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Thank You From the Coordinator



Thank you for another year of generous giving to the MTW Ambassadors Fund. Every year MTW continues in our mission to make disciples among all nations and this is only possible because of the support, prayers, and kindness of people like you.

The longer I witness everything the Lord does through MTW Ambassadors, the more I believe there is no other community like it. God uses this group of people to accomplish much in His work to build His kingdom among every tribe, tongue, and nation and 2024 was no different.

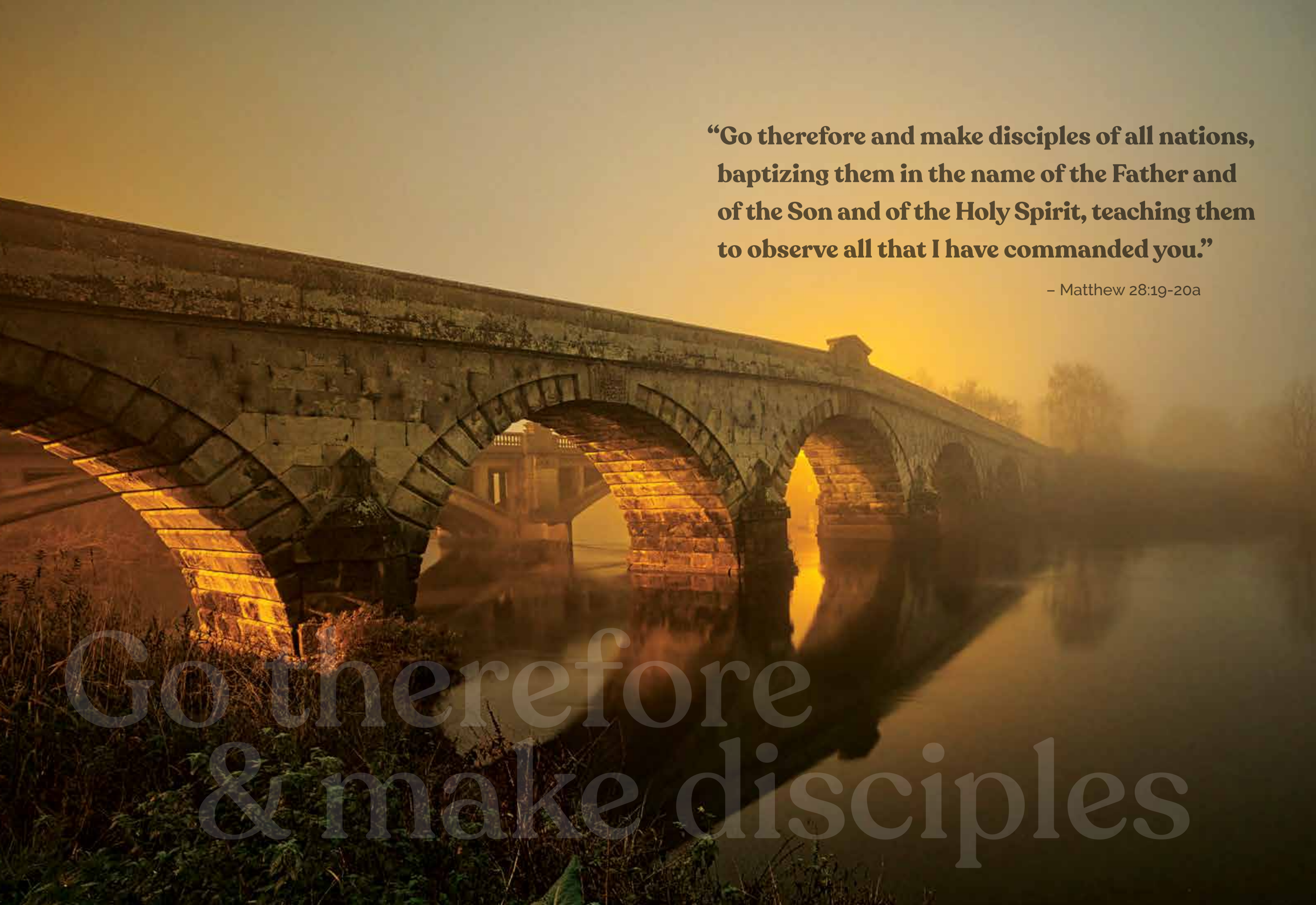
In 2024, you enabled a church plant with limited resources in Mexico to restore their damaged building after several earthquakes. You have made it possible for MTW to send more leaders into an unreached Arab country in the Arabian Peninsula where there are no churches and no Christians. Your gifts have led to the rescue, rehabilitation, and discipleship of girls and women who had been trafficked in Bulgaria and Senegal. You’ve created the

