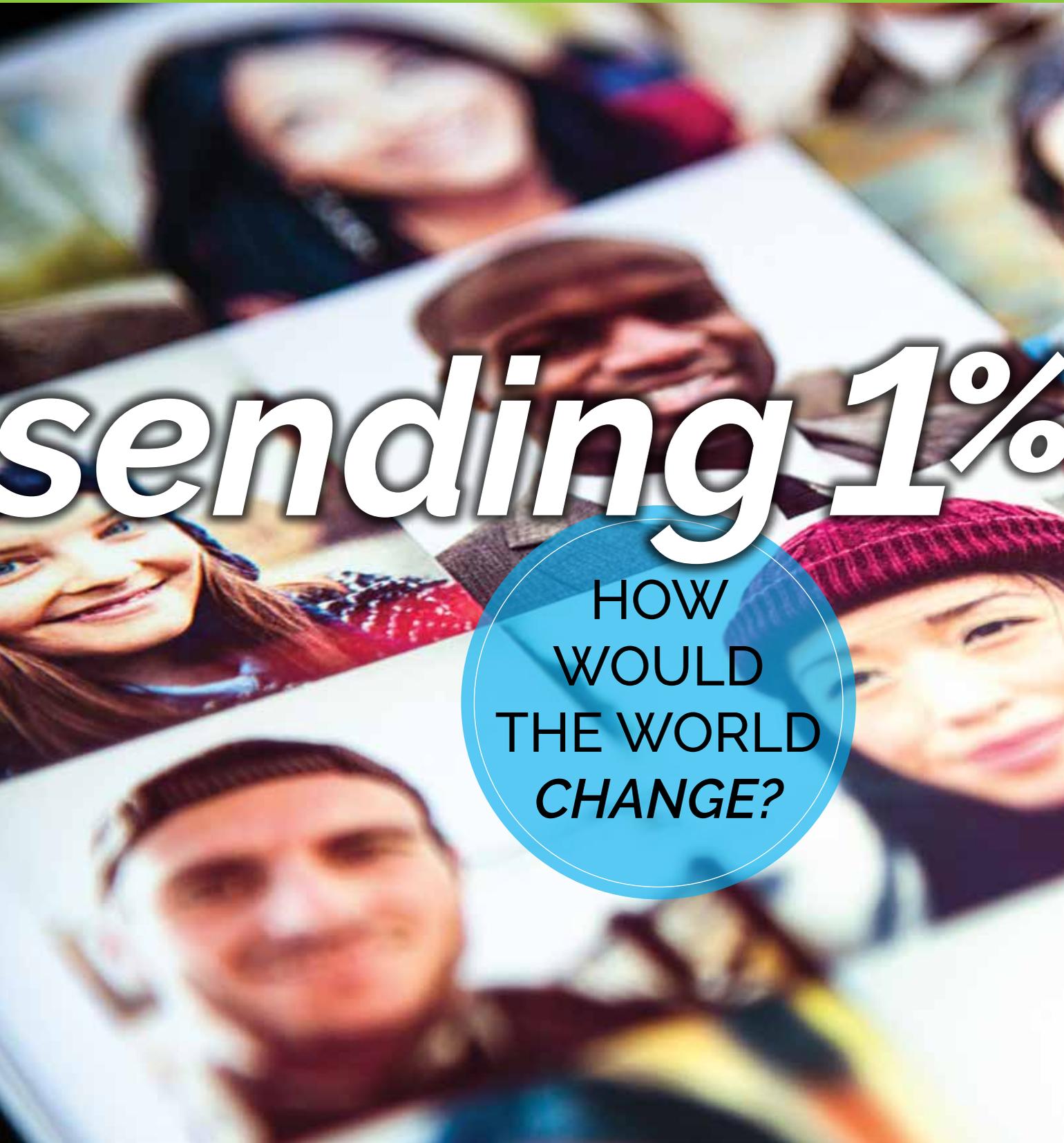




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When MTW Coordinator Lloyd Kim first announced the 1% Challenge at the 2016 PCA General Assembly in Mobile, Alabama, he was met with applause—a palpable level of excitement atypical of good, stoic Presbyterians. The vision Lloyd cast that day was bold, audacious even, in its scope and ambition.

