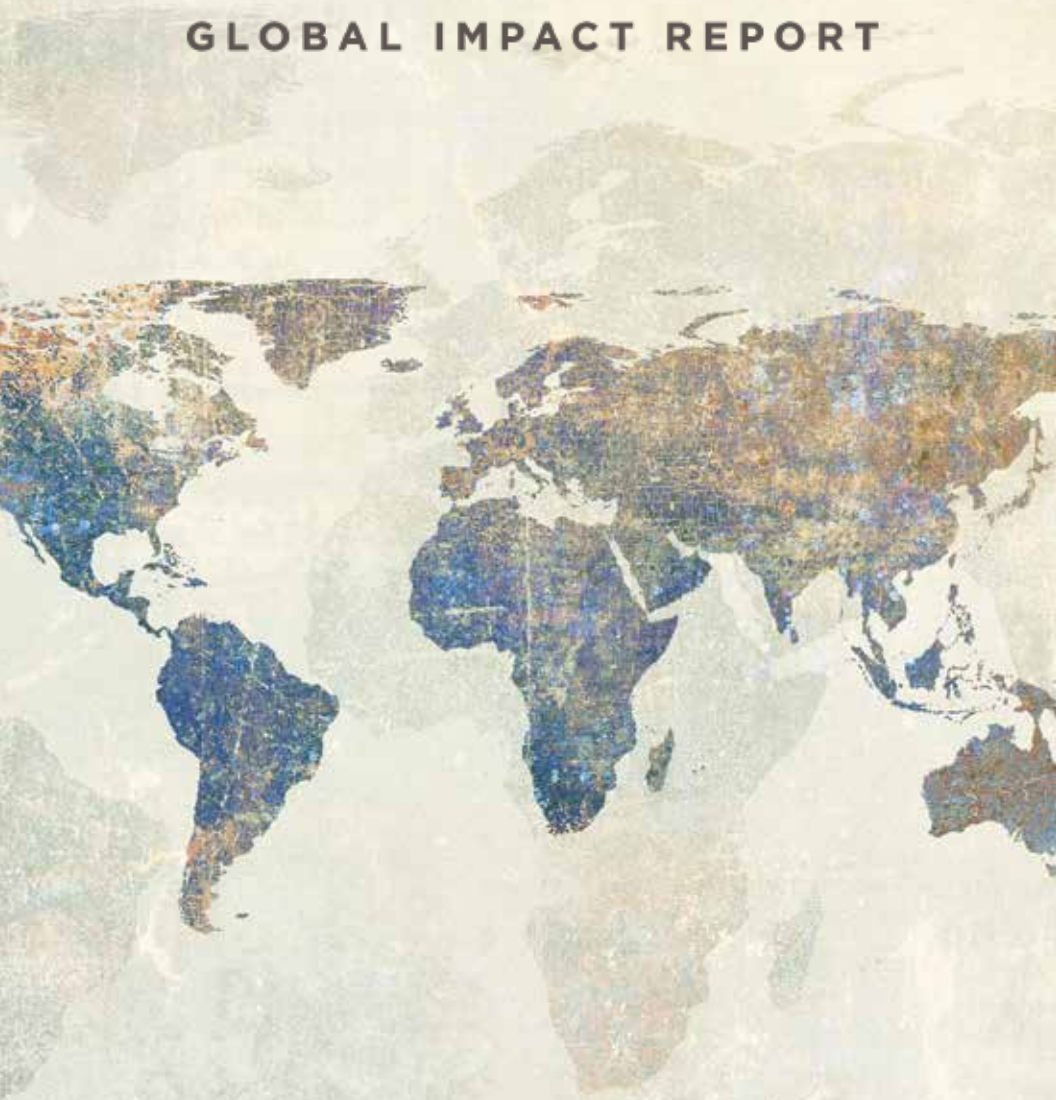


# GLOBAL IMPACT REPORT



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Since our founding, Emmaus Church has been captivated by a God given, biblically informed passion to see the Gospel of Jesus advance into every nation on the globe. Jesus entrusted the task of making disciples to His church (Matt 28), and we long to be faithful to His mission.

As we engage in this global mission, our efforts are guided by these core convictions.

**We believe in the local church.** Jesus appointed His church as the means to accomplish His mission, and we believe nothing can fulfill it better than healthy local churches. Therein, we seek to strengthen existing churches and plant new ones.

**We believe in the Word.** We believe the scriptures are effective for equipping the follower of Jesus for faithfulness to Jesus (2 Tim 3). Therein, we seek to equip churches with Bibles and train pastors to faithfully teach them to their people.

**We believe in longevity.** Making disciples across cultures is difficult and requires great faithfulness and patience. Therein, we seek to develop partnerships of depth with indigenous leaders, trusting that long obedience in the same direction will bear the greatest fruit.

By His Grace, these convictions guided us in strategic Gospel investment across the globe in a variety of places and forms over the course of 2019. Over the next few



pages, you will hear stories and prayer requests from all of this. May you be encouraged by the work of God through Emmaus this past year and challenged to engage in deeper ways for the global glory of His Name in the years to come.



# KAIHURA UGANDA



## Brief History

In 2019, Emmaus entered our sixth year of partnership with the churches and people of Kaihura, a small community in Western Uganda. This is a community-wide partnership, engaged with community leaders for pastoral training, discipleship training, and evangelism.

## Highlights from 2019

In June, Emmaus sent out a team of 19 people for a week of ministry among the people of Kaihura. In partnership with local leaders, they engaged in a variety of discipleship training in the community - led a marriage conference, trained teachers, and taught students the Bible. They shared the Gospel in churches and schools across the community, and equipped leaders to know, study, and teach the Bible. They also distributed Study Bibles to key influential leaders in community primary schools.

