



CREEKSIDE  
**MISSIONS**  
*Outreach* 

**IMPACT REPORT**

## **CREEKSIDE VISION AND MISSION**

### **Vision:**

*A community of compassion on mission for Christ.*

### **Mission Statement:**

*Equip disciples to go, share, and care with the compassion of Christ.*

# GLOBAL MISSIONS

## Central Brazil Mission – Brazil

Project Amazon: Christ, Life and Health.” CBM wants the people of the Amazon to know Jesus and to have “an abundant life” in and with Him. Earl and Ruth Ann came to Brazil in July 1969 and celebrated 54 years of missionary service in Brazil in July of 2023. They now live in the U.S. but plan to continue traveling on the Amazon Boat Trips with the help of their children, Kim, Teddy and Michael. In February, CBM added our Brazilian MD, Leticia, full time. In 2023, CBM delivered 10 trips reaching 74 villages allowing for care to be administered to 5,221 individuals. During the 8 months, over 120 US team members traveled on the Amazon medical boat serving through this amazing mission. 13 trips are planned for 2024. “We praise God for the vision He has given us for reaching people with the Gospel and helping meet their needs. We were able to add a new Preacher/teacher: Ronaldo to our team. He is now the preacher/leader of the Uruará Church and with him we will inaugurate the CBM Concentrated Juice Factory during the July 2024 boat trip. Pastor Agostinho helped with the training of our Amazon missionaries. He and Senderley have given valuable leadership to our Amazon team. There are over 50 now attending the three-day seminars which are held five times during the year in São Sebastião. There were 35 baptisms reported during 2023.”



## PR 22:6 – Dominican Republic



The purpose of PR22:6 Resource Ministry is to strengthen and support Dominican Republic churches by providing Christian education materials to train, equip, and encourage the youth to serve within the local churches and nurture the growth of future leaders. They have installed individual libraries for children pre-school to high school in 15 churches with about 800 kids. Other accomplishments/activities include:

- Provided discipleship lessons for new adult converts and basic Christian doctrinal lessons for adults.
- Hosted “The Art of Marriage” video series in Mission House.
- Funded two Children’s lunch programs.
- Funded College Campus Ministry at National Evangelical University.
- Hosted a biennial cross cultural youth conference “En La Orilla” (On The Edge) for Dominican teens and American College students (facilitated by three US churches) with 160+ students.
- Hosted the annual “Radiante” ladies cross cultural conference (facilitated by three churches) with 200+ women.
- Host the biennial “Family Ministry” workshop “Unidos” (Together) for Dominican teachers with approximately 50 attendees.
- Several translation projects we’re completed or are in progress.
- Distributed close to 1,000 backpacks to children in churches we serve.
- Distributed donated, functioning laptops and cell phones we receive to Dominican students.
- Hosted two mission teams.

## HIS Eyes - Honduras

His Eyes exists to see the world the way Jesus did, spiritually and physically. We do that through clinic work (including dental, gynecology, optometry and much more), church planting (eight different locations), coffee farming providing employment and outreach opportunities (alongside two of the churches), and a children's after school program we call "The Milk Project" that has five locations, four at our churches and one near the clinic in Tegucigalpa, with over 200 children involved every day.

**Impact Story:** We share a bit about Jesus as part of routine eye exams, but especially when people have complaints that are related to stress, such as tics and headaches. Doctor Valerie and our optometry intern Kimmie had the opportunity to share about Jesus and finding true peace with a particular patient who was undergoing a lot of stress in her life. Before her exam was over, she received the Lord as her Savior. She came to see, and now she "sees" indeed!



## Christian Arabic Services - Egypt



Christian Arabic Services is a ministry that was established in 1981 and is guided by a philosophy to be helpers and not primary leaders. From the beginning, CAS has sought to assist Safaa Fahmi and his workers with funding, teachers, and wisdom gathered from our experiences with similar mission works. Under Safaa's leadership, Egyptian Christians design and implement the educational and benevolent work that has developed through Christian Arabic Services.