BY: ANDREW SHAUGHNESSY

He challenged each PCA church to pledge 1 percent of their members to be new missionaries serving internationally within 10 years, either with MTW or with another missions organization. That title of a tithe would mean 2,800 new missionaries sent out to proclaim the gospel, plant churches, and be the hands and feet of Christ across the globe.

But did that challenge actually change anything? How was this push for greater dedication to global missions any different from last year or the year before?

Almost immediately after Lloyd's announcement, MTW field leadership started challenging their teams to think bigger. But there was not yet a concerted effort by the entire organization. The turning point came last August. As Europe International Director David Stoddard remembers it, the MTW senior team was all together in one room at a leadership retreat. At one point the conversation died down, and John Tubbesing, MTW's Business as Mission director and interim chief administrative officer asked, "Are we really serious about the 1 percent?"

No one said a word.

"Are we really serious about this?" he asked again, emphatically. "Because from a business perspective, I don't think we are."

At first the room was silent. But then the minds started whirring, and people began to speak, to brainstorm, to plan. They started unpacking the heart of John's question and hashing out what concrete changes the 1% Challenge would produce. What could be the implications for MTW's home office? For the church? For the field?

SETTING UP CHAIRS IN THE REVIVAL TENT

First, MTW leadership realized they needed to act in faith by readying the organization's infrastructure for growth. If, in a few short years, nearly 3,000 new missionaries came on board, MTW couldn't just keep doing the same things and be able to equip them all.

"If we really believe that God will answer our prayer, we need to prepare for it," said Lloyd. "It's like if you say, 'We're praying

for 1,000 people at this outreach event,' and then you set up 50 chairs. It makes you wonder, do you really believe that God's going to answer your prayer? No, you set out 50 chairs. That tells you what you believe."

Now, MTW is establishing regional hubs in strategic locations across the country. These hubs are building networks to better support churches, universities, and seminaries with events and trainings localized to their regions.

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MTW West Coast and Midwest have launched in Southern California and St. Louis, and we're looking to open MTW Southwest this summer. We've also started conversations about an MTW Northeast hub.

"These are the chairs that we're setting up," said Lloyd.

This new, decentralized approach is a bold new frontier for the PCA and MTW, a grassroots effort better positioning us to personally connect with the Reformed community scattered across the country. But mobilizing thousands of missionaries in the next decade will take more than rethinking and restructuring. More than anything it will take the Spirit →

moving in local churches to spur ordinary hearts toward God's extraordinary mission.

WE NEED TO BE UNASHAMED SUPERNATURALISTS

"We're a church of about 250 or so, so we'll probably raise up two to three people to send to the mission field," said Joel Treick, senior pastor of Pinewoods Church in Cantonment, Florida. "It's a big goal, but it's exciting. It's something that we really believe in and that we're trying to see happen by the power of prayer."

Now, Joel is preaching through a missions-focused sermon series leading up to a spring missions conference. In his mind, the more a church is sending people out—both overseas and into their communities—the more new converts will flock to that church. Joel wants to see the best and brightest of his congregation going out to serve as cross-cultural missionaries. "On Sunday we did a sermon

on the Great Commission and I said, 'I believe that God is going to raise up two or three of you to go overseas. ... But listen, why not five? Why not 10? We're not the most giant congregation in the PCA, but why can't we send 10 people? Is that too great for God to do? Absolutely not.'"

It would be so easy to respond to the 1% Challenge with skepticism, or cynicism, or fear. It would

be understandable for a pastor to respond that his church is too small for missions, or too big to mobilize one of every 100, or that the finances just don't add up. But our call is not to fear, but to dare greatly for the gospel.

"I love the idea of the 1 percent. ... We need to be challenged," Joel said. "We need to be unashamed supernaturalists and ask God to do big things. ... I'm so thankful that we have an organization like MTW that's thinking through the nuts and bolts of training and sending and strategy and all that. I love it. But when that engine has the fuel of the Holy Spirit, man that thing's gonna go."

FAITH AND FOLLOW-THROUGH

According to MTW Asia-Pacific International Director Cartee Bales, one of the biggest effects of the 1% Challenge is that it has allowed MTW field leaders to dare to dream of what could be—to look at the mercy projects, the people, the neighborhoods in need of church plants that have gripped missionaries' hearts for years, but that they've had to neglect because there just weren't enough people.