opportunity for leaders around the world to pursue their call to ministry, strengthened underground house churches across East Asia, and made it possible to translate critical Reformed books and resources in Japan, Nepal, Slovakia, and Thailand.

These are just a few examples of the ways your gifts are making a difference for God’s kingdom. The following pages will further unpack the global impact you had in 2024. As you read about the people whose lives you’ve changed, the communities you’ve transformed, and the churches you have strengthened, I hope you realize none of it would have happened without you.

I am so grateful for you and your generosity. Thank you for choosing MTW and for your investment in our Ambassadors program. May you be encouraged that God is using you to build His Church and push back the forces of darkness across the globe. To Him be the glory!

Sincerely,
Lloyd Kim
Lloyd Kim



**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them
to observe all that I have commanded you.”**

– Matthew 28:19-20a

Go therefore
& make disciples



Who We Are

**“We are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us.”**

– 2 Corinthians 5:20a

MTW

Mission to the World sends more than 1,737 Christian workers to approximately 100 countries all over the world who are committed to the establishment, growth, and maturity of the Church.

Our Vision

The gospel of the kingdom advancing throughout the world

Our Mission

Making disciples among all nations

Our Values

- Church
- Grace-Based
- Reformed and Covenantal
- Mercy, Justice, and the Love of God

MTW Ambassadors

MTW Ambassadors have been bolstering MTW in its mission to make disciples among all nations since 2006 by funding projects in three categories—**planting churches, developing leaders, and transforming communities.**

These are not just any projects. Ambassadors invest in ministry initiatives that have been identified and vetted by field leadership for maximum impact. You provide the momentum and startup resources for effective, strategic, and contextualized projects that would not get off the ground without you. The Ambassadors model spurs creativity and innovation and relieves the stress of fundraising so that missionaries can get to work building the Church and preaching the gospel in their communities.

**Planting Churches
Developing Leaders
Transforming Communities**



God's Unchanging Mission in a Changing World

To date, the MTW Ambassadors program has distributed over **950 grants** worth **\$26,060,309** in **97 countries**.

God has given His Church a mission: to make disciples among all nations (Matthew 28:19). Since Jesus came and inaugurated God's kingdom and commissioned His disciples to build it throughout the world, this mission has not changed. But the world has.

Today's world is changing at a breakneck speed. In a mere 50 years, globalization, migration, urbanization, and technological advancements have and continue to radically transform the missions landscape, placing unprecedented demands on missionaries and begging the question, *"How do we build lasting, impactful churches and ministries that reach a world in motion?"*

This is where you step in.

Since 2006, MTW Ambassadors have empowered missionaries to establish effective and strategic projects that overcome ministry obstacles in their context. **With your support, missionaries can suddenly turn challenges into opportunities as they creatively leverage global trends for the growth of God's kingdom.** For example, you have prepared international churches and ministries in Belgium, Greece, South Korea, and the United States to welcome the nations as refugees and migrants flood into these countries. You have made it possible to reach the Muslim world,