- CAS has created the first Arabic Commentary in the world. They are given to their seminary students, so they have solid bases for the Word of God.
- Over 540 men have graduated seminary that is backed by Hope International Seminary in Fullerton, California. They are now going out planting churches and sharing the gospel throughout Egypt.
- We have planted 541 churches up and down the Nile River, conducted Bible studies in churches, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, met the need in marriages and families, and in some cases, we provided water or electricity to a community.
- There are 11 training centers up and down the Nile Valley from Alexandria down to Aswan. CAS works in all 22 Arabic speaking countries.

Christian Arabic Services provide Jesus to all people! We also provide food, medicines, clothes, blankets, electricity, water and so much more. "Six hundred thousand Sudanese have come to Egypt fleeing from the massacre of their country. The situation is very painful; we need God's interference. It seems that God is angry because of the greediness of the people, because of what they are doing to each other and to the earth. We have beans, oil, bread, and medicine to, in an effort, keep them alive." **Safaa Fahmi**

## His Call – Costa Rica



The Espinoza Hoeffel family ministers at Ciudad Neily church. Currently, Pastor Christian provides oversight to nine other churches. Their work includes youth and children's ministry in addition to a strong emphasis in community outreach. Their passion is currently focused on mentoring regional pastors to invest in leaders, expand their flock, and advance forward.

In obedience to His call, this year Pastor Christian visited three local high schools every week. Every Monday, Pastor walked the halls of every school. He interceded in the halls, prayed over classrooms, and confessed word over students and teachers. Every week, he offered a small space for students to come for a message and prayer. Whether there were 30 students or three, Pastor shared a Bible verse and a positive reflection every week. Every week, he prayed over the students and asked the Lord to bless them and guide them. Most of these high school students do not attend our church or neither are part of one of our congregations; nevertheless, Pastors is planting the seed in their hearts. These students are hearing the Word and seeing the love of Jesus. Every week we model God's favor, grace, and mercy. There is a total student population of 3000 in the three high schools. Obviously not every student came for weekly prayer, but we are confident that God was present every week at each school and confess that the Holy Spirit moves these youth to seek out Jesus.

## Pioneer Bible Translators - Africa



Translate a Verse. Transform a Life. Introduce others to Jesus by giving them the Bible in their own language for the first time. That is the goal of Pioneer Bible Translators. Their desire is to bridge the gap between the church and Bibleless peoples around the world. Anthony Smith and his wife Liz, son Elijah and daughter Chloe began their work in the mission field to translate the Bible into Juba Arabic in 2021. In 2022, the Smiths' team finished translating the book of Ephesians. In 2023, they completed James and Titus. They also assisted with completing the translation of the Jesus Project.

Liz is a trained counselor in trauma healing. She trained one of the caregivers in a settlement of the camp, a South Sudanese refugee called John. After Liz's team conducted the healing sessions, equipping sessions, and the full cycle of trainings in his settlement, John was able to organize healing sessions three to four separate times within the camp. Since then, John also took a trip back to his home into South Sudan. He was able to organize three healing sessions in some of the churches there. John also took the initiative of going out into the bush, up to the army barracks, to the war zone. His work was so impactful that the soldiers were begging him to come back again. Very many of them were saying that, they felt like a ship without safe harbor. They felt like people who have already been abandoned by God. John had brought hope with the Trauma Healing program. John reported that here in this land, there is nothing that can help these people, except the power of God and His word."

## Rapha International – Cambodia, Thailand, Haiti



Rapha International exists to serve children who have been impacted by trafficking and trauma, and equip families and communities to keep children safe. Rapha's mission is to end the trafficking and sexual abuse of children—one child, one family, and one community at a time. Our vision is for all children to live in sustainable freedom within safe communities.

Rapha's Survivor Care and Prevention programs are mobilized by Christian staff who are highly motivated to promote the mission of Rapha. In our residential Survivor Care programs, Christian staff members organically model the love of Christ to the children we serve. Additionally, we take part in intentional devotional sessions/studies and church services in the community whenever it is safe to do so. The girls served by Rapha International are able to gain a deep understanding of the healing, hope, and freedom found in Jesus Christ, and many choose to follow Him as their Savior.