"We're asking the field to lift its eyes a little bit and ask, 'What might God do here in the next 10 years if we had the resources to do it?'" said Cartee.

BUT JUST HOW MUCH MORE?

David Stoddard ran the numbers. Assuming the trends and ratios all stay the same over the next 10 years, if MTW received each one of the 1% Challenge's missionary yield, that translates to 662 new missionaries in Europe.

"What that concretely means is, we have got to train and equip more team leaders," David said. "We're working on being better able to receive, train, and equip missionaries in order to strengthen the local European church."

What could be the impact of 662 missionaries on post-Christian Europe? How many churches could be planted, communities transformed, and lives changed by the peace-bringing power of the gospel, when hundreds of Christ-followers are sent out by the church into the heart of Africa, into the megacities of Asia, into the islands of the Pacific and the mountain towns of South America?

In the end, the point of the 1% Challenge is not to make MTW bigger and better known. It's not to bring in more finances or even to have more missionaries for their own sake. The point is the advancement of the kingdom, the propagation of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

It's not about the numbers; it's what happens because of the numbers. Changing the world is in God's hands. We're simply answering His call to missions. [▶](#)

Are you a church leader?

Sign up at mtw.org/areyou1 to commit to praying for God to raise up 1 percent of your members. We'll send you a packet to help get you started.

Are you ready to serve?

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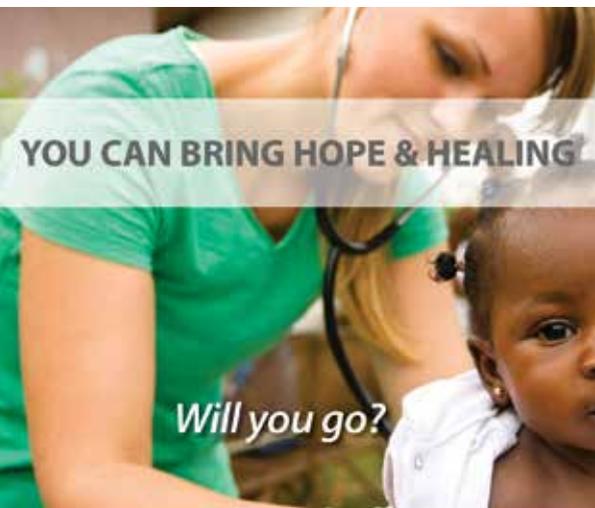
What would happen if every PCA church pledged 1% of their members to missions?

If God prompted every PCA church to pledge 1% of their members, we could send more than 2,800 workers across the globe!

Pray that God would bring your church's members forward to be part of the 1%. We are ready to help with questions and guide next steps.

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FROM THE COORDINATOR



Dr. Lloyd Kim

1% Challenge: Advancing the Great Commission

Our vision is the gospel of the kingdom advancing throughout the world. Our mission is making disciples among the nations. Both of these are shaped by our values: the Church, grace, Reformed and covenantal theology, and mercy, justice, and the love of God.

What is the key metric in determining the scope of our disciple-making ministry? It is the number of disciple-makers. In other words, the more qualified longer-term missionaries we have, the more disciples are made, the more churches planted, the more communities are impacted with the gospel. The opposite would also be true. The fewer longer-term missionaries we have, the less impact we will make for the kingdom.

In 2012 we came to the realization that unless we added 150 new missionaries in two years, our mission force would radically decrease—primarily because of the anticipated number of retiring missionaries. So we prayed for 150. We asked you to pray for 150. What happened? After two years we had added about 150 new missionaries. God had heard our prayers. We then asked, "Why did we only pray for 150?" Our vision isn't just maintaining what we have, it's the gospel of the kingdom *advancing* through the world.

So we asked, "What would a kingdom-advancing prayer look like?" The idea of tithing came up—not tithing money, but people for missions. We wanted to challenge the church to offer up their best evangelists, disciple-makers, and leaders to go and serve in missions. After much prayer and reflection, we decided to ask the church to begin to pray for 1 percent. If every PCA church gave 1 percent of its members for longer-term missions service in the next 10 years, that would result in over 2,800 new missionaries. Think of what God can do, will do, with 2,800 new missionaries!

Jesus tells His disciples in His Word to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matt 9:38). Would you pray boldly with us for 1 percent?

