

# *GLOBAL ACTION*

## 2017 MINISTRY REPORT

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## From the President's Desk

Dear friends, partners, and supporters of Global Action,

God is on the move and exciting things are happening all across the world through Global Action! From the increased number of training locations across Latin America and the Caribbean, to the expansion plans with new training locations in Central Europe, to expanding our reach into areas of India where the need for training is huge. God is on the move!

I am happy to share this 2017 Ministry Report as I can see God's fingerprints all over our ministry. Just in the last six months, the Lord brought us into two strategic partnerships that will allow us to further provide training but also to broaden our scope and reach of ministry. Our leaders and staff are busy and remain committed to our mission and vision for Training Pastors, Making Disciples, and Changing the World. We can't do this alone and you play a major part of everything we do, both with your prayers and with your financial support. For that, I thank you and express our gratitude!

Please continue to pray for our Global Action leaders, staff, teachers, and volunteers! We are fully dependent on God and want to be obedient to His leading and to be sensitive to the leading of His Holy Spirit. We also want to keep you in our prayers! Reach out and let us know how we could be praying for you and your families!

With blessings,



Dr. Rick Thompson  
International President  
*Global Action*

August 2018

# Central America

Gloria Fernandez

Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

Our tenth training year in Honduras started in October 2016 with the graduation of 264 students from Honduras and Guatemala. We had twelve training locations in Honduras, with one central training class in San Pedro Sula and 11 locations through our extension program. In Guatemala, we had two training locations (El Faro and Livingston) with a total of 41 students.

## VERTICAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

In November '16, we hosted a mission team from Vertical Church, our ministry partner in New Haven, Connecticut. The team engaged in the following ministry activities:

- Finishing the construction they had started during their April;
- A trip of an office/Sunday school classroom in the community of Vida Nueva, Cofradia;
- Vacation Bible School with 50 children at social risk in that village;
- Distribution of clothes, shoes, toys, school supplies and food;
- Distribution of baskets to needy families;
- A children's outreach in one of the 16 slums in San Pedro Sula;
- Distribution of food to poor Christian families from the host church;
- Preaching and ministering time at the Garifuna church in San Pedro
- Assisted in the graduation of the San Pedro Copan class (5 hours away) and the Prison class;
- Travelled to El Faro for an exploration trip for future ministry opportunities.

## GLOMOS (GCF) COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

After several meetings with graduates, the GLOMOS/Global Church Foundations (GCF) Community Fellowship was started. This is a fellowship of our graduates who want to work together for the advance-



ment of the Kingdom. They plan to support each other's ministries in evangelism, teaching, social outreach, etc. In early December, a group of 12 graduates travelled 6 hours to the mountains of Concepcion, Intibuca for an outreach to the Lenca Tribe, one of the 8 ethnic groups in Honduras. They distrib-



uted 4,000 pounds of used clothes and food to 23 native pastors and their churches. On Sunday morning, a service was held with all the local pastors from different denominations. This type of a Christian gathering has never happened before in the community.

### **2017 TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

In January of 2017, we held our second teachers' development training in our new classroom in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Forty graduates attended the two-day training headed by Otto Kladensky from San Jose, Costa Rica. The training included adult teaching methodology and other tools to teach and train pastors in their communities. These teachers are currently teaching in our 11 locations throughout Honduras.

### **FINISHING WELL IN LIFE AND MINISTRY SEMINAR**

In early February of 2017, we taught a seminar at El Faro, Guatemala to 50 graduates of GLOMOS/GCF and El Faro staff. Pastor Ubaldo Restan from Colombia and Nicolas Woodbury from the United States were the teachers. They both brought over 40 years of experience teaching pastors in Latin America. Some of our staff were blessed to meet them during the GPRO Pastoral Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in June of 2016 and invited them to come to Central America to provide further training to our graduates.



### **GLOMOS/GCF NICARAGUA 2017**

On February 21, 2017, Pastor R.J. Koerper and I travelled to Matagalpa, Nicaragua for the inauguration of our first GLOMOS/GCF class in Nicaraguan territory. We started with 26 pastors from all over Nicaragua, some traveling up to 12 hours to get to class. RJ Koerper taught the first module on the Life of Jesus.



We have faced many challenges in this new location but with God's grace we have been able to cover all of the financial obligations and we will be graduating 25 students. Our Nicaragua training location was in Matagalpa with 25 students.

