

KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS

What happens when...



...that your way may be
known on earth, your saving
power among all nations.

Psalms 67:2

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Missions Month | October 2026

As we arrive at the time on the ACAC church calendar set apart as Missions Month, we would do well to remember that missions is much more than just one of many important ministry programs of the church. Why do we say that? What makes missions different?

To answer these questions, we must begin by discovering the missionary heart of God. We see this heart expressed when God Himself called the first man out of hiding in the Garden of Eden. We see it in God's promise to bless all the families of the earth through Abraham. We see it in the words of the prophet Isaiah, who saw in Solomon's Temple "a house of prayer for all nations."

Of course, nowhere is God's missionary heart more evident than in the life and ministry of Jesus, who took on human flesh and made His home among us. And God's missions story continues even to the final pages of Scripture, where representatives from all the nations—from every people, tribe, and tongue—stand before His heavenly throne in worship.

So, in a very real sense, the biblical narrative can be understood as the revelation of our missionary God and the story of His mission to bless all the nations of His rebellious creation with the joy of knowing Him. And as those who do know Him, we've been commissioned to play an integral role in this story. **Missions is so much more than a program. It's our purpose as Christ's Church.**

"It is not so much the case that God has a
mission for his church in the world, as that God
has a church for his mission in the world."

— Christopher J. H. Wright

Knowing this, over the next four weeks, we'll be asking the question: **What happens when...?**

- We come to truly understand God's missionary heart and allow it to transform our own?
- We, as a local church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, fully embrace our global role in God's plan?
- We willingly engage with many other churches, particularly within our own Alliance movement, to make disciples of all nations?
- Each one of us who names Jesus as Lord finds his or her place in this great mission?

It's our sincere hope and prayer that you will take full advantage of this sermon series, this workbook, and all the events and resources made available to you throughout this month, and that you will see more clearly the role God has assigned to you in making Him **Known Among the Nations**.

On mission with you,
Blaine Workman, Associate Pastor
Matt Polka, ACAC Missions Chairperson

ACAC MISSIONS LEGACY

132 YEARS. 132 WORKERS.

Known Among The Nations

ACAC has a rich legacy of sending men and women to mission fields around the globe to share the love of Jesus with others. As depicted on the map (below), in our 132-year history as a local church, 132 such workers have been sent into full-time international service. Thanks be to God for each one and for their Kingdom service!

Each point represents a nation or region where an ACAC international worker has served.



2026 - ACAC Supports Missions Around the World Today

A Legacy of Sending: In our 132-year history, ACAC has sent 132 full-time workers into missions service abroad.

“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields.” - Matt 9:38

Creative Access Workers*

- Kindness & Hope - Southeast Asia (C&MA)
- R & A - Central Asia (C&MA)
- John & Rose - Middle East
- Lily - Middle East (C&MA)
- Rimo & Loza - North Africa**
- Peace & Joy - Southern Europe
- Ruth - U.S.

*Creative Access Workers serve in situations where it would be dangerous for their work as Christian missionaries to become known publicly. For this reason, we refer to them using pseudonyms and do not mention the specific countries where they serve.

**Currently home on medical leave

Other International Workers†

- Chris Russell - Latin America (Commission to Every Nation)
- Rocky & Shaina Higgins - Latin America (C&MA)
- Guy & Denise - Southeast Asia (C&MA)
- Kelly Eickenberg - Southeast Asia (Extreme Love)
- Stuart & Rebecca Guild - Southeast Asia (C&MA)
- Josh & Jackie Blanchard - Southeast Asia (C&MA)
- Jamyra - Paraguay, preparing for full-time service with Alliance missions (C&MA)
- Danielle - Preparing for full-time service in Southeast Asia (C&MA)

† Some last names are omitted for security reasons

Local Workers

- Jay & Candi Wilson - Pittsburgh (Athletes in Action)
- Matt Davis - Pittsburgh, Southwest PA (4:12 Sports)
- Thearith & Angela Cheng - Pittsburgh (On Mission)
- Dawhielle Schell - Pittsburgh (CRU)
- Bruce Volstad - Pittsburgh (Urban Impact)
- Ed & Tammy Glover - Pittsburgh (Urban Impact)