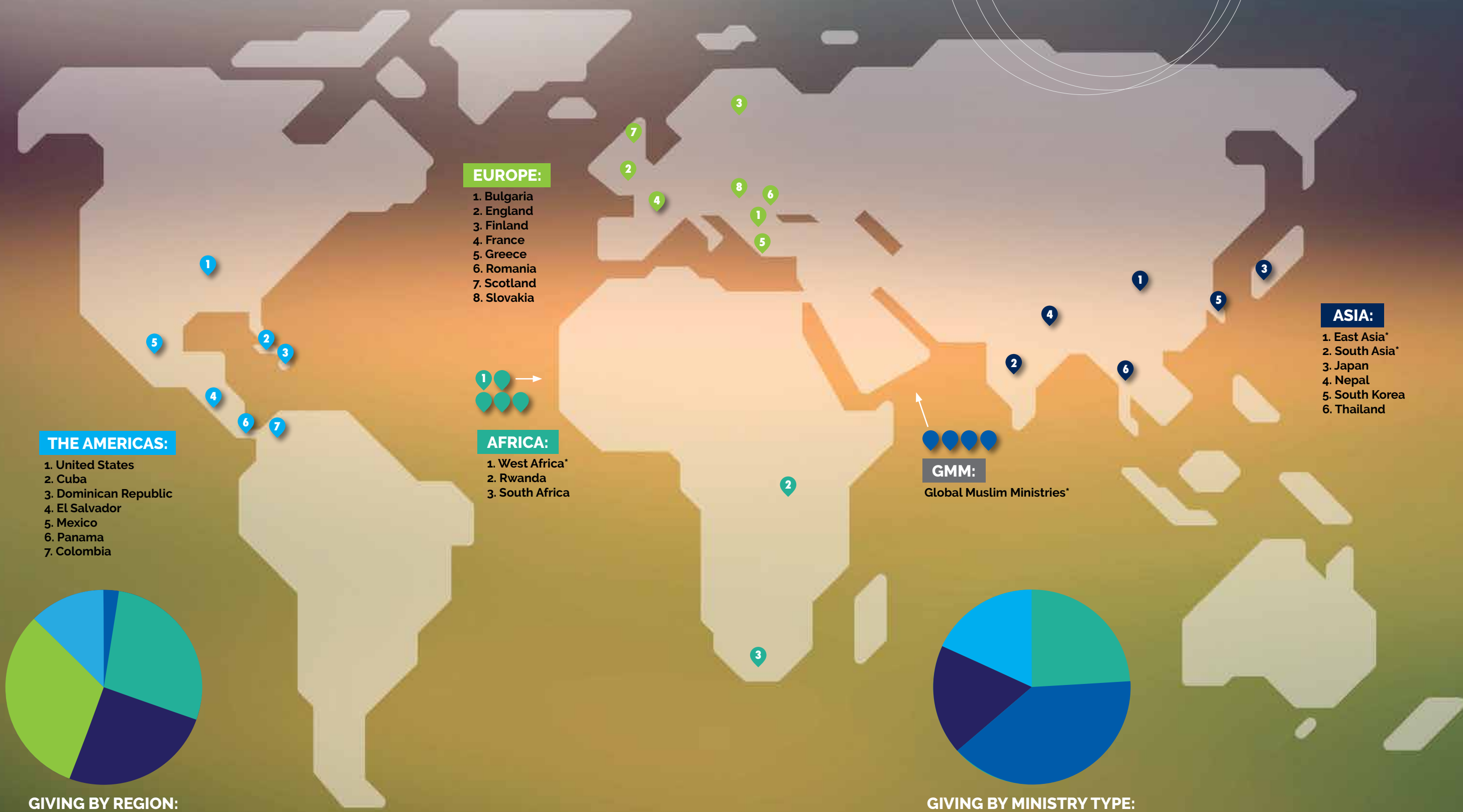
including countries with no access to the gospel message, through technology. Your gifts mean MTW missionaries in Japan, Poland, Slovakia, and Thailand can translate critical biblical and theological resources into the local language for the training of leaders and edification of the Church. You have provided the startup capital to plant churches in urban areas strategically positioned to impact densely populated neighborhoods in Australia, Japan, South Asia, and the United Kingdom.

You make it possible for MTW missionaries to dream bigger, reach further, and accomplish more than they ever thought possible. As a result, pastors and leaders are developed, churches are planted, disciples are made, and thousands of lives are transformed as God uses you to write His beautiful story of redemption across His broken world.

Let's take a look at how you did this in 2024.

Your 2024 Global Impact

In 2024 Ambassadors gave **47 grants** to **44 projects** worth **\$894,898** in **33 countries**.



Americas: \$110,667 Europe: \$286,600 Muslim World: \$22,000 Africa: \$250,200 Asia: \$225,431

Church Planting: 24% Leaders/Leadership Development: 40% Mercy Ministries: 18% Other: 18%

*Specific countries omitted for security reasons.

