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Dear Friend,

It's hard to communicate what my heart feels when I think about you. As the director of Ethnos Canada, my poetic prowess is a bit—perhaps we could say—underdeveloped? So I will keep it simple and quote the Apostle Paul, “*We are bound to thank God always for you...*” (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

Yes, I thank God for the thousands of missionaries serving with Ethnos Canada and our partners from some three dozen countries around the world. But I also thank God for you, and the thousands of Canadians who are partnering with us to complete the Great Commission—to make disciples of every *ethnos*, every people group.

It's humbling when you stop to consider it. Out of all the ways God could have chosen to proclaim the Good News, God in His infinite wisdom chose us—normal, needy humans. Weak as we are, God has chosen to use us to spread His fame. Absolutely amazing!

As you read this issue of the *Ethnos Magazine* you will read about people who are serving God by serving missionaries. It is my prayer that God inspires you in three ways:

1. I pray that you will be inspired to *worship God* as you see the many ways He is allowing us to partner with Him in His work.
2. I pray that you will be inspired to *encourage* those serving as pastors, church leaders and missionaries.
3. I pray that you will be inspired to *look for opportunities* to partner with God.

I believe that we are quickly approaching the last days. It is my prayer that God finds us deeply involved in the work that He commissioned His people to do.

Blessed to serve with you,

Tim Whatley  
Executive Director, Ethnos Canada



# NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

## IMAGE FINDER FOR LITERACY

Jerry and Joyce McDaniels are the international literacy coordinators for Ethnos Canada and our partners. They said, “Our ministry is focused on literacy: teaching people to read so they can have full access to the translated Word of God in their own language. This certainly involves printed words in the literacy curriculum that we develop. But there is a secret ingredient that goes into the reading materials. It is the *illustrations*! Great illustrations contribute to the reader’s understanding of the story, adding interest and details.

“We’ve never had a good way to share images for literacy, so our programming team is putting the finishing touches on the final part of the literacy software called *Image Finder*. It’s a database that organizes tens of thousands of images

that teams have used in their literacy materials for others to use or adapt. It will be searchable by word-tags and regions. What a great resource and help this will be to teams all around the world!”

David Burson of the International Ministries Office of Ethnos writes, “We are excited that SIL/Wycliffe is partnering with us to use our *Image Finder* software. They contributed their excellent database of 11,104 images, which we imported into *Image Finder*. Recently, we released *Image Finder* to a team who will review and tag the images in *Image Finder*, so missionaries who are creating a literacy curriculum for the language they are working in can quickly find the quality illustrations they need.”



### THE KOVAL TEAM

There is a new team formed and a new people group to be reached with the gospel in Papua New Guinea! The team is made up of Rhett and Stacie Stous, Philip and Natalie Hansen, and Steve and Geridine Stanley.

“After becoming an official team, the next step was to pick where to go. It was an agonizing process! It was easy enough to narrow our options, but to pick one over the other.... It was ever on our minds that one ‘yes’ meant a ‘no’ to every other group! Eventually, we chose to serve among the Koval people. They are a relatively small group (approximately 1,000 people). One thing that especially set them apart in our minds was their strong desire to have missionaries come teach them. They’ve seen life changes in the lives of the neighbouring people group (the Mesi) and have been actively trying to get that message in their own language ever since.”

—Rhett Stous



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### BIBLE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

For some years now, we have considered the benefits of consolidating our efforts in biblical training onto one campus. We made the decision to complete the consolidation by the fall of 2020.

The Executive Leadership Team of Ethnos360 (the American sister-organization of Ethnos Canada) has visited the Waukesha campus and will be visiting the Jackson campus to define the process and work with the two teams to identify the best plan forward. We have informed the Jackson applicants of the approaching move and have given them the option to transition early, if desired, but we will continue accepting students to both Waukesha and Jackson this fall of 2019. We want to prepare well for expansion in Waukesha to receive the students and staff from Michigan with welcoming arms. This year will allow for ongoing preparation on both campuses as students and staff will be transitioning to the Waukesha campus during the summer of 2020.

—Dan Falls on behalf of the Executive Leadership Team



### THE DEM TEAM MOVES FORWARD

In Asia Pacific, some big things are happening for the Dem team. This team is made up of Jared and Melanie Currie, Dylan and Angie Van Rensburg, Jeremiah and Briana Stokes, and Logan and Kendra Teall.

As a team, they have worked hard to get to this point and are excited to be moving closer to the day when they can teach the Dem people God's Word.

Back in March and April, the entire team went to a coastal town for six weeks to participate in two workshops to start the preparations for translating the Word of God, as well as getting the literacy program ready for teaching the Dem how to read and write in their own language, utilizing the *Literacy Starter* software.



