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One Man's Journey to Become a Church Planter in South Asia

Arjun Agarwal* was born into a traditional Christian family in South Asia—a religious minority in a country where followers of Jesus face increasing persecution and violence.

As a teenager, Arjun attended church regularly, but what he heard taught was not the true gospel. Church leaders talked about how to stay away from sin but said little about grace or a personal relationship with Jesus. Offered little more than legalism, Arjun had no interest in Christianity.

“During those times I was longing for selfless love,” said Arjun. “I was longing for true meaning in my life, but instead I had emptiness in my heart. I tried to fill that gap with things of this world, but they all failed.”

By the time Arjun left for college, he had completely lost hope.

By God's grace, a fellow student invited Arjun to a gospel meeting put on by the university student ministry. Though he was not initially interested, Arjun decided to give it a try.

“I think it was God's plan,” he said. “The preacher was speaking on the love of Christ from John 3:16. He explained the purpose of Christ coming to this earth, how He came in search

of me, how He showed the unconditional, selfless love that I had been longing for. During that meeting I was convicted of my sins, and through the help of the Holy Spirit I repented, asked for forgiveness, and started knowing the Lord and growing in grace.”

Bit by gradual bit, Arjun's life began to change. He began to attend regular Christian fellowships and grow spiritually. He attended meetings where he heard reports from local missionaries about the opportunities and challenges for church planting in his country and across the globe. He read missionary biographies and studied the Bible, astonished and inspired by the many examples of courageous men and women following the Great Commission call. By the time he finished his undergraduate degree, Arjun had been shaped into a man of God.

FOLLOWING THE CALL

“One of the words that has kept speaking to me throughout my life is Matthew 9:37 where Jesus says: ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few,’” Arjun said. “This word became very powerful in my heart, and by the grace of God I wanted to answer this call.”

Over the next 20 years, Arjun served in different ministry capacities. He ministered to college students, to young married couples alongside his wife, then with an outreach to local youth. By 2014 Arjun had sensed a call to pastoral ministry in a local church.

“I wanted to know more about being a pastor,” he said. “That's when I got introduced to [the Presbyterian church in my city,] and when I came to know [MTW missionary] Tobias Janssens* and the MTW team.”

Arjun spent the next five years intentionally preparing for pastoral ministry. He served as a pastoral intern for the Presbyterian church, gaining practical ministry and leadership skills while simultaneously pursuing his M.Div. from a local seminary run and taught by MTW missionaries. In 2019, Arjun finally graduated from seminary—ready to use his years of training to build the Church in South Asia.

LOVING AS WE HAVE BEEN LOVED

“This city desperately needs more gospel-centered churches,” Arjun said. “I have a passion to plant and pastor such a church.”

And so, Arjun is doing just that—actively working to plant a church in a city desperately in need of the gospel. His method of choice? Hospitality.

“I have experienced very good hospitality from believing friends, and so in return I want to show hospitality. ...When we host people in our house it gives me and my wife the joy of serving them, it gives me an opportunity to get to know them really well and to express the tremendous joy of Christ's love that I have experienced.”

Though the pandemic has made things difficult for church planters, Arjun has forged ahead as best he can. He has started an online small group, studying God's Word every week with people from his community. During months when his country's strict lockdowns lifted, he and his wife hosted youth meetings in their home—game nights, movie nights, and even a Christmas party.

Throughout, Tobias and the rest of the MTW team at the local Presbyterian church that launched Arjun as a church planter stay in close contact, offering prayer support and guidance regularly. If all continues to go well, Arjun plans to officially open the church plant in October 2021. From there, he hopes to see the church grow—sprouting discipleship groups, ministries, and ultimately daughter churches in the years to come.