In July, Emmaus contributed \$4,000 toward the ongoing construction of Kaihura Full Gospel Church, enabling the installation of a concrete floor for the building to prevent the problems that come in the rainy seasons with a dirt floor. This project was completed.

Throughout the year, Emmaus contributed \$3,660 throughout the community for orphan care and child sponsorship, seeking to lovingly care for orphans and vulnerable children in obedience to James 1:27.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for the people and leaders of Kaihura Full Gospel Church as they seek to spread the Gospel to the people of the community.

Pray for the true Gospel to take root in the hearts and minds of the people of Kaihura.

Pray for the local leaders in orphanages as they grapple with caring for many needs with limited resources among the vulnerable children of the community.

Pray for God to provide funds to complete the construction of the new primary school building at Noah's Arc Children's Home.





# LAS BRISAS GUATEMALA

## Brief History

In 2019, Emmaus entered our second year of partnership with Pastor Omar Contreras in Las Brisas, Guatemala. This is a church planting partnership, funding and resourcing Pastor Omar as he seeks to establish a new local church - Casa de Libertad: Las Brisas.

## Highlights from 2019

In January, Emmaus sent out a pioneer mission team of 8 people to Guatemala for a week of ministry alongside Pastor Omar and his church planting team. The team focused efforts on evangelism and discipleship training in the community, working alongside Pastor Omar in several local schools, a rehab center, and among the homeless of the city to share the Gospel and teach the Bible. The team also spent a day working at a local orphanage--sharing the Gospel, helping with homework, and showing love to the orphans.



In May, Pastor Omar took possession of a new property for the church, beginning work in preparation to move the church plant from his personal home to its own building. After some construction and refurbishment, they are now gathering weekly there.

Throughout the year, Emmaus contributed \$6,000 to Casa de Libertad for support of Pastor Omar and the new church plant in their ongoing establishment.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for Pastor Omar, his wife Diana, and his family as they continue to establish the new congregation of Casa de Libertad: Las Brisas.

Pray for God to work through the new church to spread the Gospel to the lost who live in Las Brisas.

Pray for Pastor Omar in his ongoing assessment process with Acts29.



## Brief History

In late 2018, Emmaus Church entered a partnership to support Davis Lacey and his family as they stepped out to plant Autumn Ridge Community Church - a new Acts29 Network church in Ellijay, Georgia.

## Highlights from 2019

This year, Autumn Ridge Community Church officially launched, holding services for the people of Ellijay for the very first time. They now have 65-80 people gathering every Sunday, with three Missional Communities gathering during the week. This summer, they saw their first person profess faith in Jesus and celebrated their first baptism! Over the course of 2019, Emmaus contributed \$6,000 to this new church plant.



*Davis Family. Planting in Ellijay, Georgia.*



# ELLIJAY GEORGIA

## Prayer Requests

**Leadership Development.** Pray for God to raise up deacons, elders, and additional Missional Community leaders at Autumn Ridge.

**Financial Provision.** As Autumn Ridge explores new meeting space for the future, pray for God to provide the finances to scale to meet the needs of their people.

**Culture of Disciple-Making.** Pray for the Lord to give their people the confidence, conviction, and competencies necessary to engage deeply in God's mission of disciple-making in all of life.

**Unity and Peace.** Ask God to give Autumn Ridge unity and peace as a church, protecting them from any malicious personalities or threats that would cause divisions.

# PANAMA

## History & Highlights

In 2018, Matt and Allison Nolan moved to Panama to serve as vocational missionaries with Conexion Training. Conexion offers second language acquisition training for missionaries from Latin American countries called to go out into the world.

Since opening the Panamanian Office, the Nolans have trained 16 missionaries from many countries across Latin America. They held seminars and workshops for churches in Panama and Cuba, and trained 2 EFL teachers in their "Teacher Training Track." In March, they moved and reopened their training center in a new building - "Casa PAAM." Over the course of 2019, Emmaus Church contributed \$1,200 to this Gospel work.



*The Nolan Family. Missionaries in Panama.*

## Prayer Requests

**Family Health.** Pray that God would keep their family physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy with seasons of rest and recovery.

**Teachers.** Pray for God to provide them with the teachers and practice partners that they need to invest in their students.

**New Home.** Pray that God would continue to provide for the Nolans as they start looking for a new home/apartment in Panama.

**Construction.** Pray that God would provide the funding and partners needed to help with upcoming construction projects.

# TURKEY

## History & Highlights

In July, Emmaus church was introduced to Kerem Koç and his family, church planters working for the advancement of the Gospel in Antalya, Turkey. Turkey is one of the most unreached nations on the earth with the Gospel, and in Antalya, there are only two evangelical churches with less than 200 known believers. Into this darkness, Kerem began planting Antalya Church to bring light to his city in February 2010.

In 2019, Antalya Church continued to advance Gospel work in their community - seeing 3 people make conversions of faith and be baptized. They hosted the "Seven" conference to provide training for attendees interested in doing ministry in a muslim context. In the summer, Pastor Kerem and his



*The Koç Family.  
Planting in  
Antalya, Turkey.*

family traveled to America to share their experiences with supporting churches. During their visit with us, Emmaus contributed \$2,500 toward a new computer for Kerem to further his Gospel work.

## Prayer Requests

**Eldership.** Please pray for Antalya Church as they train and install additional elders for their body to achieve plural eldership.

**Church Health.** Pray that church leaders will humbly lead and serve the church to understand and live out the biblical marks of church health.

**Sabbatical.** Pray for Pastor Kerem as he steps into a 6 month sabbatical. Ask God to use this season to give clarity, healing, and rest to Kerem and his family. Pray for the church to be protected during his absence.