Overseas Organizations

Supported by ACAC 2026 Short-Term Mission Teams

- Mission 25:35 - Dominican Republic (C&MA)
- Envision Dominican Republic (C&MA)
- Open Hearts Ministry - Nicaragua
- Envision El Salvador (C&MA)
- Bridges to Burkina - Burkina Faso, Africa
- Bongolo Hospital - Gabon, Africa (C&MA)
- Central Asia Ministry (C&MA)
- Missions Frontier - Guatemala

Note: When appropriate, the mission sending agency is shown in (). (C&MA) denotes an affiliation with our parent denomination, the Christian & Missionary Alliance

Notes From Our Workers in the Field

Recent comments from ACAC workers serving around the world.

I wanted to let you know that ACAC was part of a tremendous blessing here in El Salvador. Early this year, we started a partnership in a local impoverished community on an island here. Someone had felt led to give our Salvadoran partner a house that was in rough shape. Her vision is to build a community center here called House of Joy.

However, with the rainy season coming, it was obvious that the first need was a new roof. I asked our partner to share the budget for a new roof so we could begin praying. She did, and the cost was \$1,300.

That very same day, I received notification of ACAC's 2025 Christmas Missionary Offering donation to our support account. The amount was exactly \$1,300.

It was clear that God was using this gift to help launch the project!

Rocky and Shaina Higgins – El Salvador



ACAC Family,

ACAC has partnered with us for 34 years in our ministry with Athletes in Action. Each gift is deeply appreciated because this ministry is both our livelihood and our calling. We also know that many prayers have been offered to God on our behalf. Thank you! We need you!

Love,
Jay and Candi Wilson – Athletes in Action, Pittsburgh

I have been so encouraged by the way you have continued to pour out the Father's love to me. It's a reminder that I am deeply loved, cared for, and not alone! We continue to make strides here as we serve those in the indigenous community. The Lord continues to open doors and create opportunities for those we serve to hear the gospel.

Jamyra – Paraguay

To our Dear Friends at ACAC,

Thank you so much for your love and encouragement! It keeps us going!!

R&A – Central Asia

Dear ACAC Family,

It was a joy recently to be back among the church family that faithfully stands behind the work God is doing, not only in Pittsburgh, but around the world. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for making me feel so loved and welcomed.

With a grateful heart,
Kelly Eickenberg – Southeast Asia

How Can I Financially Support Our Global Workers?

	Using ACAC Website or Digital Giving Tools	Using a Personal Check
To Support All our Workers	Click on "Missions" in the drop-down menu	Write "Missions" on the memo line of your check
To Support an Individual Worker	Click on "Ministry Partner" in the drop-down menu and enter the Worker's name in the memo box	Write the Worker's name on the memo line of your check
To give a Special Holiday Gift	Click on "Christmas Missionary Offering" in the drop-down menu	Write "Christmas Missionary Offering" on the memo line of your check

WEEK 1:

He's Coming to Your House Today

The Missionary Heart of God



That's the missionary heart of God. It's not a one-time story. It's who He has always been.



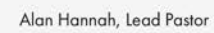
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He's Coming to Your House Today

Speaker: Alan Hannah, Lead Pastor

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.



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What Is The Implication For Your Life?

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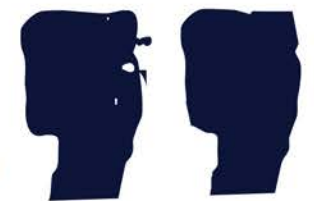
WEEK 2:

Send Your Best

God's Global Mission for the Local Church



What you're willing to
give up says everything
about what you actually
believe.



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Send Your Best

Speaker: Alan Hannah, Lead Pastor

¹Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. ²One day as these men were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." ³So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.



Antioch didn't sit around and discuss missions. They gave away two of their best leaders because they knew what they'd been called to. This week, we're asking a harder question than most churches are willing to ask: not "Who can we spare?" but "Who is God asking us to send?" What you're willing to give up says everything about what you actually believe.