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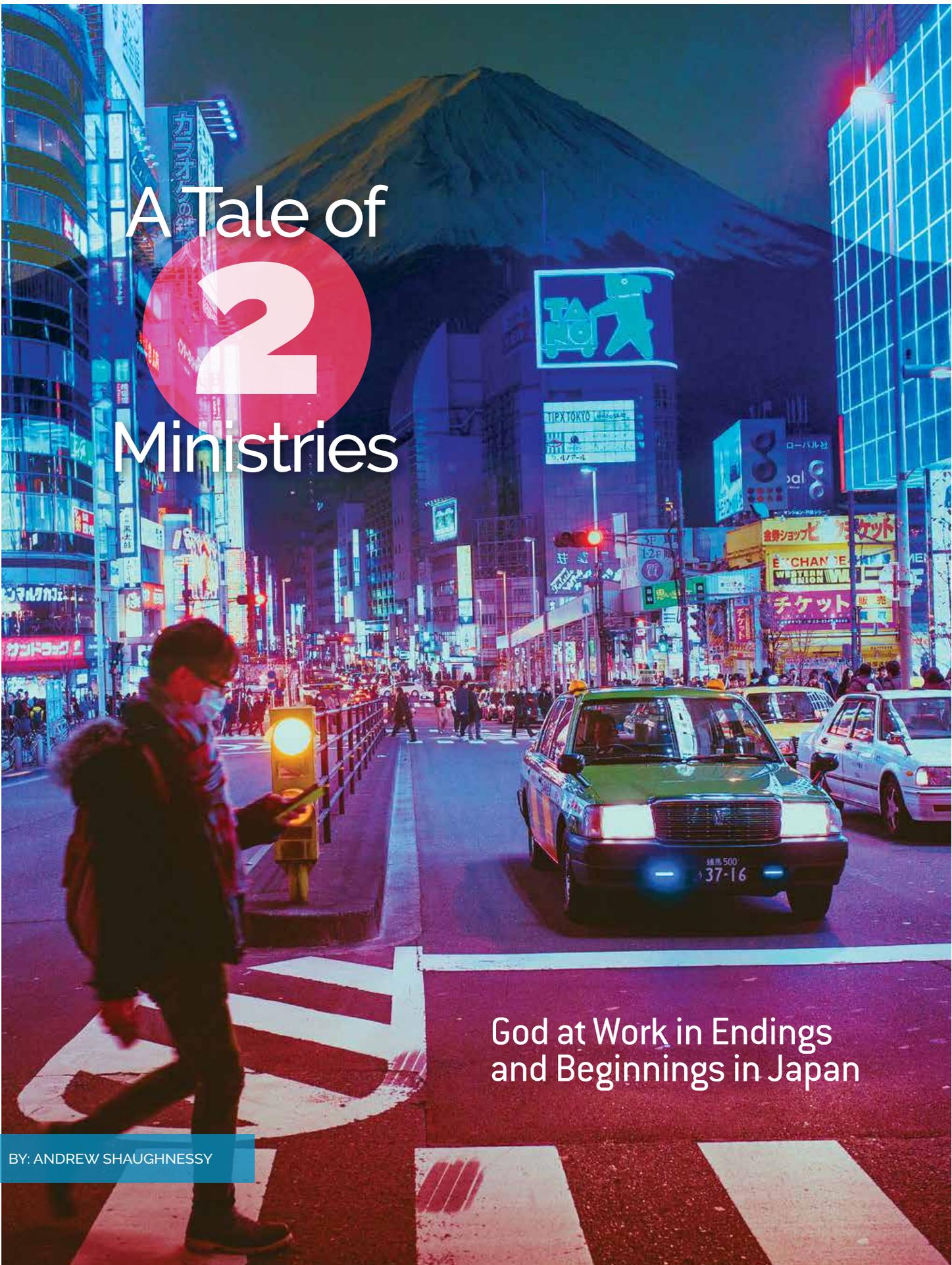
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In the past few months, despite all the challenges, people who are interested to know about Christ and grow in the gospel are showing up. “I think it's really God's work, and that gives me encouragement and confidence,” Arjun said. “It's not about me and what I do. It's all about Christ. It's about what He is going to do in and through my life in this city. And I just want to cooperate with God's plan which is already being instituted on this earth.” [📌](#)

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A Tale of 2 Ministries

God at Work in Endings
and Beginnings in Japan

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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, ... it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.” So begins Charles Dickens’ famous novel, “A Tale of Two Cities,” and though contemporary Japan is a far cry from revolutionary France, the same could be said of the state of Christianity and the Church in the “Land of the Rising Sun.”

Today, Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world, with less than 1% of the population professing faith in Jesus—and those numbers are only dropping. Though Japan saw a wave of missions and Christian revival shortly after World War II, that generation of Japanese pastors is aging, and the country remains in urgent need of young pastors to take the reins and lead, revitalize, or plant churches throughout the country.

Yet, even in this seemingly bleak context, God is at work in Japan. Even as the total numbers of Japanese Christians are decreasing, MTW church plants have grown and thrived. Now, two MTW-connected ministries are at exciting turning points—building, growing, and looking forward to seeing how God will work in and through them to build for His kingdom.

