



New Frontiers in Missions

Advancing the Gospel until all nations hear



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See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. – Isaiah 43:19

Dear Friend of Missions,

The Lord is doing something new today in missions!

This past year your generous giving and faithful prayers have powered native missions across new frontiers. I'm excited to share this report with you because I'm positive that you will be encouraged by what you read.

THANK YOU for your faithful partnership. When you give, you help the Gospel reach people who are in desperate need of hope — the true hope that is found only in Jesus Christ.

Here are a few highlights from the long list of new things the Lord has done through ANM this past year:

New country! Japan has been on our “wish list” of countries for a long time, and this past year we finally broke through. Our small missions team in Japan is sharing the Gospel and starting churches in the country's rural areas.

New missionaries! With your support, we are fielding effective, faithful missionaries in more than 100 countries. That number includes new leaders in key mission fields like Cambodia, where more “harvest workers” are needed.

New ventures! Native missionaries are always using their local expertise to find the most effective ways to reach their neighbors with the Gospel: street evangelism, business-as-mission, agricultural outreach, and more.

Friend, again I want to thank you for your steadfast support. The reports you read here are the fruits of your generosity and prayers. God bless you.

Oliver L. Asher

'Til All Hear,
Oliver L. Asher
President



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Global missions with a native advantage

ANM is a global missions organization delivering the Gospel to those who still need to hear the Good News of Jesus in 100+ countries.

We're a little different from traditional missions organizations. Instead of sending missionaries to other countries where they have to learn a new language and adapt to new ways of living, we support missionaries sharing the Gospel in their own countries and regions.



And with your help, we are advancing toward the goal: that all people everywhere hear the story of Jesus. Together, we have made an eternal impact around the world.

Let's celebrate what's been accomplished:

3,944

missionaries added



4,284

Bibles given to Christians who didn't own one



7,981

churches planted



1,116

missionaries given a boost of support on International Day for the Unreached



41

missionaries equipped for service at Easter



29

motorbikes given to missionaries



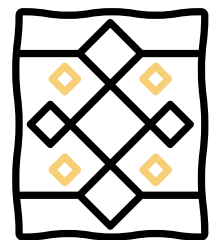
104

bicycles given to missionaries



893

blankets sent to refugees in Syria



84

sewing machines provided to women for small businesses



90

families helped after flooding in East Africa



Where we work

Today, ANM shares the Gospel and delivers practical help in Jesus' name in more than 100 countries.

Read more about the highlighted countries on the following pages.



Venezuela:
reaching kids

Liberia:
preparing new
missionaries



Georgia:
faithful work

Azerbaijan:
church multiplication

Japan :
new mission field

Pakistan:
persevering in
persecution

Iraq:
vocational training

Philippines:
church planting success

 Indicates countries with ANM presence

Snapshots of Your Global Impact



Azerbaijan – church multiplication

American missionaries cannot work in much of Central Asia, because it's too dangerous. Yet despite the challenges posed by unreached people groups and Muslim populations, native missionaries in Azerbaijan have planted more than 60 churches in the past 5 years with your support!

Now they're expanding further, aiming to plant a church for each of the 157 unreached people groups of the Caucasus region. To support this goal, the leaders plan to purchase a building for training more missionaries and pastors. Owning a facility like this will also give them the opportunity to earn income for missions from rentals. You can join this incredible mission at advancingnativemissions.com/azerbaijan.

Japan – new mission field

For the past 32 years, ANM has sought to empower native missionaries to share the Gospel in as many countries as possible. In

2024, we finally reached Japan, a country our team has been praying about for a long time. Japan has a complicated history with Christianity. The Japanese government persecuted early Catholic missionaries, and when doors opened again after World War II, few Christian missionaries responded. Now we have another chance!

Most of the small Christian population in Japan live in cities, and many people in rural Japan have never met a Christian. Our small team of native missionaries is training local Christians to go beyond the cities and plant churches in rural areas. Thank you for supporting this new effort!