If you'd like to pray with us that God would send out laborers into His harvest, go to mtw.org/pray and sign up for our Pray 9:38 quarterly email. [▶](#)

Lloyd Kim

BEAUTY POURED INTO BROKENNESS

A MEXICAN MISSION LIVES OUT THE GOSPEL IN AN IMPOVERISHED NEIGHBORHOOD

The Aquiles Serdan neighborhood sits between the garbage dump and the red light district in Reynosa, Mexico. Chickens, stray dogs, and horse-drawn garbage carts wind their way through the dusty streets, punctuated by the occasional vendor hawking snacks from a bicycle. It's a tough place for a kid to grow up.

BY: ANDREW SHAUGHNESSY



Neighborhood boys laugh at an Isaiah 55 event.

But in the midst of the dust and the poverty, the cartel-control, and the overbearing sense that this place is inescapable, there is an old estate, once overrun with rats and garbage, now refurbished with a promise of hope.

Walk across the dusty yard, through the door, up the stairs, and into an upper room, and you'll find walls lined with artwork done by neighborhood kids: a pink-haired man floating through the clouds on an umbrella, dragons and whales colored with crayons, abstract self-portraits done by the children of prostitutes, street toughs, and shopkeepers. Here, beauty is scratched out on paper and the gospel is spoken to brokenness.

This is the Isaiah 55 community center, where MTW missionaries Ryan and Karen Culbertson, Tim and Kristy

Holliday, and Marcus and Heather Rudd, along with their Isaiah 55 teammates, minister to the people of Aquiles Serdan in partnership with the Camino de Fe church plant. They teach art classes here to the neighborhood kids. Then there's computer, Bible, and ESL, sewing classes for local women, a space to host neighborhood parties, medical clinics, and VBS—all part of the team's effort to build relationships and establish themselves as part of the community.

"We're told in Genesis that we're created in God's image," Ryan said. "The first picture that we have of God actually doing something is creating. And I think that every human being has got that built into their fabric."



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CAN YOU TEACH ME?

One summer four years ago, the team encountered a local boy, 10 or 11. He was a troublemaker, making crude comments and leering at the girls, spurring confrontations with the missionaries. The kid's ambition was to join the cartel—a natural option in this neighborhood—and he played the role of an aspiring gangster well.

Like many other kids in the neighborhood, he didn't go to school and couldn't read. One day he came to the team and asked, "Can you teach me?"

He entered one of their tutoring programs where the team taught him to read and write and poured into his life, folding the boy into their Christian community.

Four years later, though the boy has not yet professed faith, Ryan says: "I can see the Holy Spirit working on this kid's heart. Now he's a welcome guest at my house, and he comes for our small group Bible study just about every week.... The Spirit is definitely working and moving in kids' lives."

Our vision is to be a church-planting church, to make disciple-making disciples, working always for His kingdom."

That holistic vision directly feeds into the work at the community center outreach. The team, working with the church, is bringing the gospel to bear on their neighborhood: evangelizing, building relationships and doing life with the poor, hanging out with kids, teaching them art, and discipling them.

POTHoles AS CANVAS

For over a year, the Reynosa team had been filling in potholes in the neglected neighborhood. Inspired by a Chicago artist, they gathered bits of broken glass, bottle caps, and shattered ceramic, and had the neighborhood kids make mosaics in the wet cement, building beauty where before there was brokenness.



Filling in a neighborhood pothole with mosaic.

What a powerful picture of what the church should look like in action—simultaneously speaking the truth of the gospel and bringing beauty to broken lives and neighborhoods.

"Our goal is to see a kid from this area be raised up to plant a church in the neighborhood," Ryan said. It's a long-term goal, but one that the Isaiah 55 team and the Reynosa church plant will be praying toward, empowered by and trusting in the Spirit.

Perhaps after years of street soccer and watercolors, after endless hours of conversation with Christians, after Bible studies and discipleship and watching and learning from men and women of faith, God will take the kind of kid who aspires to a life of crime, and refine him into a godly leader who builds for the kingdom in his neighborhood. Perhaps the way to a church plant in Aquiles Serdan is paved with mosaic-filled potholes. [a](#)



Pastor Xoca preaches and teaches in Aquiles Serdan.

Enter Camino de Fe.

