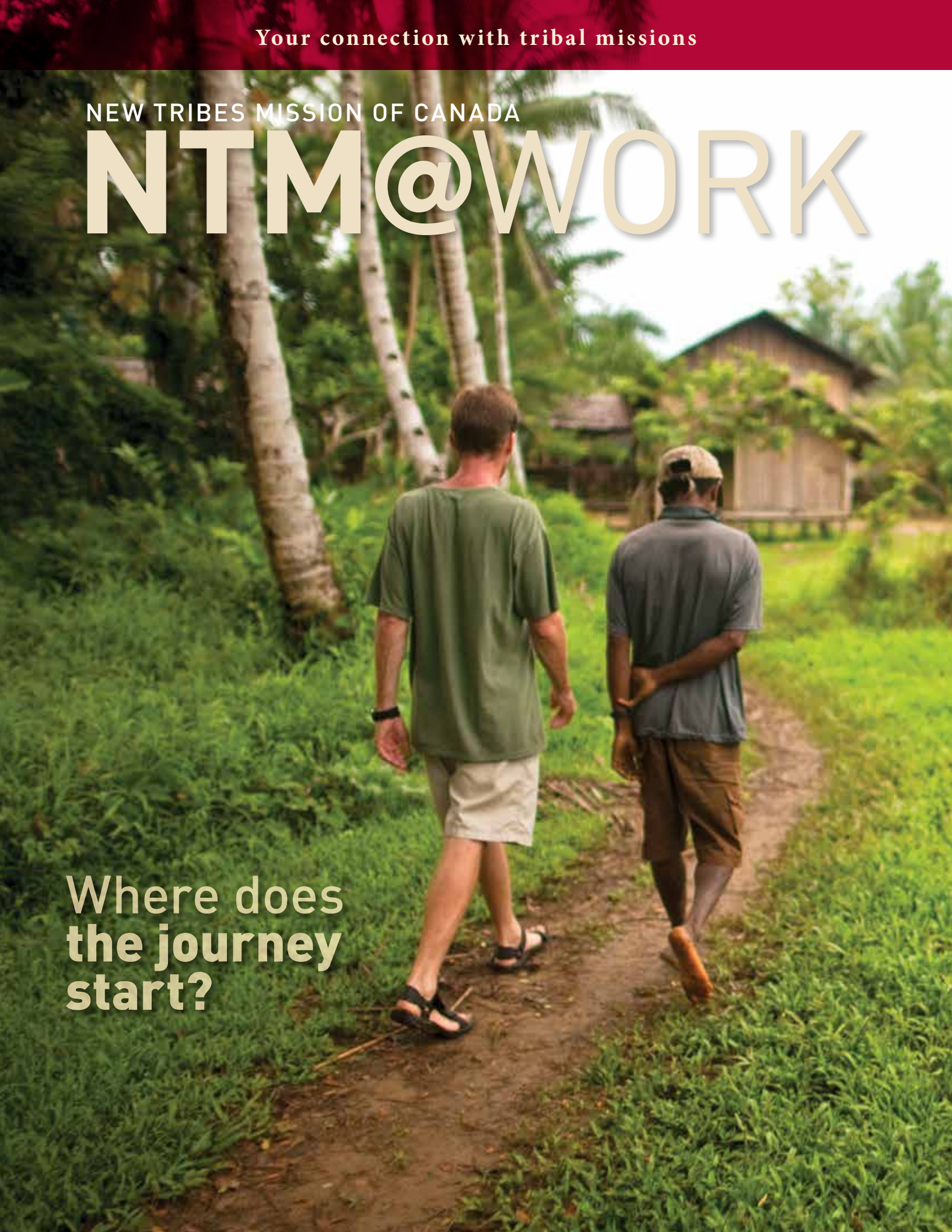


Your connection with tribal missions

NEW TRIBES MISSION OF CANADA

# NTM@WORK

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Photos by Dale Stroud



# Questions linger after victory on the mission field... **what's next?**

by **Larry Brown**, Chairman, NTM USA Executive Board

Nestled deep in the remote jungles of Papua New Guinea, a breakthrough that was 20 years in the making has altered the future of an entire people group. There is true cause to rejoice and celebrate.