### THE BRAZIL HELICOPTER PROGRAM

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### KAJE BIBLE LESSONS

This is an exciting time for the team that is ministering to the Kaje people group in Papua New Guinea. Taylor Goheen and Jon Myers commented, "We have begun writing the lessons that will be our notes when we teach. We want to make sure that when we stand up and teach, it is done in a natural and clear manner. To do this, we need help."

God has answered that need by giving them three Kaje men to work with them: Mbinge, Jepun and Nggomo. They will hear the Scriptures before the rest of the group will, helping the two men write the lessons word for word. What a challenge for those three men to hear the Word for the first time! Pray for the three by name.



# YOU Can Make a Difference

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This issue of *Ethnos Magazine* focuses on the role of the local church in the care and maintenance of missionaries. The question naturally arises: What makes up a church?

Obviously, it is individuals and families. Often these individuals (or families) take it upon themselves to invest themselves into the lives of missionaries in conjunction with the church.

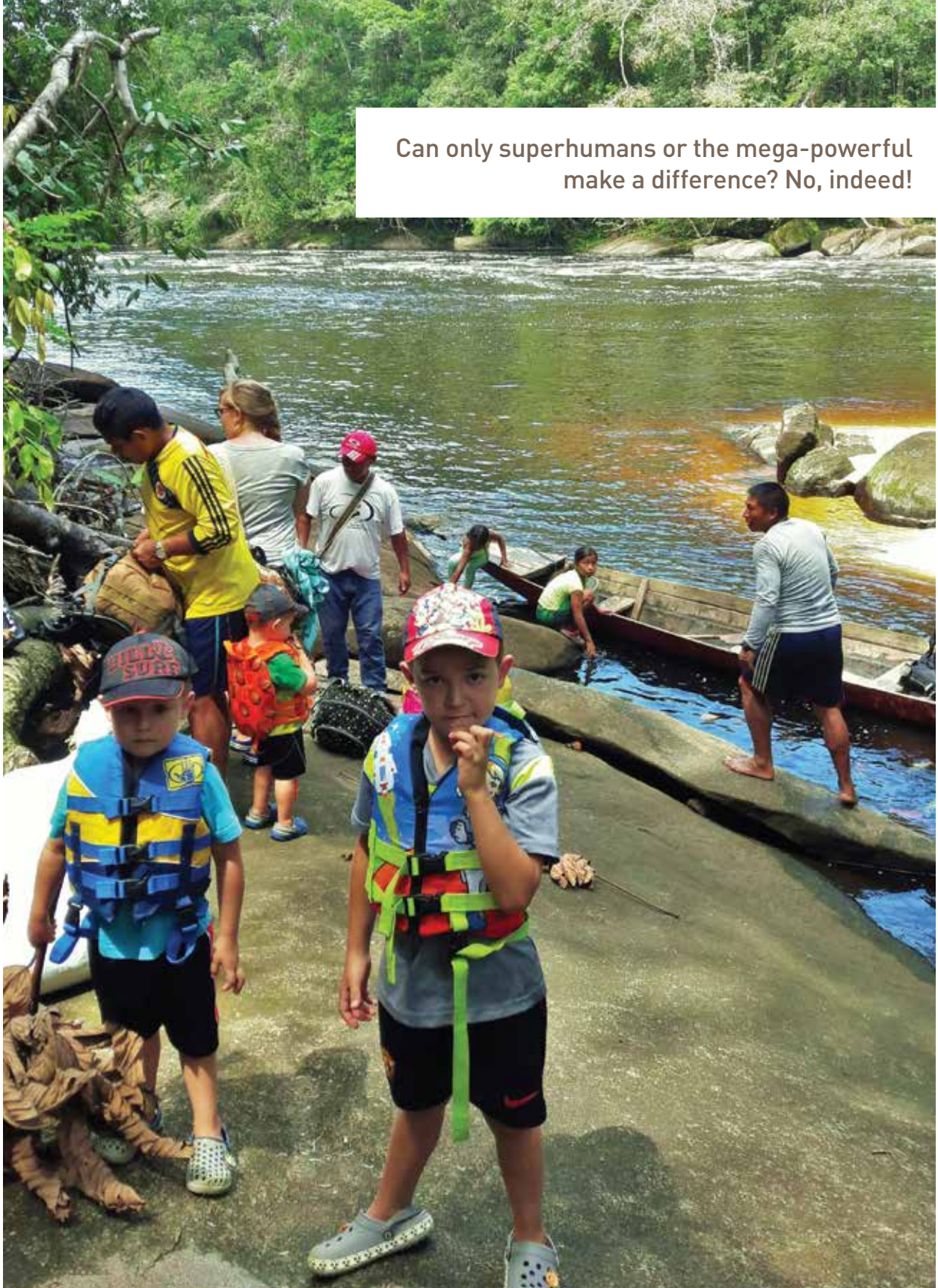
We know from personal experience that many of you have been supporting family members for years — with finances, with prayers, with visits and with little special acts of kindness. A simple

“thank you” seems too insignificant, but we do want to say it publicly and loudly.

