



GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS 2015: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Hershey Free Church
hersheyfree.com

Hershey Free Church (HFC) aims to join with different works and partners in God's ongoing, redemptive mission. Beyond the Walls gives leadership and focus to the local and global outreach of Hershey Free Church and seeks to engage all community members of HFC in the mission of Christ both locally and globally. One of these tools and opportunities for outreach is the **Global Ministry Project Fund**.

The Global Ministry Project Fund (GMPF) was established to help fund specific and strategic ministry initiatives in cross-cultural contexts around the world. We specifically seek to use these funds to help the global workers with whom we partner. The funds are intended to help with

1. One-time capital projects for our foreign, or cross-cultural, missionary family;
2. Theological Education and Extension/Bible education for nationals;
3. Responding rapidly to opportunities.

A Global Ministry Project council and the Beyond the Walls Leadership Team review and approve Global Ministry Projects (GMP).

The breadth of the projects in which we have been able to partner is astounding! In 2015, we were able to distribute over \$100,000 between our partners and our missionaries' projects. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Global Ministry Project Fund – your giving has involved you in projects around the world! The following projects were implemented in 2015. Please note that some synopses have vague locations or names to protect the missionaries in more precarious parts of the world.

Overview of 2015 Projects

1. Bible Pathways Training and Oralidad Program, Peru
2. City Budget Launch, International Students, Inc., NYC
3. Distance Learning Theological Centers for Remote Pastoral Training in Columbia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Guinea Bissau, and Brazil
4. ESL and TOEFL Preparation at STEP, Haiti
5. EthnoArts Training, South Asia
6. Eurasia Scripture Engagement, Asia
7. Expanding Outreach at Philadelphia Universities and Penn State, China Outreach Ministries
8. Marriage Course Translation into Creole, Haiti
9. Mid-Atlantic Disciple-Making Training, International Students, Inc., NYC
10. Missionary Care, Europe
11. Moldova: University Divitia Gratiae Assistant Stipend; Divitia Gratiae Counseling Program; Kiev Family and Counseling Training Team; Pre-Marriage and Marriage Counseling Course
12. Course Scholarship, Perspectives: On the Christian World Movement, NYC
13. Portable Sound, Harrisburg, PA
14. Spanish-Speaking Church Plant, Grantville, PA
15. Training of Trainers for Reproducing Churches - Level 2
16. Website Radio, Northern Africa

A Synopsis of Global Ministry Projects



Bible Pathways Training and Oralidad Program, Peru; \$7,250
 EFCA ReachGlobal seeks to stimulate multiplication through developing, empowering and releasing others to serve the Lord. In the Amazon area of Peru, one of the main training tools is the Oralidad program, which is a series of courses taught to pastors and church leaders for their communities. **Blair McGwire**, a member of Hershey Free Church’s missionary family and leader of short-term teams to Peru, noted that “the Oralidad pastor training

program has been a great blessing for many students, some continuing with their study and others just beginning. We were able to begin a new Oralidad group in another region of the jungle and had 53 participants in the first session.”

ReachGlobal’s Bible Pathways program is the next level of pastor training for students who have completed Oralidad. Shipibo pastors will now be involved in training the Yanasha, another indigenous group in the Amazon. The GMPF has also been used for short-term teams, repairing the Evangelista (a boat that transports local pastors and US short-term teams up the Ucayali River), and water filters, among other resources that contribute to ministry in the Amazon Jungle of Peru.



City Budget Launch, International Students, Inc., NYC; \$9,250

There are over 100,000 international students studying in New York City! Missionary **Valerie Althouse**, the New York City director for ISI, is tasked with procuring funding for the New York City Ministry, where there has previously not been a city budget. To launch this fund, they will host a “Celebration Brunch” in June of 2016. This brunch enables ISI to invite their entire volunteer base and potential donor base to come and hear what God has done through the ministry of International Students, Inc. NYC in the 2015-2016 academic year. The new city budget will help to fund outreach events to international students, support city-wide growth needs, and be used toward leader development, along with other specific goals. The GMPF will be used to begin this budget and to host donors and volunteers to create the city budget.



