

2021 BILD International Annual Report

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If we want our churches to be effective, believers need to be developed so they are able to effectively minister in the changing world. Leadership training that occurs in the context of local churches is then the highest need of the global church today. This must be replicable.

Helping leaders and networks of churches create systems to multiply leaders and sustain churches from one generation to the next remains BILD's priority in building a global network that looks like Acts. BILD is committed to providing the vision, resources and guidance in equipping leaders in the core teachings of Christ.

BILD's goal is for every church to have well-trained, self-replicating leaders who are impacting their churches and communities. In this annual report we see the tangible outcome of what strong leadership looks like as these leaders from around the world are grounded in Biblical truths and partner in the work Jesus has commissioned us to do.



Global Impact: **170 networks**

**46 countries**

# Developing Global Unity by Supporting Network Partners and Leaders

ASIA



BILD facilitated the exchange of a monetary gift between two global partner networks in response to the COVID crisis in India.

Many of you probably saw the devastating effects of India's experience with COVID-19 in your daily news. When the Delta variant surged in India in early 2021, churches and church networks were burdened with the great need to take care of their pastors and members. Feelings of hopelessness spread throughout the country and discouragement swept through church communities as leaders struggled to guide and shepherd the thousands of people who lost family members, jobs and their daily wages.

Top Indian church network leaders voiced their plight to BILD's Michael Vos and Jeff Reed during their regular executive education meetings that were being held online. The distress of the Indian leaders was felt throughout the entire BILD network as Michael shared these prayer requests with top leaders from other church networks.



Many pastors received ration kits distributed by the Evangelical Church of India.

As the leaders from one large church network were learning about the biblical ways in which churches fund the progress of the gospel, they realized they could implement those ideas and raise money for the Indian churches in the same way churches and benefactors participated in the New Testament.

Execution of this idea took weeks of planning and was not without obstacles. Michael shared that to even transfer the money out of one country and into the other country would be very difficult.

However, through the diligence and commitment of Michael, Jeff, and BILD's global partners, they figured out a way to get it done. These leaders labored and grew together during the process that not only benefited the Indian church networks, but also unlocked a unity and one-mindedness among the global church partners.

Michael said the gift to help the Indian churches would not have happened without BILD, the vast network of unified leaders in the benefactor country, exceptional businessmen who understand the vision,

and network leaders in India who administered the distribution of the gifts to people.

Over the course of a few weeks the equivalent of 600,000 USD was raised for distribution among the Indian partner churches that were hit the hardest by COVID.

"We all were united in the idea that when Christians in one part of the world are really struggling, we have an obligation to help," Michael said. "Only the Spirit can bring unity, but BILD brought the need to the forefront and said this is what we need to consider."

Giving sacrificially to help ease the burdens in BILD's global network is a demonstration of the outcome of leadership development centered around key New Testament principles. These principles are being implemented by many of BILD's partner networks around the world today. When referring to the exchange of this monetary gift between these two networks, Michael said, "It helped give them a sense that they're collectively responsible for each other, that they truly are a global family."

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In North India, ration kits were distributed to many pastors and evangelical believers who lost their jobs and daily wages during COVID.

The responses from the Indian church networks were filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. Ration kits were distributed to pastors and families in different parts of India and included food and basic necessities that would last families a couple months.

In one network, nearly 500 pastors benefited from the gift. Rev. S. Duraiswamy from the Evangelical Church of India thanked his church network leaders, BILD and those who gave sacrificially. "For the people who

prayed and the people who were behind this entire project, we just want to thank you and appreciate you and remember you in our prayers," he said.

The outpouring of support was also felt by Badavo Banjara Phozear Trust (BBPT) and the Banjara Church of India that assisted in the distribution of ration kits that helped nearly 20,000 people. This included 4,670 families in both the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana which collectively include 260 villages.

A.P. Sagar Singh Bhukya from BBPT said that during the COVID crisis he never expected God would help them in such a way and open the doors for BBPT to serve so many thousands of people. "We praise God that the pastors and those in challenging times have been helped through this provision," he said.

To express such gratitude was not without emotion for Sagar and his father, who was also helping distribute ration kits. "Thank you so much," his father said. "As we always pray for you, and we appreciate your generous contribution. We understand how much you love us."