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Christ for the Nations – Saturday Evening, Oct. 17

One Evening... Two Special Global Missions Events at ACAC

Fundraising Dinner to Benefit Middle East Missions

Launching ACAC's New Middle East Initiative

Special Guest.....C&MA President Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer

Time5:00 -7:00pm

Location.....Simpson Hall

5:00pm..... Welcome & Appetizers

5:30pm.....Dinner Served

Following Dinner.....Comments and Q&A with Dr. Schaeffer

Suggested Donation: \$40 per person

Seating is limited.

Please preregister using the QR code.



ACAC Kids – "Around the World" Family Night

Time5:00 - 7:00pm *

LocationChildren's Ministry

Families! Join us for a family ministry trip around the world without leaving ACAC's campus. We'll visit El Salvador, Indonesia, and Cambodia, try new foods and even pack Christmas gifts for kids around the world.

Join us as we learn more about what God is doing around the world, and have a fun time doing so!

All ages—kids and students—are welcome.

Parents, if you choose to attend the Fundraising Dinner in Simpson Hall, your kids are still welcome to join in this adventure.

Suggested Donation: \$10 per family to cover meal costs

Please preregister using the QR code.



Christ for the North Side

An ACAC "Arise" Celebration of Community Initiatives

Saturday Morning, October 24

Time10:00am - 12:00 noon

LocationSimpson Hall

Continental breakfast served at 10:00am

Featuring: 2nd Annual Kids Fashion Show by The Nest

Announcing: New ACAC Community Ministries

Suggested Donation: \$25 per person | \$150 for a table of 8

Plan not to miss this fun and informative community ministry celebration!

Seating is limited.

Please preregister using the QR code.



Missions Month - What's Happening

WEEK ONE: October 4–10

SUNDAY AND MONDAY - Oct. 4 & 5

Speaker: Pastor Alan

"He's Coming to Your House Today!
The Missionary Heart of God"

Communion

Oct. 4 - Officiated by:
Jay and Candi Wilson
Athletes in Action

Oct. 5 - Officiated by:
Thearith and Angela Cheng
On Mission

In The Hub

"Missions Fair" Tables - Going and Sending
"Meet Our Workers" Table

SATURDAY - Oct. 10

Short-Term Missions 2026 Teams Breakfast

By invitation
9:00 - 11:00am
Room 188 (1st Floor Union Place)

WEEK TWO: October 11–17

SUNDAY AND MONDAY - Oct. 11 & 12

Speaker: Pastor Alan

"Send Your Best!
God's Global Mission for the Local Church"

In The Hub

"Missions Fair" Tables - Going and Sending
"Meet Our Workers" Table

In Sanctuary Hall

CIAC/Global Ministries: International Food/
Candy Table and Open House

THURSDAY - Oct. 15

7:00 - 8:00 pm
"Zoom with an IW" – R&A

SATURDAY - Oct. 17

5:00 - 7:00pm, Simpson Hall

Fundraising Dinner to Benefit Middle East
Missions Featuring special guest
Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer, C&MA President

5:00 - 7:00pm, Children's Ministry

ACAC Kids "Around the World" Family Night

WEEK THREE: October 18–24

SUNDAY - Oct. 18

Speaker: CMA President Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer
"On Mission Together"

In The Hub

"Missions Fair" Tables - Going and Sending
"Meet Our Workers" Table

MONDAY - Oct. 19

Speaker: Pastor Spencer Sweeting

Worship and Ordination Service for
Pastor Christian Ballenger and
Dannielle Engstrom

In The Hub

"Missions Fair" Tables - Going and Sending
"Meet Our Workers" Table

THURSDAY - Oct. 22

7:00 - 8:00 pm
"Zoom with an IW" – Lily

SATURDAY - Oct. 24

10:00am - 12:00 noon, Simpson Hall

An ACAC "Arise" Celebration of Community
Initiatives
Featuring the 2nd Annual Kids Fashion Show by
The Nest

WEEK FOUR: October 25–31

SUNDAY AND MONDAY - Oct. 25 & 26

Speaker: Panel Report, Short Term Teams
"God's Missionary Heart in YOU!"