In Rapha's Prevention program, staff host gatherings each week where the entire community is welcome to join and have the opportunity to learn about Jesus and take part in a powerful time of worship. This is also a great opportunity for parents to interact with the staff caring for their child, ask questions about God, and build relationships with Rapha staff. In the process, a community is formed and strengthened.

## Central Myanmar Christian Mission

The goal of Central Myanmar Christian Mission is to "transform lives for Christ" by bringing the Good News to the unreached in central Myanmar and the whole country through effective evangelism, discipleship, and community development efforts. Transformation involves a change in the very nature of a person or a community from sin and selfishness to salvation and grace.

The main work of CMCM is through Myanmar Bible Institute (MBI) which provides an undergraduate education focused on developing the teaching and preaching abilities of the Lord's servants to impact the people of central Burma for winning souls for Christ. Faculty and students regularly visit local churches to preach and travel many miles over difficult terrain to conduct youth conferences during their breaks. The ministry also includes a child care facility that reaches many unbelieving, typically Buddhist, families.

As a result of CMCM's efforts, eighty individuals were baptized in 2023. Their goals for 2024 are to baptize 60 persons, plant two churches, and build a girls' dormitory at MBI.



## Christ in Youth – Joplin, MO

CIY partners with the local church to create moments and conversations that call young people to follow Jesus and into lives of Kingdom work. In 2023, CIY served 64,987 young people between 70 different Superstart, MIX and MOVE events held in 40+ cities throughout the country! MIX and MOVE - 3,681 1st time decisions to follow Jesus, 9,064 rededications and 1,800 decisions to step into vocational ministry! Engage – led a total of 9 mission trips, with 133 participants, that train groups and individuals for a life of Kingdom Work through experiencing what God is in a culture different than their own! One of these mission trips was to Ireland and included 13 of our students!



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Northwest St. Johns County



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has continued to fulfill its mission to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church in Saint Johns county. In the last two years, the ministry has nearly tripled in the amount of ministry going on in West Saint Johns County through training and equipping athletes to share the Gospel with their teammates through FCA bible studies on campus and then bringing those teammates to their local church to be disciples. We should have 30 of these Bible studies or "Huddles" by the end of the school year, yet there is an opportunity to have well over 100 of these Huddles across the county. Please pray that the impact of FCA grows within the Saint Johns community and consider supporting FCA with your prayers, your time, or supporting financially to see this vision come to fruition.

## Chosen Reins – Bryceville, FL

Since opening in 2021, Traci and Sam Mathies have conducted over 650 biblical counseling sessions. They use God's Word and the love of Jesus to counsel people who are hurting and/or hopeless. They also use building a relationship with rescued horses and/or ranch life as a context for the ministry. They reach out to hurting teens, individuals, and families in our community. Since opening, 70% of the teens they have seen have faced some form of abuse (sexual, parental abandonment, physical abuse, neglect, and/or oppression). All of the teens have faced some form of bullying. All counsees (adults or teens) have expressed mental health problems including extreme anxiety, depression, and/or grief. Some of the cases have included PTSD from war, marriage struggles, parenting problems (parenting adopted, prodigals, rebellious kids), rape, domestic abuse, lack of direction, family members of addicts, loneliness, deaths in the family, abortion, and long-term medical problems/disabilities. The counselee's pain has manifested itself in the following behaviors: cutting, anger/rage outbursts, sexual sin, substance abuse, rebellion, suicide ideation, and/or suicide attempts. Traci and Sam currently volunteer their time to this ministry and the ministry has no paid staff. They do not charge for counseling as they don't want money to keep anyone from getting help. This ministry is solely supported by donations.

A big win in 2023 was watching one of our counsees pass the test for biblical counseling certification. She is now in the supervision phase of counseling certification (phase 3 of 3) where she is working one-on-one counseling and discipling individuals under a supervisor from the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. She should receive her certification in 2024. She found hope and healing as a counselee at Chosen Reins Ranch and though her circumstances didn't change, she did. Now she wants to help others find that healing in Jesus!