It is a work of the Holy Spirit that a global church network, like-minded in New Testament principles, would so generously give to church networks in another country that was suffering greatly.

Sagar said, "I want to thank [BILD] and all others who have walked along with us. We are looking forward to many more opportunities in the future so that we can share the love of Christ."



BBPT Ministry workers distributed ration kits to widows who have no source of income and struggled during the second wave of COVID.



Ration kits were distributed to 764 families in North India.

# Developing Leaders for the Church Network in Latin America

LATIN AMERICA



The Latin America Global Resource Team is implementing BILD's mission to fully equip church leaders and develop church planting movements in 16 countries.



Families gather in one of the house churches in Felix Abreu's network of churches in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Fostering the development of church leaders and church planting movements has long been a priority for the Latin America Global Resource Team (GRT). As an extension of BILD's apostolic team, the GRT has been providing leadership and support for BILD partners in Latin America for nearly 20 years.

The Latin America GRT currently works with church networks in 16 countries, including the Latin diaspora in Spain and the United States, with thousands of leaders from a variety of church backgrounds. These leaders are all engaged in some process of personal development to be equipped as leaders of their networks using BILD's training materials.

GRT leaders Javier Velasquez, Julio Lugo, and Felix Abreu, have been united in the passion they share to train networks of church leaders in New Testament principles in partnership with church-planting movements, which is BILD's mission. These three leaders herald from Florida, Peru, and

Dominican Republic, respectively, and are committed to training leaders, equipping leaders and developing strong churches following New Testament principles within their civilization.

"Part of being on this team is having people who have a passion and a vision and a commitment at the civilization level," Javier said. These leaders recognize their stewardship in designing and implementing effective strategies to progress the gospel in



Latin America. To do this, they are cultivating strategic partnerships with church planters and equipping next-generation leaders.

"We're constantly in a process of establishing and training and equipping leaders at different levels," Javier said. "We are working on being intentional in the expansion of not just planting churches but planting churches that reflect [New Testament principles]."

Javier said the team wants to help people who are engaged in the process of church planting and provide help and resources to make it possible for them to plant churches. This includes replicating sustainable house churches that will grow into networks of churches as seen in the New Testament.

A model of this can already be seen in Felix's network of house churches in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. In 2020, five traditional churches became a network of 27 house churches with a leadership structure that models the book of Acts.

Felix said in 2014 they began a process of equipping all the leaders using BILD's training materials, and then a couple years later every member of the church was being established in their faith and in their

understanding of Scripture. By 2018, they started considering the process of moving from being a church with small groups to being a network of house churches. In 2020, the planning and transitioning had begun.

"From the beginning, we began equipping the leadership so that they may progressively grow in their understanding of [New Testament principles]," Felix said. A key factor was after solidifying the leadership in those principles, they began equipping the whole church. This brought a one-mindedness around the principles and in turn strengthened the church as it transitioned from a traditional model.

There were some challenges to overcome, Felix said. One being a change in how Christians view the church and what happens in the church. Another was not understanding the importance of studying the Bible. That shift in perspective came through maturing in the Biblical concepts, he said.

The ability to overcome those barriers and see an established network of house churches is now a reality. "It is taking place," Felix said. "So much so, that now we are planning the multiplication and expansion of those churches to go even beyond."



The Latin America GRT and BILD's Michael Vos strategize the ways in which the GRT will equip network leaders and support church planting initiatives

"We are dreaming of being able to expand to the five different regions in the country with a church planting movement. And from there to expand to other areas of the Caribbean region and Latin America," he said.

The church network in the Dominican Republic, because of its growth, has now become the model to be replicated for Latin America. This is a significant piece of the GRT's mission, Javier said, because it shows what it takes to move away from a traditional church model and return to what Paul and the Apostles established in the book of Acts.

The GRT sees Felix's network as a resource center because it has the elements of a New Testament church with strong, established leaders and church members who are fully participating in God's work and meeting needs within their neighborhoods and communities. The GRT plans to invite other network leaders and church planters to annual conferences in Santo Domingo to promote developing models of house churches.

