

115 YEARS

OF CONNECTING THE BODY OF CHRIST TO THE NOT-YET CHURCH

For 115 years, Christar has connected the Body of Christ to the not-yet Church. Generations of believers have invested their resources, talents and skills to extend the reach of Christ's Body to communities cut off from the gospel.

As Christar workers have proclaimed the good news of Jesus and sought to cultivate transformation that honors Him, their passion has consistently been to see least-reached people become part of Christ's Body. This same purpose continues to drive us today and into the future. And it is not centered around us as an organization but around the Church.

Mobilizing the gospel to the not-yet Church is a task that requires the whole Body of Christ! As an international organization, Christar has mobilization centers around the world, each serving the needs of their local churches and believing communities. As part of this global network, Christar U.S. benefits from the wealth of perspectives, insights and fellowship from Christar members, teams and projects worldwide.

The Christar Mobilization Center U.S. (CMCUS) connects the Body of Christ with opportunities for involvement in the Great Commission. We thank God for every partner represented in this report who has prayed, given financially, sent and served in and through the CMCUS throughout 2023 so people around the world can know and worship Jesus. Please rejoice with us in what the Lord has done through His people!



THE VISION
OF CHRISTAR
IS TO CULTIVATE
CHRIST-HONORING
TRANSFORMATION
IN COMMUNITIES
WHERE HE IS YET TO
BE WORSHIPED.





1909 – Florence Drew arrives in Hong Kong; 38 boat churches are planted. (South China Boat Mission is established, later to become the Oriental Boat Mission.)

1930 – Benjamin Davidson begins the India Mission, taking the gospel to the subcontinent. Over 250 churches were planted.

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IN 2023

Throughout our 115-year history, the ways we have sought to bring the gospel to the least-reached have evolved to respond to new opportunities. But one thing has not changed: We want those who don't yet have access to the good news of Jesus to come to know and worship our Savior.

We embrace innovation in pursuit of this vision. From ministry through social media in Central Asia to engaging Deaf believers as workers for the gospel through video production to choosing internationalization as an organization to better serve local churches sending workers throughout the world, we adapt to extend the reach of the good news.

We seek to be part of what God is doing to bring people across the globe into His family, and we recognize that every believer is called to steward this purpose. Every believer receives the Great Commission.

As a mobilization center, it is our delight to participate in fulfilling Christ's command as we connect the Body of Christ to least-reached communities that have never witnessed the love of God through His Church.

THE GOSPEL IS TRANSFORMATIONAL!

KINGDOM CONSULTANTS: THE IMPACT OF VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERS

Switchboard and Christar began partnering in 2021. Our collaboration has enabled Christar teams to serve more effectively among the least-reached. Switchboard connects believers with diverse skills to needs in global ministries. Through the Switchboard platform, they can volunteer time and expertise as long-distance consultants to help cross-cultural workers overcome obstacles and embrace new opportunities.

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CHRISTAR PARTNERS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- ECFA
- MISSIO NEXUS
- MISSION EXCELLENCE
- BILLION.GLOBAL
- THE TRAVELING TEAM
- MISSIONNEXT
- LAUNCH GLOBAL
- PERSPECTIVES
- CAFE 1040
- THE MISSION APP
- DEAF MILLENNIAL PROJECT
- EXCELLENCE IN GIVING
- ALLIANCE FOR THE UNREACHED
- MISSIONGUIDE.GLOBAL
- AIRO (THE GO FUND)
- SALT NEXT GENERATION
- BIBLEMESH
- FORT SHERMAN
- MINISTRY SAFE
- TAILORED FUNDRAISING
- SWITCHBOARD



BODY OF CHRIST

THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

GIVE TO THE CMCUS

Partner with us to mobilize the gospel to least-reached communities!

Your gift to the Christar Mobilization Center U.S. will enable us to continue connecting people from throughout the Church to be part of what God is doing in least-reached communities and to serve Christ's Body as it participates in the Great Commission.

Christar helps members of the Body of Christ invest their gifts, skills, vocations, time and resources to mobilize the gospel in least-reached communities.



GIVE NOW

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THE BARNABAS BUILDING



LEARN MORE

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In a South Asian community with no known followers of Jesus, Christar workers Ravi and Amy* were eager to see the gospel take root. In 2019, a gift from their sending church enabled them to buy land, opening opportunities to use this new space to host events in the village.