Distance Learning Theological Centers for Remote Pastoral Training in Columbia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Guinea Bissau, and Brazil; \$12,700

“Tribal pastors in Brazil have defined their position in the advancement of the Great Commission as the ‘Third Wave in Missions.’ The ‘First Wave’ were missionaries in the 19th and 20th century...who went to Brazil’s Nambiquara tribe in 1942. The ‘Second Wave’ of

missions [consists of] national missionaries and missionary children [all of whom] represent a multicultural force. Their disciples have become the ‘Third Wave’ who are, and can, identify culturally with their people group. In the indigenous mind, all the waves are needed to advance the gospel as one pushes the other.” – Larry Buckman

To date, about 88 tribes in the Amazon basin have been reached with the Gospel. However, there are a remaining 125 different ethnic people groups in the Amazon basin who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ. Geographical and political barriers have prevented the Gospel from going to “every tribe and nation.” Buckman shares that the “tribal pastors are asking only one thing from us in the Western World: ‘Would you teach us everything you know about God?’” In response to this task, the Global Ministry Project Fund helped purchase equipment and resources that are used in distance learning. Five specific people groups received equipment to advance biblical learning and training.

ESL and TOEFL Preparation at STEP, Haiti; \$7,800

A group of STEP faculty from Haiti participated in ReachGlobal’s Multiplying Churches Globally equipping sessions and remained in the USA for 5 weeks of English language immersion and English as a Second Language (ESL)/Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) learning. This ultimately resulted in 6 leaders (4 Haitian, 1 Brazilian, and 1 Chilean), being in New Orleans for the purpose of language, cross cultural development and ministry exchange. Missionary **Mark Lewis** note that, “The ‘students’ made great progress, and the families that hosted them had a great experience.”



EthnoArts Training, South Asia; \$5,500

Missionaries **Todd and Mary** sought to provide funding for Asian nationals to study for 3 months at a university in Thailand. The students will study and learn to facilitate, train and mentor others to use their traditional ethnic art forms in the church or wider community. The students will participate in EthnoArts Analysis

Techniques, Research Methods in EthnoArts, and Applied EthnoArts. Students also will learn how to contextualize music such that people groups can create worship music expressed in their own cultural identities.

Eurasia Scripture Engagement, Asia; \$5,500

The Global Ministry Project Fund (GMPF) was used to equip missionaries, including **Paul and Roxanne**, who are engaged in Scripture translation, distribution, and teaching in Eurasia. To help in this endeavor the GMPF supported a premier, global missiological architect and practitioner of Church Planting Movements (CPM) who focuses especially among the world's unreached people groups. This presenter was a plenary speaker at "Eurasia Media and Distribution Consultation," the largest global missions gathering focused on topics of media and translation, where 126+ Christian organizations gathered who produce Scripture translations, media forms of scripture, scripture-based audio and video products, as well as print, digital and satellite delivery.



Expanding Outreach at Philadelphia Universities and Penn State, China Outreach Ministries; \$5,000

More than 320,000 Chinese scholars and students attend universities in the USA, and thousands of these students are enrolled at schools in Philadelphia and State College. China Outreach Ministries (COM) had 3 staff members working in each location. More help and resources are needed to effectively reach the nearly 10,000 Chinese students in these two cities. Additionally, training is needed for new staff to prepare them for this strategic outreach opportunity to China's future leaders. As such, **Glen Osborn** connected COM's Vice President for Development with Hershey Free Church. The Global Ministry Project Fund, combined with support from 3 other organizations and individual donors, financially provided for the training of new staff, and evangelistic Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Chinese New Year's events in both cities.



Marriage Course Translation into Creole, Haiti; \$7,800

The Global Ministry Project Fund supported the translation and printing of a course called "The Promise of a Lifetime" into Creole. Pastor **Omar Zook** has taught a marriage course at STEP, and the translation of materials into Creole supports the students' continued learning.

Mid-Atlantic Disciple-Making Training, International Students, Inc., NYC; \$2,127

This project request from **Valerie Althouse** supported the training of International Students Inc. (ISI) staff, key volunteers, and ministry partners in the Discovery Bible study method. The Discovery Bible study method is influential in making disciples among international students. Through the fund, ISI hosted an expert guest speaker in July so that staff could be equipped, trained, and engaged in outreach planning for the fall semester.

Missionary Care, Europe; \$4,868

Hershey Free Church strives to support missionaries in ways beyond financial support. Sometimes, this care comes in the form of a Global Ministry Project. Semi-retired missionaries **Butch and Shirley Hammond** continue to travel in Europe to speak at conferences related to missionary care and to give therapeutic and counseling services to our missionary family.