KAIHIN MAKUHARI GRACE CHURCH AND A FAITHFUL PASTOR

The tale of Kaihin Makuhari Grace Church (KMGC) begins with the story of a Japanese man named Hirohashi Yoshinobu. In 1955, 16-year-old Hirohashi was led to Christ by a missionary from Hawaii. A few years later, he felt called by God to become a pastor. Disowned by his Buddhist parents for daring to pursue a life of Christian pastoral ministry, Hirohashi bought a one-way train ticket to Tokyo, where he enrolled in a six-year program at Japan Christ Seminary.

Life wasn’t easy for an aspiring Japanese pastor. After receiving his first call as a church-planting pastor to a Presbyterian church in 1966, Hirohashi spent the next 16 years serving bi-vocationally. At one time he worked as a medical assistant, at another he sold encyclopedias during the week—all while preaching, ministering, and evangelizing on the weekends. Over the coming decades, Hirohashi continued to grow and

serve in the Presbyterian Church of Japan until, in 1992, the denomination asked him to lead their domestic missions committee—coaching Japanese church planters. It was in

this role that Hirohashi began working closely with MTW missionaries in Japan, including MTW Japan Director Dan Iverson. When Hirohashi heard through Dan that an MTW-run English language ministry in the nearby Kaihin Makuhari, Chiba community was about to close, he decided it was time to stop coaching and get back to church planting himself.

“This is at 60 years old, by the way,” said MTW missionary Mark Bocanegra. “He took all of this church planting know-how, all these decades of experience as a PCJ pastor, and he moved here in 1999 to start a church plant—Kaihin Makuhari Grace Church.”



Hirohashi Yoshinobu, retiring pastor and church planter

In the beginning, KMGC was just Hirohashi, his wife, one of his daughters, and one newly baptized believer. Church planting is tough and slow-going in Japan, but KMGC grew quickly—moving at what Mark described as “warp speed for Japan.” Within the first decade, the church particularized, developed its first ruling elder, and became financially independent. By 2013, the church had grown to around 90 people—big enough that they sent out MTW missionary Craig Coulbourne (who had been working with them in >>

>> the neighborhood) to plant a daughter congregation, and even raised up and later sent a Japanese church member out as a missionary overseas.

A WELL-BUILT CHURCH AND A SEASON OF TRANSITION

Today, Hirohashi-Sensei is in his 80s and approaching retirement. To replace him when he does retire, Hirohashi and KMGC have brought on two new men to lead the church: MTW missionary Mark Bocanegra and Josiah Momose, an American seminary graduate who is working toward ordination in the PCJ. Though Mark and Josiah are American, both grew up in Japan. As a result, they're fluent in Japanese and



MTW Missionary Dan Iverson baptizes the daughter of a future pastor in 2009.

able to bridge cultural gaps more easily than most. Both also worked secular jobs in Japan before going to seminary and pursuing ministry—further honing their language skills and learning valuable lessons about the everyday struggles of the Japanese professionals to whom they hoped to minister.

“I worked for a Japanese intellectual property law firm for four years,” Josiah explained. “It was definitely a good experience for me to see how hard it is for Japanese people to have a life outside of work ... and see what life looks like for people who are nonbelievers in Japan. ... It was a reinforcing time for me because every day I felt like I needed to depend on God to be salt and light and to reach people.”

The two met at an MTW church plant in Chiba, where Mark was serving as assistant pastor and Josiah as a pastoral intern. A few years after Mark was recruited by Hirohashi, he asked Josiah to join him on the team at KMGC. Together, Mark and Josiah hope to not only strengthen and grow KMGC, but also to plant a new church in the nearby neighborhood of Bay-Park and launch a college ministry for local students.

“Josiah will be primarily helping with the mother congregation, and I will be focusing more on the daughter congregation,” Mark explained. “We’re both doing both, but we know who is focused on what.”

After all that Hirohashi has accomplished, Mark and Josiah have their work cut out for them and big shoes to fill, but both are confident that the transition will be smooth and that God will bless the work ahead of them. Even as one era of faithful ministry ends, a new one is beginning.