Philippines – church planting success

The Aetas are a native Filipino people group that suffers much discrimination from many other Filipinos. About 50 Aeta families live in the village of Gidgid, and many have responded positively to the Gospel. A local Aeta pastor started a Bible

study and a church there and wanted to construct a simple church building. Rivers, rugged mountains, forests, and dangerous volcanic mudflows were all in the way.

Physical obstacles don't stop our God! Generous supporters like you enabled native Aeta missionaries to purchase sturdy vehicles and construction materials. After several hours of driving and five days of construction in high heat, the church was ready. The pastors fed local children, showed the Jesus film to the people of Gidgid and nearby villages, and shared the Gospel. Almost all of the 250 attendees accepted Jesus!



Georgia - faithful work

Georgia is an eastern European country with a Soviet history, which can make planting and growing churches difficult. God called Georgian-Ukrainian couple Giorgi and Kateryna to plant churches in Georgian villages anyway. While Giorgi has a primary job as a customs officer, he was ordained in 2020 and works tirelessly with his wife in ministry. Together, they lead a small church outside of Tbilisi, offering

Sunday school classes, Sunday afternoon services, camps, and other activities. Your support makes all this Gospel work possible! Giorgi has baptized six people so far, despite harassment and persecution.

Unfortunately, high winds damaged the building the church was renting. They successfully raised enough money to buy land and pour a foundation for a new building, but then reached the limit of their resources. For now, the congregation perseveres and meets in small home groups. They are also starting a Sunday school and a church in nearby village. Nothing can stop the work of God!

Pakistan - persevering under persecution

Persecution is rampant in Pakistan and was especially intense in 2023 because of political unrest. Dozens of individuals, as well as entire communities, faced unlawful imprisonment, forced conversion, looting, sexual assault, forced marriage, torture, and even death. Unfortunately, authorities often turn a blind eye to this suffering.

Our missionaries' Centre for Legal Aid Assistance & Settlement doesn't turn a blind eye, and neither does the God we serve. The Lord has used your financial generosity to assist victims of persecution, especially women and children.

Missionaries provide free legal aid, jail visits, safe houses, education assistance, counseling, and human rights workshops that encourage believers through these difficult circumstances.



Iraq - vocational training

In Iraq, ANM friends support a ministry for Yazidi women. The Yazidi people are an ethnic and religious minority targeted by the radical Islamic group ISIS, especially in the 2010s. ISIS captured and raped many of these women, killed their husbands, forcibly married the women to radical Muslims, and sold them as slaves.

Survivors felt hopeless and had few ways to support themselves and their families until these native missionaries intervened. They train women as hairdressers, provide psychological counseling, and tell them about Jesus. So far, two of the eight original students have accepted Jesus and followed through with baptism. Twelve more students are currently in the next round of hairdressing classes, while they also receive psychological help and Gospel truth.

Liberia - preparing new missionaries

Your support is part of God's great work in Africa. One incredible example of this is in Liberia, where Michael Holder and his team started a free Christian school in a small, poor village that previously had no access to education. Now, 254 students from first through twelfth grade attend and learn about Jesus!

When students graduate, they have the opportunity to receive ministry training. Many do, and they learn how to be missionaries to unreached people groups within Liberia. ANM provides bicycles and motorcycles to help these new ministers reach remote areas with the *Jesus* film and regularly return to disciple new believers. We're so excited to see how God continues to bless this ministry through your generosity.



Venezuela - reaching kids

Native missionaries in Venezuela are reaching the next generation. A children's discipleship program in Ebenezer and Brisas del Yurubí welcomes any student who's interested, giving them a Bible and shepherding them on their spiritual journey. Through your support, they're currently working with 233 students! They are truly exemplifying Jesus's directive to "let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14).

In Valencia, the Tierra de Proezas church also serves children through food and activities. More than 1,800 children have come to the various church locations to eat dinner and participate in basketball or art programs. The church also teaches all the attendees about Jesus and provides educational help. May we continue to see God bless these children through your support.

New Opportunity: Fundraise Together!

Pick a project you're passionate about, start your own fundraiser, share it with people you know, and celebrate the impact.

You can link your fundraiser to a birthday or other life event, a goal such as running a marathon, or a fun challenge (like camping outside until you raise a certain amount). It's great for individuals as well as groups like Bible studies and youth groups. The sky's the limit!