### **GLOMOS/GCF HONDURAS & GUATEMALA**

In March 2017, we started GLOMOS/GCF in Honduras with twelve training locations and 166 students. Our training in Guatemala started with 62 students. We added 4 new classes in Guatemala. One of our biggest accomplishments was the first Maya Q'eqchi class in Barra Lampara, Rio Dulce. This class is taught in Spanish and Q'eqchi and it's providing the pastors from this ethnic tribe a much needed Biblical foundation for life and ministry.

### **2017 GRADUATIONS GUATEMALA**

We had our annual graduation services October 16-18 and the graduation was preceded by our final module on Leadership. Both graduation and final module took place in El Faro, Guatemala. The classes from Nicaragua, San Pedro Sula, Honduras and Guatemala were all in attendance. Graduation took place on October 19, 2017 and congratulated



and prayed over 111 graduates. The students from Guatemala City had their graduation in January 2018.



### **HONDURAS**

On October 21, 2017 we had a graduation day for the remaining 13 training locations with 157 students. Our total number of graduates in Central America in 2017: 274.

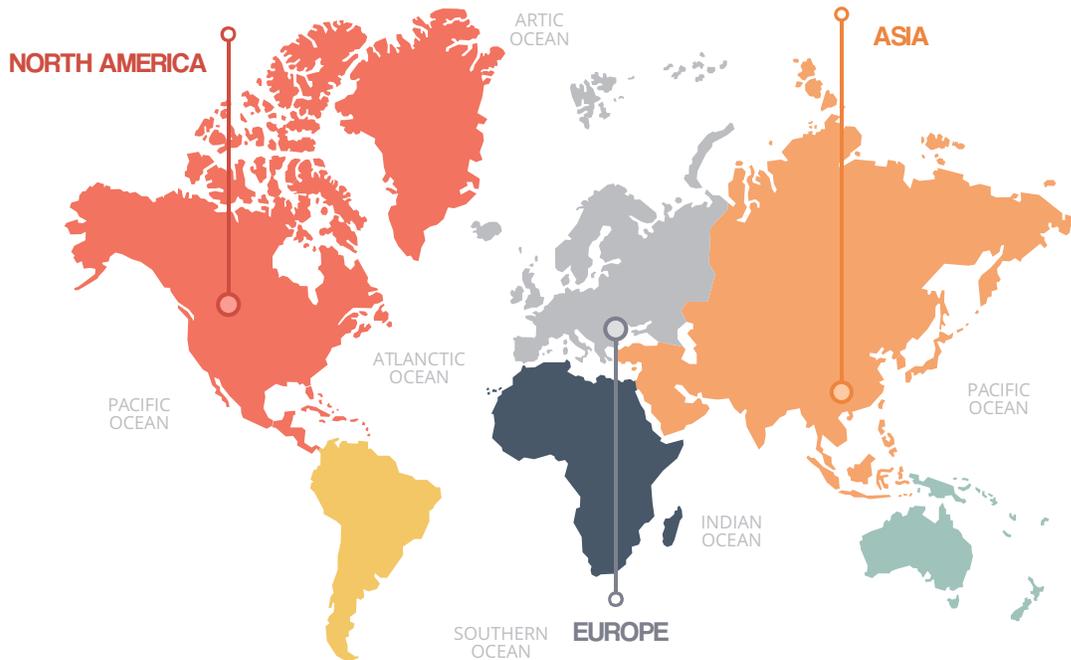
### **FUTURE PLANS**

In early 2018, we had our first Central America Leaders of Leaders Summit (L2 Summit). Using the model from 2 Timothy 2:2 of teaching faithful leaders who will teach other leaders, we had a two-day training of 40 local trainers, pastors, and leaders. All of them were graduates of our Global Church Foundations (GCF) program and now they are ready to train and equip other pastors and leaders in five countries: Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Colombia. These forty leaders, on an average week, serve and minister to over 22,000 church members. We expect to see their ministries and churches to grow as they apply the principles of the Bible into their personal lives and their church ministries.

# 20 YEARS Making Disciples

Since its start in 1998, Global Action has trained over 9,000 pastors and church leaders through the eight month "Global Module Studies" (GLOMOS) courses and helped facilitate tens of thousands of church plants through graduates.