MTW CHIBA TEAM HANDS WORK TO JAPANESE LEADERS

A similar dynamic of endings and beginnings is playing out in nearby Chiba. On December 31, 2020, MTW’s Tokyo-Chiba church-planting team officially disbanded. Far from a failure, this ending of an era marks the culmination of 36 years of prayer and faithful ministry, resulting in 10 churches planted, more than 500 Japanese converted to saving faith in Christ, a new Japanese presbytery, a Christian school, extensive disaster relief efforts in the wake of the 2011 earthquake-tsunami-nuclear disaster, the birth of six new MTW teams, and the discipleship and development of local Christian leaders, many of whom are now taking the reins of MTW-started churches and ministries.

“The ministry was slow and discouraging those first years,” wrote MTW Japan Director Dan Iverson in a recent newsletter. “We saw no visible fruit for four years, but God’s people kept praying, kept supporting us, kept sending more harvest laborers. Japanese people were loved, and the gospel was preached to thousands. ... Over the years, hundreds came to faith and were baptized, gathered into the new church plants. ... And as all this was happening, God was raising up Japanese pastors to be leaders in these churches and in this movement.”

THE PASTOR SHORTAGE REMAINS

Even as the Tokyo-Chiba team ends, the many missionaries who have been a part of the work together leave behind a remarkable kingdom legacy. But the way Dan sees it, the mission is not even close to being accomplished in Japan.

“We have a huge shortage of pastors in Japan and we need more missionaries,” Dan said.

In one of these stories, primarily American missionaries came to Japan, planted churches, started ministries, and eventually handed over the reins to Japanese leaders. In the other, a Japanese pastor planted a church, and is now handing over the reins to American pastors (albeit American pastors raised in Japan). Yet both KMGC and Chiba are stories of success; stories of churches planted, lives changed, and communities transformed by the power of the gospel.

Some may look at the KMGC story with some hesitation—after all, isn’t a sustainable ministry model rooted in entrusting church plants to national leadership? But there’s the problem. Japan simply has too few Christians and too few Christian leaders to meet their great need. As wonderful and inspiring and exciting as these stories are, there is still so much more work to be done in Japan, and that work will take an “all hands on deck” approach.

Dan explains this dynamic through the metaphor of scaffolding. Normally, we pray and work for a model in which missionaries function as scaffolding—a necessary support structure to help plant and is that the scaffolding will eventually come down; the missionaries will eventually leave the building to stand on its own.

“If the scaffolding doesn’t come down, we didn’t do a good job of building the building,” Dan said. “But our problem in Japan is that we still need a ton of scaffolding.”

Japan needs a new generation of Japanese pastors to rise up, plant churches, and lead ministries across their country. And Japan needs many more missionaries from America and across the globe to rise up, plant churches, and lead ministries across Japan.

“Indigenous church planters is our goal, but the Great Commission is our bigger command—to do whatever it takes to make that happen,” Dan said. “A person’s character and call is more important than their passport.” [📖](#)

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As MTW Missionaries Retire, Czech Christians Rise to the Challenge to Grow Local Church



As MTW missionary Johnny Johnson (left) looks to retirement, Czech believer, Roman Martyšćák (right) takes the reigns of the local church.

Growing up in the Czech Republic, Roman Martyšćák had no interest in Christianity. The way he saw it, God was for old people and the dying, a superstitious talking point for weddings and funerals with little practical use.

“I didn’t care for any of that,” Roman said. “At that time, I was just looking to fulfil my own desires. I thought that life gives pleasure and I should take as much as I could.”

Today, the Czech Republic is one of the most atheistic nations in the world—with between 65 and 70% of Czechs self-identifying as atheist. Back then, Roman was one of them, little suspecting how God would use him in the years to come.

MONEY AND MOTORCYCLES

As a young man, Roman moved to the U.S. intending to make his fortune and then return home. Over the next decade, he moved all over the country for work: from Colorado to Rhode Island and beyond, making good money along the way.

“I loved motocross, so I bought a motorcycle and started racing,” Roman said. “My life was all about that. And yet, even when I had money, when I had the sport I loved, when I had everything, I was still unsatisfied inside.”

One day, standing out on the motocross track, Roman turned to a friend and asked: “What is this all about? Why are we here?”

“I don’t know,” his friend answered. “Just forget it.”

But the question kept nagging Roman, tugging on his empty heart. Six months later, Roman

woke up in the middle of the night, the question ringing in his ears louder than ever.

Money and motorcycles could not bring him happiness—so what was life all about? Suddenly, the thought came to him: “If there is a God, I am here for Him, and He is here for me.”

“It was like everything was changed from black to white,” said Roman. “I was a brand new man.”