And we want to honour the hard work of so many by sharing a few stories that have stirred our hearts.

Here are three examples of individuals who stepped out in faith to bless their friends, those missionaries sent out from their churches who needed something that they felt the Lord wanted them to provide. Superhumans? Mega-powerful? No, indeed. These are normal humans with a God-given desire to meet needs and bless others.

Can only superhumans or the mega-powerful  
make a difference? No, indeed!





**His friend had an idea. He wanted to start a vehicle program for missionaries. Missionary Jared Haynes thought it was a 10-year pipe dream. He was so wrong!**

## A Mechanic's Heart

Let's begin with a couple who had a heart to help Jared and Leah Haynes. The Haynes, who minister among the Sanapaná people group of Paraguay, were sent out by South New Milford Baptist Church of New Milford, Pennsylvania. The senior pastor is Ray Mitchell, and the outreach pastor is Kevin Radford.

Erick and Kelly Stone are that couple. I'll let Jared tell the story of the Stones' ministry to them.

When Jared returned home at one point, he said, "My friend Erick approached me and said that he had left his job at a Toyota dealership (he was one of their top mechanics) to open his own shop in our town (population: a little over 800). He was nervous about it and asked me to pray about an idea that he had.

"He wanted to start a missionary vehicle program for missionaries that are sent overseas by our home church. I was thinking this was a 10-year pipe dream. When we went on furlough just a year later, we learned that Erick had presented this idea to the church, and they

began taking donations. [According to the Stones, within a month, they had received \$18,000.] By the time we got to the USA, we had a van with two car seats; later, the church reimbursed us for the insurance and paperwork as well.

"Erick did all of the car maintenance. I think we drove over 20,000 miles, and each oil change, inspection or flat tire was done completely for free for us. [Erick donates the labour and purchases the parts with money from the Missionary Vehicle Fund.]

"Fast forward two months after we returned to the field from home assignment. We found a golf ball-sized tumour on our daughter's left arm. We turned around and went back to the USA. Erick hadn't had time to sell the van yet. Once he heard we were coming, he had the van up and running for us just a day before our arrival. He took us to get all the paperwork and insurance done as soon as we were ready. That was time away from his garage where he could have been making money.

"They truly see themselves as reaching other people through our ministry. We're always





amazed at their sacrifice and willingness to 'serve as senders.'

"Each time they've handed us keys, they've looked us in the eye and said, 'Here are our numbers. Call any time, seriously. I don't care if it is car-related or not — call me and we'll be there to help you. Even if you just need to talk to someone.'"

### THE STONES SPEAK

I had the opportunity to talk with the Stones to get their side of the story.

**Bruce:** *How did God direct you into this ministry?*

**Stones:** We had three sets of missionary friends that were all getting ready to leave for the mission field in foreign countries. We watched them sell and give away just about everything that they owned to leave and serve God. We had been praying for a way that we could use our talents to serve the Lord. Since Erick is an automotive technician, we thought that we could somehow use his skills as a way to help the missionaries. We watched how hard it was for missionaries to come home on home assignment and purchase a vehicle to drive for a few months and then try to sell it and get the money back out of it before they left. We didn't want the missionaries to worry about purchasing or getting a car, about repairs or regular maintenance, or about getting rid of the vehicle when they left.

**Bruce:** *How did you even get the ministry off the ground?*

**Stones:** We had an idea, and we were willing to act upon it. God did the rest. We thought and prayed about this for years. We wanted to be able to provide a vehicle for our missionaries on home assignment at no cost to them. However, we had none of the resources for accomplishing this. We did not have a facility, enough money, nor time for Erick to do what was needed on these vehicles. We could get a better price on a vehicle that needed an engine, transmission or larger repair job that Erick could put labour into for free. However, Erick was employed full-time at a car dealership, and we did not see how this ministry would ever be possible.

It was never our dream to start our own automotive repair business. [But] the only feasible option seemed to be to purchase our own building. If we owned our own automotive repair facility,



we would have the building and Erick's time to be able to prep and repair these vehicles.