The church was planted in 2012 by Mario Xoca, a Mexican pastor, and is entirely Mexican-led. In 2013, Mario connected with the Isaiah 55 team, joining it full-time in 2015.

"They were looking for a gospel-centered church, and we were looking for a mercy ministry with the same vision—work for the kingdom," said Mario. The community outreach has become an essential part of the missional ministry philosophy of Camino de Fe.

"The good news not only means salvation," he added. "This is only the beginning. It is all about restoration of relationship with others, with creation, with the neighborhood, government, arts, politics, and education.

"The good news not only means salvation... it is all about restoration."

"I want Jesus very much, but what about the witch doctor?"

BY: DR. CHARLES TAYLOR

RESPONDING TO JESUS IN THE DOMAIN OF VOODOO THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE FOR THE LIFE OF A HAITIAN WOMAN

This past January, a 29-year-old woman named Magalie came to the clinic in Gonaives, Haiti, where I was serving, with several complaints. After examining her and giving her medications, I explained the gospel to her and asked if she would put her trust in Jesus. As she listened to the good news about sin, grace, and eternal life, tears ran down her face. She said, "I want Jesus very much, but what about the witch doctor?"

THE Pervasiveness of Haitian Voodoo

I have been involved with medical missions in Central and South America since 1993. Two years ago I was told about MTW's medical mission to Haiti by another physician who

loved the method and the priority of sharing the gospel that was promoted by the leader of the group, Dr. Tom Edwards. I first joined the group for the January 2017 mission, and was amazed at the needs of the Haitian people. The level of poverty in Haiti is unlike anything I'd seen in Central or South America, and the spiritual darkness is deeper as well.

I have heard it said that Haitians are 45 percent Protestant, 45 percent Catholic, and 95 percent Voodoo. The pervasive effect of Satanism and witchcraft saps the strength even from Christians, and the difficulty in reaching the Haitian people with the gospel frustrated me.

In preparation for my initial trip, Dr. Edwards taught me how to use the Evangecube—a picture cube used to share the gospel cross-culturally—and I fell in love with the technique. I shared with over 100 patients that week, but very few said yes to Jesus. A fear of the demonic held most back. Some were even willing to say so: "I want to have Jesus, but the witchdoctor ..."

I had no tool for this.



FIGHTING THE BATTLE WITH PRAYER

Pastor Esaïe Etienne, MTW missionary in Haiti, gave me the key. "All you can do is pray," he told me. And I did pray. I prayed and asked God, "Are we to believe that Satan owns Haiti? That your people are powerless there? That the name of Jesus cannot help those in the clutches of witch doctors? That we are simply too spiritually weak to stand up to this enemy?"

A few months in advance of this year's mission I began to try out my Evangecube with hypothetical Haitian patients. Only now, I began to question the power of their witch doctors, their charms, and yes, even Satan himself!

January 2018 came, we began our work, and before long I encountered Magalie, the young woman who wanted Jesus but feared the witch doctor. Little by little, I learned more of her story.

A number of years ago Magalie had been very sick and became unconscious. Her parents took her to the witch doctor and she recovered. After that, she and her parents had to buy charms from the witch doctor and store them up in their tiny house to keep demons away. They were warned repeatedly that if they stopped paying the money for the charms the demons would attack them and they would be sicker than before.

Now Magalie was in debt to the witch doctor. That very day she was planning to take the bus to Cap-Haïtien for a Satan worship festival to deliver a payment. She knew of friends who had tried to stop paying the witch doctor and had become very sick or had severe pain. When the witch doctor found out that those friends had become Christians, he brought severe curses and sickness on them. She couldn't take the chance.

Our conversation went back and forth for 30 minutes.

SET FREE IN CHRIST

"Do you really want to live the rest of your life in fear like this?" I asked. "Jesus calls you to Himself with love, not fear. He put Himself on the cross to save you. He died for you! What is the witch doctor doing but extorting your money from you? Yes, Satan is powerful. But he can only hurt your body, he can never touch your soul... Next to God he is nothing. God created and upholds the entire universe. Compared to God, Satan is a little bug. God will squash him in the end."

All at once Magalie said, "Yes, I want to receive Jesus. I will renounce Satan."

I said that I would lead her in a prayer and that she should repeat after me, but only if she agreed completely with what I had said. In addition to the usual prayer I added the phrase, "I renounce Satan and all his ways."