The next day, Roman went straight to a bookstore, bought a Bible, and started to read.

“The Bible was answering all my questions, opening the world in front of my eyes,” he said. “I started reading it from Genesis—from God creating the world, the curse—and I knew I was a sinner. And then I read about the Savior who came for His own, for the world, and I was happy. I was different. And I didn’t want to turn back.”

Utterly transformed, Roman prayed that God would use him to bring the gospel to his fellow Czechs.

GLUED TOGETHER IN HARDSHIP

MTW missionaries Johnny and Annette Johnson met Roman soon after they moved to the Czech Republic in 2010 to work with the Zlin Reformed Church. At that point, Roman had moved back to his home country, gotten married, and he and his family were members of the church, armed with a fierce love for Jesus and a passion for the Reformed faith.

“When he got back, Roman invited some of our former missionary partners to come into his household and teach a Bible study,” said Annette. “Through that, his sister and her then-future husband came to know the Lord. After that missionary couple left, Roman invited us to come in and start leading the Bible study with them.”

For the next three years, the Johnsons worked side by side with Roman and his wife, sharing the gospel, talking about Christ, and praying and worshipping together in Roman’s home two or three times every month. This, they thought, was exactly the sort of budding Christian leader the church in Zlin needed! But Roman lacked confidence, never believing that he was cut out for church leadership. His humility was admirable, but his hesitancy held him back from serving the church to his full potential.

Then Roman’s business fell into serious trouble, and eventual failure—an unfortunate result of the global financial crisis. The next few years were an extremely trying, testing time for Roman’s heart, soul, and faith. But the Johnsons and the church came around him, supporting Roman and his family spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Ultimately, the period of hardship pushed Roman to seek the Lord more deeply. It stretched him, growing him into a wiser, more sensitive, spiritually mature believer.

“We glue together in hardship,” Roman said. “When the business was going down, it felt like God had abandoned me. ... But the church showed us what community really means. That was a moment of gluing the church and our family together as one.”

In 2016, the Johnsons and the church invited Roman to help teach the junior high Sunday school class. At first, Roman doubted that he could do the job. “I don’t know how to teach,” he argued. “I don’t have anything to say.”

Roman Martyšćák chats with an MTW intern.



Roman Martyšćák with his wife, Martina

At first, Roman doubted that he could do the job. “I don’t know how to teach,” he argued. “I don’t have anything to say.”

Johnny and Annette worked with him, planning lessons and teaching side by side. Over the coming months, God grew Roman’s love for the children, as well as his confidence. By 2018, the elders of Zlin Reformed Church asked Roman to lead the entire Sunday school program—a task he took on with gusto, skill, and a gospel-driven passion. By late 2020, he had been ordained as an elder himself—ushering in a new era of spiritual leadership. >> pg. 13

A PANDEMIC IGNITES A SURGE OF LIFE-AND-DEATH CONVERSATIONS IN BURDENED BERLIN

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“How can you sleep at night? There are people dying by the thousands! How can you rest?” A few months into the COVID-19 crisis, a government official in Berlin approached his friend, Jay,* with these questions.

Jay, an MTW missionary serving in Berlin, described the official as a man who simply thought of him as a fun person to grab a drink with and talk to. But when the pandemic hit, he was ready to ask the deeper questions.

He wasn't the only one. The pandemic shook people in Berlin communities in a way they hadn't been shaken before. And because of the relationships that he had established, when people had questions about life and death and meaning, they would come to Jay.

THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Over the course of 20 years in Berlin, Germany, Jay's role has always been that of an instigator: starting something new, building a ministry up, and then handing it over to local leadership. So, when he and the national partner church noticed signs of strength in the last church they planted—particularly strong discipleship and leadership development spearheaded by local believers—they knew it was time for Jay to move on to a new project.

That was three years ago. Since then, Jay and his family have been living and serving in a new community straddling Berlin and Brandenburg. There Jay joined forces with local members of the partner church to reach and transform their neighborhood with the love of Jesus and the power of the gospel.

“One of the strengths of our model is community engagement,” said Jay. “Our job is to develop socially-relevant projects where the whole neighborhood says: ‘We like that. And if that has to do with church, then that's a different church than I'm used to.’”

According to Jay, if he swooped into a Berlin neighborhood and immediately started inviting people to a church worship service, few people, if any, would come. Instead, a more effective



Jay coaches and disciples believers on the importance of community engagement.