One year before two of our missionary families were to be on home assignment, there was a building that could be used for auto repair about five minutes from our house. We decided to make an offer on it, and then we could say, "Well, we tried," [if we got turned down.] The offer was accepted, and we then had to start a business. We wanted to have this ministry, but we also needed to pay our bills and put food on the table, ... and Kelly was eight and a half months pregnant with our third son! To us, this seemed like the worst possible time to be buying a building, switching jobs and starting a business, but God had it all worked out. Two months later, Erick left a stable job in the dealership to start our own auto repair business.

We had the facility, and Erick could manage his time to be able to do this ministry, but we still didn't have the funds to purchase vehicles for the ministry. Six months before the missionaries were to be on home assignment, we proposed our ideas for the "Missionary Vehicle Ministry" to the pastor of our church, then to the deacon board, and then to the trustees. They were all in favour of the idea and told us to present it to the church. We found out that God's people want to help, and they want to give. Sometimes they just need an opportunity to do it, and this ministry gave them that chance. Our church family loves our missionaries, and they were excited to give. With their generosity, the ministry was completely funded in time for us to purchase and prep two vans for our missionaries on home assignment.

**Bruce:** *What a testimony! Now, what makes your ministry different?*

**Stones:** The purpose of this ministry is to provide vehicles for [the missionaries that our church has sent out] while they are on home assignment at no expense to the missionaries, including the maintenance and repairs. We help with the title and insurance as soon as they get home and the day that they leave. We then sell the vehicle and put the money back into the fund, so it is available for the next missionary that is on home assignment. This allows us to be able to purchase a used but newer vehicle each time they come home. We want the missionaries to be able to focus on their work and not have to worry about their car.

**Bruce:** *What obstacles did you have to overcome in order to put your dreams into*

*practice? How has this ministry encouraged your heart for missions?*

**Stones:** The obstacles were big: a facility, time for Erick to be able to work on the vehicles, and money. It was a real test of faith when Erick left his stable job to start a business from scratch in order to start a vehicle ministry. It was a huge encouragement for us to see God's people give their money and support. We were encouraged, as we tried to encourage our missionaries!

**"We had an idea, and we were willing to act upon it. God did the rest."**

**Bruce:** *How would you encourage others to do something similar? How would you challenge them to take that step of faith?*

**Stones:** We are just normal people, [but we] wanted God to use us and the abilities that He has given us to serve Him. We prayed that He would. We thought of an idea and acted upon it. We asked and needed other people to help.

**Bruce:** *What has been the biggest blessing you have received as a result of this ministry?*

**Stones:** Seeing the missionaries who are exhausted from travelling not have to worry about transportation. Handing them the keys to a clean, reliable vehicle that is all set to go and watching the relief on their faces. Watching excited missionary kids climb into the van, as some of them only travel by canoe! It's a blessing to get to visit with the missionaries at our garage during repairs or maintenance. They are always such an encouragement to us.

Seeing God work out the details of an idea that we thought was impossible was a blessing. Looking back at how it all came together, God showed us His guidance and how He can use anyone in any position to accomplish His work. The only way it all worked out is because God wanted it to.

**Bruce:** It makes my heart sing when I read about how "ordinary people" do incredible things when they allow God to direct them, their skills, their pocketbook and their time.



Kevin and Mibu children

Have you ever thought of setting up a core team to stand behind a missionary family? Geoff and Shannon Husa would say you should! They've been blessed by their core team since day one.

## It Takes a Team

Geoff and Shannon Husa minister among the Mibu people group in Papua New Guinea. They were originally sent out by Bethany Community Church which has since merged into Sun Valley Community Church. There is what Geoff calls their “core team” that has been of incredible support to them and to the ministry among the Mibus. Geoff explained like this:

“We’ve been really blessed over the years by our ‘core team.’ This was a team of people put together at the very beginning of our ministry who gather together once every one to two months to pray over recent ministry events and requests, who connect with us regularly and who put together fundraisers a couple times a year. They’re not from any one church, but [it is] a group of supporters representing several local churches in the Tempe/Chandler area of Arizona.

“Our core team has been a consistent connection with our sending base from day one.”

I was able to talk with Kevin Kramar, the core team’s leader about the “core team” concept.

### THE CORE TEAM IN ACTION

**Bruce:** *When did you meet the Husas?*

**Kevin:** In the late 1990s we attended the same church, Bethany Community Church, in Tempe, Arizona. Bethany Community Church was a local church coming together as a ‘community.’ We became a ‘sending church’ when we sent

out some of those among us to the mission field abroad. One of those young couples was Geoff and Shannon Husa. The Husas would continue to receive the strong support of their home church through our giving and our prayer.