In The Hub

"Missions Fair" Tables - Going and Sending
"Meet Our Workers" Table

CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY OFFERING

Each year as a congregation, we bless all of our ACAC missionary families with a special financial gift to serve as a tangible reminder that they are both loved and valued back home. Join us in encouraging our missionaries as they advance the gospel worldwide.

Make your special gift to "Christmas Missionary Blessing" at www.ACAC.net/give, or scan the QR code.



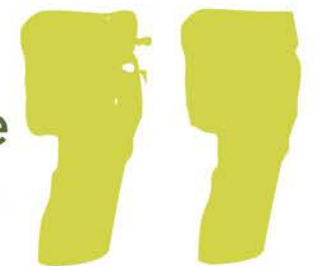
WEEK 3:

On Mission Together

We are partners in the greatest movement in history!



And you will be my
witnesses, telling people
about me everywhere...



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WEEK 3

On Mission Together

We Are Partners in the Greatest Movement in History!

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer,
Alliance President

Acts 1:8
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Guiding Question
What happens when a family of churches resolves to go on mission together to serve Jesus as a Christ-centered Acts 1:8 movement?



Big Idea.

In the Alliance family, it takes all of us, “On Mission Together,” equipped and empowered to offer the hope of Jesus to a fractured world.



Dr. Jonathan and Mary Schaeffer

About Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer
Jonathan and Mary Schaeffer are passionate about helping others grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jonathan serves as the President of The Alliance and previously pastored Grace Church in Cleveland, Ohio, for 27 years—the same church where he encountered Christ as a child. Mary’s journey with Christ began in college when she came to understand the depth of Jesus’ love for her, launching a lifelong journey of joy, freedom, and spiritual growth. She loves encouraging others through God’s Word and pointing people to the hope found in Him. Married for 38 years, Jonathan and Mary have five children and four grandchildren. Together, they enjoy serving as they encourage and equip others to know Jesus and make Him known.

About the Alliance
2,000 churches in the United States, and ACAC has been part of the Alliance family since our founding in 1894.

The Alliance has always been a deeper life and missions movement, whose people have faithfully answered the call to take the good news of Jesus’ love to the nations.

WEEK THREE NOTES:

What Is The Implication For Your Life?

Action Steps

WEEK 4:

God's Missionary Heart in You

Everyone on mission! No one left behind!



Every Christian has a role
in making Christ known
among the nations...

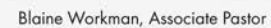
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God's Missionary Heart in You

Everyone on Mission! No One Left Behind!

What happens when God enlarges your heart with His love for all the nations?



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2027 Short-Term Mission Trip Opportunities at ACAC

MISSIONS 101 – Perfect for First-Timers!

Missions 101 trips partner with international ministry organizations and usually last seven days or less, at a cost of around \$2,000. In 2027, all of our Missions 101 trips are suitable for families to experience together. See details below.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

June 2027

- Dates: June 13-19, 2027
- Supporting the work of Open Hearts Ministries
- Plans: Serving kids in a Christian elementary school located on the edge of the main city garbage dump
- Estimated Cost: \$2,100

Great for: Families with children ages 9+

SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

July 2027

- Dates: July 17-24, 2027
- Supporting the work of Mission 25:35, an Alliance Marketplace Ministries partner
- Plans: Encouraging visits to a local hospital, school, rehab centers, and homes; helping with on-site maintenance and construction
- Estimated Cost: \$1,800

Great for: Families with children ages 12+

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

August 2027 - Tentative

- Dates: TBD
- Supporting the work of the Alliance Envision El Salvador mission site
- Plans: Working with a local after-school program and partnering with a local church in relational evangelism opportunities
- Estimated Cost: \$2,000

Great for: Families with children ages 13+

CHICHICASTENAGO, GUATEMALA

December 2027 – Tentative

- Dates: Seven days in early December
- Supporting the work of Missions Frontier
- Plans: Helping run an English camp for underprivileged youth
- Estimated Cost: \$2,600

Great for: Families with children ages 14+

MISSIONS 201 – Ready for a Challenge?