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and contextually-relevant model for evangelism is rooted in loving and getting to know the neighborhood he's working in—ministering through social engagement, building trust and partnerships through practical outreach, and forging genuine relationships with his neighbors.

“The goal is to engage with people and share life with them,” Jay explained. “And then as we share life with them, we share faith with them. And as we share faith with them, we help them as they come to faith and grow in faith.” >>

>> In his current role, Jay is not only doing that kind of relational evangelism himself, he's also coaching and discipling believers from the partner church to engage their neighbors well, to give to their community, and to share life with people on "their territory, not ours."



Jay and church members actively engage their neighbors to build community.

"The goal is to engage with people and share life with them," Jay explained. "And then as we share life with them, we share faith with them."

Progress seemed slow for the first two years—a very normal challenge for ministries in Germany. But when the pandemic came to Berlin, everything changed.

FEAR AND OPEN DOORS

Though the German government is doing its best to keep people healthy and help businesses stay open, people in Germany—as in many parts of the world—are dealing with intense fear, anxiety, and isolation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Before Germany, I lived in Latin America and experienced earthquakes firsthand," said Jay. "When things are shifting all around you, your natural reaction is to hold on to something, but then you realize that there's nothing you can hold on to because everything is shaking. Right now people are dealing with the fact that what they had been holding on to, that they thought was solid, isn't solid anymore."

With so much instability and uncertainty, many are asking: "Is there something else that is solid that I don't know about?" That's when—building from hard-earned foundations of friendship—Jay has an open door to talk about Jesus.

"People know me as a community worker," said Jay. "That I'm someone who is always talking to people about life together," said Jay. "They know that they can come talk to me about getting a job. They can talk to me about giving their kids used clothes away and I'll bring them to someone who needs them. They can come talk to me about a difficult relationship. And they can talk to me about God. And right now, people just have more of a need to talk."

WALKING AND TALKING

And so, Jay has been talking. He goes on walks with people, one of the few safe and permitted ways to interact with people in Berlin under lockdown, and dives deep into conversations about life and death, fear and hope, man and God.

There's the intellectual: looking for answers to life's big questions, but afraid to open himself up to people. A few weeks ago, he came to one of Jay's evangelism courses.

"Now we're just working through what he believes and what he struggles to believe, point by point," said Jay. "He's so close! It's a joy to see him growing in faith as he comes to know and trust God."

Then there's the government official, a friend who now needed to talk about everything he saw happening around him.

Those questions opened up the door for Jay to tell him the story of our faith: how the world was originally good, but then it became broken; how we turned away from God, but that

God had a plan to fix the brokenness through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; how at the end of time Jesus will come again to make the world new, and restore and unite the goodness that was lost, but how right now we're in the in between time—living in a world full of darkness and sickness and death, but also joy and health and beauty and life. Jay told him about our hope—and, even if just for a moment, it gave this man a glimpse of that hope.

And those are just two of many conversations Jay is having nearly every single day.

"What we're seeing right now are lots of individual discussions just like that," said Jay. "My prayer is that when it's again possible to meet as a large group, the Lord will bring all these conversations together and it will just be this beautiful new body of people that either have come to faith or are on the way. And then they can all see: 'Look at all these people who are on the same path as me!' I think that will be just beautiful."

2020 was a terrifying, lonely, hard year for many people. The sickness, struggle, and death that the pandemic left in its wake are not things to gloss over or dismiss with simple silver linings. And yet, God speaks through hardship as much as He does through beauty, and sometimes the crumbling of our lives' ill-conceived foundations is all that can shake us awake and send us looking for hope.

And when people face those big questions in one neighborhood in Berlin, they know who to go to: the guy who can help you find a job or talk through your relationship struggles or think about what it means to love your neighbor well. And when they talk to Jay, he points them to Jesus. [📖](#)

**Last name omitted for security reasons.*

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Roman [CONTINUED]

"During the last few years, we watched Roman become a powerful witness for the Lord," said Johnny. "He really stepped up to the plate—started holding teacher training meetings and opportunities to pray for the kids. He is pretty widely recognized in the church as someone that God has His hand upon."

A PATTERN OF GOSPEL GROWTH

The way Johnny and Annette see it, Roman is representative of what God has been doing in the Zlin Reformed Church over their whole period of missionary service. Over the last 10 years, the Johnsons have seen not only Roman, but many others come forward to develop the church and spread the gospel in the Czech Republic. The kids who the Johnsons taught in Sunday school when they were but 9 or 10 years old are now in their early 20s and leading Christian youth groups, not just for their church, but for the whole community.