The Siawis, an indigenous people group, received the most precious treasure possible — a New Testament in their own language. A dedicated team worked for years to translate God's Word into the language of this isolated tribe. Yet even as the cheers of joy and accomplishment echo, the clang of uncertainty reverberates as well. Some ever-present questions remain unanswered.

*What happens now? >>*



Hiking to the Siawi village



Village leader from the Siawi tribe

## 20-year stint comes to a close

In the mid-1980s, God stirred Linda Krieg's heart to begin a new chapter in her life. A recent widow in her 40s, Linda began preparing to serve on the mission field. Because of her age, gender and lack of a husband, she was encouraged to serve somewhere other than a tribe. But Linda didn't feel that was God's plan for her. So in August 1986, after a two-hour river trip, a four-hour jungle and swamp hike, and a plane ride, she and her two teenagers arrived in a Siawi village in Papua New Guinea.

For the next 20 years, Linda combated the harsh terrain and remote location. Daily she faced the anguish and fear she saw in the eyes of the men and women she had come to serve. Without Christ, the Siawi people lived in constant turmoil.

These tribal people, like many in Papua New Guinea, were animists and fearfully worshipped the spirit world. The result was family feuds that persisted for generations. The animosity would begin whenever an illness or hardship occurred in a family. Looking for an answer, the hurting group would decide that another family must have used witchcraft to cause their suffering. To avenge their injury, the affected family attacked those they believed brought

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evil their way. This cycle of hate and vengeance continued on for years and years, creating a treacherous and often violent environment for the people and for missionaries like Linda.

How did Linda overcome the superstition, mistrust and rivalries that jeopardized the ministry? The answer is simple but powerful: God's faithfulness and teamwork.

Today, the Siawi people are equipped with Scripture in their own language and are reaching out to surrounding tribes with the light of the gospel. They are giving as they have received. Families are being restored, and a new story is being passed down — a story of hope, love and redemption.

But as Linda's 20-year stint comes to a close, an important question still looms. >>


## Where do we find the next William Carey, the next David Livingstone, the next Linda Krieg?

You may have heard other missionary stories from the past, where entire regions were transformed by the love of Christ. Linda's story is now a part of that legacy.

But we are left with a challenge:

- **More than 200 tribes** in Papua New Guinea still lack Scripture in their own language.
- **700 people groups** worldwide have no known Christian witness.
- **More than 2,000 groups** have few believers and none of the outside help they need to establish a maturing church.

Making disciples of all nations can appear impossible, especially when missionaries must leave the field for one reason or another.

However, we'd like to share an amazing secret. We know just the place where future missionaries are located.  

*For 20 years Linda Krieg shared her heart and life with the Siawi tribe and others in the remote jungles of Papua New Guinea.*



photo by B'Ann

### Completing a translation marks the beginning of the next step

Completing a Bible translation for the Siawi people represents only part of the necessary work to be done. The rest involves discipling these new believers and encouraging them to spread hope from one village to the next. But where do we find people willing to take these new believers to the next level? NTM has the answer. **Check it out on the next page.** >>



# Missionary Training Centre

## Where missions begins

It is on the campus of NTM Canada's Missionary Training Centre (MTC) where tomorrow's labourers are found. In 1968, the leadership of NTM saw a need to better equip future missionaries. This realisation led to the purchase of our current campus just outside Durham, Ontario.

Each semester, the seats are filled with young men and women seeking God's will and preparing for the mission field. An intentional curriculum has been designed with a specific focus on tribal church planting. While a Bible college offers general Bible classes to help prepare individuals for Christian work, the MTC focuses exclusively on cross-cultural church planting. Students dive deep to equip them for a lifetime of sharing the hope of Christ and making disciples.

