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ALWAYS FOR ALL
THINGS UNTO GOD
AND THE FATHER IN
THE NAME OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST



Ephesians 5:20

Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM) throughout 2018. God blessed your generous investments of time and money through the work of eighteen missionary teams throughout the world, including the U.S.

As you and I reflect on last year and thank the Lord for His provision, I want to draw your attention to three major changes:

First, your charitable gifts and prayerful encouragement now go farther and have greater effectiveness. In May, IAGM strengthened our core administrative and communications operations, uniting with likeminded ministries (including D&D Missionary Homes and Hannah Grace Homes) under the umbrella of the National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL).

Second, several missionary teams relocated and/or added staff to improve their outreach and effectiveness. New churches were planted in cooperation with other missions organizations. Other churches grew beyond their current facilities and need to expand.

Third, two missionary teams joined the IAGM family—one in Ukraine and one in Slovakia. We also grieve the loss and remember the life of Muqaddam Zia, a native Pakistani missionary, who passed away in May. His wife Aneela continues his ministry and legacy in Pakistan with the team she and Muqaddam helped build. Aneela greatly appreciates the encouragement friends like you gave her and the team.

We thank God for His saving grace. Throughout the year there were many salvations and baptisms connected to the obedient work of IAGM missionaries. Please continue to pray for continuing discipleship after these conversions and baptisms. Many of these converts paid a dear price for identifying with Jesus Christ—being rejected by their families and suffering in other areas of life.

From Chile to Jerusalem, Indonesia to Mexico, and from Russia to Venezuela, God sees the work your prayers and financial gifts support—to reach the lost in our troubled and evil world. “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers” (1 Peter 3:12). Thank you for your partnership in faithfully preparing for His return for His church.

As we continue to do the Father’s business in worldwide missions, we look forward to seeing the fruit that comes throughout 2019. “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established” (Proverbs 16:3). IAGM will continue updating you regularly about how the Lord is working through your generous support of faithful missionaries reaching the world for Christ Jesus—and together we can rejoice in the Lord and His good works!

In His Grace,





CHILE: CURICO AND THE ISLAND OF CHILOE

FABIAN & ERICA LOPEZ



Lopez Family



Growing Congregation



Church Service



Baptisms

Pastor Fabian serves Filadelfia Baptist Church in Curico and churches on the Island of Chiloé. With the help of friends like you, the church in Curico grew steadily in 2018 by caring for people seeking a new life. Several were migrants who suffered terrible conditions in Venezuela and Haiti. They fled to Chile for asylum, and Filadelfia Baptist Church welcomed them in. There they experienced God's love and the Good News of saving grace through Jesus Christ. With the continued growth, Filadelfia Baptist Church needs additional space and hopes to purchase an adjacent former warehouse for \$50,000.

Pastor Fabian was very busy in 2018 and has nearly completed his Masters of Divinity from Luther Rice College and Seminary—all while teaching and preaching monthly on the Island of Chiloé and working part-time to meet the needs of his family. The Lord continues to bless Pastor Fabian's work and the generosity of friends like you. He recently baptized six teens and an asylum seeker from Haiti before more than one hundred thirty witnesses.

Please pray that God would provide an additional \$500 in monthly support for this young pastor and his family and the \$50,000 Filadelfia Baptist Church needs for their new building. www.iagm.org.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: SANTO DOMINGO EMANUEL AND LIZ CEPEDA (AND SON MATEO)



Emanuel Preaching



Youth Group Meeting



BTCP Class Training Leaders

2018 was a great year of ministry growth. Gifts from friends like you allowed Pastor Emanuel to host several visiting teams and help teach, build, encourage, and provide medical care.

Projects: One team treated almost five hundred people from three villages with medical care during a single health fair. Three people responded to Christ for salvation during the event. Another team was able to provide clean water for three communities by placing three water filters.

Preaching and Teaching: Pastor Emanuel finished leading sixteen leaders from five churches through the Bible Training Centre for Pastors (BTCP) program (one of the pastors will graduate this year). He also spoke to a hundred students at a youth camp. Please pray for these teens to come to saving faith.

Throughout the year, God also used Pastor Emanuel's preaching in various churches to reach five people who accepted Christ as their Savior. Please pray for Pastor Emanuel for full financial support for his extensive work throughout Santo Domingo. If you would like to contribute, please visit www.iagm.org



INDONESIA: BALI WADE AND PAULA JOHNSON



Wade & Paula



Life Group



Baptism Hindu Convert

In the midst of life-ending earthquakes in 2018, Pastor Wade and Paula saw God move miraculously in this largest Muslim island nation.