The Church is God's primary means of extending His kingdom and showing His love and grace in the world. That's why planting churches across the globe is central to MTW's ministry and philosophy.

But planting a church takes time and planting a church cross-culturally can take even longer. Depending on the context, barriers such as government restrictions, persecution, poverty, small Christian populations, and limited resources can hinder any church planting efforts.

Your giving removes these obstacles, clearing the way for MTW and their partners to establish healthy, theologically robust, multiplying churches.

Planting Churches



Raimo and Annemari Survo and their three children

In 2024, MTW Ambassadors gave \$215,867 to 7 church plants, 11 church planters, and 2 church planting movements in 11 countries.

Your Generosity Hard at Work

Freeing a Finnish bi-vocational church planter for full-time ministry

Finland is in desperate need of Reformed churches that preach the unmerited grace of Christ. This is why MTW recently partnered with one of Finland's first and only Presbyterian pastors, Raimo Survo, and his wife, Annemari, in their work to plant Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Kuopio, Finland. Since the church plant is not yet self-sustaining, the Survos must balance the time-consuming and demanding work of church planting while teaching music lessons to support their family of five.

Your gifts have relieved the Survos of this juggling act. A 2024 Ambassadors grant provided one year's salary and ministry funding for Raimo. He can now dedicate all his energy into planting and growing Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The Survos pray that this flagship church will spark a planting movement across their home country.

Taking a Havana church plant's ministry to the next level

As a communist country with no Christian schools, universities, or radio stations, Cuba offers few places where Christians can gather to interact, study, and grow with one



Top: The building purchased with Ambassadors funding
Bottom: Pastor Frank (left), with a group of church members

another. A young MTW church plant in Havana is seeking to provide such a space but faced limitations without its own building. Purchasing property in Cuba requires paying cash in full. A 2023 matching grant from MTW Ambassadors made it possible for the church to overcome this hurdle and purchase a multi-purpose building. In 2024, MTW Ambassadors helped the church implement its vision to disciple its members and reach out to the surrounding community. With another matching grant, the church began renovating their new space to host artist and community events and establish a discipleship center for those in search of honest answers to questions about God, the gospel, and life.

Developing Leaders

Planting healthy churches that preach the purity of the gospel requires leaders. Yet in many countries, theologically trained leaders equipped for the work of church ministry are in short supply. Often those who feel called to ministry have little to no opportunity for a seminary education or leadership development.

You are helping solve this problem.

Whether it is giving to seminaries, funding a future pastor's education, or supporting internship and training programs, you are making it possible to send humble, godly national leaders into their communities to plant churches and disciple people in the gospel.

*In 2024, MTW Ambassadors gave **\$354,000** to **3 seminaries and theological education centers, 9 training programs, 4 leadership development events and 12 leaders in 21 countries.***

Your Generosity Hard at Work

Igniting gospel renewal through pastoral training in Scotland

The birthplace of Presbyterianism is now a country of nearly empty church pews on Sunday mornings. With the rise of secularism, church attendance in Scotland has dropped below 1% and the need for gospel renewal is urgent. To address this, MTW missionaries and the Free Church of Scotland are engaged in an ambitious church planting and revitalization strategy that includes an ongoing initiative to plant 30 churches by 2030. But they need trained ministers to reach this goal, and you are helping make this possible.

With a 2024 Ambassadors matching grant, Edinburgh Theological Seminary can hire a director of training for their new minister-in-training program. The director will provide organizational oversight, spiritual guidance, and pastoral care for the trainees while they participate in various workshops such as preaching, counseling, youth ministry, and church planting. Through your generosity, the Free Church of Scotland now has a way to equip new pastors to lead churches and reach new communities across the United Kingdom.



Edinburgh Theological Seminary

Encouraging persecuted pastors in East Asia*

Since 2012, MTW has been engaged in Grace to City, a nationwide gospel and church planting movement in a large country in East Asia that now reaches 180 cities. Despite the increased government and financial scrutiny churches are facing, MTW and their partners are committed to gospel ministry. A 2024 Ambassadors grant will help Grace to City launch the second phase of their vision: establishing regional centers to oversee church planting efforts in local contexts. Additionally, the grant will provide funding for 250 pastors to gather for a nationwide pastoral forum in June 2025 to help spread this new direction and encourage each of them as they lead their church through a time of persecution.

