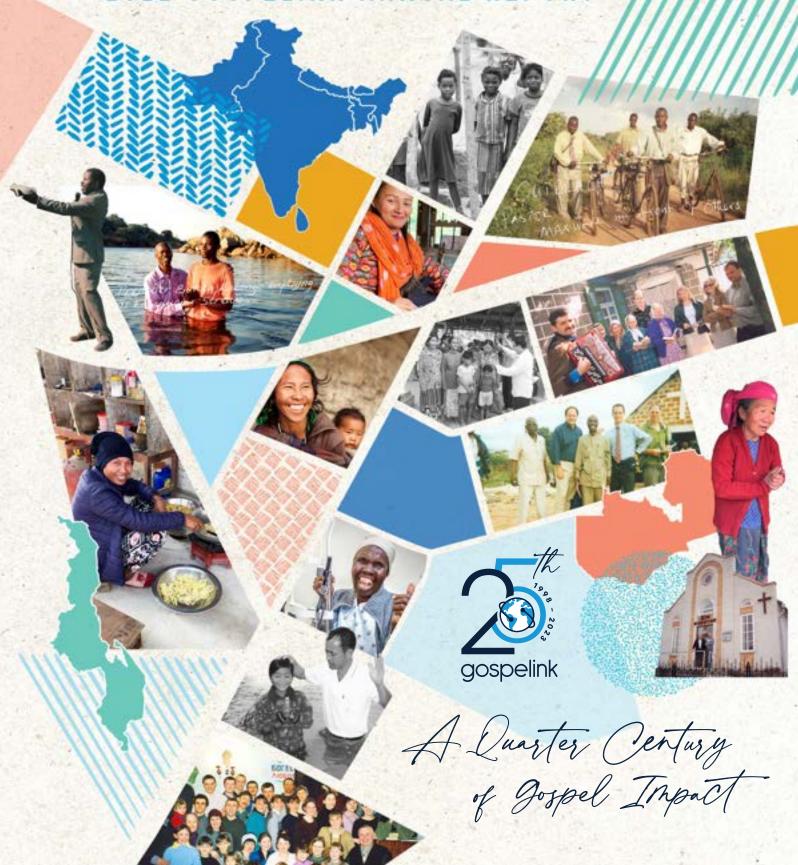
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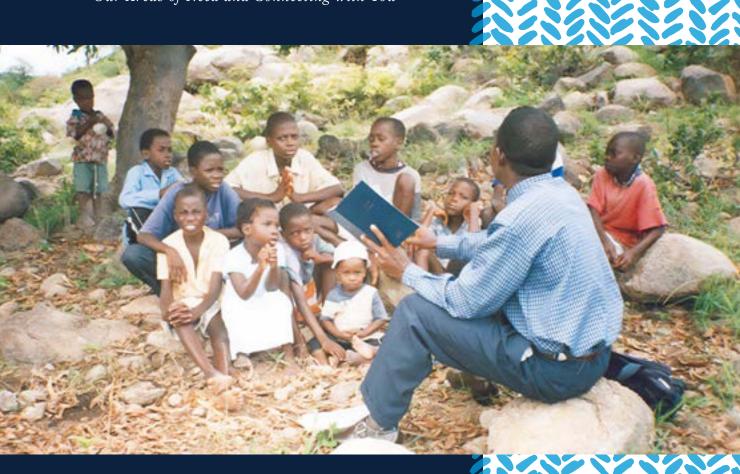
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A Gospelink ministry initiative timeline

25 Years Of God's Faithfulness

FROM THE FOUNDER

n April 22, 2023, Gospelink celebrates 25 years of ministry, a quarter century that seems like yesterday. During ALL THESE YEARS, the Lord has been faithful, gracious, merciful, and kind, guiding us through many challenges while providing for every need, pouring His abundant blessings upon this ministry!

Of these blessings, we are so humbled by the incredible relationships He has formed, unified in our desire to glorify Him in all that we do! We can reflect for example on the friendships created over the years at churches where we presented Christ's global mandate and the National Preacher Sponsorship Program. We are grateful for the many kingdom-minded families and individuals at these events who chose to sponsor national preachers, giving and praying faithfully to advance the Gospel!

