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2019 MINISTRY REPORT



GLOBAL ACTION



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

You did it again! 2019 was another incredible year of raising up leaders to transform their communities with the Gospel.

When you give to train a leader, you aren't just meeting a one-time need. You are changing the trajectory of an entire life, church, and community. One good leader can make all the difference in the world, and last year you helped us equip hundreds!

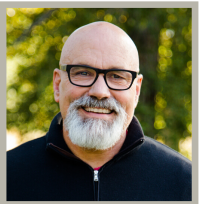
These leaders are serving in hard places, where churches face the daily challenges of poverty, corruption, persecution, and false teachings that undermine the true Gospel. But thanks to your partnership, over 700 pastors and leaders received a solid foundation in the Word of God and are now equipped with the leadership skills they need to shepherd those around them. Now they are filled with hope, courage, and zeal as they lead their congregations and witness to the lost. Their communities will never be the same again.

2019 saw the pioneering of new training locations in hard places, like Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, and India. Our first full year in Cuba was a great success, with 231 leaders graduating across 6 locations. Praise God!

We have an even bigger vision for 2020. We are dedicated to making theological education accessible to the pastors and leaders around the world who need it most. That is why we are so excited to begin training in Africa in 2020, where in some areas up to 99% of pastors have no access to the training they need. We can't wait to come alongside them and help them thrive. We hope you will pray and join hands with us again this year as we launch this great endeavor.

I thank God for you and for your partnership with Global Action. You make all of this possible.

May God bless you in this coming year.



Dr. Rick Thompson
President



SOUTH ASIA

God is at work in South Asia! The church is multiplying, and many South Asian believers are being raised up into full-time ministry - but very few have access to the biblical training they need.

Thanks to your partnership in 2019, Global Action met this need for over 241 pastors and leaders. With 10 training centers strategically located throughout the region, we were able to equip godly leaders in impoverished communities, in places of intense persecution, and even in countries we typically consider to be "closed." They face immense challenges in their ministries, but now they have a firm foundation in the Gospel. And now they will be able to reach people we could never reach ourselves. Thank you!

"GLOMOS changed my life. I have never understood the Word of God as I do now. My preaching is more effective, my congregation is happy, and they are growing in their understanding of Scripture."

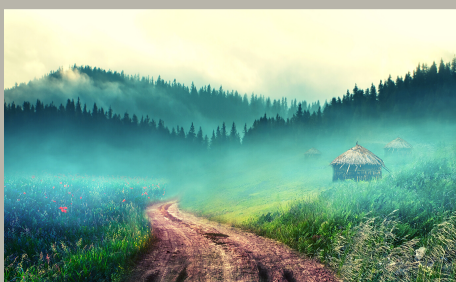
- Kotla Konda

A NEW BEGINNING

Kotla Konda was a rough, angry young man. When his father died, he and his family were cast out of their village due to the tribal Hindu belief that the widow is cursed. Kotla lost his father, his home, his friends, and his job all at once.

A Christian family welcomed them in, sharing the Gospel with his mother. But Kotla was very bitter, and he began to follow a destructive path. Eventually, he became so fearful and full of guilt that his heart was open when his mother shared the Gospel with him.

Kotla gave his life to Christ, and soon felt called to plant a church to spread the Good News that had changed his life. But he had no training or knowledge of Scripture. He did the best he could, but he felt very inadequate. After several years, Kotla learned about Global Action's *Foundations* program in his area. He was finally able to receive the training he so desperately needed! Now Kotla's church is thriving, and he is able to lead with confidence.



241

Leaders graduated in 2019

100%

Are full-time pastors and evangelists

117

Children attended summer camps

240

People attended Youth, Women, and Family Seminars

14

New house churches planted by this year's graduates

6,000+

Lives are being impacted by our graduates and alumni



EASTERN EUROPE

In the difficult post-communist climate of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, well-equipped pastors are the key to the health and growth of the church.