 <b>Latin America</b>	 <b>Ukraine</b>	 <b>India and South Asia</b>
<p>✓ El Salvador (2008-2013) Honduras (2006-2018) Guatemala (2014-2018) Nicaragua (2017-2018)</p> <p>✗ High crime and violence Non-Christian religious beliefs: Afro-Brazilian/Afro-Caribbean</p>	<p>✓ Kerch, Crimea (2005-2008) Chernihev (2009-2010) Kiev (2011-2018) Poltava (2014-2018)</p> <p>✗ War and distress Non-Christian religious beliefs: Slavic native faith</p>	<p>✓ India (2001-2018) Nepal (2008-2013) Sri Lanka (2001-2013)</p> <p>✗ High Christian persecution Non-Christian religious beliefs: Hindu</p>



### Making Disciples of All Nations

We've identified that untrained pastors in underdeveloped countries around the world long for an opportunity to learn, but lack resources to attend formal seminary training. Global Action created the Global Module Studies program (GLOMOS) to empower and equip pastors and church leaders in practical pastoral and theological instruction that is relative to students' own cultural and language preferences. The results produce confident and knowledgeable pastors who can properly minister within their distressed or highly-persecuted villages and communities.



## India & Southeast Asia

Amit Mondal, National Administrator

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” ~Matthew 28:19-20*

The vision of Action Ministries is inspired by the Great Commission and we are committed to it.

### **GLOMOS/GCF EQUIPS & TRAINS**

GLOMOS/GCF continues to equip untrained pastors and leaders in rural areas. Through this program, churches and its community in very remote areas, even across the border are benefiting. Bhutan, the country where practicing Christianity is crime, pastors and leaders from this country who never been trained, now getting trained with systematic theology. In November of 2016, we had 15 Bhutanese pastors and leaders will be graduating and will received their very first theological certificates.

### **PERSECUTION INCREASES**

Jharkhand is one of highly Christian persecuted state in India. Recently an anti conversion bill was passed in this state and thousands of pastors and Christians are facing regular persecution. One of our recent graduates, pastor Suleman Tuti, was badly beaten in front of his family and later sentenced to jail in a case of conversion. He was a terrorist before he received Christ, and once he said in his testimony



“I was protected by arms when I was a terrorist but now I am protected by people’s prayers as I believe in Christ.” This year, along with pastor Suleman, 16 more pastor & leaders graduated through Ranchi GLOMOS center.

This year, also with our partnership with Bengal Christian Network, we graduated 111 student all over West Bengal state. We were honored to have our international president along with us during Delhi & Coastal Andhra Graduation. 56 pastors and leaders graduated and received their certificates of completion.



After graduating 41 pastors in Coastal Andhra, we have started our second class with 26 untrained leaders. These 26 men & women are fulltime pastors and evangelist and all of them are first generation Christians. For the past 17 years, Global Action has witnessed many ups and downs. We have faced many challenges, but we always experience God’s guidance and blessing on his ministry.

We have made new connections with some local independent churches and leaders in Tamil Nadu. We call them ‘Tamil Brothers’. This network will help us reach and train many more untrained pastors and leaders in Tamil Nadu and also pastors from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In partnership with the Tamil Brothers, we conducted a leadership seminar where we trained over 100 Christian leaders.





### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES**

During the Christmas time, over 200 youth received the Word of God and Bibles when we visited one of our alumni pastor, pastor Vijay's church. While our involvement is to provide training for the untrained, we also stand with them in community development work so the church can be more beneficial to the community. We continue our work in helping children and under privileged people.

### **SUMMER CAMPS & MEDICAL OUTREACH**

In 2017, we were able to reach 160 children through summer camps, vocational bible school and support 30 children with nutritional food. We provided free health check-up and necessary medicine for over 150 under privileged people through 2 medical camps. During winter, we provided 350 blankets to the neediest people from Coastal Andhra & Jharkhand.

### **PRAYERS for 2018**

We appreciate the prayers of our friends, partners, and donors and we ask that you keep our ministries in India in your regular prayer time. We are preparing plans to expand our training into several new areas that will require God's supernatural protection for our staff, leaders, teachers, and coordinators. India and the people of that sub-continent have a special place in God's heart and we want to do everything we can to equip and empower the Indian Church to make more disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ.





# GLOBAL ACTION

## A Glimpse of Outreach Efforts Over Two Decades

1998-2018



1998

Global Action started as a non-formal training program for those called to ministry who have neither time nor financial resources to attend Bible college or seminary.



2005

After the Tsunami of 2004, Global Action organized over 8,000 volunteers at different locations to help with providing meals, "essential" supplies, medical supplies, and the rebuilding of communities.