Recently, as I looked back upon our earliest sponsorships, the Lord impressed upon me a startling fact. There are currently 28 partnering families today who began sponsoring national preachers in 1998, Gospelink's founding year, and in many cases are still sponsoring the same preacher! I lack

the words to express my gratitude for the generosity and sacrifice of these dear partners. Hundreds of equally committed Christians have joined the ranks to sponsor national preachers in the years since, some of whom have partnered with us for decades. We count each new partnership as a blessing!

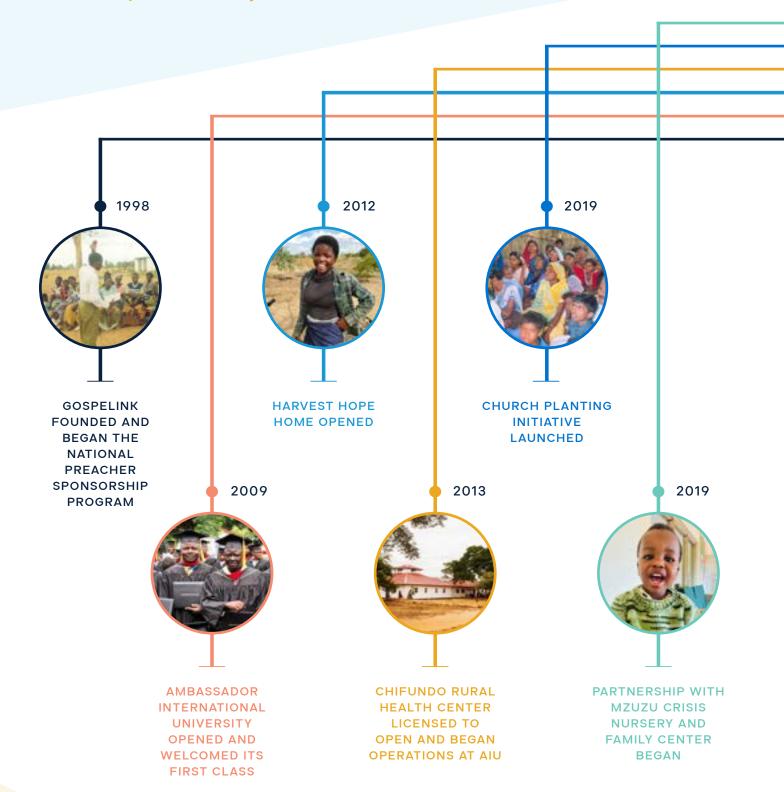
We have been blessed over the years by hundreds of church congregations and their pastors, led by the Lord to unite with us in assisting national preachers; leading mission teams; training disciples; building a Bible college, clinic, orphanages and schools; and participating in a myriad of other projects. They have not only reached their "Jerusalem," but also beyond, as their hearts are set on the "uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8), extending both arms to advance God's kingdom globally. It is so encouraging to me how God has moved in their hearts, joining them with us to reach the nations!

During these 25 years, God has also blessed us with many Christian leaders to provide oversight, handle daily administration, expand the mission's reach domestically, and provide accountability internationally while extending the gospel message globally. We are so grateful for the commitment of hundreds of leaders over the years, including our Board of Directors, the mission representatives, Gospelink's missionaries and domestic staff, and our international partners!

As the Lord has blessed Gospelink immeasurably these last 25 years, I believe in the years to come He will show Himself EVEN STRONGER! In this publication, you will read about some of the projects and programs being developed, ministries that I am so eager to see God bless and grow! Please continue to pray for the Gospelink team and join us to not only ADVANCE, but ACCELERATE the spread of the gospel globally!

The best is yet to come!