**Bruce:** *How did you decide to form the core team?*

**Kevin:** I did not create the core team but am just one of many people who love the Husas and want to help support the incredible work God is doing through them. The area God has called the Husas to live and serve is extremely remote and can seem like quite an isolated way of life. It is important to the core team that the Husas know there are others who are “with them” in their work there. We support them through our regular prayer and communication, our ongoing fundraising support, and [meeting] occasional needs during their home visits and home assignments.

**Bruce:** *Who is involved in the core team? I understand that more than one church is involved, correct? What are the names of those churches?*

**Kevin:** The team was formed out of the community of Bethany Community Church, [and has] since ... grown to include more churches. Today we have core team members from the following churches: Grace Community Church, Sun Valley Community Church, Arizona Community Church and Chaparral Christian Church.

**Bruce: How do you assist/help/support the Husas?**

**Kevin:** The core team holds meetings every other month ... to catch everyone up on the Husas. We typically cover things such as short- and long-range goals within the Mibu people group, Bible translation progress, Mibu literacy program updates, status updates on the development of the local church and the appointment of elders, airstrip work status, personal health of all family members, educational updates on each of the Husa children, family financial status updates, unforeseen needs and new prayer requests.

In addition to our regular meetings, we hold two annual fundraisers: a benefit concert in the spring and a two-day community garage sale in late fall. For the concert fundraiser, we network to find local talent who will donate their time and talent through a backyard concert. We collect donations for a silent auction beforehand. The day of the concert, our guests bring a chair and a snack to share. We set everything up in a backyard (actually Geoff's parents' home) when the weather is nice, put out the endless buffet of snacks and open a silent auction for all. The concert is free though we have a donation bin set up. We share about the Husas and the work they are doing during a short intermission.

For the garage sale, we also rely heavily on donations. Many people hold onto their donations [for] our sale each year. Every dollar collected is pure profit, and it adds up quickly.

**Bruce: Have you gone to visit the Husas?**

**Kevin:** Yes, I have been there twice. Several of us have.

I believe visits to the field are important for three reasons. First, it helps individuals back home connect with the work that is being done in the people group; you get to meet the individuals you're praying for, see the real setting and witness the actual work in progress.

Second, you can form a customized team of individuals who can help with a significant

project in a relatively short timeframe. The core team has been involved with house building and expansions, airstrip work and helping put on a ... regional conference for Papua New Guinea missionary families.

Third, visiting the family in their mission setting is a true blessing to each of those family members. It brings a "touch of home" to their everyday life on the mission field, and they love to share their "mission life" in person with others from back home.

**Bruce: Does the team take care of any other missionaries?**

**Kevin:** Our team specifically and solely supports the Husas. Some of our team members may be involved with other core teams, but all our efforts as the Husa Core Team fully support Geoff and Shannon Husa and family in Papua New Guinea.

**Bruce: What advice do you have for others desiring to form a core team?**

**Kevin:** A team can begin with just a few people and grow from there. [Consider] those who already support the missionary work through financial gifts and/or prayer. Approach individuals who were involved in the original send-off—remember those who are on staff at the sending church, too. The idea of serving on a core team is often very exciting for those who are already involved in some way. Share the excitement by personally inviting individuals to join the team rather than [through] an announcement from the pulpit or a blurb in the church bulletin.

Find a place to meet. Not everyone on the team will make all the meetings. Don't get discouraged by that. Keep communication strong through emails and keep the meetings consistent. We send out meeting minute updates to the entire team after every meeting ... to keep everyone in the loop which makes it easy for members to join us at any core team meeting, even when they may have missed a few of our recent gatherings.





“We were praying about going into missions and felt that we were not to go overseas but to do something at home for missionaries. That is when we had the vision of housing missionaries when they come home or during training.”

## Mi Casa Es Su Casa

And then there is the family of the facility maintenance manager at the Ethnos360 Aviation home office in McNeal, Arizona: Kent and Brenda Rockwell. The Rockwells were sent out as missionaries from Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, Indiana, with Gary Aupperle as the pastor. One family within that congregation has blessed the Rockwells richly. Their names are Tim and Julie Eicher. They began a missionary housing ministry in 2015.

Kent said, “Tim and Julie, their son (Ian) and daughter (Kaylee) have started a ministry called Eicher House Ministries. They provide homes for missionaries on home assignment (or even while in training) rent free. It is a tremendous service that allows missionaries their own home so they don’t have to live in a stressed environment of sharing a home with someone or making rent payments that could be spent on other necessities.