2012

Global Action India gave sweaters to children at an HIV hospital as a symbol of Jesus' warmth and distributed over 50,000 blankets during the winter months to those living in the foothills and leper colonies in the Himalayas.



2014

Global Action taught classes to the San Pedro Sula Prison Church where 2,500 criminals live. The Prison Church provides for the physical needs of the elderly inmates as well as cooks meals and provides help for the inmates who need extra care.



2015

Our Salvation Army partners in Sweden donated over 200 medical containers that Global Action shipped to hospitals and churches all around the world.



2017

Global Action Ukraine helped facilitate over 18 summer camps for 1,293 children throughout the country.



2018

By 2018, Global Action has traveled with almost 2,000 people on 152 trips around the world, trained over 9,000 pastors and church leaders, helped tens of thousands of church plants through training graduates, and trained over 50,000 pastors and church leaders through hundreds of leadership conferences and seminars.

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## Ukraine & Eastern Europe

Igor Grishajev, Ukraine and Eastern Europe Director

### **EQUIPPING & TRAINING PASTORS and LEADERS**

GLOMOS/GCF continued to train and equip pastors and church leaders for effective ministry in Ukraine during 2017. We had 27 students start the school year (in October of 2016) and 25 of them graduated in June of 2017. Each of the graduates during 2016-2017 trained three leaders in their churches. Here's one testimony from one of graduates in Uzhgorod:

*"There were two Roma leaders in GLOMOS/GCF this year – pastor Robbie and his "Timothy", Eugenie. After the 3rd module, Eugenie was ordained to be the pastor of one of the Roma village near Uzhgorod. That happened because Eugenie was affirmed in his calling to be a pastor in our program. Pastor Robbie and pastor Eugenie used their GLOMOS/GCF training to train 16 additional pastors in their area!"*

### **STORY FROM A GLOMOS LOCATION**

Pastors Robbie and Eugenie are the leaders of growing Roma churches near Uzhgorod and in nearby villages. Their churches were started in the Gypsy slums. The idea of discipleship encouraged them to minister together to reach more Gypsies.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

As we've done for many years, we partnered again with local churches of our GLOMOS/GCF graduates to provide Christmas 2016-2017 Bible camps and events.



Global Action supported summer Bible camps for more than 1,293 children in 18 different locations in Ukraine where our GLOMOS/GCF graduates serve the Lord. These camps allow our graduates to have new opportunities to reach children in new locations.

### **GREAEST VICTORY IN 2016/2017**

Our greatest victory this year was uniting pastors from all over Ukraine to study and share the Gospel. As "iron sharpens iron", the pastors and



leaders that participated in GLOMOS/GCF sharpened each other. We also were able to establish new relationships with Hungary and the UK. Doors are opening for us to return to Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Ukraine!

### **GREATEST CHALLENGE**

We pray for the unity between GLOMOS/GCF graduates as they all need practical help for their ministries. We are praying for more partnering churches who will join us and will help us build stronger relationships between the Ukrainian churches.

### **2018 PROJECTIONS**

We are planning a new training location in the capital of Kief with 80 students. This will allow us to use a centralized training location that will have easier access to pastors and church leaders from the surrounding areas. The training location will also allow us to further develop our team of leaders and local teachers, setting our eyes on opening new training locations in several areas of Ukraine.





## **CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES**

There are many GLOMOS/GCF graduates and students across Ukraine. In all of the big cities, we have pastors and leaders who have graduated from our program and who are busy right now with preparation for New Year and Christmas 2017 holidays. These programs will reach out and minister to several thousand of children from Roma, Hungarians, Romanians, Jews, Tatar, and Moldovans.

There were 10 locations where New Year and Christmas Holidays 2016-2017 our GLOMOS/GCF students and graduates will reach children from disabled families, orphans in orphanages, teenagers in custody and prison, war zone conflict children, and street kids. The total numbers of the children reached was about 1,200.

## **SUMMER CAMPS**

During 2017, Global Action began partnering with several local Bible camps supporting children ministry development. There were more than 1,000 children from different nationalities and from different parts of Ukraine. We influenced and developed local church ministries all over Ukraine. Local churches also participated financially and contributed in these camps using their own resources.

During these camps, we served Roma children and children of other nationalities that were displaced and who had to flee with their parents from the Eastern Ukraine where the war is going on. There were 430 children refugees who we served during these summer camps.