As relationships flourished, Ravi and Amy saw an opportunity to invest in the community by constructing a permanent building. Such a space could function as a ministry hub, an educational center and a gathering place for future believers. It would also include living space for their family, demonstrating to the village their intention of long-term investment and integration within the community.

This ministry hub is becoming a reality through the investment of many members of the Body of Christ. Gifts from several churches, a Christian foundation and 18 individuals covered the cost of labor and supplies. Hundreds of people covered the project, laborers, land and ministry with prayer. A team from Ravi and Amy's sending church came to help with construction of a library and provide encouragement. Another church took a Christmas offering especially for the Barnabas Building, and together, that congregation sent over \$140,000 that paid for much of the flooring and finishing work to make the space usable.

Ravi and Amy have seen the first fruits of transformation. In late 2023, a young man in this community trusted in Christ! People around the world are praying that he is the first of many who will put their faith in Christ, gather in worship, flourish in faith and bring forth a bountiful harvest of Christ-followers, where before there were none.

** Names have been changed.*



1950 – Allen McAnlis starts the Iran Interior Mission to plant churches, providing care for orphans and aiding in community development.

1953 – India Mission changes its name to International Missions.

1955 – Iran Interior Mission merges with International Missions.

1967 – Oriental Boat Mission merges with International Missions.

1999 – International Missions changes its name to Christar.

2008 – Christar becomes an international organization to serve churches sending workers to the least-reached through a network of mobilization centers around the world.

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US IN 2024?

THROUGH YOU

WHEN YOU SEND, RELEASE, PRAY, GIVE AND COLLABORATE, YOU HELP MOBILIZE THE GOSPEL TO LEAST-REACHED COMMUNITIES. YOUR PARTNERSHIP ENABLES THE BODY OF CHRIST TO EXTEND ITS REACH TO THE NOT-YET CHURCH.

THROUGH SENDING

210 SENDING CHURCHES **412** SENDING FAMILIES

THROUGH PRAYER

MORE THAN **19,350** PRAYER PARTNERS INTERCEDED FOR WORKERS AND THE LEAST-REACHED DAILY.

THROUGH GIVING

1,084 CHURCHES SUPPORTED WORKERS.
9,533 GIVERS SUPPORTED WORKERS.
820 GIVERS RESPONDED TO PROJECT NEEDS.
156 GIVERS INVESTED IN MOBILIZATION.

FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$17,216,687
 INDIVIDUAL: \$9,465,480
 ORGANIZATIONAL: \$7,751,207

FROM RECRUITING

GUIDED BY THE CMCUS MOBILIZERS, **455** PEOPLE TOOK THEIR FIRST STEP TOWARD CROSS-CULTURAL SERVICE.

BY COACHING

PRE-FIELD COACHES CAME ALONGSIDE **24** NEW ASPIRING WORKERS ON THEIR PATH TO THE FIELD.

WITH CHURCHES

THE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP TEAM SERVED **133** PARTNER CHURCHES THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND CELEBRATED WITH **11** SENDING CHURCHES AT COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR NEW WORKERS.

THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

CULTIVATING GROWTH, HEALTH AND IMPACT
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$18,313,387
SERVICE EXPENSES: \$3,278,751
 MOBILIZATION • MEMBER CARE • STEWARDSHIP
 ADMINISTRATION • PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$15,034,636
 CHURCH PLANTING & EVANGELISM: \$11,916,950
 TRAINING AND SCHOOLING: \$1,697,567
 RELIEF: \$826,600
 MEDICAL WORK: \$464,795
 MEDIA RESOURCES: \$128,724

THROUGH TRAINING

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS RECEIVED TRAINING AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM CMCUS STAFF AND GLOBAL MISSIONS LEADERS IN EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BLAZE (EQUIPPING FOR SHORT-TERM SERVICE) **11** PARTICIPANTS

NEW PERSONNEL ORIENTATION (FIRST STEPS IN WORKER DEVELOPMENT) **24** PARTICIPANTS

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION (FINAL STEPS TO THE FIELD) **22** PARTICIPANTS

NEW WORKERS LAUNCHED

26 SHORT TERM
5 MID TERM
17 LONG TERM

THROUGH MEMBER CARE

RENEW: CONNECTION AND DEBRIEFING FOR **37** CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS ON HOME ASSIGNMENT
GROW WELL: CARE FOR 31 THIRD-CULTURE KIDS

AT THE END OF 2023, 353 WORKERS SERVED IN 30 COUNTRIES AMONG MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE GROUPS.