“We have greatly benefited from this ministry, as have other Ethnos missionaries. The whole Eicher family is involved, and it has significantly improved many missionaries lives as they transition to the field or need a great place to

stay on a home assignment. Tim and Julie repair any problems, and Ian mows the yard, among many other tasks. Kaylee jumps in and helps where she can as well.”

To me, that sounds like an incredibly expensive enterprise. I asked the Eichers about their ministry and how they viewed it.

### EICHER HOUSE MINISTRIES

**Bruce:** *What prompted you to start this ministry?*

**Eichers:** We were praying about going into missions and felt that we were not to go overseas but to do something at home for missionaries. That is when we had the vision of housing missionaries when they come home or during training.

**Bruce:** *What barriers did you have to overcome to get it going?*

**Eichers:** Finances: we sold our home so we could buy two smaller homes—one for us to live in and one to use for missionaries. Since then, we have purchased two [other] homes that were in disrepair and are working on re-doing these homes so we can offer more to missionaries. Tim

works overtime every week to ensure we have enough money to pay for the houses.

**Bruce:** *Have you received any blessings as a result of starting this ministry?*

**Eichers:** We have been blessed by getting to meet different missionary families as they inquire about staying in our houses. Recently our church did a year-end project, and we were included, so we will be receiving finances to help with the renovating of the two houses. We have also been blessed by people donating items for the houses.

**Bruce:** *How would you challenge others to do something similar?*

**Eichers:** When [missionaries] come home [to the USA], they need a place on their own. They need to re-adjust to America on their own schedule. Being able to offer housing that is completely furnished so they don't have to worry about anything when they come back is the blessing we offer. It is how we can be a part of the mission work they are doing, [part of a] support team, if you will. If you don't feel the calling to go overseas, then help at home by offering this to missionaries.



## What About You?

Three groups of individuals who believed God wanted them to bless others...hmm, nothing supernatural about what they did, right? God took the skills and abilities that these “normal humans” had and used them to nurture, to bless, to care for and to encourage missionaries around the world.

Obviously, I don't have enough room to recount all the stories of how different ones of you have been used by God to bless missionaries. I received quite a few missionaries' stories with your names and how you have blessed beyond measure different ones on or off the foreign field.

But maybe—just maybe—someone reading this has had an idea of how to form a Core Team or how to begin a business with the sole purpose of using it to further a missionary's ministry or how to be creative in being a blessing. Go. Do. Take that step of faith and watch God work.



Bruce Enemark was raised in Panama, the youngest of three missionary kids (MKs). He and Julie, his wife, ministered with Ethnos in Panama and Paraguay for 24 years before he joined Ethnos' Advancement team as a writer and proofreader. Faith Baptist Church of Chetek, Wisconsin, is their sending church and has been behind the Enemarks since they started their ministry with Ethnos.

## Pray now. A DIFFERENT WAY TO SAY 'WELCOME HOME!'

Our pilot flew a long, slow loop above the village we have called our second home away from home. We weren't sure what condition the grass landing strip might be in, so we all peered down to investigate. We could see so much more than just the landing strip from our bird's-eye view. We could see in one glance nearly the entire reach of the average Amdu person's world.

As we tumbled out of the plane, the Amdu language came fast and familiar to our ears from the lips of so many friends. There were sweaty forehead rubs and lots of knuckle pops which translates into a whole bunch of affectionate greeting.

For the rest of the day we were greeted by those returning to the village from their gardens, each one excited to tell us where they were when the plane flew over and all of them saying, "I was dancing when you came!" This is the ultimate showcase of Amdu approval.

—Missy Hatton

*Pray for Benjamin and Missy Hatton. Since arriving back to Papua New Guinea, they have pressed forward with literacy and the translation of Bible lessons and Scripture portions, all with the goal of sharing the gospel message with these precious people.*

*"I was dancing when you came!"*



Photo by Hope Sharp, literacy consultant



# 5 REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A FIRSTSTORY TEAM



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## **Spanish Translation Resources**

Spanish speakers involved in Bible translation have few of the resources that English speakers have. Your gift will help make available to them Dr. Ellis Deibler's *A Translation for Translators*. It's being translated within ParaText, the most popular Bible translation software. This means Ethnos partners and other Spanish-speaking translators will have access to this resource without the cost and hassles of printing and transport. Roughly \$15,000 is still needed.

## **Bible Teaching Illustrations**

Drawings and artwork are vital to helping people in remote

communities grasp Scripture. That artwork must be carefully prepared to serve people who are not used to seeing illustrations. This set of 210 pictures will assist Bible teachers from a variety of organizations around the world. More than \$140,000 is still needed to prepare, print, laminate and package the sets.