These Bible Camps are an opportunity for needy children and orphans to enjoy several fun-filled days, and more importantly, to learn about God's love for them. This also offers the opportunity for our Christian





leaders, to reach out to the needy and vulnerable in their communities to transform them from within.

### **DURING THE SUMMER CAMPS...**

**WE SHARED LOVING GUIDANCE TO TROUBLED CHILDREN.** Many of the boys and girls at camps are parentless and there is nobody who can or will care for them properly. At camps, the children receive the love and attention of young Christian leaders who listen to them and care for their needs. They are so hungry to be loved!

**WE OPENED THE DOORS TO EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP.** Summer camps are many bridges to evangelism for an entire community where Christians have traditionally been unwelcomed. In addition, leaders continue the relationships built at camp through sports camps, Sunday Schools, and other discipleship opportunities.

**WE IMPACTED ENTIRE FAMILIES THROUGH THEIR CHILDREN.** Children returned home from camps full of what they've seen and done, and with a Bible and other Christian literature in their hands. Many families become curious and connect with local churches affiliated with the camps as a result of their children's enthusiasm.



**WE DEVELOPE EFFECTIVE LEADERS.** Summer camps are opportunities to expose local church ministries. It becomes a stepping-stone to finding a permanent place for ministry in their churches.



**WE HELPED BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE SERIOUS FUN!** Every camp's activities and message were carefully personalized for the age of the campers and their cultural background. Whether they were children traumatized by warfare in the Eastern Ukraine, Roma boys and girls, or youth struggling with poverty in Ukraine, camps' counselors introduce them to the love of Christ in a way that's both fun and meaningful.

**WE PRAYED FOR UKRAINE**

We continue to pray for the peace in Eastern Ukraine where pro-Russian para-military organizations work to "move" those areas under the full control of Russia. Since the conflict started in 2014, Russia has blocked communications from Ukraine. However, we are still able to minister to displaced families and to war orphans because of the network of our GLOMOS/GCF graduates.

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## GLOMOS Trained Pastors and Church Leaders

Since its start in 1998, Global Action has trained over 9,000 pastors and church leaders through the eight month "Global Module Studies" (GLOMOS) courses and helped facilitate tens of thousands of church plants through graduates. In turn, the graduates have reached over 250,000 new Christians in their churches. Here's a look at the graduate counts for the past 6 years.



2012

439 Graduates

India 285  
Ukraine 60  
El Salvador 25  
Honduras 69



2014

136 Graduates

India 81  
Honduras 33  
Guatemala 22



2016

461 Graduates

India 168  
Ukraine 27  
Honduras 225  
Guatemala 41



2018

We expect to train approximately 450 more pastors and church leaders in many parts of the world this year!

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2013

221 Graduates

India 104  
Ukraine 34  
El Salvador 25  
Honduras 58



2015

268 Graduates

India 115  
Honduras 121  
Guatemala 32



2017

440 Graduates

India 141  
Ukraine 25  
Honduras 188  
Guatemala 62  
Nicaragua 24



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## Financial Transparency

All of us at Global Action believe in the Biblical principle of stewardship. Good stewardship starts at our own homes and the responsibility of taking accounting all finances with utmost care is very important for us. We thank the Lord for each and everyone of our partners, friends, and donors - we can't do what we do without your support, prayers, friendship, and involvement! For all this and more, we say a deep and heartfelt, "Thank you!"

Financially, Global Action operates on a fiscal year that starts on October 1 and ends on September 30. Each year, we are independently audited and professional auditors look into our financials, transactions, reports, bank statements, and internal controls for checks and balances.

At the time of this report, our auditors are still working on their report. It should become available later in the Spring. Here's a summary of our financials for FY2017 that ended September 30, 2017.

### Financial Snapshot

Income:	\$ 617,831
Expenses:	\$ 583,914
Net:	\$ 33,917

### Liabilities

September 30, 2017:	\$ 139,676
September 30, 2016:	\$ 177,613

### Net Assets

September 30, 2017:	\$ 234,954
September 30, 2016:	\$ 201,037

After the completion of our audit, we will have a report for our functional expenses, too. It will be available through our website and the Financial Accountability section.

For questions, please, contact Nasko D. Lazarov through our website and the contact information at [www.globalaction.com](http://www.globalaction.com)

## **Strategic Partnerships**

We will remember 2017 as the year of expansion. Our training program in Central America is now ready to deploy in five countries in the region, possibly seven. Our work in Southeast Asia also has expanded. The ministry and work in Ukraine continued to build and develop. We welcomed five new staff members and the demand of work and time can certainly welcome even more volunteers and associates.