Missions 201 trips typically last 10 or more days at a cost of around \$3,000. They often offer more challenging cross-cultural experiences.

TOULOUSE, FRANCE

September 2027 – Tentative

- Dates: 10 days, TBD; most likely September 2027
- Supporting the work of the Alliance Envision France mission site
- Plans: Serving with local Christians in relational ministry, English conversation groups, and prayer walking, as well as serving at a local Alliance community center
- Estimated Cost: \$3,000

MISSIONS 301 – Considering Full-Time Missions?

For those exploring full-time missions, Missions 301 trips provide an opportunity to serve in “creative access” areas alongside an International Worker. Expect living and security challenges on longer trips of 10 or more days, often at a higher cost.

MIDDLE EAST CREATIVE ACCESS LOCATION

November 2027 – Tentative

- Dates: 10 days, TBD; most likely early November 2027
- Supporting the work of an ACAC worker in the region
- Plans: Prayer walking, cross-cultural experiences, engaging with local people, and supporting long-term workers in their outreach efforts
- Estimated Cost: \$3,000

Team Size: No more than six people

Interested in a 2027 Short-Term Mission Trip?

Scan the QR code to express your interest in learning more about any of these 2027 opportunities.



Finding Your Place in God's Global Mission

The Church at Antioch sends Paul on his “First Missionary Journey”

"One day as these men (church leaders) were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for the special work to which I have called them.” So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way." (Acts 13:2-3)

The greatest enterprise any of us will ever be a part of is God's mission to reach every people and tribe on our planet with the blessings of His gospel. It's the mission Jesus gave to the New Testament church. It remains the mission of His church – today!

To accomplish this mission, God leads some of His followers to **Go** – crossing boundaries of geography, language, and culture to share His good news with those who have never heard of His Son, Jesus.

To the rest, He calls to **Send** – that is, to pray, give, encourage, and support those who Go.

God wants each of us to be either a Goer or a Sender! Which are You?

If you would like to know more about how you can get involved in missions at ACAC, either as a Goer or a Sender, scan the QR code.



Two Possibilities

GOERS:

Cross boundaries of geography, language, and culture to engage unreached people groups, lead people within those groups to become followers of Jesus Christ, and plant indigenous churches that can continue the work of evangelization within that people group.

Goers at ACAC:

- **Discern:** has God called you to long-term service overseas?
- **Join:** short-term mission teams that assist long-term workers abroad.
- **Welcome:** Global Neighbors here in Pittsburgh with whom you can share Christ.

SENDERS:

Stay behind but are not passive. Instead, they actively sustain all who Go through intentional prayer, financial giving, and practical support. A pioneer missionary to India, William Carey, described the role of the Sender in this way: “I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the rope.” Senders “hold the rope” for those who Go.

Senders at ACAC:

- **Pray Intentionally**
 - Receiving monthly prayer updates for all our workers
 - Attending missions prayer meetings
 - “Adopting” an International Worker for whom they pray regularly
- **Give Faithfully**
 - Designating a portion of their ACAC giving specifically to “Missions”
 - Financially supporting long-term and short-term missionaries
 - Giving of their time, talent, and treasure to our ministries serving local “global neighbors,” including refugee and immigrant neighbors
- **Support Practically**
 - Encouraging workers serving abroad by writing and calling
 - Helping those preparing to go, or those returning for a visit
 - Assisting those who return permanently to adjust and resettle

ACAC's Missionary Heritage - Did You Know?

EARLY WORKER

One of the first missionaries sent out by ACAC was a woman named Zella MacAuley. Paralyzed from the hips down in the late 1800s, Zella was a resident of a charitable home in Pittsburgh called the Protestant Home for Incurables. However, she was miraculously healed in response to believing prayer and walked out of her wheelchair and the Home as a living testimony to God's healing power.