Javier said it is important for other leaders to see what a New Testament house church network looks like. This includes understanding how the families within the church function together as the household of God with a leadership structure that is put forth in Paul's letters from parents to elders and overseers to apostolic leaders.

"We want people to see and be a part of a house church and how it relates to the families so that we can model to other leaders in our civilization," Javier said.

Because meeting in person for many of these leaders is not always feasible, the GRT has utilized online workshops as a way for leaders to connect, communicate, and support one another. It has been helpful in fostering culturally relevant dialogues around New Testament principles.

Julio said being able to have conversations online with other leaders and the nature of the dialogues have brought a lot of clarity and "catalyzed" the process of becoming one-minded around the principles laid out in the New Testament.

One leader they're working with in Ecuador has a significant ministry in a fairly good-sized church and is in the process of moving into house churches. Julio shared that the conversations that are happening with that leader have gravitated toward a transformation process away from the traditional church model. Next month they will be launching 20 house churches that could potentially be a second model for Latin America just like the model in the Dominican Republic.

In Chile, one leader's experience helped him develop in his thinking, Javier said. "Listening to other people's experiences and models helped him understand [New Testament principles] in ways that he had not before," he said.



To continue developing these leaders and track the progress of their training, the GRT recently launched an online platform that allows leaders to use BILD's leadership materials in their language. It also tracks the progress of the leaders' development and will certify their work when completed. Julio said being able to equip leaders using this online tool is key to the team being able to pass the baton to the next generation of leaders who will in turn train other leaders.

"We decided it was strategic for us to foster quality team relationships in order to pass on the deposit and work on developing the next generation of leaders across the networks," Javier said. "In a way, it's also a part of our stewardship as a GRT to pass on to another leader directly."

The training each GRT leader gives to another leader has been done online or in person. For instance, in Felix's network he has been training leaders identified as "Timothys" in different levels of leadership using different BILD resources. Every year for the last five years, Felix launches a new cohort of leaders who will study BILD's leadership series. "So there are multiple levels of training with different levels of leadership every year, every month, every week, depending on the frequency," he said.



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The growth and maturing of the GRT itself has helped the team become intentional for how they will develop the next generation of leaders. "We only have so many years left for us to be intentional about how to pass on the baton to the next generation. That in itself will require us to be very strategic," Javier said.

The GRT's leadership trains and equips leaders from a variety of church backgrounds and cultural contexts to be one-minded around New Testament principles. This in turn will build and strengthen networks of churches that can impact their civilization.

While partnering with and training leaders to build sustainable church networks throughout Latin America isn't without its challenges, Javier said they're moving in the right direction. "While we're not all together in the same [local] church, we're working in 16 different countries directly with leaders who are leading other church networks," he said. "So the whole idea of building a network like Acts requires this GRT to exercise leadership in a way that reflects our unique context."



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# Developing a Kingdom Mindset from the Local Church

Word of Faith Church in Atlanta, Ga., is heeding the call to train and establish leaders within its 18,000-member congregation to be effective in planting churches and progressing the gospel.

In the book of Acts, Paul and the apostles entrusted elders in every church to keep Christ's teaching and continue to establish all believers in the faith, building up the body of Christ and progressing the Gospel.

Today, strong church leadership is just as important as it was in the first churches of the New Testament, and training church leaders continues to be at the forefront of BILD International's mission in providing the necessary tools to equip leaders in churches around the world.

One such partnership takes us to Word of Faith, a megachurch in Atlanta, Ga., that has heeded the call to train and establish leaders within its 18,000-member congregation.



In 2014, Word of Faith was in the process of designing its own curriculum to train and ordain emerging leaders when pastoral leadership was introduced to BILD. Learning they could take BILD's materials and structure a training program to fit their needs, the Dale C. Bronner Institute of Ministry and Leadership Development (IMLD) was founded.



IMLD takes internal church leaders who are committed to the vision of the church through a 24-month program that will prepare them to serve within the church. The model Word of Faith has for developing a team of leaders that are one-minded in ministry vision and philosophy made it easy to adopt the comprehensive curriculum that BILD had already created.