*Location omitted for security reasons.

MTW's mission is the mission of Jesus and following in His footsteps means preaching the gospel and extending His love and compassion to the vulnerable and broken. Working alongside churches, MTW missionaries are transforming communities with ministries of justice and mercy.

Your gifts mean missionaries can bring peace, beauty, dignity, and healing to those experiencing sickness and disease, poverty, oppression, and exploitation. Together, you and MTW missionaries are providing the hope of the gospel and giving a taste of the goodness of God's kingdom to those in need.

Transforming Communities

In 2024, Ambassadors gave \$325,031 to 12 projects in 10 countries.

Your Generosity Hard at Work

Protecting at-risk women and girls in Bulgaria

Spring of Hope (formerly Daughters of Bulgaria) is an anti-trafficking ministry in Bulgaria that serves individuals at risk of exploitation and trafficking. MTW has partnered with this organization since it began in 2012, supporting their work in prevention, intervention, and aftercare. After functioning under the leadership of MTW missionaries, MTW's national partner Poli Hristova stepped in as the organization's first Bulgarian full time director last January. You played an essential part in helping Poli raise the support needed for her new role.

Through an Ambassadors matching grant, Poli's salary is fully funded and the ministry can give 100% of their resources to their 2025 goals: connecting with 1,000 women through online outreach, reaching 250 at-risk children through prevention efforts, and engaging 100 women currently working in strip clubs.



Poli Hristova (left) with her husband, Vlado, and daughters

Bringing isolated people together in Panama

The strict lockdown rules during the COVID-19 pandemic created a society of isolation in Panama City. You are helping MTW church plant Christ Community Church change these dynamics by establishing a new community café called The Third Place. Located in the middle of a multi-cultural neighborhood, The Third Place café aims to offer a space where community and interdisciplinary ideas can be exchanged, church members can connect with their neighbors, and Christians can promote and share the gospel message of hope.

A matching Ambassadors grant will go toward setting up the café and their initial operating costs as they begin this relational outreach ministry.



Your Giving Leads to Changed Lives



Along the road to advancing God's kingdom through planting churches, developing leaders, and transforming communities, the gospel changes lives. Here are a few people whose stories you have helped write.



(Left to Right) MTW Sofia team leader Dave Culmer, church elder Vlado Hristov, MTW missionary Trevin Hoot, Boris, and Niki.

Justine

Turning Dreams into Reality

Boris' and Niki's Story: Sofia, Bulgaria

Boris' and Niki's journeys began in brokenness when they each delved into drugs during their early adolescence. They spent their teen and young adult years battling addiction and trying different substances until each sought help from Reto, a Christian rehab center in Sofia, Bulgaria. There, they found a loving Christian community who shared the gospel message of redemption with them. Through the ministry of Reto, the Holy Spirit opened their hearts to accept Jesus as their Savior.

From the point of their conversions, both Boris and Niki had a passion for serving the Church and studying the Bible. Both left Reto searching for a gospel-centered church and found their way to MTW's church plant, New Life Church. Shortly after they began attending, interim pastor and MTW missionary Trevin Hoot offered each their dream position as a church pastoral intern during which they would receive a comprehensive theological education and assist the church in pastoral ministry.

Trevin's offer was beyond anything Boris or Niki could have imagined for their lives. Though it was their dream, pursuing pastoral ministry wasn't a viable option for either man since Bulgaria does not have many seminaries and neither had means to attend one



outside the country. Thanks to an Ambassadors grant, the internship is fully funded, allowing Boris and Niki to focus on their studies and ministry responsibilities.

Boris graduated from the program in August 2024 and Niki is on track to graduate in 2025. Each is amazed and grateful for God's redeeming work in their lives.

"I was so broken before that I never thought I would be in the church and especially be a pastor preaching in the church. Ten years ago [when I left Reto] that was only a dream. It wasn't ever going to be real," says Boris.

You have made it real! You have been instruments of God's grace in their lives, making it possible for each to pursue a call to ministry and providing the Bulgarian Church with two leaders who love Jesus and His people.