Generous friends like you helped more than twenty Balinese Hindus and Indonesian Muslims recently put their trust in Christ. Despite being disowned by their families for renouncing their traditional faith, many of these new believers have been baptized, and they all continue in weekly discipleship. The risks are high, but the results are well worth it. "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things" (Philippians 3:8).

Please pray as the Johnsons continue to promote spiritual growth and reach more people through discipleship and evangelism.

They continue to serve the church, work with women in the infamous Kerobokan Prison in Bali (known for its riots, prison breaks, and corruption), invest in local pastors, teach in various discipleship gatherings, and reach strangers with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. www.iagm.org.



MEXICO: SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE JACK AND JANICE DRISCOLL



Antioch Christian
Fellowship



Pastor Jack



Joshua & Asher Driscoll



Janice and child

For six years, generous friends like you have helped Pastor Jack and Janice serve as Antioch Christian Fellowship's primary missions team for outreach into their community. The George Washington Carver Christian Day School, where they also serve, led dozens of students and parents to the Lord and resulted in several families joining Antioch Christian Fellowship. In 2018, God grew the church to more than two hundred members, requiring a larger building. Please pray for Pastor Jack's and Janice's health as they continue to lead many to Christ each year.

God has blessed and used the Driscolls' faith to overcome the forces of evil and add many souls to His kingdom from this neighboring country. www.iagm.org



ITALY: ROME TODD AND CHRISTIE KINCAID



Agape Center
Learning English



Bangladeshi
Baptized



Visiting
US Pastors



Todd & Dan
Lewis



Todd &
Christie



Christie With
Children

The Kincaids saw the hand of God move among the migrant population in Rome throughout 2018.

Generous friends helped Todd and Christie teach English regularly and share the Gospel at the Agape Center in Rome, which serves refugees and migrants flooding into Italy. They teach Muslims fleeing from Bangladesh, India, Syria, and other North African and Middle Eastern countries to escape persecution and death.

Migrant Bengalis: The worldwide Bengali population is approximately two hundred sixty-one million (with a majority living in Bangladesh). The Bengali are the world's largest unreached people group, and one hundred thousand live in Italy.

The Kincaids disciple two Bengali converts who serve other migrants coming through the Agape Center. Todd and Christie partner with an evangelical Italian Baptist church that encourages fellowship, discipleship, and baptisms.

India: Evangelism on the streets of Rome has led to numerous converts from India and even a partnership with a Bible institute in India.

Pray that God protects and guides Todd and Christie as He continues to open surprising and delightful doors for the Gospel. www.iagm.org



FLORIDA: LAKELAND LENNY AND LISA WILLIAMS (AND DAUGHTER MAEGAN)



Lenny, Lisa & Maegan



Teaching Bible Lesson at
State Park



Archery



The youth of America need to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In 2018 God used the work of the Williams family to open the hearts of children through sports, activities, and Bible teaching classes.

Generous friends helped Lenny, Lisa, and their daughter Maegan create "Go Outdoors! Ministries" to serve children in central Florida by investing in their eternal future. The Williams partner with local churches and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with young people through special events and youth camps.

Through the Williams' ministry, God has given peace to many children from troubled homes. Families that had little hope of survival have benefitted from the Williams family reaching out and loving them.

Please pray for the vital work of this ministry to children (and their families). www.iagm.org



NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND ANDRE AND MARINA BAY (AND CHILDREN)



The Bay Family



1 of 15 Baptized



Carol Service Outreach

In 2018 the Bay Family traveled to the United States to visit with fellow missionaries Dennis and Katya Ellis and to meet IAGM Executive Director Dr. Daniel Lewis.

God has steadily grown Shore Baptist Church in Auckland and a newly planted church (west of the city) through Pastor Andre's leadership. Following the New Testament's plan for believers to experience Christ in the fullest, Pastor Bay has continued evangelizing, baptizing and discipling people in his community. As a result, the church has grown, and members have matured. Pastor Bay hopes to plant another church in 2019 with the help of generous friends.

Please pray for the Bays' health and their financial and prayer support. www.iagm.org



PAKISTAN: LAHORE ANEELA ZIA



Aneela Zia



Gifts of Sharing
Smiles



Group of Graduates And
Workers



Baptism
of Muslim
Converts



Teaching
Children



Pastoral
Training

2018 was a challenging (albeit fruitful) year for Sharing Smiles Ministry in Pakistan. Their founder, Dr. Muqaddam Zia, had a heart attack and passed into eternity. His wife Aneela chose to continue his legacy, working with the ministry's pastors and staff and raising their three children. She now "concerns herself with actively winning the lost all the days of her life."