God is using Global Action's *Foundations* program to breathe new life into ministry leaders and their churches. In 2019, 37 leaders graduated from the program in Lviv, Ukraine. 60 additional leaders began training in the fall, each of whom is intentionally training others with what they are learning. Praise God for these 200 additional leaders who are being equipped for ministry!

Pray for our work in Europe in 2020 as we prepare to begin training in Hungary, Belarus, and beyond!

"To say that I'm impressed is an understatement."

- Andrii Nazarov, Ukraine '19 Graduate

37

Leaders graduated in 2019

60

New students in city of Dnipro

560

Children served in Christmas Programs

1305

Children served at summer camps



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In Ukraine, millions of children are abandoned and marginalized by society. They are hungry to experience community and the true love of God.

Our *Foundations* graduates are standing in the gap for these children. Since 2013, they have been mobilizing their churches to host summer camps and Christmas programs for the children in their communities, with a special emphasis on serving orphans, war refugees, the disabled, and street children.

This summer alone, our graduates and their churches hosted 20 children's camps which tangibly demonstrated the love of God to 1,305 children. Their lives are being changed forever through these godly leaders. Praise the Lord!

PERSEVERING LOVE

The Roma people are an ignored and despised minority group in Ukraine. Most are trapped in generational poverty, and Christian ministry leaders often avoid working with them due to prejudice and difficulty.

But not Maxim. Maxim loves the Roma, and he longs to see them restored to a relationship with their Creator and to a healthy place in society.

Maxim pastors a church in the Ukrainian city of Odessa, where he also leads a non-profit dedicated to ministering to the impoverished Roma communities nearby. In 2013, Maxim graduated from Global Action's *Foundations* program with a renewed energy, vision, and skill-set.

"GLOMOS is practical," he said, "and it aligns perfectly with my mission of working with ordinary people." Now Maxim feels equipped to face the constant challenges of ministry in the Roma slums. And he has a big vision: to raise up godly Roma leaders to multiply the work of ministry in these communities. The work is hard, but he perseveres. He is transforming these communities from the inside out.

LATIN AMERICA

Praise God for the advance of the Gospel in Latin America in 2019! 280 pastors and ministry leaders graduated from our *Foundations* training program, equipped with tools they need for effective ministry. They are now actively applying what they learned and impacting countless lives with the Gospel!

This was a year of growth and new beginnings, with 10 new training locations launched in Cuba, Guatemala, and Mexico. In Cuba alone, 231 leaders graduated in 2019, and an additional 489 are in training as we speak.

In a continent filled with false gospels and corrupt religious leaders, these Global Action graduates are a breath of fresh air who can turn the tides in their culture. Thank you!

"GLOMOS showed me how to live life differently. I don't have money, but I have the joy of the Lord, and I wouldn't ever trade that for money or comfort. God fills me up, and I pour it out for others."

- Luis Misteco, Guatemala



Luis Misteco



FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

Fernando Misteco and his son Luis come from a remote indigenous village in Guatemala, where they live in extreme material poverty. But they are anything but poor.

Fernando has always led the family in serving others. He and his family started a Kids Club in their village several years ago, and each week dozens of children flock to the Club for worship, Bible teaching, snacks, and fun.

But without any training, Fernando and his son Luis felt unequipped to teach Scripture and shepherd the children and their families well. Together, they enrolled in the *Foundations* program (also called GLOMOS - Global Module Studies) so they could gain a deeper understanding of God's Word.

This was a monumental step for Fernando, who had never attended school a day in his life. As a child, he learned to read and write by watching a friend do his homework. He felt intimidated to join the *Foundations* class, but he and Luis were determined to learn and grow.

Now, God has transformed them from a family struggling to survive to a family with a thriving ministry that just keeps growing! Fernando and Luis are now Guatemalan missionaries through the Independent Missionary Network. They now have the confidence and skills they need to impact their community.

280
Leaders
graduated in
2019

10
New training
locations
launched

LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity in 2019. We are looking back with gratitude, and we are also looking forward with excitement. We have some very big plans for 2020.