## **Genesis Videos for Bolivia**

Videos are often welcomed and accepted in remote villages as part of Bible teaching. Your participation will make it possible to put videos about Genesis into the heart languages of six people groups in Bolivia, opening doors to Bible teaching in these languages. Less than \$3,500 is still needed to complete this project.

## **Culture and Language Software**

A great application for learning culture and language will allow missionaries to focus on that instead of learning to use software. It'll work on mobile devices and on computers running Windows, Mac OS and Linux. And it'll be seamless for users who speak a variety of languages. You can help complete this software with your gift. More than \$150,000 is still needed.

You can find out more about these and other heart-language projects and give online, by mail or by electronic funds transfer at [ethnos.ca/translate](http://ethnos.ca/translate).



Spanish speakers involved in Bible translation have few of the resources that English speakers have.

## New Videos: *God's Heart for the Nations*

*When did missions start? Was Christ's message different from the message of the Old Testament?*

Come with us on a powerful tour through the Scriptures as missionary Don Woody examines "*God's Heart for the Nations*" in this dynamic two-part video series.

Learn how God uses Creation, the nation of Israel, the Church, the Scriptures and the events of history to proclaim His name throughout the earth.

Drawing on his years of missionary service in five different countries teaching Bible and training pastors, Don examines, in both the Old and New Testaments, God's plan of having people worship Him from "*every tribe and tongue and people and nation*" (Revelation 5:9).

At 37 and 27 minutes respectively, this series would be an excellent teaching tool for Sunday school classes or small groups.

Watch and share the videos at:  
[go.ethnos360.org/godsheart1](http://go.ethnos360.org/godsheart1)  
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## It's God's Thing

Daapoi couldn't understand why the missionaries were so fascinated with rainbows. He watched in amazement as they "Oohed" and "Aahed" and even took pictures. Why weren't they afraid of them? Why did they seem to actually like them? Didn't they know that rainbows were a weapon of the evil spirits?

In an animistic belief system such as that of the Dao people from the Asia-Pacific Region, beliefs are based on verbal stories passed down from the ancestors from generation to generation. They are believed without question. The Dao people had always been told that rainbows were the walking sticks of the spirits used to bring people harm. So seeing one in the sky didn't bring delight but terrible dread. What bad thing was about to happen now?

But as Daapoi helped the missionaries translate the Bible into his own language, he found out the truth. He learned that a rainbow is a promise from God never again to flood the earth as He did in Noah's time.

"Wow! This is really important talk. Now I finally understand why you have liked it so much. It is because it is God's thing, not the evil spirit's thing. I have taken this talk today and have put it into my heart."

—Debbie Burgett, Staff Writer

## Pray now. THE ROOTS OF GOD'S TALK

Translating God's Word into the mother tongue of a people group is vital. That's the language that reaches their heart. Jack Crabtree, missionary to the Wantakians of Papua New Guinea, shares how his Wantakian friend explains this. He said, "God's Word is like this massive tree. When we hear it in the trade language, it's like we're just jumping around in these high branches up on top. But I just heard it in my own language, and I heard the roots of God's Talk." **Pray for Bible translators.**



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## KRISTIN SIMMONS

**Ministry:** Teaching missionary kids in Papua New Guinea

**Sent by:** Faith Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ontario

After I completed high school at Numonohi Christian Academy (NCA) in Papua New Guinea (PNG), I returned to Canada with a plan to get my teaching degree and serve overseas as a missionary teacher. I did not think I would return to PNG but was open to go wherever the Lord saw fit to send me.

I have been a member of Ethnos Canada since 2011, after the death of my husband in 2010. Since then, I have seen God faithfully leading each step of the way, often only showing me short-term next steps. He opened the door for me to return to PNG to be the missionary teacher I had been dreaming of being for nine years.

While there were many transitions as I learned the curriculum for my class, the policies of the school and some details of living on the mission centre as an adult, the life and culture of PNG felt like coming home.

I initially came to PNG for two years as an associate but have since completed some mission training to return as a career member. I have now been teaching in PNG for the past seven years. In that time, I have taught kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade, and mostly recently, I co-taught fourth and fifth grade.

Each year has grown me as a teacher and provided opportunities for me to grow in my relationship with the Lord. It has been wonderful teaching at NCA—seeing kids' engagement and excitement for learning motivates me. I love seeing how much they learn and grow in a year! At the same time, I get to be a part of PNG people hearing the gospel, being discipled, and reading the Bible in their own heart language.