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Pastor Esaïe met with Magalie that same day and encouraged her, and then the elders of Trinity Presbyterian Church Gonaives went to her house and helped her to burn all the Voodoo charms. Several godly women have begun to meet with her to teach and encourage her. She came to church Sunday morning and evening, and had a beautiful smile.

God's power won this victory for Magalie. She has suffered none of the ill effects that the witch doctor threatened. She knows that Jesus changed her life and she is so thankful. Freedom! 🙏

Dr. Charles Taylor is a cardiologist in the Indianapolis area. He assists the MTW medical team led by Dr. Tom Edwards.



FROM ONE DIVINE APPOINTMENT TO ANOTHER

GOD'S PROVIDENCE THROUGH OUR CHURCH-PLANTING JOURNEY

In 2015 our family relocated from Bangkok, Thailand, to a new city in Southeast Asia with the hopes of seeing a church-planting movement

BY: PAUL HENRY

begin. Many times I've had to fight off the despairing idea that this won't happen and the nagging question, "Are we doing the right thing?"

It is during these dark hours that I am reminded of God's goodness to us and His providence that have brought us to this city. God gently reminds me of the lives we are seeing changed by the gospel.

A PROVIDENTIAL LANDLADY

It first happened when we were looking for a house to rent. We saw a house with a "for sale" sign in the window and called the owner, Tiaw, asking her if she would rent to us instead. She said yes, though she later told us that many other people had asked her if they could rent it and she had told them no—but she just felt like she needed to rent to us.

Fast forward two years. By God's grace, Tiaw and her son are now Christians. The idols in her home are gone and her giant spirit house, a shrine to the "protective spirit" of a place, has been destroyed. Last year she and her son were

baptized, and she's excited about her faith and sharing it with others.

A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

Six months ago Tiaw was in the airport. A lady in front of her needed help with her luggage and Tiaw assisted by checking one of her bags for her. The two ladies ended up sitting close to one another on the plane and Tiaw was able to share the gospel with her.

On a second trip to the airport Tiaw ran into the same lady again! Soon they began spending time together and Jume* started reading the Bible with Tiaw. Jume was amazed at the joy and peace Tiaw had.

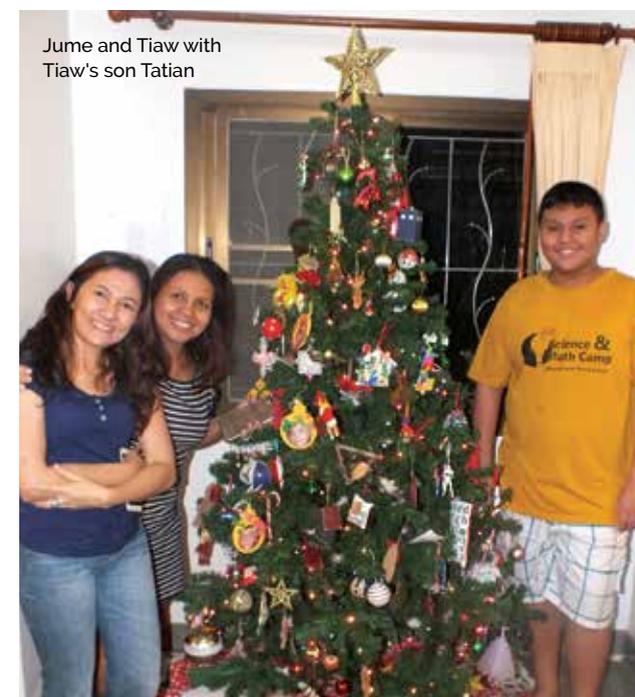
AN ANSWERED PRAYER

For some time Jume had been praying to someone—she didn't know whom—and asking this "god" if he would reveal himself to her. She asked him if he would send someone to teach her about who he is, and if he would take away the "bad" people in her life and give her "good" people. The one true God answered that prayer when He put Tiaw and Jume next to each other in line at the airport, and brought Jume to us.

We are amazed at how God works. Jume prayed to receive Christ and celebrated her first Christmas ever as a Christian this past December. On Christmas night at our house, she cried because she was so thankful that God answered her prayer and brought "good" people into her life, and that He showed Himself to her.