## North Florida Christian Service Camp – Keystone Heights, FL

North Florida Christian Camp seeks to create an atmosphere that helps both youth and adults focus their attention on the Lord Jesus Christ. Our programming and facilities are geared toward helping people make a decision to become a Christian as well as building them up in faith. This is achieved through accurate study and application of the written word of God and through living examples of committed Christ-like staff. By design, North Florida Christian Camp is a cooperative effort of the Christian Churches throughout North Florida to be a ministry tool used of God, to bring about relationships that produce maturity and discipleship in the lives of his people. In short, we are a product of the churches to be a tool for the churches. Since 1964, this spirit of cooperation is evident not only in our summer camp and winter retreat programming but also throughout the year as we host numerous church events seeking the same goal. North Florida Christian Camp was very blessed in 2023! Although it was a year of a lot of transition, it was a year of many blessings. This summer we were able to host five internal summer camps, four external summer camps, and many weekend groups. Our Fall retreat season has been very fruitful as well. We are looking forward to our Spring Retreats including our Middle and High School

- Retreats, and our Men's and Women's retreats. For more information see [NFCSC.org](http://NFCSC.org)
- Internal Summer Camp attendance 440 campers, 48 HDs, 120 Adults
- External Summer Camp attendance 771
- Total Summer camp attendance 1,382
- Total Baptisms at Camp this summer 90
- Fall retreat attendance 1,622





## Safe Havens

**WHO WE ARE:** Safe Havens was created to show God's love to local struggling families who are in need of basic home furnishings. We are a private nonprofit organization that's comprised of Christians in our community who volunteer their time, talents and possessions. Creekside Christian Church provides Safe Havens with a convenient warehouse location on its church campus. Each year Safe Havens distributes furniture and resources to more than 50 families who have experienced homelessness or who are refugees who have recently been relocated to our community.

**WHAT WE DO:** Safe Havens gathers and provides gently-used home furniture and supplies to our most vulnerable neighbors to ensure that the "poorest of our poor" can focus on independent living. While our primary focus is providing furniture necessities that empower people to achieve stability, we also strive to give the gift of comfort and beauty through the installation of curtains, pictures and decorative items...ensuring that each home is truly a haven.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** When you redecorate a room or buy a new piece of furniture, it is heart-warming to know that the pieces you are replacing could be donated to a needy family in our community...as a gift of God's love. Safe Havens also needs the gift of your time and talents!



Access this link for more information about items needed and volunteer opportunities:



## Foster and Adoption Ministry – Creekside Christian Church

The goal of F.A.M is to provide on-going support in multiple areas of family life to foster and adoptive families to help the family manage the stress of daily living as they provide loving stability to foster and adopted children. The ministry is currently providing wrap around support to 14 families. Throughout the year F.A.M. provides these families with encouragement 2x a month, freezer meals, and assistance with unexpected life stressors (e.g. illness, home repair, moving into a new house). Other miscellaneous needs provided include lawn care, childcare, and help with summer camp expenses. The ministry provided Thanksgiving gift cards, Christmas baskets, and covered the cost of any of our families wanting to attend Creekside Parent's Night Out. We collaborated with Creekside Sports Ministry to offer scholarships for Upwards Basketball, Football, and Cheerleading. Of the families we support, 5 children were reunited with a biological parent and we celebrated with 2 families who officially adopted the children they were fostering. Through Care Portal, FAM blessed 4 families with needs such as furniture, home repair, gift card for clothing/groceries, and freezer meals. One of those families now receives wrap around support. In all, FAM provided over 70 freezer meals and 150 contacts of encouragement/care.

New this year:

- F.A.M. partnered with a Creekside Community Group to provide 36 care bags to the employees of St. Johns County Child Welfare Services.
- Provided Blessing Boxes to our families at the start of the school year (which included funds for school supplies)
- F.A.M Coordinator joined St. John's County "Faith-Based Initiative" – group which meets monthly to collaborate with area churches to minister to foster and at-risk families.
- Collaborated with a sister church to help cover the expenses of hosting a conference on addressing trauma with children in foster care. Sponsored one of our single foster moms so she could attend the conference.
- Covered the cost of parent coaching for one of our foster families
- Provided a donation to a Christian international orphan ministry
- We currently have needs for Christian foster families, family liaisons, and a volunteer to coordinate birthday cards/care bags.