In the same direction, God helped us expand our strategic partnerships. We have officially entered into partnership agreements with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and CRU (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ). These two partnerships bring an extra layer of training alongside our Church Foundations (we all know it with its abbreviation of GLOMOS/GCF) and will allow us to provide our graduated and current students with an additional training in the areas of children's ministries and we will come alongside CRU's church planters with the foundational training they need for their churches. Reinventing the wheel could work for the big tech companies but there is no place for it in the Kingdom of God. We always look for ways to partner with other Christian ministries and we always welcome new partners. Please continue to pray for our work as we expand, plan, and prepare.

## **Curriculum Revisions & Updates**

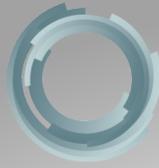
We continued with our revision project of GLOMOS/GCF to produce and finalize an improved and updated curriculum. Three years ago, when we launched the rewrite, we wanted to address several issues with our teaching materials. Each module had great content but from a teaching stand point of view, the program wasn't a coherent, consistent, and posed challenges for all our teachers on deciding how to approach teaching each subject. We've been working hard over the past two years to update, revise, and create content that will allow us to maximize the effectiveness of the program; to provide local teachers with practical teaching guides; to increase our follow-through on the learning outcomes for our students; and, last but not least, to make our training available to other ministry partners. We are now into the stage of initial translation work for seven languages and we will be working most of 2018, translating one module after another, until we complete this enormous task. We ask and appreciate your prayers for our Vice President of Curriculum Development and Training, RJ Koerber, as he works with a team of writers, editors, and translators to see this exciting project to come to completion.

## Our Approach

This is how we approach the biggest problem the Church has in the world today: the lack of mature leadership in the Body of Christ.

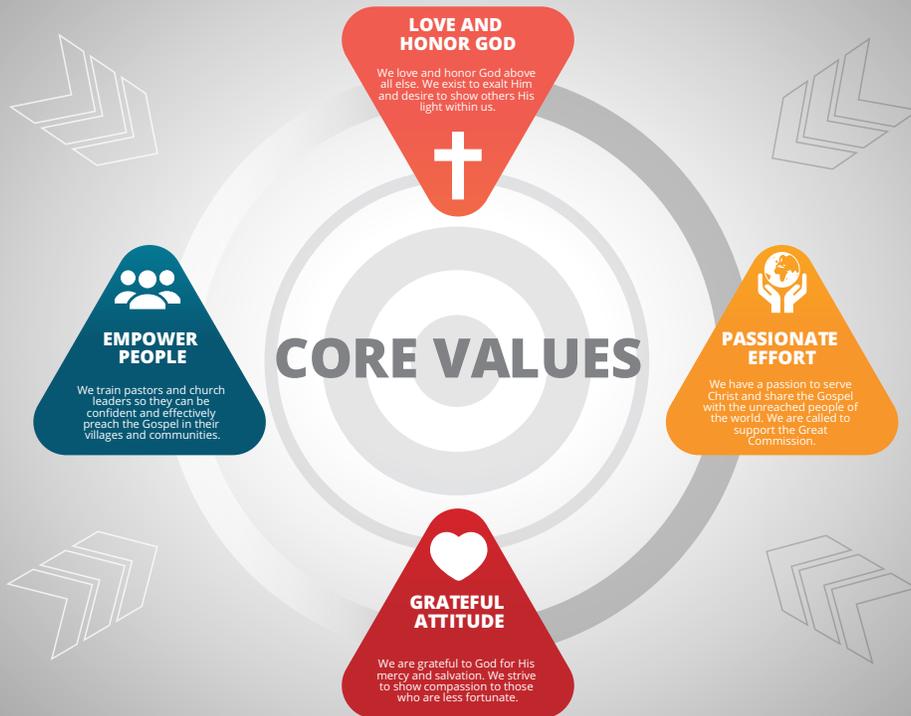
We start with the basics, making sure that each church has a well trained and well equipped leader for an effective ministry. Throughout our eight-month training, we emphasize building Christ-like character, missional vision, and discipleship. When a leader comes to our training and they complete it in eight months, we see them plant churches, start local outreaches, and make more disciples. The new disciples and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ get involved in ministry and many of them also plan new churches. And the circle starts again.





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