ANM Friends and Missionaries Advance the Gospel in Cambodia

By Sue Morris

Only 1.3% of the Khmer people in Cambodia follow Jesus. So when Marlou and Bo Barredo discovered a dynamic young missionary reaching Cambodia's unreached people groups, they saw the potential to accelerate the mission in Cambodia.

Marlou, ANM's Southeast Asia regional director, and Bo, co-founder and global ambassador, met Brother Petros a year ago at a conference in Southeast Asia. Petros's team focuses on reaching the majority people group in Cambodia, the Khmer, but they also serve the country's many minority people groups.

In the past year, ANM has helped Petros's team provide practical aid to rural villages, minister to prisoners, and start a training program for new missionaries.

Wells and toilets

One of Petros's strategies for reaching the lost is to dig wells where fresh, clean water is not available and to build community toilets to help with sanitation in villages. The wells and toilets are practical ways to show the villagers that God loves them and is concerned about their needs. ANM supporters gave funds for more than 20 wells and 13 community toilets in Cambodia so far. Each time the missionaries dedicate a well or toilet, they share the Gospel message with the people who gather.

Prisoners come to faith in Christ

Petros's team visits convicts in a local prison where more than 800 convicts are housed. Three hundred are now Christians because of this ministry and are being disciplined. One woman asked about churches in the city where she will live after her release. She wants to continue growing in her faith! Recently, ANM provided soap, shampoo, towels, and a Bible for each of the 300 inmates who had accepted the Lord.

Some of these new believers are training for Christian leadership. Petros meets with 28 male inmates, and his wife, Hannah, meets with four female inmates for discipleship and Bible study, hoping that they will become leaders for the rest of the Christians in the prison. Petros and Hannah also like to take sacks of rice to the inmates, since the government does not supply enough food for them.

New training center

For the past ten years, Petros dreamed of having a center where he could prepare more missionaries to plant churches in villages of unreached people. ANM supporters got behind this dream and made it a reality.

Petros was a contractor before becoming a missionary, so he has the skills to construct buildings efficiently, soundly, and at a low cost. The missionaries and church members did the labor. Even the children contributed

by carrying gravel and sand in buckets. (Petros and his congregation also built their church.)

The ministry center will also be home to a Christian school, which had been using the church building for its activities. ANM friends like you raised additional funds to provide school supplies for the kids. Many of their parents work in construction across the border in Thailand, so the children live with their grandparents or

older siblings with little income and don't often have the resources they need.

In April 2024, Petros held his first-ever training event in the new facility. Twenty-seven missionaries stayed in the lodge and attended the training. With this support, the missionaries will be prepared to reach more villages with the Gospel and plant more churches among the Khmer people and other unreached groups. ■

Is planned giving for you?

Planned giving is so much more than wills and trusts. It's a set of strategies that allow you to **1** invest your resources intelligently, **2** reduce your tax burden, and **3** create a lasting legacy. Sound good? Learn about your options at advancingnativemissions.com/plannedgiving.