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COUNTRIES & initiatives

AFRICA

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Preacher Sponsorship

Ethiopia

Preacher Sponsorship

Malawi

CPI

Preacher Sponsorship Harvest Hope Home Mzuzu Crisis Nursery and Family Center

Mozambique

CPI

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Niger

CPI

Rwanda

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Tanzania

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Zambia

CPI

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Zimbabwe

Preacher Sponsorship

ASIA

Cambodia

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India

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Kazakhstan

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Restricted Asian Nation CPI

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EUROPE

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COUNTRIES





our beginning NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

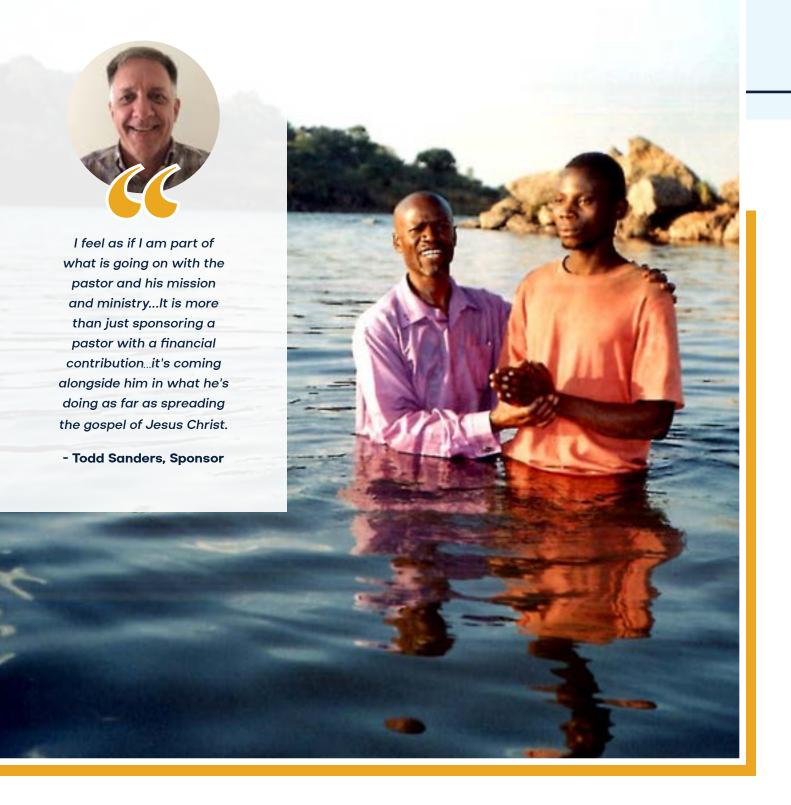
Supporting international preachers and their evangelistic, discipleship, and church planting ministries.

In April of 1998, Lewis and Leah Nelms founded Gospelink for one purpose: to advance the gospel throughout the world. To do so, they established a vision of connecting preachers in foreign countries who are actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting to sponsors who can provide them with funds for their basic needs as well as their ministries.

Gospelink modestly began with 3 preacher sponsorships. However, by the end of Gospelink's first year, God multiplied the program to a total of 59 national preacher sponsorships, out of which 365 new villages were evangelized, 131 churches had been started, and 22,784 people had come to believe in Christ as their Savior.

As the needs of preachers were heard all over the world, Gospelink's ministry began to spread to new countries and continents. Through the efforts of donors, volunteers, and staff, sponsors were able to be linked with preachers in other African countries, Asia, and Europe.

Today, Gospelink has connected sponsors with over 1,200 preachers in 17 nations. As a result, over 7.6 million people have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. In 2022 alone, these pastors have planted over 650 churches and evangelized to over 9,000 new areas in their countries. Through each sponsorship, these preachers can not only provide for their families, but fully focus on



evangelizing, discipling, and planting churches.

Gospelink's vision for the future is to first strengthen the quality of reports we receive from our preachers. Through the development of new communication platforms, preacher reports will become available to sponsors faster than they ever have before.

Our vision for the future also expands to equipping churches staffed by Gospelink-sponsored preachers to send out their own missionaries to surrounding areas. This process will develop even more international missionaries to spread the gospel. In addition, churches from the United States can poten-

tially link with these mission efforts, with both church groups actively doing ministry together to advance the gospel. With prayer and determination, Gospelink continues to expand the National Preacher Sponsorship Program, expectant that God will move and change lives through the power of the gospel.