THROUGH PRAYER

Praise God for bringing Jim Capaldo to serve as the next director of Christar U.S. Pray for grace for him as he acclimates to this new role and wisdom as he leads us in this next chapter.

Pray for wisdom for our partner churches in involving more of their members in God's global purposes.

Pray for wisdom for Christar U.S. in recruiting, training and deploying cross-cultural workers who serve in communities without access to the gospel. Ask that each one will be well-equipped and supported for effective ministry.

Rejoice in the faithful generosity of the many who pray for and give toward the ministry of Christar. Ask God to encourage them as they participate in the Great Commission.

Praise the Lord for raising up believers with professional skills to serve Christar field teams as virtual volunteers through Switchboard. Pray that more of these Kingdom Consultants will partner with our workers.

JOIN THE CMCUS CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Every part of our efforts to cultivate Christ-honoring transformation in least-reached communities requires God's provision, guidance and strength. This includes the ministry of the Christar Mobilization Center U.S. (CMCUS)!

Consider joining the CMCUS Circle of Prayer, a group of individuals committed to praying for the CMCUS. Members receive updates, requests and praises via monthly emails, enabling them to engage in regular, focused prayer for the mobilization center, its activities and staff.



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LEAST-REACHED: communities without access to a church that proclaims the gospel in their language and worships in a way that's relevant in their culture

WELCOMING A NEW CHRISTAR U.S. DIRECTOR

On July 1, 2024 Christar U.S. welcomed Jim Capaldo as its next director. This transition comes as an answer to many prayers, and we praise God for His provision.

The Christar U.S. Board sought someone who would humbly build upon Steve Coffey's solid, steady spiritual leadership while also providing fresh eyes and ideas to take us to a new level of effectiveness. We wanted a new director who not only aligned with our doctrinal statement, missional methodology and ends of church planting, but who also embodied them with extensive and fruitful experience.

God provided someone who meets those requirements and adds a fluency in business and bi-vocational ministry, an area where we see great potential for effective gospel mobilization. Jim was unanimously endorsed by the Christar U.S. Board, and we are confident that he is the leader to continue down new pathways ahead while stewarding Christar's rich history.

Respectfully,



Jeff Adams,
Christar U.S. Board Chair



REJOICING IN STEVE & BETH'S FAITHFUL SERVICE

As Steve Coffey closes his ministry as Christar U.S. director, we are immensely grateful for the example of faithfulness and godliness he and his wife, Beth, have set through their 35 years of service with Christar. During his time in the CMCUS, Steve's steadfast leadership and shepherd's heart have steered our mobilization center toward a greater love for God that fuels a relentless desire to see the least-reached receive access to the greatest treasure in the world: to know and worship the Savior. Beth's heart for hospitality and care has tirelessly created space for countless people to pause, connect and consider the goodness of God through every season.

We praise the Lord for His abundant work through the Coffeys in the U.S. Mobilization Center and are excited to see how He will continue to powerfully work as they serve Him in their next chapter of ministry beyond the CMCUS.



JIM CAPALDO

Jim was drawn to Christar's pioneering spirit and commitment to building the Body of Christ among the not-yet Church. Both Jim and his wife, Kari, were raised in Iowa, where they met in high school youth group. After completing a Bachelor of Science in intercultural studies at Baptist Bible College, he and Kari spent a decade doing pioneering work in Siberia among predominantly Buddhist people groups. When their visas were not renewed, they left behind leaders as well as a church-planting movement that continues.

After leaving Russia, they continued ministry to Russian-speakers and others in arctic regions, serving from Alaska. Jim served as a field director for two organizations, outreach director for Alaska's largest church and for another church in South Dakota. For the past decade, he has served as regional president of Converge Heartland, overseeing churches from North Dakota to Oklahoma, revitalizing many and guiding them into more active mobilization and engagement with pioneer missions.

Jim holds graduate diplomas in Russian language and exegetical theology and a master's degree in health service administration.