Zella later responded to God's call to overseas service. She pursued a season of preparation at Alliance founder A.B. Simpson's Missionary Training Institute in Nyack, NY. Like Mother Teresa, who followed decades later, Zella set sail in the early 1900s for India to serve among the "least of these." There, for many years, she ministered to society's outcasts in a leper colony.

MISSIONARY MARTYR



In 1939, at age 29, John Willfinger left behind his family and fiancée and set off from ACAC to serve his first missionary tour on the island of Borneo, known today as Kalimantan, Indonesia. Willfinger's goal was to share Jesus with the

Dayak people, among whom were tribesmen known to be fierce headhunters.

The surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, drew the United States into WWII. Coinciding with that attack was a series of assaults on territories in Southeast Asia, including the island of Borneo, where American missionaries were ordered by the Japanese to turn themselves in.

The Dayak tribesmen pleaded with Willfinger to accept their offer to hide among them. But knowing that any Dayaks even suspected of helping him would be ruthlessly tortured, Willfinger instead surrendered. On Christmas Eve

1942, John Willfinger was beheaded in a Japanese prison camp.

Although Indonesia today is the most populous Muslim country in the world, Dayak Christians on the island of Kalimantan number in the hundreds of thousands.

In an interesting epilogue to his story, Willfinger's love for the Dayak people saved the lives of a group of U.S. airmen near the end of WWII. When their bomber was shot down over Borneo in early 1945, the plane's crewmen were forced to parachute into the jungles below. Soon, seven survivors were apprehended by Dayak tribesmen, with whom communication proved impossible. However, when the Dayak saw the American flag patches on their uniforms, they connected the airmen with Willfinger and, at the risk of their own lives, hid the American fliers for seven months until they could be rescued.

*Their story became the subject of a book and the 2009 PBS documentary, **The Airmen and the Headhunters**.*

BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING



Deep in the rainforest of Gabon, Africa, sits a surprising anomaly: Bongolo Hospital, a 158-bed medical and surgical center serving more than 40,000 patients a year. Each of those patients hears the good news of Christ, and thousands have accepted the invitation to follow Him! In addition, dozens of missionary surgeons trained at Bongolo are currently engaged in medical service throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

What began as a single, small dispensary building in 1977 has been grown by the Lord into this amazing medical facility under the faithful leadership of another ACAC worker, Dr. David Thompson, and his wife, Rebecca. Dr. Thompson

called Pittsburgh and ACAC home throughout his undergraduate and medical school studies but subsequently spent nearly four decades in Gabon, walking with God in the development of Bongolo.

The Thompsons' incredible story is far too full to relay in just a few paragraphs. A better option is to encourage you to read Dr. Thompson's recent book, *The Curse of Bongolo Falls*. But in the meantime, know this: The work of Bongolo Hospital has helped spread the love and compassion of Jesus throughout the nation of Gabon and much of Africa. Our missions efforts at ACAC have been an integral part of the Bongolo story. Moreover, through the ministry of Bongolo Friends, a support organization headquartered here in Pittsburgh, we continue to help this work thrive.

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Just last month, ACAC commissioned and sent off our newest International Worker for her first full term of service in the Middle East. For safety reasons, we work to guard her true identity, simply referring to her as "Lily" in all our communications.

Lily has embraced the Lord's calling as a "Go-er"—taking the gospel to nations and people who have yet to hear. As her church family, we can support her by embracing our calling as "Send-ers." To learn more about how you can serve as a Send-er, please refer to the information in this guide or contact anyone involved in ACAC Missions leadership.

ALL OF JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD

“God will so write on our hearts the names of these peoples, and tribes and tongues, that we cannot rest until we have gone to them with the message of salvation.”
—A. B. Simpson
Alliance Founder

U.S. ALLIANCE FAMILY —OUR OWN CHURCH NETWORK



327,000+
worshippers



in 1,900+
churches

47% 
of U.S. C&MA churches are
non-Anglo, speaking 38
languages and dialects.