Providing Hope in Prison

Min's* Story: East Asia*

When her husband began a house church a few years ago, Min entered into a season of loneliness, discouragement, and anxiety. The government in her country had been cracking down on religious freedom and Min struggled to support her husband, raise their children, help the church, and keep everyone safe from the prying eyes of local authorities. It wasn't until Min began attending Parakaleo meetings—an Ambassadors funded ministry—that her outlook began to change.

Parakaleo is a worldwide ministry that trains, equips, and values women in church planting. With the help from Ambassadors, MTW missionaries have been able to host Parakaleo meetings in East Asia. Min found a much-needed support system with women

who understood her experience as a pastor's wife facing government hostility and persecution. They grounded and encouraged Min in the gospel and equipped her for house church ministry.

God also used the Parakaleo meetings to prepare Min for prison. Government authorities arrested Min shortly after they discovered her church meeting at a local hotel. She spent 15 days in prison during which she boldly talked to the guards and other inmates about Jesus. When she was released, she said that her time in jail flew by.

A 2024 Ambassadors grant will expand the Parakaleo ministry in East Asia to help Min and other women like her. As our brothers and sisters in this country face increasing levels of persecution, ministries like Parakaleo can strengthen their faith and encourage them to live courageously for Jesus. Thank you for bringing this life-giving ministry to pastor's wives in East Asia.



Finding Freedom in Jesus' Free Gift of Grace

Justine's Story: Kampala, Uganda

Justine grew up in the Catholic church, knowing the name of Jesus but never hearing the good news of the gospel—that sinners are saved by grace alone through Christ alone. When her husband died, she began attending a Pentecostal church where she found another version of the works-based righteousness she had grown up learning. She was a widow,

living in poverty, and struggling to provide for her children. The Pentecostal church taught Justine that if she prayed enough, prayed in a certain way, and claimed her desires, she could get what she needed from God.

Eventually, she started attending Bible studies at Christ Our Refuge Church—an MTW church plant supported by Ambassadors—located in her neighborhood. Here she learned about God's free gift of grace through Jesus and what it means to trust in Him. Finally, the truth of the gospel set her free from a lifetime of working to merit God's favor and provision. With the pressure to earn God's love off her shoulders, Justine felt free to serve Jesus wholeheartedly. She is a core member and pillar of the young church plant, singing in the choir, engaging in the church's mercy ministry, and discipling the younger women in the church.

By 2024, the church had outgrown their meeting space and began raising funds to purchase their own property. A matching grant from Ambassadors pushed them further toward this goal. With the Ambassador funds, the church bought land and built their new facilities. Thanks to you, Justine and her church family now have a permanent space to worship, fellowship, and share Christ's love with each other and their community.



Follow QR codes to the full stories.

*Name changed and location omitted for security reasons.



West Africa: An Example of Why Your Generosity Matters

Every year MTW Ambassadors support ministries that have the potential to reach entire cities, countries, and even regions of the world with the gospel. One field where your investment has led to dramatic kingdom growth is West Africa.

For decades, this majority Muslim region was mostly closed to Christianity and the Church saw little progress. But in recent years there has been a growing tolerance of Christianity in parts of the region and the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of many West African people. This has opened the door for MTW and their partners to establish contextualized, sustainable ministries that by God's grace will bear fruit for generations and MTW Ambassadors stand behind all of it.

Your investment has led to:

- Establishing Timothy House, a theological training and pastoral residency program, in three countries.
- Launching the first RUF-Global in Senegal at Cheikh Anta Diop University in the country's capital city, Dakar.
- Planting churches among the Wolof and Fulani people—two of West Africa's largest unreached people groups.
- Solving food insecurity and creating a means of income for thousands of West Africa farmers and local churches with MTW's life-changing agricultural development program.

- Supporting six theological training centers and 12 pastors through times of poverty, disease, flooding, and government and social scrutiny.
- Starting the Teranga Village project which will be home to 63 girls at-risk of being trafficked.
- Training church planting teams and church members to effectively reach Muslims through MTW's ministry partner Al Massira.
- Strengthening West Africa Reformed Mission (WARM)—a partnership with six national denominations—to mobilize church planters and expand ministry.

Thank you for making MTW's work in this part of the world possible.