Cynthia Durant

BILD's materials for church-based theological education look at the whole blueprint of the New Testament design for spontaneous expansion of the church. It begins by taking leaders from a study of living out life together within the church, to the process of leadership development, and finally, all the way to building church networks and global movements.

"It's really been a tool that has helped us to grow our leaders," said Cynthia Durant, IMLD's director of leader development. "It's important for leaders to be trained and developed. When you are a leader you have great influence. We're looking for them to become healthy church leaders."

Cynthia and other team members have gone through executive education using BILD's curriculum and are now assisting students as they develop the tools they need to fulfill their future roles as church leaders or church planters. Cynthia's role brings her alongside students from beginning to end, guiding their development over the course of the program.

"I'm one of the few that has that total perspective," she said, adding it's a blessing to her to see the work of God in their lives and how they change, not only spiritually or theologically, but into their best, healthy self.

While students in the program have envisioned and strategized what their own leadership will look like upon graduation, there are a lot of traditions within churches today that can be a stumbling block as they grapple with New Testament principles and absolutes and non-absolutes, she said.

"The key to the church body is one-mindedness," Cynthia said. "By the time they get out of Acts [BILD course] and we move into the Pauline book, they understand the importance of church leaders and how significant a church leader is to not only planting churches but also to building the kingdom of God."

On the other side of developing internal church leadership is the support of external pastors and church planters who partner with Word of Faith through the Christian Alliance of Pastors (CAP).

CAP engages and supports leaders as they develop their vision for starting a church, big or small. Through the use of BILD materials, particularly the collection of encyclicals that address the fundamental importance of seeing sustainable and thriving church networks and movements, leaders are challenged to look beyond the four walls of the church and see the global mission of establishing God's kingdom.

"There is more focus on being kingdom minded and not just church minded," Cynthia said. "There is the mindset that God wants us to grow the kingdom and to grow the kingdom means to plant churches, because churches are still the best way to evangelize the gospel."

Realizing and understanding the many challenges faced by today's churches is no small task when it comes to leadership development, and this challenge points us back to the Acts model of evangelizing and establishing churches.



Courtney Wright

Courtney Wright is the chief pastoral support officer with CAP and the visionary behind Power of One, a strategy in its infancy that reshapes the vision of the church, starting with one microchurch or house church and planting more churches that are networked together until it becomes a movement.

“The spontaneous expansion that took place in the early church was a result of them being solidly founded churches that were doing discipleship at the local level, and smaller groups that then grew into a movement,” Courtney said.

As she studied BILD’s encyclicals, addressing the challenges faced by churches today due to the lack of growth or establishment in leaders and members, the idea of Power of One was forming in Courtney’s mind.



“I began to imagine what it would look like,” she said. “It starts with one, we call them microchurches, one house church, and from there once that model is created, it can be duplicated across different places, cities, parts of town, and individuals.”

A major component of Power of One is its sustainability because it is modeled after the expansion of the gospel in the New Testament and seeks to recreate what Paul set forth in Acts.

“Our vision is that we’ll start with just a few house churches and grow them from there,” she said. That will happen by identifying leaders and developing those leaders and establishing all believers within the church.

Because Power of One is a new concept, CAP is being methodical with how they’re rolling things out, she said. “We are continuing to teach others the encyclicals

and there’s other training we’re bringing to the table for Power of One that helps people with how they change their mindset.”

“It’s a process,” she said. “This strategy is a long-term strategy. It’s not a quick fix. It’s a step in the right direction, but it will take place over years, not weeks or months. There are some early gains we get, but it is a long-term strategy.”

In addition to wanting to see Power of One impact the landscape of establishing strategic and sustainable church movements, Courtney connects that vision to the future of leadership development.

She would like to see every church and every pastor form their own leadership development process that is intrinsic to their own churches. CAP offers

administrative support to leaders as they move through a development process, but over time she anticipates churches will have the ability to administer that process themselves.

“Then they can create it and package it exactly the way they want, and have the capacity to have leaders that are leading that training in their own context,” she said.

That vision coincides with their partnership with BILD and its mission to equip leaders within the cultural context of the local church. In turn, the establishing of leaders and building up of strong churches will continue to build a one-mindedness around Christ’s principles and the progress of the gospel around the world.