15 countries with preacher sponsorships

1,117 PREACHERS SPONSORED

PREACHER SPONSORSHIP

initiative timeline

AFRICA

1998

Zambia

Malawi Zimbabwe

2000

Tanzania

2002

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mozambique

2008

Ethiopia

2012

Rwanda

ASIA

2006

India

2008

Restricted Asian Nation

2013

Kazakhstan

2015

The Republic of Georgia

2016

Cambodia

EUROPE

2003

Ukraine

CENTRAL AMERICA

2018

Nicaragua

NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP

by the numbers

2022 UPDATE

LOOKING BACK...
1998 - 2022

9,443

Newly evangelized areas



324,410

Evangelized areas

667

Churches planted



47,346

Churches planted

152,840

Professions of faith

8,267,491

Professions of faith

Castor testimony



Pastor PF Moyo - First Preacher Sponsorship, Zimbabwe

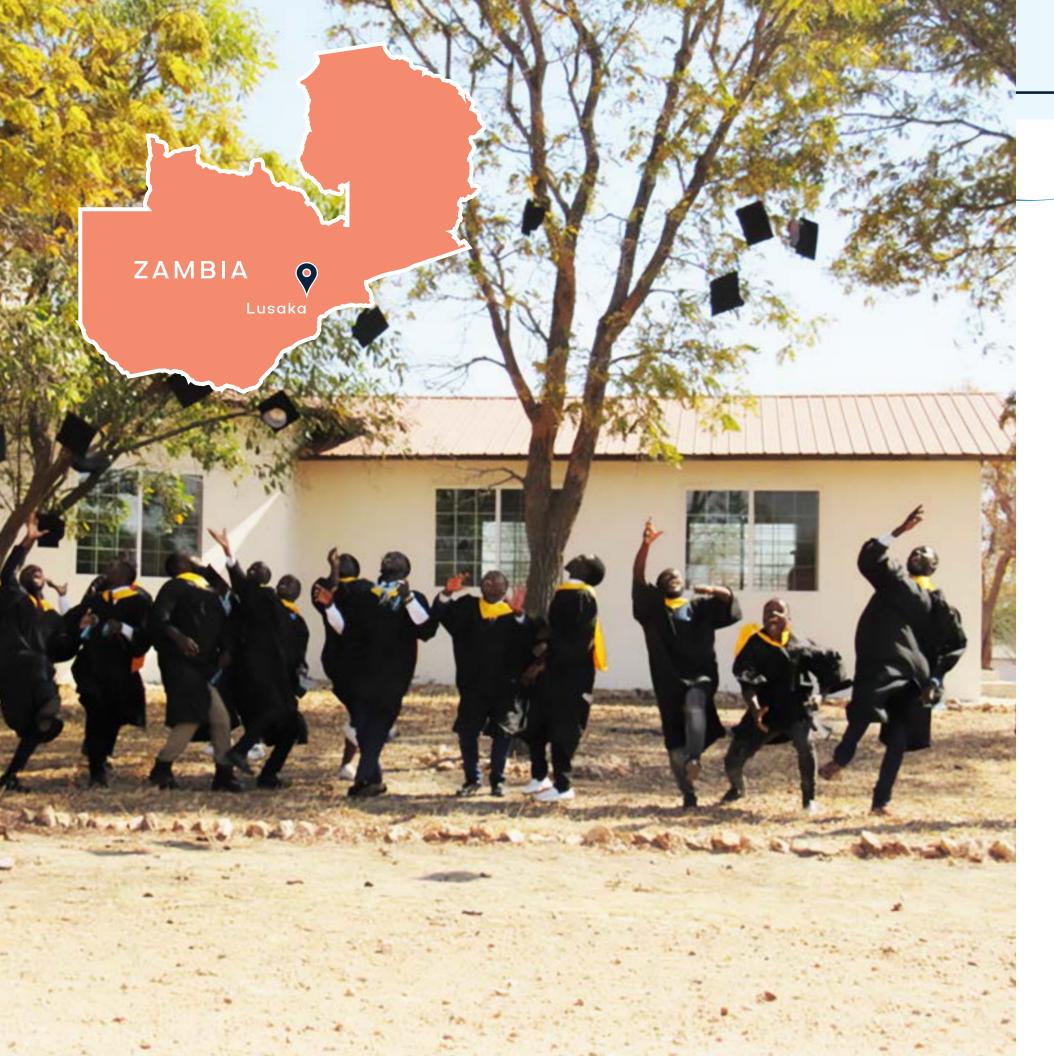
n 1997, I heard of Gospelink through a Zambian friend L Christopher Mwanza, who came home and shared about the challenges that rocked the organization that we were both serving as national directors. He encouraged me and my preachers to switch to a new organization, which was Gospelink, which was in its inception stage. I consulted with my preachers who also agreed with the move to switch to the new organization. Gospelink helped us a lot as a convention as well as a nation since we were planting churches and needed some resources to sustain our new work. At the moment, I serve as national director of Zimbabwe and have one hundred preachers and five regional directors. The preachers are from a number of different denominations in the nation.