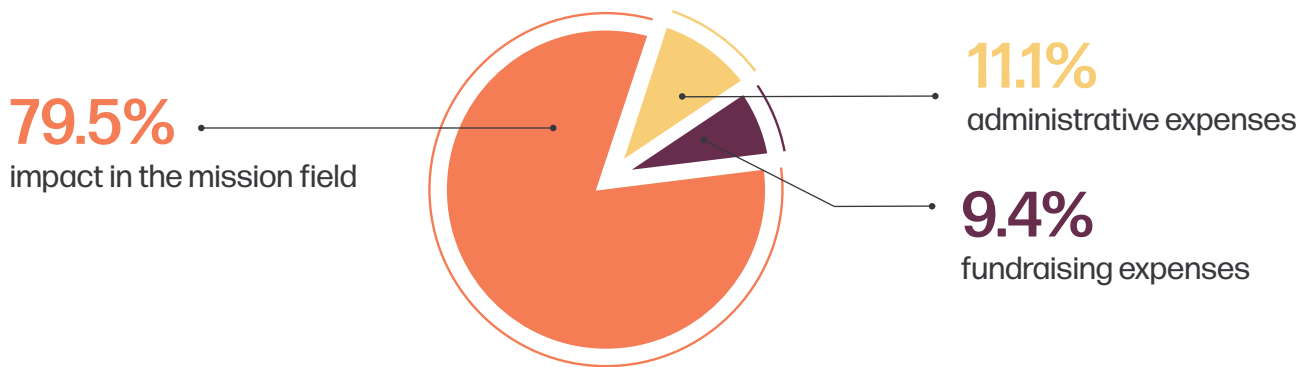
Maximizing Your Impact

We value your trust in ANM, and we're proud to maximize your donation through the advantages of native missionaries.

Our native missionaries —

- speak local languages
- understand local customs and religious traditions
- live and work among the local people
- are accustomed to local living standards

Your Donation



2023 Snapshot

REVENUE

Cash Contributions	\$8,723,169
Gifts in Kind	\$46,419
Miscellaneous	\$52,328
Total Revenue	\$8,821,916

EXPENSES

Impact on the Mission Field	\$7,397,071
Administration	\$1,034,382
Fundraising	\$874,866
Total Expenses	\$9,306,319





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Looking Ahead

As we celebrate and praise the Lord for this past year's accomplishments, we are also looking ahead. Three primary areas of growth will accelerate the advancement of the kingdom in the future.



Strengthening missionary teams

Our missionary teams are just getting started in frontier mission fields such as Japan and Turkmenistan. In other parts of the world, established missionaries have accomplished amazing results on minimal support. With so much to celebrate — in spite of many challenges — we aim to increase support for key mission teams in these areas and bring on additional missionaries. Because too many people still don't have a missionary, pastor, or church nearby.



In the coming year, we will share opportunities for you to support teams and their families in specific mission fields and to support missionaries worldwide so that help can be directed quickly wherever it is most needed.

Delivering practical help and tools

Practical help opens doors for the Gospel. When missionaries deliver a small flock of chickens to a family in need, they show God's love in action and spark a relationship that can transform lives. And when we equip a missionary with a bicycle, they can travel faster and reach more people with the love of God.

Your generosity in giving practical tools and help makes a difference for families in need, missionaries in the field, and the kingdom. Look for new opportunities to help in these ways, coming soon.



Investing in multipliers

In places where missionaries live on minimal budgets without much local financial support, big investments like training centers, ministry vehicles, and business initiatives are often far out of reach. Yet these projects multiply the capacity of our mission teams.

A training center provides rent-free meeting spaces for local churches, lodging for visiting missionaries, classrooms for training, and more. An agricultural project can generate sustainable income for a local ministry, reducing the outside support they need and enhancing the missionaries' ability to reach into the community. A ministry van or SUV opens up entirely new possibilities for transporting medical teams, delivering emergency aid, and reaching remote villages.

You will hear about opportunities to invest in training centers, income-generating initiatives, and more in some of the world's most critical mission fields.



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How You Can Pray

Your prayers are helping the Gospel cross frontiers and reach the lost on every continent. Here are four key ways you can pray for the acceleration of the Gospel through native missionaries.

1. Even missionaries grow weary in the midst of the challenges of the mission field. Pray for renewed passion and strength — and collaboration and encouragement between missionaries in the field.
2. Our missionaries prioritize raising up the next generation of leaders to continue the work for years to come. Pray for effective training programs, adequate facilities and resources, and dedicated recruits.
3. Mission work involves the entire family. Pray for strong relationships, financial provision for the families' needs, and growing faith for the children.
4. Persecution is rising, especially across North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. Pray for perseverance, encouragement, and support for believers facing intense pressure because of their faith in Jesus.

Thank you for praying!

Is your church involved in missions yet?

ANM can help churches of all kinds go deeper in missions.



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Trips



Inspiring
Speakers



Strategic
Projects



Missions
Resources

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“By partnering with ANM, our church has enjoyed a rich and robust relationship focused on reaching the lost while simultaneously equipping and encouraging faithful servants in some of the darkest areas imaginable. The blessing has been ours, and we look forward to the spiritual harvest that will result from our combined efforts.”

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