Let's take a closer look at some of these ministries and your impact in 2024.

Timothy House:

Timothy House is a two-year residential training program during which three to five men and their families live on-site and receive a comprehensive theological education and training in church planting. For the past three years, MTW Ambassadors have supported Timothy House in three countries. In 2024, MTW Ambassadors provided transitional support for the first four graduates of a new Timothy House in the region as they pursue ordination and begin planting churches.



Teranga Village:

In 2023 and 2024, Ambassadors gave significant grants toward Teranga Village—a gospel-centered ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Senegal



for girls facing an imminent risk of trafficking. The denomination owns seven acres of land in an unreached Wolof community, where they and MTW missionaries are working to build Teranga

Village and plant a church. MTW Ambassadors are helping fund the initial phase of construction, which includes building a cottage for nine girls and a house parent.

Church Plants Among Fulani People Group:

The Fulani people are one of Senegal's largest unreached people groups with only 0.1% of the population professing Christianity (Joshua Project). MTW missionaries have partnered with two national pastors who are planting two different churches among the Fulani people in the Casamance region of Senegal. A 2024 grant from MTW Ambassadors provided salary support, continued training, and ministry expenses for the church planters.

Agricultural Development:

In partnership with local African churches, MTW missionaries created a training program that equips small farmers with techniques to grow enough food to feed their families for an entire year using $\frac{1}{16}$ of an acre of land. This new approach not only provides food security, but also creates a sustainable source of income for families to support the local church. In 2024, MTW Ambassadors granted a church in West Africa the funding to fence 1.5 acres of land, protecting it from animals that wander freely and allowing the church to farm the land as a means of income and way to care for the poor in their community.



WARM Partnership:

WARM is MTW's strategic partnership with six denominations in West Africa led by MTW's West Africa Regional Director Jim W. In 2024, MTW Ambassadors supported WARM through three grants toward their church planting mission. These grants provided aid to five church planters facing extreme financial hardship, equipped five churches with resources for weekly Zoom leadership trainings, and supplied startup funds for a new initiative to increase WARM's network in the U.S. while expanding their ministry among presbyteries in West Africa.

Learn more about MTW's work to advance the gospel in West Africa.



A Word From Your Fellow Ambassadors

MTW Ambassadors is made up of passionate, generous individuals who love Jesus and desire to see His Church grow. Their passion, generosity, and dedication to God's mission means MTW can take the gospel to every continent.

Let's hear from some of these wonderful people and why they love MTW Ambassadors!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20

"First and foremost, the reason why we love MTW Ambassadors is because Jesus says we should! 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.' (ESV, Matthew 28:19-20).

MTW missionaries are amazing servant-leader entrepreneurs. Ambassador funds allow us to invest in the "picks and shovels" that provide the needed infrastructure for a missionary's work. As an Ambassador we have been fortunate to travel to visit the MTW mission field annually for many years. Throughout the world, MTW is changing lives bringing people to Christ.

Lastly, we have confidence that Ambassador project vetting has the utmost integrity and purpose. This allows us, and other MTW supporters, to participate with absolute conviction, knowing that we are being good stewards."

— Mark and Julie Brown

"MTW Ambassadors is a program that connects people who have gifts and resources with specific projects led by MTW long-term missionaries on the ground to benefit the growing local church in various global locations. We've been incredibly blessed to be recipients of these Ambassadors gifts when our family served with MTW for four years in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Julie and Mark Brown

Since our return to the U.S. in 2016, we've also been blessed to financially contribute to these programs to continue the work as new needs arise."

— Albert and Tina Shim

"As Eddie begins retirement, we find that we have more resources than we need for just ourselves. It is a challenge to know how best to use these funds for the glory of God because countless causes seek our assistance. It is comforting to find a ministry we can confidently give to and know that it will all be used wisely for the kingdom.

We are impressed with the grant-based model of MTW's Ambassadors Program. Who better to allocate our resources than those in alignment with MTW's vision and actively involved in the mission field? The clarity and purpose of this program have inspired us to give wholeheartedly. Our trust in this program was furthered by MTW's evaluation and prioritization process which ensures that every dollar is used to its maximum potential."

— Eddie and Karen Williams