Graduates from the Institute of Ministry and Leadership Development Ministers in Training Program receive Certificates of Ministry to become church leaders or church planters.

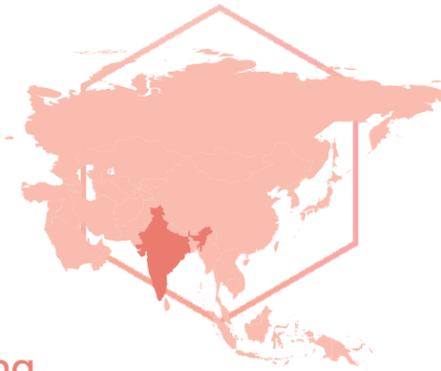


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# Developing a Lifework of Learning, Leading and Teaching

A lifetime of learning and the constant renewing of her mind around Christ's principles has helped Sabina Immanuel step into the role God has given her at New Life Assemblies of God Church in Chennai, India.

ASIA



When Sabina first realized God's purpose for her life, she was 16 years old and a new believer. The year was 1978 when her whole family gave their lives to the Lord. They dedicated themselves to attending a local church, praying and reading the Bible daily. Every Sunday evening, they gathered together in their home, inviting different pastors to minister. It was a time of growth in their new life in Christ, yet Sabina felt something was missing.

"Most pentecostal churches would always tell you: You're saved. You're baptized in the Spirit. You're operating in the gifts of

the Spirit. You are giving tithes. You are attending services. What more do you want?" Sabina recalled. "They didn't have the answer to: 'Beyond these, what?' We were hungry. We were thirsting after God and asking, "what's next? What's next?"

There came a time, just a few months after they were saved, that one of the ministers prophesied over her. "What he told me was very crystal clear: 'You are called to be a teacher of the Word of God,'" she said. "I didn't know what that was, but it resonated within me because I was already in love with the Word of God."



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Her family made scripture reading and family prayer a priority, and every family member would have one night of the week to share the Word of God. Sabina immersed herself in reading scripture and spent time each morning reading from the Old Testament and each evening reading from the New Testament. She studied every book of the Bible, in detail, meditating and writing to gain a thorough understanding.

After she married and the birth of her two older children, Sabina and her husband with their kids began attending New Life Assemblies of God Church in Chennai, India. She was encouraged when the pastor's son, Chadwick Mohan, became associate pastor and knew he was a man she could follow, seeing the depth of Christ in his life.

After some time, she felt the Lord was calling her into church ministry, and she said "Yes" to Him, but she waited for her husband to give his nod, before going to the leadership. After a wait of three months, her husband gave his full approval and consent.

"I immediately rushed and told Pastor Chadwick, 'I want to serve in the church,'" she said. "He asked me, what did I want to do, and I said, 'I am called to be a teacher of the Word.'"

It was in April 2006 that Sabina became the first female member of the pastoral team of the English Church. The first time she was given a chance to preach, being the first woman who was given the opportunity, she was told, "You have the power to lock the door or open the door for other women," she said. "I was like a key. I prayed in my heart that I would be the key that opened the door, not shut it!"

As Sabina took on more responsibilities and was coming into her own under Chadwick's shepherding, a pastoral team of 12 leaders mentoring 12 others was created in the English Church.

There was a realization among the members of the team there was no common teaching. "Each one taught the way they were taught or what they knew," she said. "We were grounded in scripture, but we were not one-minded since there was no common philosophy of teaching. Mentoring was happening, but nothing to bind us together into oneness."

In 2009, Chadwick came across BILD teaching when he became a part of the first team that did its doctoral program in partnership with the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. When Jeff Reed came to India and the BILD team took NLAG's pastoral team through the First Principles series, ideas that had been unclear became easier to grasp.

"My heart literally leaped during that time," Sabina said, "as I saw the power of the socratic discussion. I became involved and strengthened in this new method of teaching the Word. A number of things blew my mind, but above all the concept of core and fringe made me grasp the enormous freedom we have in Christ."

She said after she was saved, she was restricted due to culture and fear. In India there are a lot of restrictions and do's and don'ts, but through the First Principles lessons she experienced freedom in Christ.