I am so thankful to the Lord for the work of Gospelink in our nation, who have supported our preachers since its inception and through the challenges of Covid pandemic to date, which caused us a lot of challenges for the period of about two years and some months where the church was not meeting. If the meetings were permitted, they were for short intervals, thus there was no income for the preachers coupled with the ailing economy. I am so thankful also for the food aid that we received from Gospelink, which allowed us to feed thousands of kids across the nation during this pandemic era.

Sponsoring a pastor will be a learning experience and a blessing that far exceeds your commitment.

- Sandi Castor, Sponsor





2009

past, present, future AMBASSADOR UNIVERSITY

Training Africa's next generation of pastors and spiritual leaders through a biblical college education.

round 2003, Gospelink-sponsored preachers in Zambia and Malawi highlighted the pressing need for biblical education for the young adults in their churches. To fill this need, Gospelink began making plans to construct a biblically based university to teach the next generation how to become effective ambassadors for Christ.

Even from the beginning, God's hand was evident in the building of the school. After accepting Christ as her savior during an evangelism event, a local Headwoman agreed to donate about 260 acres of her tribal land for the school. From 2005 to 2009, the Bible college underwent construction, during which God provided missionaries and local volunteers to build the school.

Finally, in January 2009, the International Bible College of Zambia (now known as Ambas-

sador International University) opened its doors, welcoming twelve students. As the years passed, more and more students graduated and went on to serve in local ministries or remained as staff at the school, intent on discipling the next generation of preachers. To date, 236 students (from Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique) have graduated from AIU with either a bachelor's or master's degree.

The campus itself now has over 150 buildings, which include student hostels, faculty housing, a 5,000-book library, classrooms, a cafeteria, a machine/wood shop, a new administration building, a new computer lab, a daycare center and playground, a 260-seat auditorium/chapel, and many smaller support buildings. Currently, 79 students are enrolled at the school and 58 students are enrolled online, either studying for a certification, an undergraduate degree, or a graduate degree.

Looking to the future, AIU administrators are planning to add even more majors to the college, including elementary and secondary education and nursing. They are also looking to add a trade school, where students can be trained in fields such as electrical, plumbing, bricklay-

ing, carpentry, and more. These programs will allow students to not only learn more about God's Word but will train them in ways to spread the gospel through their careers. As even more students are trained and graduate, God will continue to be glorified through AIU's work in Zambia and beyond.







Student Testimonies

I like this place for the fact that God used someone out there to help me to be part of this university by sponsoring me, providing free food, accommodation, and more...I have learned a lot about the Word of God, such that I am able to interpret the Bible better than I used to before I came here.

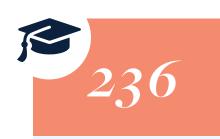
- Emmanuel Phiri, Junior

Being at AIU is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I enjoy every single day I spend here.

- David Nyeieti, Sophomore







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GRADUATES

CURRENTLY ENROLLED



15

GRADUATE CLASSES

Certificate in Biblical Studies Diploma in Biblical Studies Bachelor of Arts in Theology Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Master of Arts in Theology

PROGRAM OPTIONS

In 2009, I had the opportunity to travel to Zambia on a short-term mission trip led by Kris Bjorgen. Our destination was to the Bible college, now known as AIU, and to help with whatever needs they might have. I was amazed with the area and what God was doing in seemingly the middle of nowhere. I met and got to know the first twelve students chosen to study there, as well as some of the villagers living close by. I saw how great their needs were then, and now. God touched my heart and my desire is to honor Him by giving a portion back of what He has generously blessed me with.

