican missionaries commissioned by MTW church plant Rey del Reyes—grew out of Robert (Bob) Hall's desire to love and serve a group of men he had hired to work on his farm in York, S.C. Bob never sought to journey to the nations; instead, the Holy Spirit brought “the nations” to Bob. And He has kept building connections ever since.

For a decade now, ministry teams from Filbert Presbyterian Church (PCA), Bob's home church, have ventured deep into Mexico to minister to the Purépecha Indians. There are perhaps 200,000 of these pre-Columbian natives in Mexico, who have no Spanish heritage and speak their own language. Around the year 2000, several hundred of them ended up in South Carolina. God led a few to Bob's farm, and the initial connection was established.



Team from Filbert Pres. with Mexican missionaries

The Nations Abroad, The Nations at Home

“The most unexpected thing has to be that there is a Reformed presence in this tiny Catholic village in Mexico and that people in our congregation have a heart for this native population who are really on the fringe even in Mexico,” recounts Dave Hall (no relation to Bob), associate pastor at Filbert. As important, if not as surprising, is the growing love for the broader Hispanic community in York itself. “There are people here from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras ...,” Dave notes. “We've needed to feel the need. It has allowed us to go out of our way to reach out, to do visible acts of kindness to people who need Jesus.”

The people of Filbert regularly lead English language classes and have targeted summer VBS programs to children of Hispanic immigrants. Additionally, an RTS-Charlotte seminary student from Monterrey, Mexico, Jose Luis Cardona, served for three years as a church intern and provided a welcoming face to much of Filbert's outreach. He has just returned to Monterrey to support church-planting efforts there.

Through the neighbor focus of the people of Filbert Presbyterian, the gospel is moving forward in ways that no one could have planned. “It's about the people you work with and around every day,” says Bob, whose farm is kingdom territory. “We have to have a heart for them just as Jesus has a heart for us.”

For more information on how MTW can help your church facilitate missions, contact our Church Resourcing Department at cr@mtw.org.



When God Places the Pieces

Reaching Muslims in the United States

BY: JUDY *

I enjoy putting puzzles together, and I think God does too. He consistently pulls together bits and pieces to create a cohesive whole for the sake of His kingdom.

When Dennis and I came back to the U.S. from North Africa where we worked among Muslims for 21 years, we began to pray—at first alone, and then with others gathered in our living room—for Muslims to be rescued out of darkness. More than four years ago we prayed that we would find Muslims here at home. That proved easier than we thought, as God placed us in a northeastern city where thousands of Muslims had begun immigrating.

Building Connections Through Prayer

Dennis' long experience in the Muslim culture and with teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) fits well with our local church program where most of the students are Muslims. Scripture and prayer are prominently featured during every class. Sometimes a student will linger after class to share a problem and will accept prayer by the teacher. “Susan” is suffering from cancer and is no longer able to attend class, but has warmed to the news that her class is praying for her.

After knowing Susan for a year and praying for her salvation, we were surprised and saddened when she was diagnosed with cancer. However, it seems to be a severe mercy for her as she has welcomed help, prayer, and precious time spent with Christians. Would we have ever heard her recurring dream about Jesus had we not spent this intensive time with her? We hope and pray for her salvation yet.

We also prayed for a woman named “Freedom.” Just as she began attending our small Arabic worship group, her panic attacks began. Again, what looks like the work of the evil one has proved a blessing. She's come to love being prayed over, is understanding the root of the attacks, and is experiencing healing. She and another student seem to be counting the cost of possibly believing. The threat of marital abandonment because of their faith in Jesus, for instance, is a real fear.

Meetings for Better Understanding

Our prayer team continues to minister at the local mosque together, mostly at meetings for better understanding. Each of us has been asked probing, hungry questions about our beliefs. Two of our team members prayed with the leader's wife recently when she asked to know how we pray.

The most surprising piece from the Lord, though, was having the imam of the mosque bring his family to us for prayer as they face immigration difficulties. Afterward he said, “I have never felt so loved and will never forget these verses you prayed from Psalms 5 and 6.”

One more beautiful piece of the puzzle God is assembling in our midst.

Judy and Dennis are workers serving in the U.S. with MTW.

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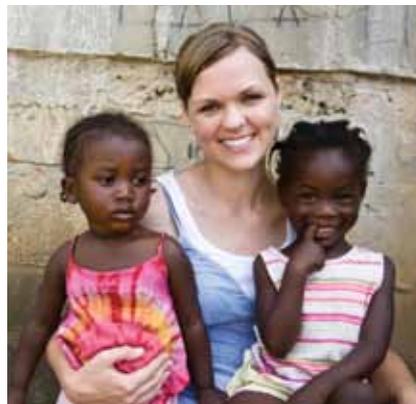


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2013 Children's Project: One Child to ONEChild

Each year MTW provides an opportunity for children throughout the PCA to learn about and get involved in missions through the Children's Missions Project. The 2013 Project, "One Child to ONEChild," focuses on children in great need around the world. Through a video and interactive slide show, VBS and Sunday school kids will learn about children whose lives are far different from their own and how God is providing for them through sponsorships. They'll have the chance to give an offering to provide school uniforms and supplies for children who cannot attend without these basics.