"I was surprised," she said. "I didn't even know what the gospel really was, and I couldn't put it together nor learn it the way the First Principles taught. It crystalized for me the pattern of sound teaching, and set me free to be myself, since I grasped the content and essence of the philosophy of Christ."



As the church began their partnership with BILD, Sabina said there was a lot of growth and maturity since they began understanding and moving the church to be the family of God. "The small groups began to multiply and the church has grown with all of this," she said. "The church now had a blueprint of what should be done, how it should be done and what to communicate as teaching. We went back to the early church and began to study the book of Acts in order to build the church."

As the church was setting itself in order, the leadership teams were studying BILD materials in order to implement them in the church. "We were studying consistently, but there was no time for projects or guidance, since we were more concentrating on putting it into practice," she said. "We were in the process of turning away from systematic theology and learning to adopt the biblical theology way of studying the scriptures."

When BILD's 2020 Fall Conference went online due to COVID and restricted traveling, Sabina was excited. In the previous years when Chadwick and others attended in person, she had always wanted to go, but lacked the finances. "So to be able to attend online was huge, and I was thrilled that we were able to connect through Zoom," she said.

The ability to login to workshops that were taking place around the world motivated her to continue working on her projects and because she had completed most of her competencies, Sabina spent time attending workshops in Europe and America. "I wanted to see how everyone else was doing," she said, "and I wanted interaction with other nations and people from other places."



Sabina Immanuel and her family with their Lifegroup at New Life AG church in Chennai, India.

To see church leaders from around the world in discussions together and hearing challenges they were facing was eye-opening to Sabina. "It was a blessing to be a part of this [larger network]," she said. "It really helped me gain perspective."

Sabina worked hard during the conference to complete her projects and was surprised when she heard she was awarded for completing two projects. "For so long I had been slogging on my own with no input or motivation, and to get the award was, yes, it was great," she said. It propelled her to speed up her project submission and she began fulfilling all the credits for her certificate of ministry.

Subsequently, Sabina was asked to be on the associate faculty at New Life AG. She currently assesses about 40 other church leaders' work before they submit it for final approval to the BILD team.

"It is my greatest joy today, not just to study and earn my degree, but also to teach others the way to write and help them get theirs," she said. She holds herself accountable in making sure their work reflects their understanding of the concepts of the materials and their ministry, and its implementation. Right now she sees a great need for strong leadership within the church and she finds a role in equipping them.

"I'm looking to see if there is a transformation," she said. "Are they grasping what it actually means? Are they really understanding how we need to go back to [Acts]?"

Sabina is passionate about following the blueprint the New Testament has given for the church and making sure every leader whose work she assesses understands it as well. "If God has not given a pattern for the church, we don't have to do it, but if He has given a pattern to Paul, just like through Moses, we need to do it according to the pattern," she said.

To see how far her spiritual development has come from when she was 16, a new believer and receiving a prophecy to teach the Word of God, Sabina knows it all came to pass in God's time. She admits that at one time she tried to fulfill it in her own way and strength, but now God in His wisdom has given her both the training and the acumen for it as well as the realization of His word to her.

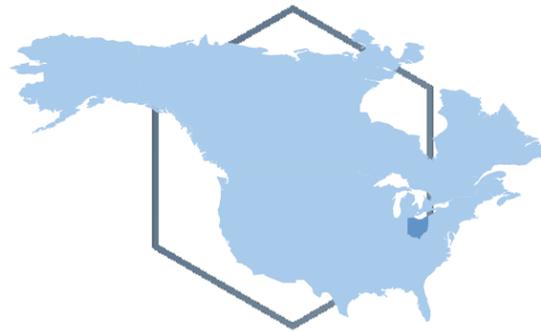
"If He had given it to me then, I wouldn't have had the content, the spiritual covering, the keen insight, the depth of experience, the wisdom of age and the sensitivity that a consistent walk with the Holy Spirit brings," she said.



New Life Assemblies of God English Church pastoral team

# Developing a Benefactor Church That Makes a Global Impact

NORTH AMERICA



Being a benefactor church has given everyone in the Canton CityChurch a role to participate in the progress of the Gospel by supporting and working with global church networks.

A small church in Ohio is making a significant impact worldwide as it embraces the stewardship God has given them in supporting the global mission of the church.