 Suzanne Mills, Sponsor & Missions Trip Attendee





Salui

MALAWI



2012

HARVEST HOPE HOME

Providing for the least of these through caring for, educating, and discipling orphans.

fter Gospelink-sponsored preachers showed our **1** representatives the tremendous need for orphan care in Malawi, Harvest Hope Home was established in 2012 with the goal of caring for these children. Today, Harvest Hope Home is entirely staffed with local Malawian people who care for these vulnerable orphans' physical and spiritual needs through the provision of food, shelter, medical care, education, and the gospel message. These orphans are also given the irreplaceable love and support of a family through being housed in one of six cottages, wherein Malawian Christian house parents "adopt" the children. In total, there are 65 children living at Harvest Hope Home – some being orphans and some being the birth children of families caring for the orphans.

While these cottages provide a daily means of living, education is not a given in Africa. To ensure these children received proper education, Gospelink constructed and opened the Harvest Hope Primary School. This school is not only

open to the orphans at the home, but also educates children from the predominately Muslim local community. This allows these children to hear the gospel and learn about the Bible, most likely for the first time in their lives.

As these children grew, the need for advanced schooling arose. Recently, a high school was started at the orphanage to further educate these children, which opened with the first class of 33 students in 2022. Looking to the future, plans are being made to continue expanding this secondary school to educate all high school grade levels. As this ministry continues to grow, more and more children who once had no hope will receive care and love from both their adopted families and from our heavenly Father - a Father that, without this ministry, these children may have never known about.

CHIFUNDO RURAL HEALTH CENTER

Offering physical and spiritual care to thousands through life-saving medical treatments.

T n 2008, the Chifundo Ru-treated over 227,000 peoral Health Center was built **L** on the campus of Ambassador International University. Initially, the center was expected to serve as a basic first aid clinic for university students and staff. However, when the center was licensed to open in 2013, the community's need for medical care became apparent. At the end of the center's first month of operations, the medical center treated 250 patients. By the end of December, the center treated over 1,000 people a month. Due to this sudden influx, Gospelink built an additional medical facility connected to the medical center, including a functioning operating room, which opened in 2016.

Currently, the medical center staff, including previously sponsored Ambassador International University students, serve the community from inside the clinic as well as through medical outreaches. Since 2013, the center has

ple – all of whom heard the gospel message during their visit. Marjie Heier, the previous Chief Medical Officer, says that the most rewarding part of this ministry is being able to use medicine as a tool to share the gospel. In America, it is not easy to be open about Christianity in the medical field. However, in Zambia, the medical staff have the freedom to save lives – both physically and eternally.

Currently, Gospelink is in the process of expanding Chifundo's medical facilities

ZAMBIA









further to function as a Level 1 hospital. This will allow for direct government funding as well as governmental permission to treat a variety of ailments – both of which will help tremendously with the sustainability of the center. This distinction will also permit the employment of Gospelink-sponsored medical students at the facility. A few of these students have already committed to work at this hospital.

In addition, Gospelink has a vision to establish a nursing school through Ambassador International University, allowing for Christian nurses to be trained and sent out to provide medical care, as well as the gospel, to thousands of patients. As we look to the future, we are excited and expectant to see God's hand move through the center in even greater ways.



2022 HEALTH CENTER UPDATE by the numbers

46

16,843

DAILY AVERAGE OF PATIENTS

TOTAL PATIENTS TREATED



TOTAL TESTED FOR HIV



TOTAL BABIES DELIVERED



TOTAL TESTED FOR MALARIA



TOTAL PATIENTS
TREATED FOR MALARIA



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CHURCH PLANTING INITIATIVE

Establishing sustainable churches in unreached areas around the world.

Currently, there are thousands of unreached people groups across the world with no access to the gospel. This huge need, coupled with finite resources, required a new strategy to preach the gospel to as many people as possible. This solution came in the form of the Church Planting Initiative (CPI) – a four-stage process that trains indigenous church planters how to form multiplying, self-sustaining churches in strategic areas across their countries. This differs from the National Preacher Sponsor Program as, instead of sponsoring a preacher, donors are sponsoring church planting teams.

