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# A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The IPHC participated in a survey with Missio Nexus in 2016. The results revealed where missionaries from North America are currently taking the gospel message. The map below demonstrates where the missionaries of the world are, as well as the quantity of those serving on the field. All IPHC North American missionaries are included in these numbers. After revealing these statistics, Missio Nexus shared the following reminder:

*"As long as there are people with no access to the gospel we must continue to send those who will proclaim Christ to the nations. North American missionaries are serving in every corner of the globe – from high mountains, to small islands, from the wilderness to the mega-city. We pray the Lord of the harvest will continue to raise up workers who will go!"*



**Bishop Talmadge Gardner**



*This Missiographic represents data from those organizations that participated in the 2016 research for the 22nd edition of the North American Mission Handbook: US and Canadian Protestant Ministries Overseas."*

**Bishop Talmadge Gardner**  
**Executive Director**



To read more from Missio Nexus' statistics, please visit:  
[missionexus.org/where-are-our-missionaries](http://missionexus.org/where-are-our-missionaries)





# MEET THE GONZALESSES

Albert and Jiep serve as missionaries to Thailand, one of the most unreached nations in the world. They are involved in evangelism, church planting, and laying the groundwork for a new Bible school. The Gonzaleses continue to improve their relationship with the Thai government, as they work to improve the quality of life for the people in their community. This is done through People to People, as well as a free English program that they direct. In this program, they educate the attendees on good morals and conduct, with free counseling. The ministries that they lead are being operated legally only by the power and favor of God.

Please pray that God will guide and anoint them as they train nationals to bring the good news to a culture in which Christians represent only one percent of the population. Also, pray that Albert and Jiep will find favor among the people. The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. Please keep praying that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers to work in this predominantly Buddhist nation.

## ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

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# *Great Commission Meals 2018*



# Strategic Advance in Indochina

Recently, Russell Board traveled to Maesai, Thailand, on a multi-purpose mission. He joined missionary Albert Gonzales, former missionary Jeff Willhoite, and Pastor Steve Willis in teaching a two-day seminar to pastors and leaders from Thailand and Myanmar. The conference theme was "Walk in Christ," and featured challenging and inspirational material, rich with wisdom from Scripture and years of ministry experience. In addition, strategic consultations were held with national leaders and mission personnel from Thailand and the US to lay out plans for the continued development of the Mekong Discipleship Center (MDC). The vision for MDC is to make disciples, equip leaders, and train church planters to spread the Kingdom of Christ throughout the Golden Triangle region and beyond.

# The Awakening in Mexicali

By Morgan Wood

The 2018 Awakening traditional interns spent our Spring Break serving the city of Mexicali. There, we were given opportunities to minister, as well as love on and be loved on by the wonderful people of Iglesia El Shadai and the surrounding community. The Awakening served the Mexicali community, alongside the church's interns, by taking them out and teaching them a new way to evangelize in the streets. Our interns were given the opportunity to lead workshops and a worship service for the El Shadai interns and worship teams. We also visited an orphanage and loved on some of the sweetest children that I have ever met. What impacted me most about the trip was the way that Iglesia El Shadai welcomed us with open arms. They went above and beyond to make our Awakening team feel like we were at home, and many of us left wishing we could make Mexicali a forever home. Mexicali will forever have a special place in my heart, and I await the day that I am able to return.



Prayer over the Mekong Discipleship Center director

**"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."**  
- WINSTON CHURCHILL



The Awakening serving in Mexicali



Celebrating Extension Loan Fund's 60th year

## Extension Loan Fund 60th Anniversary

World Missions Ministries would like to extend our congratulations to Extension Loan Fund for celebrating their 60th year this month! The following is a note from Vice President, Johnny Upton:

*"When we look at the successes of individuals and organizations, we tend to forget that they each had a beginning which was small. Zechariah 4:10 teaches us to "not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin." It is true of the Extension Loan Fund as well. Sixty years ago, the Fund began with a \$100 savings bond sold by R.L. Rex to his son Lonnie Rex. Since 1958, the Fund has grown its assets to sixty million dollars and helped establish more than 950 IPHC churches. With a solid mission to help churches, we do not despise our small beginning, but rather we celebrate it and rejoice that the Lord has so blessed it with His favor."*

**"IT'S WHAT YOU SOW THAT MULTIPLIES, NOT WHAT YOU KEEP IN THE BARN."**

- ADRIAN ROGERS

## A Collection of IPHC Missionary Short Stories

This month, Dr. Frank G. Tunstall released a book that shares a collection of 18 missionary short stories. These stories reveal the miracle power of God in the first 100 years of the IPHC WMM. Dr. Tunstall's book, *A Collection of IPHC Missionary Short Stories*, is available at [lifespringsresources.com](http://lifespringsresources.com).

## New Coffeehouse in Hungary

By Carolyne Smith

On March 16, The Awakening International Base launched the grand opening of TAB Coffeehouse in Hungary! It is so exciting to finally have a space where we can strengthen our connection with this community, build lasting relationships, and share the Good News. Thank you to everyone who has been helping us get across the finish line, both financially and with your prayers. We believe this is only the beginning of something incredible, as we continue to serve and disciple this generation!