The Canton CityChurch has been a part of BILD's CityChurch network in the United States for over 10 years. They are committed to fully participating in the progress of the gospel as a benefactor church and partnering with global church leaders who share that commitment.

Becoming a benefactor church has not happened overnight. It has been a long, intentional process that has united both church leaders and members around New Testament principles and a common understanding of their role in God's plan for His Church.

When the Canton church was formed, it was three families that shared a conviction around those ideas. The first year before officially becoming a church was an important time as the families went through BILD's First Principles series to find unity around the ideas. Understanding the unique



gifts God has given each believer and using those gifts to build up the church was also an important part in their establishment that first year.

Justin Metz and his wife, Sandra, were one of the first families in the Canton Church, and he said, "If we have a solid understanding of the principles, then we're able to participate in a capacity that is not limited by the number or size of our church."

That understanding continues to be just as important today as the church, which now has around 50 people, looks outside itself to support something on a much larger scale. Their relationship with BILD has connected them with international church partners and the opportunity to help fund global projects for training international church leaders and planting churches.

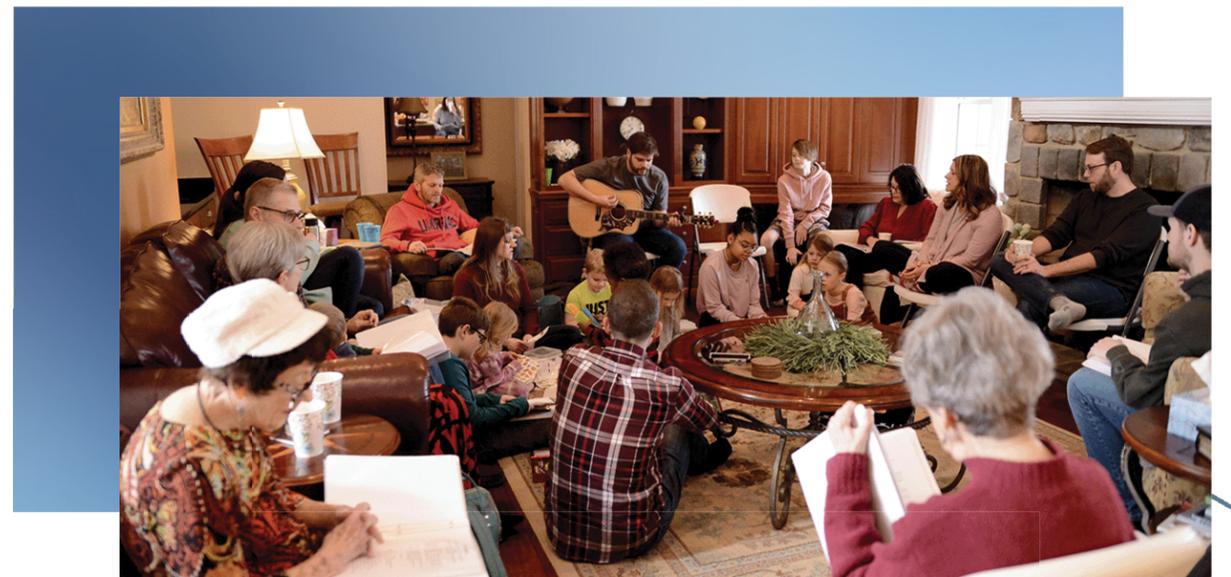
"God's doing a bigger work through His church," Justin said, adding that it can be seen in the global work BILD is involved in and the growth of the church in Latin America, China and the global South.

"You see the Church with this massive growth and the need for leaders to be developed, so that it can

sustain that level of growth," he said. The Church must be built up and leaders must be established in a way that is going to solidify and strengthen the church from one generation to the next. He believes this is where Canton's stewardship is being utilized.

Because the Canton church is a cluster of two house churches, the vast majority of their finances are able to be distributed to needs outside of their church. And being able to participate in something beyond their local church involves everyone. Being a benefactor church engages every believers' time, spiritual gifts, and finances, and entrusts these elements to its church network and leadership. The church itself operates as one body collectively doing the work of progressing the gospel and meeting local and international needs as they have come to understand their role in the greater global church.