One of the most exciting ventures for Global Action in 2020 is our entrance into Africa! We have been invited to begin working in Zimbabwe and Kenya to equip pastors and leaders with the tools they need.

The mission to turn the world upside down with the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed in 2,000 years! But...the world has changed. And with it, the way we carry out the mission.

Rather than simply sending Western missionaries to plant churches, we are sending leaders to train leaders so that they can plant and build churches in places we could never go!

Our sights are set on equipping 1,000 leaders in 2020. Wow! We plan to expand our work in Latin America, continue our work in India and South Asia, extend our reach in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, and open new training sites on the African continent.

Thank you for being part of this bold vision. Your faithful giving in 2020 will help us accomplish more than we ever dreamed possible.

With Excitement,



Dr. F. Lionel Young
Executive Vice President



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

What a pleasure to reflect back on all that the Lord has done for us throughout 2019! It was personally a year of change for me in assuming the role of CFO within the organization. We certainly had our challenges in 2019, but we have come through them stronger and better.

We are so pleased to report a very healthy 25% increase in our yearly income. This increase in revenue resulted in a 60% increase to program spending. Our God is so faithful!

Our annual independent audit is currently in progress. Upon its completion, fiscal year financials will be available on our website, and reported on the Public Form 990. Prior financial reports are available for review under the Financial Accountability section of our website, www.globalaction.com.

Global Action is continuing to strengthen its financial position, as well as improve effectiveness and efficiency of its administration processes to prepare us for the growth and expansion we believe the Lord has planned. As an organization, we are committed to being faithful stewards of all with which He entrusts to us.

What a privilege to be a part of training and equipping pastors and church leaders to share the only hope for a dying world! There is nothing more important in this life than equipping nationals to fulfill Christ's directive to make disciples. Please pray for this ministry as we seek to equip over 1,000 leaders around the world in 2020. Thank you for making this work possible through your financial support.

Thank you for being part of the family of Global Action! For questions or comments, you may contact me directly at: rsmith@globalaction.com.

In Him,

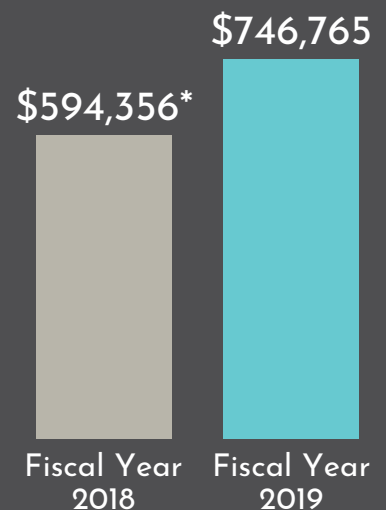


Richard R. Smith
Chief Financial Officer

AT A GLANCE

25%

Increase in income
in FY 2019



60%

Increase in dollars
spent on programs
worldwide

*Audited and Corrected Income

"I want to give thanks to God most of all, to my teachers, and to everyone who has made this training possible."
- Anmisaday Hernández, Cuba

OUR COMMITMENTS

1. We are committed to glorifying God in all we do.
2. We are committed to making disciples in all nations.
3. We are committed to holding to the authority of Scripture.
4. We are committed to equipping leaders to transform their communities.
5. We are committed to serving in the places of greatest need.
6. We are committed to making theological education accessible.
7. We are committed to offering quality educational experiences.
8. We are committed to managing our resources with integrity.



THE ABC'S OF GLOBAL ACTION

Accessible.

We believe that a theological education should be accessible to any person who has been called by God to serve the church.

Biblical.

We believe that a solid biblical foundation is essential to multiplying disciples, planting churches, and protecting the people of God from unhealthy teachings.

Contextual.

We believe that the unchanging message of the Gospel should be translated into every culture in the most relevant way possible.

Thank You

For making an eternal impact on lives around the world. If you have any questions, please contact us directly.

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