All of the ONEChild children involved in the project are directly connected to MTW partner churches and ministries in the neighborhood where they live. The children, and often their entire family, receive direct and individualized love and care from MTW missionaries and our national partners through a local church.



For more information visit www.mtw.org/cp



Human Trafficking: Ministry Training and Outreach

Human trafficking is not just a third world issue; it is rampant in the U.S. It is a global problem that touches every socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic group. This summer MTW is hosting two weeklong sessions of training and hands-on experience to equip individuals and churches to fight human trafficking in their own community.

These sessions will be held in Atlanta, a city dubbed as the model of how churches, service agencies, and non-profits are working together to bring healing and restoration to those caught in the horrors of sex trafficking. Participants will be involved in street outreach, prayer drives, service projects, training, and ministry at the safe houses where those rescued are prepared for a new life.

Speakers from different aspects of anti-trafficking work will also share about their unique approaches and how they got started in the fight against trafficking.

For more information visit mtw.org/trafficking

RUF Students Use Spring Break for Missions

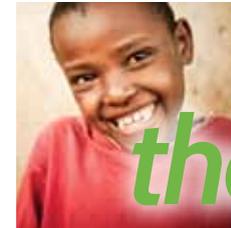
Nearly 150 RUF and Covenant College students and staff spent their 2013 spring break serving on short-term missions projects with MTW. These projects spanned North America, South America, and Europe with students serving in Greece, Mexico, Peru, NYC, Atlanta, and Cherokee, N.C.

Exposing students to missions carries long-term value by giving future leaders a much broader vision of the work of the church. "I saw a Muslim man get tears in his eyes when I told him through an interpreter that I would pray for his son in Iraq," said Drew, a student who took part in the cross-cultural Walk in My Shoes project among refugees in Atlanta.



As a result of these short-term projects, students like Drew have an enhanced vision for missions. They are better equipped to reach out to those from other cultures, whether at home, at school, or abroad.

For more on short-term projects with MTW visit mtw.org/missiontrips.



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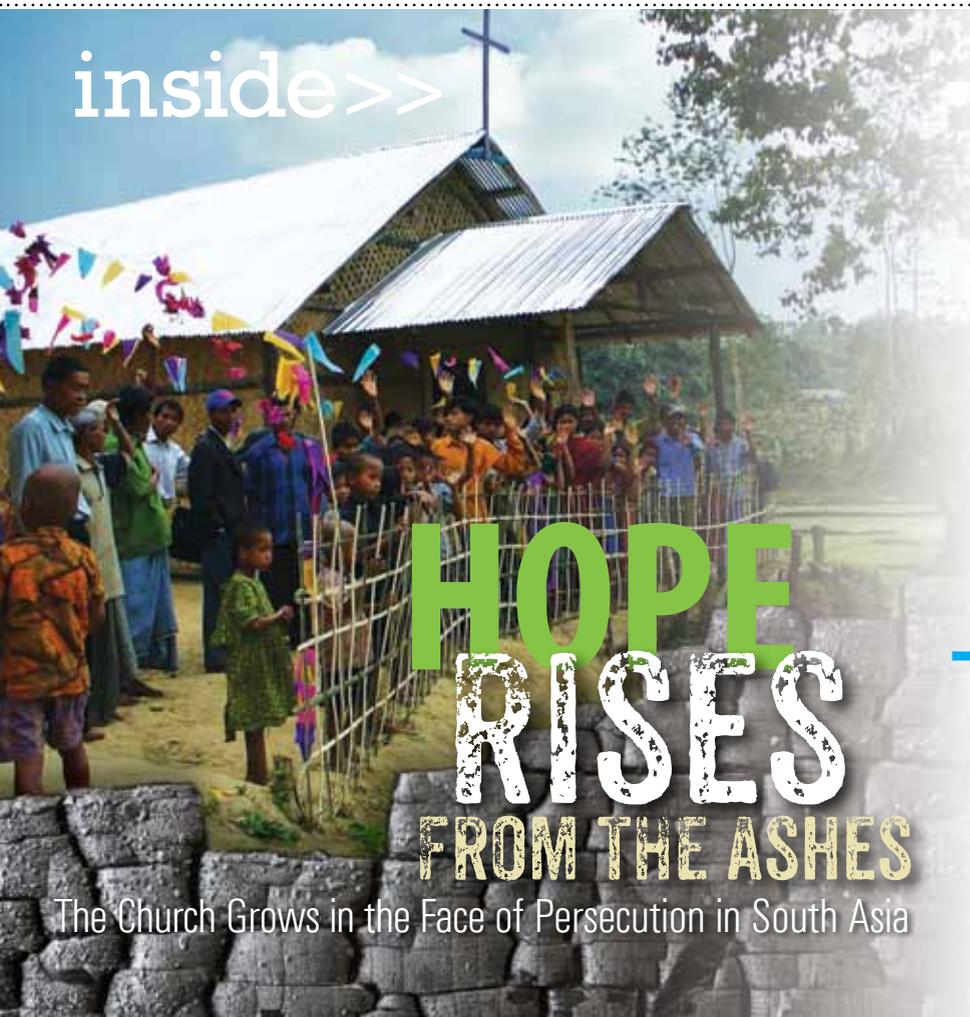
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