"We didn't want to become or be this insular sort of group that was disconnected from everything else going on," Justin said. "For us to be able to have and build an identity focused on being a part of what God's doing both nationally and internationally has been great for us."



All generations of the Canton CityChurch participate in their weekly gathering by sharing in a song and a teaching.

David Harris, who, with his wife Colleen, was also one of the first families in the Canton church, echoes that sentiment, pointing out that having that mindset would not have been possible without having clear convictions around God's plan for His Church.

"We probably would not have prioritized supporting the work of planting and establishing churches to the degree we have," he said, adding that their emerging convictions were reinforced by their relationship with the BILD team and their work in BILD's leadership development resources.

By adhering to their beliefs, the Canton church is at the forefront of partnering in the global work. "From the beginning we have known that it's not about us supporting others, but working together," he said. "I think we are continuing to rediscover what participation in the gospel looks like, often thinking about Paul and the Philippian church."



Leaders from the Canton CityChurch, Latin American Global Resource Team, and BILD's Michael Vos share a meal in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.



Felix Abreu, of the Latin American GRT speaks with fellow GRT leader Javier Velasquez, BILD's Michael Vos, far right, and Canton CityChurch leader David Harris, far left.

In the constant renewing of their understanding of the Church as a global family, David said they have been able to develop relationships with those they support internationally, especially around the idea of sharing in the work of building Christ's kingdom globally.

"The relationship with global ministry partners has built a connection that promotes prayer and real care for the work that is going on," he said.

He recently had the opportunity to go to the Dominican Republic and visit with the Latin American Global Resource Team, which the Canton CityChurch supports financially. To be seated with those church leaders and working together toward their goals was an example of what fulfilling the ministry looks like, he said.

"To see the unity that exists and the commitment to sacrificial work that these key leaders are striving for was convincing," he said.

These tangible outcomes of Canton church's investment of their resources and time in the global progress of the gospel is a result of what happens when every believer in the church is fully participating in God's plan.

"Anytime a group is working toward one goal it brings unity and allows everyone to participate in the larger work," David said. It also allows more opportunities to challenge everyone to fully use their spiritual gifts in order for the church to not only make an impact locally but globally, he said.

Justin said the Canton church is dedicated to building, strengthening, establishing and planting churches locally, and it's exciting to see the growth and spontaneous expansion of the Church taking place elsewhere and to be a part of that.

"We're convinced that the Church is God's plan for this age," he said, adding that the centrality of the Church is a challenging concept, but one that brings conviction and a changing perspective on how God wants to use His Church to accomplish that plan.

"I think part of it is understanding that the work that God is doing is so much bigger than any one of us, and so much bigger than any one church or church network," Justin said. "Being in a relationship with BILD helps us get a glimpse into this bigger work that God is doing."

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"If we have a solid understanding of the principles, then we're able to participate in a capacity that is not limited by the number or size of our church."

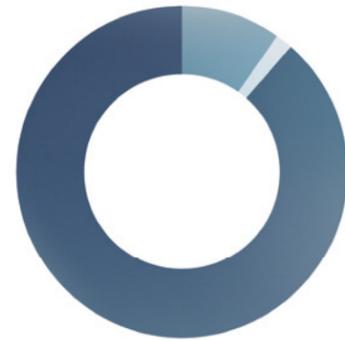
# Financial Position

Fiscal Year Donations



- 67% Churches
- 18% Foundations
- 15% Benefactors

Fiscal Year Expenditures



- 88.6% Program Services
- 9.9% Development
- 1.5% Administrative

Global Use of Program Services



- 13.4% China/Mongolia
- 3.8% Pacific
- 11.9% South America
- 14.3% North America
- 29% India/South Asia
- 14.6% Africa
- 13% Euriasa/Europe

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# Global Impact

**170**  
Networks

**46**  
Countries

**Pastors Trained by Just One Network**

**8,135**  
Active and Receiving Training in 2021

**6,108**  
Pastors Graduated Through 2021

Albania  
Australia  
Bangladesh  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Central African  
Republic  
China  
Costa Rica  
D.R. Congo  
Dominican  
Republic  
Ecuador  
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