Moldova: University Divitia Gratiae Assistant Stipend; University Divitia Gratiae Counseling Program; Kiev Family and Counseling Training Team; Pre-Marriage and Marriage Counseling Course; Total over \$6,000

Hershey Free Church has helped to fund the founding of a graduate program at Divitia Gratiae University in Moldova, formerly known as the Center for Theological Education (CTE). HFC continues to support the President, **Serghei Namesnic**, and the Academic Dean, **Mihai Malancea**, as part of our missionary family, as well as Global ministry Projects related to specific scholarships, travel plans, and stipends. **Omar Zook**, the HFC’s Pastor for Care Ministries, was an integral part of the first Christian counseling program in Moldova. The program is a 3-year Master’s program. Students at Divitia Gratiae University represent about 11 countries and 30 nationalities and are part of a plan to reach central Asian countries in addition to Moldova. Pastor Zook continues to go every year to help teach and to give oversight to the counseling program. A stipend was also approved for a teaching assistant in the program. Also, a group from Kiev traveled to Divitia Gratiae to help train students. Additionally, the MGPF provided funds for the translation of a marriage counseling course for use at University Divitia Gratiae.

Course Scholarship, Perspectives: On the Christian World Movement, NYC; \$1,000

The International Students, Inc. ministry of NYC is made possible through the work of over 200 volunteers who are part of the ISI ministry. Missionary **Valerie Althouse** notes that ISI “considers it part of our mission in NYC to be a catalyst to launch additional believers into missional engagement with international students.” A national course called “Perspectives: On the World Christian Movement” arrived in NYC in 2016. The Perspectives Course is a means whereby ISI equips staff and volunteers to have greater vision for their impact among internationals and involvement in God’s missional plan for the world! The Global Ministry Project Fund helped support partial and full scholarships for ISI volunteers.



Portable Sound, Harrisburg, PA, \$2,000

Hershey Free Church supports **Christian and Ximena Aguilar** as they plant a church, called Vida Life Bilingual Church, in Harrisburg, PA. The Global Ministry Project Fund provided for new, portable sound system amplification to use in evangelism programs, Vacation Bible School, carnivals, and worship celebrations.



Spanish-Speaking Church Plant, Grantville, PA; \$12,000

There are over 700 Hispanic workers at the Hollywood Racetrack in Grantville. There is an even larger number of Spanish-speaking families in the Grantville area. As such, the Hispanic Mission of the Eastern District of the Evangelical Free Church of America sought to plant a bilingual (English-Spanish speaking) church in Grantville. A number of churches provided support to bring Pablo Martinez and his family to pastor a church for this growing population. The Global Ministry Project Fund provided a one-time support sum to help the Martinez family to transition to Grantville.

Training of Trainers for Reproducing Churches - Level 2; \$3,420

“This project went to strengthen church planting movement in India by Training of Trainers in developing healthy disciples and leaders for life transformation, as well as church reproduction. Your prayer ministry and regular financial support also enable us to minister in Christ’s name. The funds helped to gather leaders, feed them and produce the training materials in their language.”

– **Gene Wilson**

The objective of “Training of Trainers for Reproducing Churches - Level 2” is to infuse a church planting movement of 1,200 churches in Northwest India, one of the most unreached parts of India, with solid teaching on church health, reproducing disciples, and biblical leadership so that the churches reproduce in a healthy way. **Gene Wilson** and a co-leader taught Level 1 in northern India in 2012. Since then, the churches multiplied from 400 churches to 1,200 churches. In 2015, Wilson and his co-leader taught level 2 to key leaders from 5 regions in India and Nepal.



Website Radio, North Africa; \$8,080

The GMPF helped to wholly fund a Hershey Free Church missionary in the training of Arabic speakers in North Africa for radio production. The goal of this radio station is to reach Muslims in this North African country with the Gospel. The funds helped pay for space, equipment, and training. The radio productions, music, devotionals and other literature are on a website that is easily accessible to a young, Arabic-

speaking audience.

Global Ministry Projects 2015: A Year in Review | 2015

If you would like to give to the Global Ministry Project Fund, please indicate your preference on the memo on your check or include a note. Also, you may mark GMPF on the giving envelope, or give online at hersheyfree.com. To God be the glory!

Dave Hyatt, Pastor for Global & Local Outreach (Beyond the Walls)
dhyatt@hersheyfree.com

Lyndsay Byler, Administrative Assistant, Beyond the Walls
lbyler@hersheyfree.com