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*"We must be global Christians with a global mission
because our God is a global God."*

-- John R.W. Stott

GLOBAL ACTION

is on the move

2018

MINISTRY REPORT



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Thank you once again for supporting the work of Global Action. As you have heard me say many times, we are strategically focused on “training leaders to change the world.” There are a thousand things we could do to make this world a better place, but we believe that one well-equipped leader who is passionate about the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to transform a community. We are FOR community transformation, but we believe local leaders are most strategically placed to meet those needs.

I've been saying “Wow!” a lot. And as I look back on 2018, that is my response once again. Last year in Latin America alone we had students graduating from 17 different training locations! Seventeen, wow! I've been traveling back and forth to Latin America for more than 30 years now, and I can tell you that the desperate need for leadership development has never been greater. The church in Latin America needs solid Biblical teaching, gospel-centered churches and leaders marked by humility and courage. We are helping make that happen. Wow!

We started our new initiative in Cuba in 2018, enrolling over 350 pastors in our first wave of classes. Wow! We trained 286 leaders in India, but that is only the beginning of the story. These unsung heroes are then crossing the borders into places like Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal - where it is difficult or even impossible for Western missionaries to go - and they are spreading the Gospel! Wow! Our work in Eastern Europe continues, where current students and graduates are transforming the lives of hundreds of children and families across Ukraine. Wow!

I have served in many capacities with Global Action for more than 10 years now, and it is my joy to be the servant leader of such a great team engaged in this great work. I don't think I have ever been as excited as I am now. We give praise to God, and we give our heartfelt gratitude to you for your generosity. Please join us again this year in helping with the work of training pastors who are changing the world. Your giving will change lives forever!



Dr. Rick Thompson
President



SOUTH ASIA

This has been a year of exciting growth in Asia. We expanded our reach to include 12 centers, and we equipped 286 leaders who are now impacting the lives of more than 1,800 people through their ministry work. We worked in hard-to-reach places, including a Hindu city notorious for persecuting believers, villages in the Himalayan mountains that are typically cut off from the rest of the world, and the closed Buddhist nation of Bhutan.

The people of Bhutan are particularly dear to my heart. They are far from the truth and salvation, with few (if any!) opportunities to hear the hope of the Gospel. This was our second year equipping pastors and leaders from this difficult country, and with much joy I can report that all 55 of our Bhutanese alumni are flourishing in their ministries. They are starting new house churches, multiplying GLOMOS training in their areas, and spreading the Gospel to the lost. These leaders are now bringing a sustainable Gospel movement to the nations of India and Bhutan.



There is much work left to be done. The harvest is plentiful, and the workers are few. Thank you for joining with us in equipping workers for the harvest.

--Amit Mondal, Regional Director

ALLEGIANCE TO A NEW KING

Neten* understands faithfulness to his king. Neten served as one of the king's personal bodyguards in the Buddhist monarchy of Bhutan. But when alcoholism began destroying his life, he had to step away from his service to the king.

It was during this time that he encountered the true King of Kings, who changed his life entirely. He was redeemed from alcoholism, and when the king called him to come back to his service, Neten boldly replied, "I have found my true King, and I want to join his army."

And Neten has been doing just that: sharing the Gospel among the Bhutanese people. He has persevered in spite of great persecution and difficulty. But Neten longed for training so that he could be more effective in his ministry. He had no money, and there are no seminaries in his country.

Then God brought Global Action to him. Neten graduated in our first Bhutanese class, and since that time he has been training 20 additional Bhutanese leaders through our program. He is transforming his country from the inside out, going places that Western missionaries could never reach. He is a true servant of the King.

"GLOMOS is the backbone of my ministry...In a closed nation like ours, GLOMOS is a ray of hope and an answer to many prayers."

LATIN AMERICA

It has been another fruitful year in Latin America. In 2018, we provided theological training at seventeen campuses and graduated 222 students from Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala through our Global Church Foundations program. But that is only the beginning.

Once our students finish our program, they put into practice what they've learned. And they are accomplishing big things! One example is Livingston, Guatemala, where we have been working with leaders from among the Mayan and Garifuna ethnic groups.

Our graduates have been effectively transforming this impoverished area, carrying out community projects that have been a significant blessing to the people.

Thanks to the sponsorship of two members from Council Road Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and the local Garifuna church, a clinic now provides free medical services to the citizens of the area. A project for clean drinking water, promoted by Healing Water through a donation of a filtration equipment valued at \$14,000, will provide drinking water to the whole community.