To begin the process, Gospelink first selects church planters in unreached areas who are called to church planting. Next, over a three-to-five-year period, Gospelink mentors these church planters, teaching them how to build healthy, sustainable, and God-centered churches. After this intensive training period,



the preachers are equipped with the tools and resources required to plant churches in unreached areas in their countries. Once these churches are established, Gospelink continues to monitor and partner with the churches but moves on to other areas that don't have a church, selecting more pastors to train and support. This process will gradually build a global network of church-



es strategically dispersed in areas that have no other access to the gospel message.

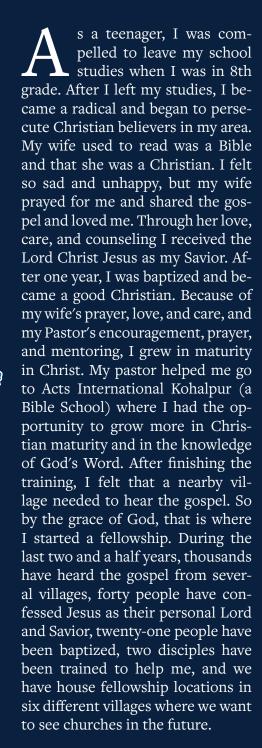
In 2019, the initiative was first launched in a restricted country in Asia that has many unreached people groups. Since then, this

framework has been adopted by pastors in the Republic of Georgia, Mozambique, Zambia, and Niger. While the goal of strategically planting sustainable churches in unreached areas is the same, the model is adapted to best fit the church planting needs of each counproducing try, more effective church planters and churches.

The implementation of the CPI model will not stop with these six countries. The future vision for this ministry is to apply this model to every country that Gospelink operates in, with the next one being India. Through Church Planting Initiatives, sustainable church bodies will be formed across the world. Due to your faithfulness and the faith of these church planters, the work done within this three-to-five-year period will impact these countries for generations to come.

pastor testimony

Pastor Ram BK - South Asia





SOUTH ASIA

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2019

MZUZU CRISIS NURSERY & FAMILY CENTER

Providing care and love to orphaned newborns, training extended families in childcare, and fostering evangelism and discipleship opportunities.

n 2006, Andy and Lisa Langdon founded the ▲ Mzuzu Crisis Nursery in Malawi. The Mzuzu Crisis Nursery provides food, medical care, and shelter for orphaned infants until they are 18 months old. Most children are then returned to their own families, usually an extended relative. The babies who don't have any extended family are adopted or cared for by foster parents in Malawi. Since 2006, the nursery has saved the lives of over 250 vulnerable babies.

In conjunction with the nursery, the Langdons also established the Mzuzu Family Training Center. The vision for this center is to supply formula and infant care training to the families of orphans to give these infants the best chance of survival. Once the funds are raised, the training center will begin its operations.

In 2019, Gospelink began partnering with this ministry

to further help in Mzuzu's evangelism efforts. The goal of this affiliation is to provide support and gospel-sharing opportunities through Gospelink-sponsored pastors. They preach to the families at the center as well as to those in the villages these infants are taken to. These visits provide unique opportunities for pastors to give spiritual encouragement, lead families to Christ, and discover areas to start new churches in that might otherwise be missed. Through this partnership, even more people inside and outside the center are given the opportunity to come to Christ.

As this ministry continues to care for infants and starts to train their families, Gospelink pastors are prepared to use these unique encounters as gospel opportunities, changing the lives of families while saving the lives of the young.









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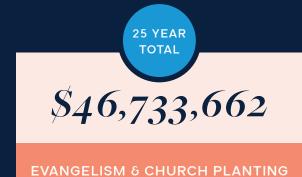


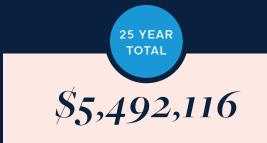


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THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AT AIU

FINANCIAL UPDATE

T n 2 Corinthians 1:12, Paul says, "Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies **L** that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity."