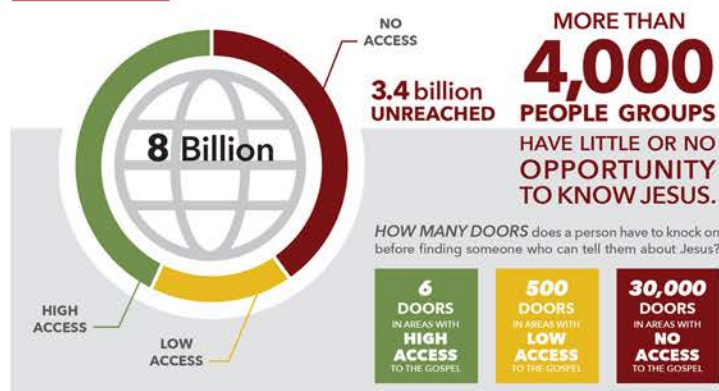
WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THE
GREAT COMMISSION TO ...

\$75 million+ 
given annually by our diverse U.S.
Alliance family for global ministries

**“Go and
make disciples
of all nations.”**

—Matthew 28:18-20

**WE SEND WORKERS BECAUSE
NOT EVERYONE HAS EQUAL
ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL.**



» **PEOPLE ON THE MOVE**
281 million people
live outside their country
of origin—that's **1 in 28!**

TO THE CONGO
A. B. Simpson sent the
first Alliance missionaries
to the Democratic Republic
of the Congo in 1884.

WORLDWIDE ALLIANCE FAMILY —OUR PARTNER NETWORK



6,200,000+
worshippers



in 25,000+
churches



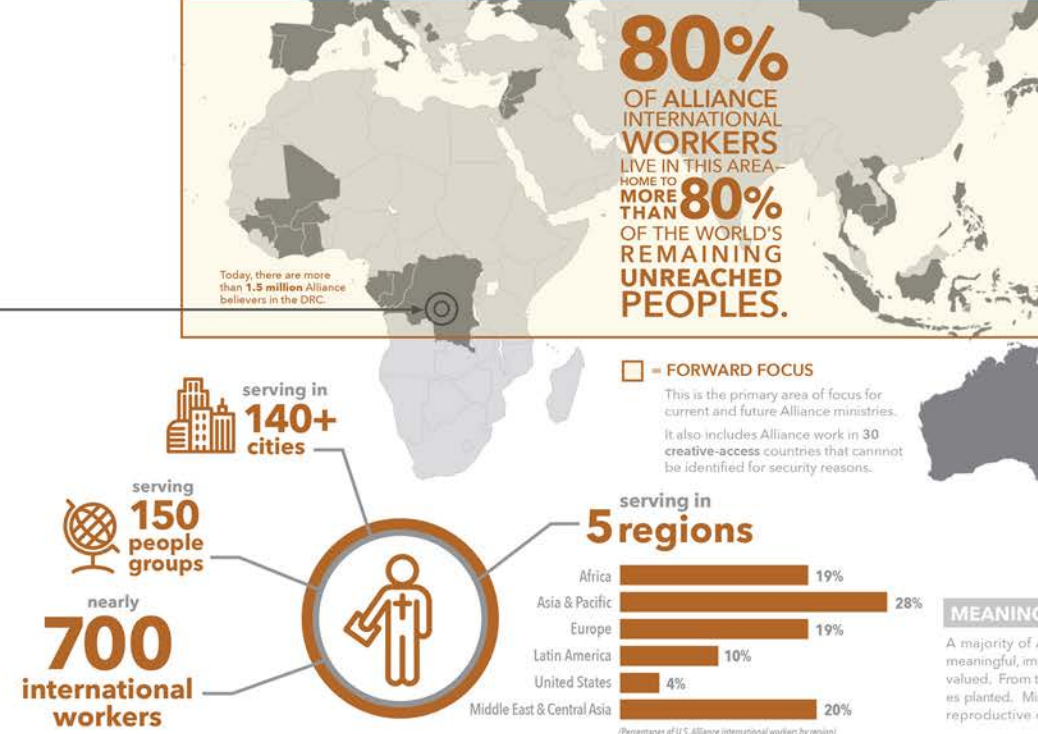
The U.S. Alliance is part of the
**ALLIANCE WORLD
FELLOWSHIP**—
A GLOBAL FAMILY OF
**60 AUTONOMOUS
NATIONAL ALLIANCE
CHURCH NETWORKS.**

5 AWF partner networks are
larger than the U.S. Alliance—
Congo, Vietnam, Côte d'Ivoire,
the Philippines, and Indonesia.

24 AWF partner networks send
their own missionaries to still
other people groups.

241 new missionaries are
sent by AWF partner
networks.