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## DARREN WOLFE

**Ministry:** Enroute to Mexico for church planting

**Sent by** Living Hope Evangelical Church, La Crete, Alberta

Darren grew up in a small Mennonite community in Northern Alberta. He was first introduced to Ethnos Canada and the realities of the unreached in 2012 on a short-term mission trip to Mexico. It was there that the Lord really gripped his heart in regard to reaching the unreached.

While in Mexico, Darren learned about the Ethnos360 Bible Institute. He started taking classes in 2014 and graduated in the spring of 2016. After taking a year off to save the needed money, Darren enrolled in Ethnos Canada's missionary training program, Emanate.

Throughout his training, Darren has been continually reminded of God's heart to reach the world and his continual need to be completely reliant on the Lord in all things.

Moving forward, Darren's desire is to serve the Lord in Mexico as a church planter.

In preparation for serving in Mexico, Darren is trusting the Lord to build a team of ministry partners that will stand with him through the coming years of ministry. He needs people who will pray for him, financially support him, and be faithful to encourage him.

Darren writes, "I have been constantly amazed how God provides teammates for this journey and thankful for the many people who have faithfully joined my team."

A favourite portion of Scripture for Darren right now is Philippians 1:3-5: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

A photograph of a person kneeling on the ground, reading an open Bible. The person is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and blue jeans. A watch is visible on their left wrist. The word "Sent" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font on a dark red rectangular background in the center of the image.

Sent

You know what you have in common with missionaries?

We're all sent.

Jesus wasn't just talking to His disciples when He said, "*As the Father has sent Me, I also send you*" (John 20:21). And Paul was certainly talking about all of us when he wrote that "*we are ambassadors for Christ*" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Why'd Paul write *ambassador* instead of *representative*? Because we're all sent.

One difference between the average believer and missionaries is that missionaries have received specialized training in being a sent one.

So, here are some things missionaries know that will help you serve Him well.

**Know your goal and keep it in mind.** Your goal as a sent believer is to "make disciples wherever you go." That may sound like a paraphrase, but it's actually a pretty accurate way of translating Matthew 28:19. That is the goal of every missionary. It's also your goal as a believer sent by God, and it's always your goal.

You may think your goal is to provide for your family or to keep the house clean. (Or if you have children, to keep it habitable. Or toddlers, to keep everyone alive until they grow out of this.) You might get in the car and think your goal is to get to work or to the store. On vacation? Maybe it seems like the only goal is to relax.

That's wrong. Always, everywhere you go, your goal is to make disciples. You're sent. Live it. Know your goal and keep it in mind.

**Remember your goal is all about relationships.** It's through your relationship with Christ that you are able to learn and grow and serve, and it's true in disciple-making as well. You can't do this. But God can do this through you. So, keep your relationship with Christ strong. Pray. Read and study His Word. Listen and obey. And no, two out of three doesn't cut it.

Disciple-making itself is about building a relationship. You have to bridge that gap to reach another person. Just as missionaries must learn another language and understand someone else's culture in order to communicate effectively, so must you. And you do that through building a relationship with them.

That relationship isn't done when you've introduced them to Jesus. It's just the beginning. You'll be their first guide in the long journey of discovering joy in the abundant, eternal life of following Christ.

**Understand that the cost is everything.** Too many believers go through life thinking that someday God may ask something hard of them and they just have to be willing. Why? Because once God knows they're willing, it'll be like it was when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac—He just wants to know you're willing and then He'll take care of it and you don't have to do anything.

Hogwash!

Missionaries know that Jesus didn't mince words about the cost of following: everything. Jesus kept driving crowds away with lines like "take up your cross" and "he who would save his life must lose it." Only a few stuck with Him: the few who would come to be known as the apostles—literally, the sent ones. And it did cost them everything.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that I mean they died for Him. Long before they ever died for Him, they lived for Him and for Him alone. Everything in their lives that was not part of their goal—making disciples—fell away.

I suppose there were times they missed things. I imagine Peter sometimes thought how much simpler (not easier, but less complex) his life had been as a fisherman. Paul may have at times looked back wistfully—briefly—at those days when he was a Pharisee, and everything was spelled out in black and white. Matthew perhaps missed the wealth afforded him as a tax collector.

But in spite of everything they gave up, all the hardships they endured and the tumult of opposition they faced, they knew in the end that following Christ was worth everything. They were willing to die for Him because they knew how to live for Him.

What about you, sent one of our Lord? Will you keep the goal in mind? Will you build the right relationships? Will you go all in? He's worth it, and you don't have to take my word for it. Take His.

—*Ian Fallis, Editor*

Do you want to serve God well?  
Here are some things  
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