Meanwhile, older Christians in the church are looking toward the future, strategizing about how to best disciple the younger generation and draw them into ministry. Just in the last year, the Zlin Reformed Church joined a network of churches that is actively working to plant churches throughout the Czech Republic.

As for Roman, he sees the legacy of the MTW missionaries who have cycled through Zlin over years as a core to the church's current health and self-sufficiency: "The first missionaries were Sid and Louise Anderson, and through them I saw God grow the church from its beginning to a firm foundation; then Hans and Gretchen Deutschmann came, and through them the Lord gave the church even more love and heart and compassion; and finally the Johnsons came, and through them the Lord gave the church stability, warmth, focus, and vision. All of them gave to the church their full hearts, gifts, and talents. The church grew as the seasons went by. The best thing now would be if we could have all of them here and enjoy the fullness with them."

Each missionary family served as a crucial building block for the church, giving it a unique element that only they could give, and ultimately setting it up to succeed and grow on its own.

This past December, Johnny and Annette retired from the mission field after a decade of faithful service. They're leaving behind not a church scrambling to survive in their absence, but a body of believers strengthened by the legacy of several generations of missionaries and ready to lead the way into the future. Roman is just one of many fueled by grace and on fire for the gospel. [📖](#)



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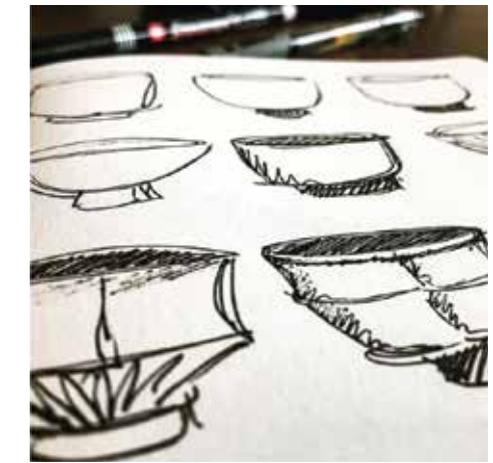


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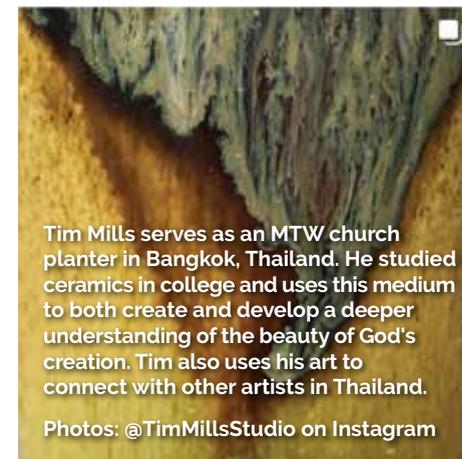
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What an incredible privilege it is to join God's story of redemption—not only as the objects of His love, but as those who bring His message of grace to the nations!

For the past couple of years, we have been asking PCA churches to pray for an additional 1% of their adult members to be sent as longer-term global missionaries. As we asked the church to pray, we also asked our fields, *“If God were to send many more workers, what new kingdom advancing goals would you like to accomplish?”*

Each of our different regions got together, prayed, dreamed, and came up with specific field goals. When we added up all the goals, this was the result: In the next 10 years, by God's grace we would like to see 63 new countries engaged; 192 new cities engaged; 486 new churches planted; 29 new campus locations engaged; 38 unreached people groups engaged; and 212 new church planting support ministries started. This is *in addition* to all that MTW is currently doing.* When we look at these goals, we recognize that only God could accomplish this.

In addition to these kingdom outcomes, each region also determined the number of field workers they would need to achieve these goals. Over the next 10 years, they are asking for 714 long-term missionaries, 271 two-year missionaries, and 855 interns. This represents over 1,800 new workers!

We know that nothing can stop God's story of redemption. Indeed, His story continues. It continues through His Spirit working in and through us. Would you join us? Would you join Jesus? Would you join His story of redeeming the whole world?

Learn more about our growth goals and how to play a role in building His kingdom at Join the Story: mtw.org/join



**As of 2019, MTW was working with about 368 church plants/church revitalization works and 492 church planting support ministries in 97 countries, with 615 career missionaries and 63 two-year missionaries.*



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