Our students and their churches are living out the Gospel. They are bringing the Good News of Christ to the lost, and they are embodying the Good News as they meet the physical needs of their neighbors with servants' hearts. This is what our training is all about!

--Gloria Fernández, Regional Director

TRAILBLAZER FOR THE KINGDOM

Rosa Tacaj is a trailblazer. Rosa belongs to the Maya Q'ecqchi ethnic group. She is an active leader in her church, located in a small village in Eastern Guatemala. She longed to study the Scriptures and to be trained to teach others - particularly the women and girls in her village. Her heart's desire was for them to experience God's love and know His plan for their lives.

As a woman in this conservative people group where many girls don't even go to school, Rosa's desire for training felt like nothing more than a distant dream. But when Global Action trained the first Q'ecqchi student four years ago, things began to change.

As more Q'ecqchi pastors began to study Scripture and learn about godly leadership, they started to recognize that God has an important role for women in His church. In 2018, Rosa and five others formed the first group of Q'ecqchi women to receive theological training through Global Action. Rosa's prayers were answered.



Rosa was so impacted by the training that she can't wait to share it. She is now enrolled in our upcoming Teacher Certification course. Her vision is to open a new GLOMOS campus in her village, so she can train and empower other women with the Word of God to reach others. She is blazing a trail for the Kingdom!

EASTERN EUROPE

One good leader can make an immeasurable, lasting impact on his community. And that is what we are seeing over and over again in Eastern Europe. In 2018, 25 students graduated from our program ready to change their communities with the Gospel. We have now started a new class of 43 in Lviv. Each one of these students, along with our hundreds of graduates, is actively applying what they have learned. Their communities are being transformed, and people are noticing.

One of the major ways that many of our graduates are impacting their communities is by loving orphans and vulnerable children. All across Ukraine, their churches hold Bible camps for these children who are often forgotten by society. In 2018 alone, we collaborated with our graduates to serve 3,300 children through Christmas events and 20 summer camps. These camps aren't just a fun experience - they are often the first time these children have been shown that they have value. Many children have come to Christ!

This is why we train leaders. The ripple effect is far greater than anything we could do on our own. God is now opening doors for us to begin offering our program in Hungary, Poland, and Moldova soon. We are growing! Thank you for your faithful partnership, which allows this all to happen.

--Igor Grishajev, Regional Director

CHAMPION OF THE OPPRESSED

Pastor Nikolai Burlutskiy is a man with a mission. He graduated from our Foundations program in 2012, filled with passion for equipping leadership teams for ministry. He set to work immediately, training church leaders with what he learned from Global Action. He formed teams for ministry at his church and organized an evangelistic school for leaders. Within one year of graduating, he had already conducted 38 training sessions with church leaders. Over the next four years, he and his team of 23 had trained 143 people.

But training more leaders was just the beginning. Once he had a trained mission team, they began working among the Roma (gypsy) people in the town of Merefa. Their team does acts of service, counselling, women's ministry, youth ministry, and new believer discipleship to share the hope of the Gospel with the Roma people. Their labor has produced much fruit - a new church community has been born!



Nikolai also chairs an NGO dedicated to education and human rights for the Roma people. He is well known throughout Ukraine for his work as a champion for the oppressed. He is a light shining in the darkness!

OUR COMMITMENTS

1. We are committed to glorifying God in all we do.

It is the intention of Global Action to glorify God through our ministry – to always make the name of God great, and to never elevate ourselves. Our ultimate aim is not evangelism, but worship. We want God to be glorified in all we do.

2. We are committed to making disciples in all nations.

We are dedicated to carrying out the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28, by equipping church leaders to lead disciple-making churches. We strive to make our training transferable by keeping it simple, practical and focused. Our desire is to disciple the disciple-makers. Evangelism is the beginning, but not the end. We ultimately are trying to help people follow Christ forever.

3. We are committed to holding to the authority of Scripture.

We value the Word of God as our final authority and use its wisdom as the basis for all we do. We are committed to a biblically-based evangelical theology. Evangelical theology may be defined as a belief in the Apostle's Creed, a faithful commitment to Scripture and constant emphasis on the Gospel. We hold to traditional Evangelical theology without excluding those from various denominations of the larger church.

4. We are committed to equipping leaders to transform their communities.

We equip leaders to change their communities and countries. We believe that developing leaders is the best investment of our time and resources. Good leaders can mobilize churches to do important Gospel work (evangelism, discipleship, etc.) and social work (drilling wells, saving orphans, feeding the hungry, working in prisons, etc.) in their communities. Training a leader can transform a community.