People gather at the opening night for TAB Coffeehouse in Hungary



## When Love Motivates, Miracles Happen

By Rev. Bryan Nix, Director of People to People and TEAMS Ministries

In 2013, I was living and serving in Maseru, Lesotho. I was the director of an organization that provided two shelters for victims of human trafficking. I also served as a teaching pastor at a local church in Maseru. In October 2013, we hosted a team from Southwestern Christian University. The purpose of the team was to travel the country, hosting events to raise awareness of human trafficking among youth in the local communities. The team spent much time in prayer leading up to their trip. They met on a weekly basis to discuss the trip and seek God for a move of the Spirit. One of the students prayed that she would see a trafficking victim rescued.

The team reflected a genuine love for the people of Lesotho and all came with expectant hearts for God to move. We were blessed with much favor as we traveled throughout the mountain districts of Lesotho. In every village, the Morena (village chief) would greet and bless us to teach and minister in their area. On multiple occasions, we slept in local schools, arranging a few desks or benches together to keep us off of the dirt floors. In all, we reached over 2,000 youth in the most remote regions of the country. God moved mightily and answered specific prayers the team had prayed leading up to the trip. One prayer, however, was left unanswered: “to see someone rescued.”

During the last few days of the team’s time in the country, they joined a street ministry program I had started through the church. The street ministry’s focus was to go out in large numbers to the dangerous streets, at night, to build relationships with the prostitutes. We would talk with the prostitutes about Jesus, pray with them, feed them, and invite them to church. It was important for the women in the ministry to speak with the prostitutes, while the men served as a protective buffer from drunks and others that might be in the area. Until 2 a.m., we would walk several blocks, praying and sharing the gospel with whomever we came across. God moved mightily on the streets during my time in Lesotho. On the night the Southwestern Christian University team joined us, we were placed in the middle of God’s perfect plan for a young woman’s life.



Around 10 p.m., after a time of prayer, we began walking the streets. It was a cold, damp night, but that was not going to deter God's plan. We walked by the trash can fires the women would make each night to keep themselves warm, and we began witnessing to the women. Our team members boldly shared the gospel and talked with the women, sharing about how they are fearfully and wonderfully made by our loving Creator. After several hours of ministry, our night was coming to a close. However, the Spirit encouraged us to go just a bit further. We turned down a street, and were alerted to an altercation. None of us will forget the screaming and shouting we heard that night. A young woman was being beaten by a gang of men.

We always had vehicles standing by to pick us up in case a dangerous situation should ever arise. We placed the team in the vans, while I and another male leader carefully approached the situation. The woman saw us, was able to break free from her attackers, and began to run toward us. One of the men chased her and began striking her in front of us. Somehow, she broke away again, ran towards me, and grabbed my arm. After some conversation with the attacker, he peacefully backed away and we brought the young woman into our shelter. The team member that had been praying to see someone rescued began ministering to that woman.

The team had spent months in prayer, they raised their financial support, and they trusted God when they heard the call to GO!

Can you imagine? God orchestrated a team to come from halfway around the world just for a young woman's rescue. That is how great our God is. He can move mountains and the hearts of people to follow His will and perfect plan for their lives, and to answer their prayers. When we are obedient to the call, and when we love those we seek to reach, God moves in extraordinary ways. This is the opportunity afforded to all of us through T.E.A.M.S. ministry.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us on a T.E.A.M.S. trip soon.





**EASTER**

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**APRIL 1  
JESUS IS ALIVE**





# THE DRAMA OF MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE

Act 5: Missions in the Book of Acts  
Part 5 of 7  
By Dr. Terry Tramel


A case may be made that Acts 1:8 is among the most significant verses in all the Bible.

*“But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

The importance of this text is visible in two ways. First, these words were the last spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ prior to His ascension. Second, this language forms the outline that the historian, Luke, followed in writing this earliest account of the New Testament Church. The Gospel message would begin in Jerusalem (chapters 1-7), then spread throughout Judea and into Samaria (chapters 8-12), before finally reaching the uttermost part of the earth (chapters 13-28).

Despite this mandate from the Savior and the promise of Pentecost extending to all people (Acts 2:17-18, 39), the early Church appeared to be content to remain in Jerusalem. It ultimately took persecution to cause them to branch out beyond the city of the Church’s origin (Acts 7:51-8:3). Remarkably, Luke records twelve chapters of “some acts of some of the apostles” and yet, the Church still had not left the confines of the nation of Israel.

Finally, in chapter 13, the followers of Christ at last began the task of carrying the message of Jesus to the nations. Notably, the sending congregation was not the larger and older group from Jerusalem, rather, it was a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic fellowship from Antioch. These believers obeyed the Holy Spirit in sending Barnabas and Paul on the first recorded missionary journey. Can we imagine what it must have been like for that first missionary duo? As they stood on the shore at Seleucia and watched their ship sailing closer and closer to pick them up? What must have been going through their minds? No Christian had ever gone on a missions trip before, but this initial voyage would prove that the world would never be the same again (Acts 17:6; 19:10).



"He said to them,  
'Go into all the world  
and preach the  
gospel to all creation.'"

Mark 16:15