“Nothing is more sustainable
than the Church, and nothing
done in Jesus' name is ultimately
sustainable without the Church.”
—Tim Crouch
Vice President for Alliance Missions



FOUR SPECIALIZED STRUCTURES



aXcess

Proclaims the gospel
and multiplies networks
among the least-reached
of the world



CAMA

Responds to disasters
globally and partners
locally to restore
communities and
alleviate poverty



Envision

Identifies and develops
missional leaders
through short-term
missions experiences
and innovative
ministry strategies



**marketplace
ministries**

Facilitates marketplace
professionals who bring
their expertise to a
community to disciple
those around them

STRATEGIC THEMES



SERVING COMMUNITIES

through vocational expertise
that impacts the whole person
and their surrounding
neighborhoods



MULTIPLYING CHURCH NETWORKS

that create even more churches
to serve the unreached in their
communities—and beyond



DEVELOPING PEOPLE

who will disciple others to be
effective leaders in their
communities and church
networks with a passion for Jesus

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JESUS** **FOR ALL
THE WORLD**

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Recommended Reading

ACAC Authors (Missions-related only)

- Angela Cheng, *Finding God's Goodness in Unexpected Places*
- Glenn Hanna, *Building Missionaries: Fostering Souls for Success on the Field*
- Richard Noble, *On Mission Together: Integrating Missions into the Local Church*
- Micheline G. Ouedraogo, *Bridges to Burkina: A Journey of Faith, Obedience, and God's Provision*
- Doug Sprague, *GO!: A Journey of Surrender and Trust*
- David Thompson, *On Call*
- David Thompson, *The Curse of Bongolo Falls*

I'm New to Missions

- Paul Borthwick, *How to Be a World Class Christian: Becoming Part of God's Global Kingdom*
- John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad! (30th Anniversary edition)*

Going Deeper in Missions

- Alice T. Ott, *Turning Points in the Expansion of Christianity*
- John Stott and Christopher J.H. Wright, *Christian Mission in the Modern World*
- Vaughn J. Walston and Robert J. Stevens, eds., *African-American Experience in World Mission: A Call Beyond Community*
- Ralph Winter, Steven Hawthorne, Pam Arlund, eds., *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader (5th ed.)*

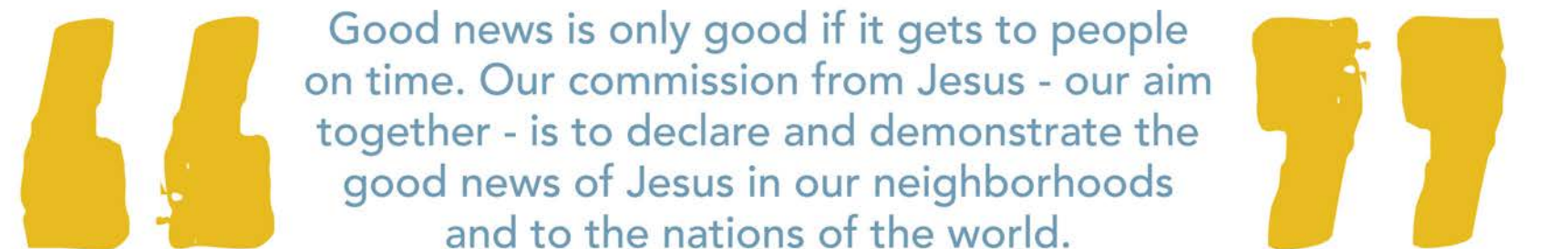
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