Those who have given to the work in Pakistan during 2018 can thank the Lord for His provision. Your gifts helped:

- Baptize fifty-six people
- Thirteen students graduate from Bible college
- Twenty-five students learn sewing skills
- Care for fifty-four widows
- Establish the School of Hope to give forty-five students basic education
- Give food, clothing, blankets, and Christmas gifts to seven hundred thirty slave families during an outreach event
- Eighteen new families turn from Islam and devote themselves to Christ in Mukawana
- Start a new church plant in the Shahkot area

Generous friends like you have reached "brickyard slaves" in Pakistan since 2005. These children and adults live in abject poverty (with meager basics for survival) as they're forced to make bricks in extreme heat and cold for Muslim homes. In 2018 at least one child and one man died from exposure to cold due to a lack of warm clothing and bedding. Please continue to pray for this ministry and needed support to bring the Gospel and physical help to these people in desperate need. www.iagm.org



RUSSIA: TYUMEN, SIBERIA ANDRE BEZNOSIKOV



Andre, Wife
& Son



Bible Study Group



Tyumen



Andre's Taxi Ministry

The Russian government continues to pressure Christians and obstruct evangelical soulwinning and church growth. Yet with the prayer and financial support of friends like you, Pastor Andre faithfully taught God's Word throughout 2018—as he drove a taxicab and led a Bible study. Being constantly watched by visitors to his gatherings, he often expected reprisal as he preached the Gospel.

He continues to fellowship with a pastor in Tobolsk (in the Tyumen Oblast)—whom the government also constantly scrutinizes. Pastor Andre trusts God that he has been called to serve through teaching Good News there.

Please remember Pastor Andre as he preaches the Gospel and consider sharing the Gospel in this hostile place through your financial support. www.iagm.org



ISRAEL: JERUSALEM



It is common for Israel to be in the news in these last days, and 2018 was no different. Last year brought a tremendous accomplishment—the United States finally moved its embassy to Jerusalem. Of course, the same old sources decried the move.

But this flashpoint also opens the door as more Israelis question their future—both earthly and eternally. With thousands of missiles pointed at this small country (about the size and population of New Jersey), potential destruction is a constant concern.

Our missionaries in Jerusalem continue to reach out to those seeking their Messiah, and the message of Jesus as Savior resonates with many. The generous support of friends takes the Good News to Israelis through Bible studies, one-on-one interactions, and active cooperation with other Christian groups.

Please pray for continued safety and financial support for these precious servants—as they work in the land of God's promises for the Israelites. www.iagm.org



SLOVAKIA: BRATISLAVA TREVOR AND VERONIKA ROBINSON (AND CHILDREN)



Robinson Family



Bible Study In Home



Trevor



City of
Bratislava, Slovakia

God added a new missionary to the IAGM family in 2018. Trevor, a U.S. Army veteran, suffered paralyzing back and leg injuries in a parachuting accident. God healed Trevor through rehab and restored his ability to walk.

Trevor attended Bible College in Washington state. After graduation, God burdened him for Slovakia, Veronika's homeland. Through a series of visits to Bratislava, he sought opportunities to reach people for Christ and plant a church in the city.

In this hostile environment of atheism, God opened doors for Trevor to witness to young people. He teaches religion to a mix of ninety Christian and non-Christian high-school students. In weekly afterschool forums, he has been able to discuss faith issues. Please pray for God to raise up generous supporters to help Trevor and Veronika plant a church and reach Bratislava for Christ www.iagm.org.



UKRAINE: SHEPETIVKA NINA OHNIVCHUK



Nina With a Child



29 Baptisms



Gathering at The Inspiration Center

In 2018, IAGM chose to partner with the Roma Outreach Missions Association (ROMA) and the Inspiration Center to help support Nina—a young woman working with children and the Gypsy families in the western part of the Ukraine.

She said that last year God made “the cursing tongue begin to pray; the stealing hands begin to help; and the sinful desires become holy ones.” Twenty-nine people recently came to Christ and three were baptized and joined a local church.

The ministry has even gotten the local government’s attention—fewer people are stealing and doing drugs as the result of changed lives. God also raised up a children’s choir that reaches the whole community for Christ. Please pray for financial supporters as God continues to work through this vial ministry to the Ukrainian people. www.iagm.org



CAMBODIA: DAUN PENH JOSEPH KEO



Pastoral Training Seminar



University Students Studying Bible



EFBC Radio Broadcasting

2018 was a productive year for Pastor Joseph and the Cambodian Living Grace Ministries. Their hostel ministry accommodated twenty university students. Pastor Joseph trains these four-year scholars in Bible classes at the dormitory and many are saved.

Pastor Joseph also conducted eight leadership training seminars (focusing on pastoral and family care) for fifty local church leaders at a time. Living Grace also engaged with EFBC to share the Gospel through radio broadcasting.