5. We are committed to serving in the places of greatest need.

We want abundant resources to flow to the areas of greatest need. We believe that we have been called to serve those who are living in the most desperate places in the world. We do not shy away from those who live in poverty or those facing persecution. We move toward them, just as Christ has moved toward us in our time of greatest need.

6. We are committed to making theological education accessible.

Theological education should not just be the privilege of those who live in the Western world, or for those who can afford the cost of post-secondary or graduate education. Education is becoming more expensive, and therefore less accessible to the most vulnerable. We are driven by the conviction that theological training should be made accessible for all men and women in the world who have been called to serve the church, regardless of their socio-economic status.

7. We are committed to offering quality educational experiences.

We don't just teach anything — and we don't just let anyone teach. We want our students to get the quality training they need to help them change the communities they serve. We want to carry out our work with excellence because we believe that this glorifies our God, blesses the people we serve, and is an example of those we teach.

8. We are committed to managing our resources with integrity.

Financial integrity is at the core of who we are. We are committed to being faithful stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to us, for the express purpose of training leaders who will help us change the world.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Every year, after the excitement and festivities of Christmas, I give thanks to God for His goodness, grace, and faithfulness. This year was no different as I could see clearly the hand of the Lord over all our programs, operations, and finances. I am happy to share the following brief report for 2018.

The distribution of our functional expenses in FY2017, which ended on September 30, 2017, is shown to the right. In 2018, we continued to maintain low administrative and fundraising costs. After our current audit is complete, we will have updated functional expense ratios that will be available online from our Public Form 990. You can visit www.globalaction.com to find additional reports under Financial Accountability section.

Global Action is in a healthy financial position and ready for growth and expansion. As the Lord provides, we are prepared to increase the number of training centers and the number of leaders we can equip and prepare for effective ministry. Thank you for your support and for being part of Global Action!

For questions or comments, you may contact me directly at nlazarov@globalaction.com or call me on my personal cell at 847.922.0538.

In His Grip,

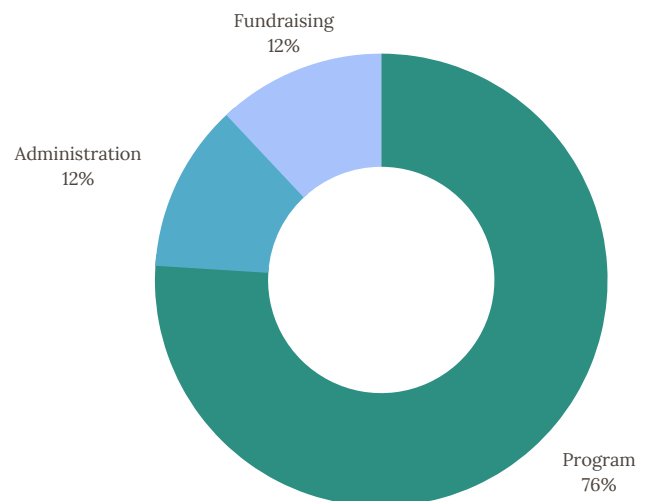


Nasko D. Lazarov
Vice President of Finance & Administration

\$650,722
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2018 Income

\$462,381
2017 Income

2017 Functional Expense Allocation



40%

Increase in
income from
2017 to 2018

40%

Increase in
funds to
programs from
2017 to 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Friends,

After more than 30 years in pastoral ministry I have begun the exciting transition of helping Global Action equip pastors and ministry leaders around the world. Over the last few months I have been getting to know our staff in North America and traveling to our fields in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe. I have been impressed by what I have seen!

I believe that Global Action is poised for significant growth over the next few years. We have a strong board of directors with sound financial policies. We have a dedicated team of staff members in North America working under the leadership of a president who has more than thirty years of successful pastoral ministry experience. And our leaders in the field—from Latin America to Southeast Asia to Eastern Ukraine—are the kind of people who know how to get things done!

I recently sat with 26 of our students in Northeast India just a few minutes drive from the border of the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan. In Bhutan it is against the law to openly preach the gospel or attempt to share your faith with others. Yet, 22 of these students from Bhutan are doing exactly that! Even now, as you are reading this, some are crossing the border to come for classes. They then return to their country in order to plant gospel-centered house churches—and the Good News is spreading. The kingdom of Christ is coming to the kingdom of Bhutan!

God has done great things through Global Action. But I believe our best days are yet to come. I'm excited to be part of this team. If you are a ministry leader and would like me or someone from our organization to meet with your leadership team—please let us know. We will be happy to share with you in person the exciting things God is doing. For now, thank you for being part of this work. We cannot do it without you!

Gratefully,



F. Lionel Young, PhD
Vice President