AN UNEXPECTED TRIAL

One week after Christmas, Jume's 17-year-old nephew, whom she helped raise, was murdered. Jume didn't tell us the night



Jume and Tiaw with Tiaw's son Tatian

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it happened because she didn't want to bother us. She didn't know that as Christians, we are called to mourn with those who mourn and comfort those who need comforting because we are family now.

When we found out two days later, Jume was at the temple where her nephew's viewing was held. We immediately notified the people at our church plant, and within two hours every single Christian from the church went to see her at the temple, even though it was an hour away.

Everyone mourned with her. Jume got to experience love from her new family, which she had never experienced before. I was afraid that Jume would participate in the Buddhist ceremonies—or even renounce her new faith—but she did not. We got to pray with and for her at the temple, in full view of those around us.

TRUSTING HIS PROVIDENCE

I still don't know exactly why God worked through Jume's life in this way, but I have to trust in His providence and goodness. God has a plan for Jume and He loves her more than we ever could.

Today Jume continues to grow in the Lord. When times are difficult on the field (and they often are), I stop and recount the many ways in which God is at work. His gospel changes not only my heart, but all these people around us as well. [📍](#) **Name has been changed.*

Paul Henry serves with MTW in Southeast Asia.



Sending Our Best and Brightest

BELIEVING GOD FOR 1%

This month, our church embraced the 1% Challenge: asking God to raise up and send out 1 percent of our church members into cross-cultural, global missions.

BY: JOEL TREICK

It's a little bit scary, but we believe God can do this, and we believe that God would be glorified if our prayers are answered.



Pastor Joel Treick at Pinewoods Church

Our prayers are attached to specific people, some of our best and brightest. I'm asking God to send away our children's director, one of the best youth interns we've ever had, one of our brightest college students, and a fully-invested member of our worship team. These are people who are committed to worship, discipleship, prayer, and evangelism. They're friendly, kind, and generous. They're open with their struggles, approachable, and committed to Jesus and to our congregation.

So why would we ask God to send them away?

We're asking God to send them away *because* they're our best and brightest people, *because* they love Jesus, *because* they understand that the gospel is good news, and they want people to hear it! We're asking God to send them away because, according to the Joshua Project, there are more than 3 billion lost people in the world, 80 percent of whom don't know a single Christian. We're sending them out because we're unapologetic believers in the Great Commission. We believe that God saves people through ordinary people who preach an extraordinary message—that Jesus died on the cross to save sinners like us. We're sending them out because the cross matters, because grace matters, because heaven and hell are real places, and because lost people matter to God.

I love the fact that we're asking God to do something so big, so audacious, so beyond our own capacities and capabilities that, when it happens, the only explanation is, "God did this!" I love the fact that I won't get the glory! I love the fact that MTW won't get the glory. I love the fact that the PCA won't get the glory. ... I love the fact that God will get the glory!

What if we all prayed, "God, would you raise up and send out 1 percent of our members?" Do you think God can answer that prayer? I do! Wouldn't you like to tell your kids and grandkids about the time we had an unrealistic dream and prayed audacious prayers, only to sit back and laugh as God answered those prayers beyond our wildest dreams? I would!

So will you join us? Will you pray? Will you send your best and brightest people to the global mission field? Will you believe that God can use them to change the world by advancing His kingdom? [👉](#)

Joel Treick is senior pastor of Pinewoods Church (PCA) in Cantonment, Florida.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

MINISTERING IN PUERTO RICO IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE MARIA

When Hurricane Maria roared through the Caribbean with 150 mph winds in September 2017, no one in Puerto Rico was left untouched. The storm took out the power grid of the entire island and left most people without phone service and internet access.

Some lost roofs and homes. The actual death toll is still unknown. Roads blocked by flooding, downed trees, and power lines made driving difficult, especially without working traffic signals.

AID FOR THE ELDERLY

But immediately, people started assisting in their own communities—neighbors helping neighbors. After hearing that a nearby 10-story assisted living facility for the elderly had no working elevator, we stopped by to help. Spending time with these folks made us aware of the needs of the elderly during this crisis, many of whom lack family support and resources. With funds raised through an MTW project, we were able to provide seniors with solar lights, portable radios and fans, and insect repellent. This has opened doors for us to share in worship services and to return with a group of youth from our church over Christmas.