Please keep Pastor Joseph and Living Grace in prayer as they join the Billy Graham Association in an evangelism crusade in November 2019. www.iagm.org



VENEZUELA: CARACAS ADAM AND DIANNA NATHANSON



Church Family Camp



Food for the Church



2 New Members
Who Are Lawyers



Adam & Dianna
Nathanson

In 2018 the Nathansons invested significantly in this war-torn country. The socialist leader tore the country apart, and people left for asylum throughout the world—from Spain to Chile. People are starving and scarcely any basic provisions remain.

The military killed and hurt many, but the church survived because of prayer and sharing within the congregation. By God's grace the Nathansons have been able to spend \$600 per month to feed one hundred people for about ten days—giving those families a little time to find other sources of food.

Adam encourages each family, invests in them, and teaches Bible studies. Please pray for this growing church in the midst of a countrywide crisis. As people flee Venezuela, those remaining are drawn to life in the church. If you would like to share in feeding these people, you can provide life-saving support through www.iagm.org



TENNESSEE: MADISONVILLE DR. DENNIS AND KATYA ELLIS



Dr. Dennis & Katya Ellis



**The Ellises and
Visiting Bays from NZ**

During 2018, the Ellises helped Final Frontiers enlist three hundred people to support developing-world pastors or orphan children. Final Frontiers Foundation has planted over three hundred thousand churches in eighty-seven countries, and last year a multitude professed faith.

The Ellises also donated over five hundred study books to pastors and Christian leaders and raised support for eight pastors. It was such a blessing to see God move in the hearts of so many during the year. www.iagm.org



RUSSIA: NIZHNEANGARSK, SIBERIA SERGEY AND NADIA SOTKINOV



Congregation



Sergey & Nadia

**“He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?”
- Psalm 147:17-18**

For many years, the Sotkinovs have lived in Nizneangarsk—one of the most environmentally hostile parts of the world. The bitter cold winters extend for many months. Pastor Sergey has devotedly pastored there, attempting to reach the area with the Gospel. While God has given him a small, faithful congregation, the larger community resists any church other than the Orthodox.

Due to the hardships of the environment, Sergey has suffered personally with heart damage. Care in the remote region is limited. He and his wife are seeking God’s direction—whether to go to the United States to live with their daughter or risk staying to continue attempting to reach the community for Christ.

Please pray for these faithful servants. Pastor Sergey and Nadia have worked diligently to see Christ glorified in their community. If you would like to help them now—while the temperature is sometimes fifty to sixty degrees BELOW zero and it’s difficult to keep their house warm, please give. www.iagm.org



GHANA – WEST AFRICA – TEMA JOSEPHUS HALLIE, JOYCE & DAUGHTER THEODORA



Josephus



Witnessing to Children



Tema Congregation

2018 was a very good year for Pastor Josephus and the ministry in Tema, West Africa, in great part due to the generous support of ministry friends.

He took members of his church on a Bible Study and evangelism trip to Northern Ghana in July (where he continues preaching in two churches every week). He led Bible studies, prayer meetings, and (on Saturdays) evangelism. He led ten people through the Timothy Initiative—a training program to “Teach the Teacher” how to lead Bible studies. He directed Mazon Grace Academy (a Christian school with a growing vision). He has evangelized several villages surrounding Tema with the installation of life-giving water filters. And with growth in all these ministries, Pastor Josephus also worked on addressing the need for larger facilities. Please pray for this hard-working servant and the fruitful growth of the Gospel in Ghana. www.iagm.org



SPAIN: MALAGA, UNITED STATES: ILLINOIS MATT AND RACHEL ASHCRAFT (AND CHILDREN)



2018 brought a significant change for the Ashcrafts as Matt and Rachel felt the Lord leading them to move to Illinois last October. This has meant a significant change for the ministry of Job City, the nonprofit Matt started and operated in Spain.

Even though they are now living in Illinois, Matt continues to spend several days of the week coaching people by way of Skype in Spain. Coaching consists of meeting with people for almost an hour of intense focus and helping them to achieve their goals by generating insights and designing action steps. The intentional, ongoing aspect of this relationship helps people take significant steps forward in their lives and in their faith.

Matt & Rachel are very thankful for the opportunity to continue ministering in Spain from afar. Matt spent the last couple of weeks moving their things and saying goodbyes. Please pray for the family's adjustment to a new place in Chillicothe, Illinois, and for Job City.

Matt has also been working on his coaching certification to also work in Illinois—again to help people make significant changes, live more authentically, and connect more deeply with the Lord. Please keep them in prayer as they pursue this new phase of international ministry. www.iagm.org



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