As Gospelink's Chief Financial Officer, I have the privilege to serve our great God alongside committed co-workers through a great organization. All of us working for Gospelink take very seriously our responsibility to both the Lord and our generous donors to help advance the gospel in each country we have partners in. Our individual and collective efforts are aimed at being able to echo the words above that Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

Our sponsors and other donors share generously and sacrificially from the provision God supplies to the receiving hand. As evidence of this generosity and sacrifice during our first 25 years, Gospelink has been able to channel over \$49 million to our overseas national partners. At least 90 cents of each dollar in designated non-sponsorship gifts are sent overseas for the donor's intended purpose. As in 1998, Gospelink still retains for operations only 20% of the basic sponsorship gifts received. This allows us to complete the behind-the-scenes work necessary for our partners to change lives all around the world.

As the next 25 years of Gospelink begin, we are excited and expectant to see how God will provide for our multiple life-changing ministries. We are grateful to God for your support as we continue with our mission!



Chief Financial Officer



EXPENDITURES



EVANGELISM & **CHURCH PLANTING**

\$2,374,966

THEOLOGICAL \$542,697

■ ORPHAN CARE FACILITIES \$254,199

EDUCATION AT AIU

MEDICAL CARE δ HUMANITARIAN AID \$71,883

EXPENDITURES

PER MAJOR INITIATIVES



ACHIEVED TOP RATING





communities are increasingly considered unchurched. In our desire to equip others globally, we also want to stir the hearts of God's people within the church locally, challenging them towards mission fervency, fanning the embers of God's calling to make disciples of all nations.

RECKLESSLY ABANDONED

We continue onward, though the hour is late. While the literal

foundations of human existence appear to teeter upon the proverbial edge, I want to instill hope. Until His work is complete, we desire daily to be completely abandoned - recklessly as such to Him. We are grateful that He would choose to work through our feeble human hands to accomplish His great, divine work. And as He marks our path forward, blazing a trail through the mountain passes ahead, I ask you to join us, joyfully and in utmost abandon for the cause of Christ!



Stephen Nelms **President**

THE FUTURE OF GOSPELINK

or 25 years, God has worked through Gospe-L link, *linking* the body of Christ together around the world to produce amazing results! Tens of thousands of awe-inspiring stories can be told of how He has used this ministry to His glory. And we are far from done. To use a mountain-climbing analogy, God has led us to a glorious peak. Yet, His path goes still before us into distant lands, and even into our own neighborhoods, where many have never experienced the peace and love of Christ.

Setting my heart to envision the years ahead, I consider our core objectives and how the Lord has led us thus far:

PURPOSEFUL COMMUNION

We envision a path forward fortified by strong, interwoven relationships through the body of Christ, a *purposeful communion* of individuals and partnering churches and organizations serving together to accomplish the mission. The "link" in Gospelink implies action and movement.

We thus remain intentional in our unity through prayer, planning, service, and suffering as we leverage our spiritual communion together in Christ.

Our global partners have planted an astounding 47,346 plus churches!

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Since our inception, we have leveraged a church planting model resulting in an astounding 47,346 churches planted! Key to this success are the national ministry partners through whom our shared vision to reach the nations for Christ is greatly multiplied. In league together, we

will continue to equip national preachers and missionaries to be effective for the gospel - within their own communities and beyond! In our desire to plant many more churches, we must do so strategically, unified in the Lord's guidance.

FIELDS TO FORCES

We have been preparing for a future marked by the changing global dynamics of the Church as it shifts radically from the Global North to the Global South. The Lausanne Movement estimates that by 2050, half of the world's Christians will be African. With urban populations projected to explode across sub-Saharan Africa, we have positioned ourselves to meet the massive need this represents. We place a strong focus on educating young Christian leaders through Ambassador International University in Zambia while growing our capacity to train indigenous medical personnel and caring for orphaned children. Notably, the world's mission force is becoming the mission field, as many American



Taking Gospelink into the next 25 years and beyond will require faithful and generous partners. We have outlined our greatest areas of need within each initiative, which will allow us to continue to move forward!





STAFFING





CHURCHES







VOLUNTEERS

INCREASED FUNDING

CAPITAL **PROJECTS**





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