Meanwhile, the seminary where Joe teaches opened its doors just two weeks after the storm despite having no electricity or water. Thankfully, a generator was available for evening classes. Even students who lost homes were back in class and all have demonstrated amazing resilience and determination, some studying by the light of lanterns in the evenings. One student who lost his home remarked, "It was only *things* that I lost."

CHURCHES HELPING NEIGHBORS

Our church south of San Juan, *Torre Fuerte* ("Strong Tower"), a former prosperity gospel church now embracing Reformed

theology, reached out to needy communities after the storm, delivering water, food, and other necessities. Shortly after the hurricane hit, MTW's Global Disaster Response sent an assessment team that met with church leaders to encourage them and offer their experience and expertise. Local leaders are guiding us in our response to their long-term needs and how the church can come alongside the community.

BY: BEV FITZPATRICK



Donations helped provide much-needed resources for the elderly.

La Travesía ("The Journey"), the PCA church plant in San Juan, distributed donated relief supplies with assistance from MNA in the immediate aftermath of the storm. They have now joined with other churches to offer leaders monthly training in long-term development and recovery and are also adopting a needy community with damaged homes.

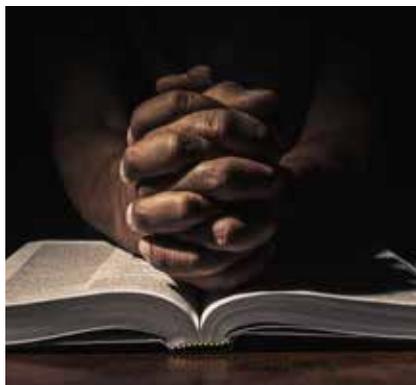
The winds of Maria are still blowing in many ways as recovery continues. We ask for prayer that the gospel of grace will continue to advance into new areas and, in the midst of change and loss, to provide comfort, peace, and hope in Christ. [👉](#)

Joe and Bev Fitzpatrick serve in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please support future disaster response efforts at mtw.org/compassion.

What's My Role in the 1% Challenge?

MTW is challenging the PCA to pledge 1 percent of its members to global missions. The potential impact of a fourfold increase in the number of missionaries on the field is staggering: new churches will be formed, unreached people will hear the gospel, and even more lives will be transformed by the hope of grace. So what does that mean for you? Here are a few ways you can embrace the vision with us.

1. Pray: Join us in praying that God would raise up this 1 percent. If He answers that prayer we could see over 2,800 new missionaries advancing the kingdom for Christ on the mission field!



2. Consider going: Ask God if He might be calling you to be part of that 1 percent serving in global missions. Visit mtw.org/engage to explore ministry opportunities or email go@mtw.org to discuss next steps.

3. Spread the word: Get your church on board! We're seeking pledges from PCA churches that will commit to the 1% Challenge. Visit mtw.org/areyou1 for resources to help you share this vision with your church.

The 18.26 Network

As MTW prays that God would mobilize 1 percent of the PCA as missionaries, we are looking for new, forward-thinking ways to send those God has called. One of these new ways is the 18.26 Network.

Named for the story of tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla in Acts 18:26, the 18.26 Network offers a new paradigm for missions. Rather than raising financial support from churches, family, and friends, aspiring missionaries will find a job overseas in their country of service, supporting themselves and partnering in ministry with traditional missionaries from MTW teams or like-minded global partners. The 18.26 Network will help with the job search, connect people to missionaries and church plants on the ground, and provide training and ongoing care. Learn more at mtw.org/1826.

Business as Mission

MTW offers strategic opportunities to change the world through business. Missions is not just for preachers, teachers, or doctors. There is enormous need and opportunity for businesspeople to serve as cross-cultural missionaries within the framework of local churches, if they exist. Business as Mission (BAM) can also provide a legitimate way for missionaries to access otherwise "closed" countries.

Businesses serve as excellent platforms to build relationships, provide jobs for the poor and oppressed, help bi-vocational pastors and church plants become self-sustainable, and spread the transformative power of the gospel in the communities in which they are formed.

MTW offers short-term opportunities for both business executives and young professionals to use business experience,

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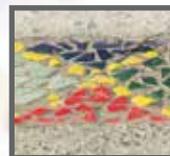


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