*As the first disciples in Jerusalem spread the gospel near and far, today's NTM graduates continue sharing the good news with those in their generation.*

### Distinctives of the MTC

- **Instructors with mission field experience train students** in biblical understanding and practical life skills. Learning from teachers like Linda Krieg results in more effective missionaries.
- **Specialised training** focuses on the specific skills missionaries need for cross-cultural church planting among people groups with little or no access to the gospel. This includes introductions to culture analysis, language learning, Bible translation, teaching literacy, etc.
- **Discipleship is intentionally cultivated inside and outside the classroom** as students live among their missionary teachers and see them practice what they preach. The one-on-one relationships developed with faculty and staff help the students learn by example how to become mature followers of Christ. The culture of discipleship nurtured on campus also equips students to become better disciple-makers on the field.

*MTC instructors have spent years on the mission field and are well equipped to train the next generation of harvesters. They instill their students with a passion for walking with God and a deep desire to reach the lost.*



Photos by Craig Bauman



*MTC students train for the mission field*

- **extremely affordable 18-month program** since students basically pay for room and board. Costs are low because faculty and staff are missionaries themselves, supported by those who believe in their desire to train the next generation of missionaries.

These distinctives help ground MTC graduates for a lifetime of discipleship on the mission field without any debt hanging over their heads. This allows them to enter the mission field sooner, engage in life transformations sooner, see communities changed sooner, and be a part of teaching whole people groups about Jesus Christ that much sooner.



*Missionary Training Centre*

## More MTC students equals more missionaries

The next generation of missionaries are sitting in the classrooms of the MTC today. Some may not even realise their potential yet. Others do. Or like Linda Krieg, they may recognize their own potential even when others don't. Whichever is the case, the MTC can begin the process of helping each new missionary be equipped.

Today 16 students attend classes. That translates into future missionaries all over the world. The students listening and learning today will be the ones hiking into remote jungle villages tomorrow. And there's room for more.

*You can help make sure every available seat is full.* √



## The journey starts here

Do you want to be part of sending more missionaries to the field? Then encourage your sons, your daughters, your grandchildren, your friends and any other potential students from your church or youth group, to attend the MTC. Or decide to attend yourself. The result may be a tribe somewhere in the world coming to know Christ.

The journey starts at the MTC.  
[missionarytraining.ca](http://missionarytraining.ca)



# Training a new generation



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# From faithful supporters to faithful workers

After faithfully supporting mission work financially for years, Mike and Melora Sturkenboom are now planning to serve full-time in the home office of NTM Canada. Retiring early and selling their home in Alberta, they are joining the team that supports missionaries with NTM who are reaching tribes and transforming lives.

The Sturkenboom's understand how instrumental their career experience will be to the success of their ministry.



Jason Bechtel with Tim Whatley on a trip to Lauje people group



## Missionary training gave them the foundation to persevere

Because of their time at the MTC, Pete and Leah Humphreys had a solid understanding of God's truth when they went to work with the Manjui people in Paraguay.

It was 12 years before their team saw any response to the Bible teaching – it was very discouraging. However, during missionary training, Pete and Leah had learned that their success was in their obedience to God, and not in the outcome of their work. Reminding each other of this kept their focus on God, and their priorities straight. This perspective has helped them remain faithful during difficult times.

## CONNECTION CENTRE

The old classroom building on our campus in Durham, Ontario has housed the Missionary Training Centre for 46 years. It has been used to recruit, equip and send men and women to take God's Word to unreached people groups around the world. Renovations are under way so this important work can continue. Your gift will help reach tribes and transform lives.

[canada.ntm.org/connection-centre](http://canada.ntm.org/connection-centre)

# Part of Something Big

Canadian Joe Chell was an elementary school teacher and his wife, Pat, a stay at home mom with three elementary aged children.

A bulletin insert from New Tribes Mission outlining opportunities to teach abroad caught their eye. Sensing the Lord's leading, they moved their family to Papua New Guinea and taught at Numonohi Christian Academy for a two year term as Skilled Associates. Seeing the great need for teachers of the children of missionaries first hand, they joined New Tribes Mission as career missionaries.

Be part of something big:  
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“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.”

Psalm 22:27

# Teaching for God

Patrick Eggleton never expected that he would serve God in a foreign country. And yet, by God's grace and faithful working, 2005 found the Eggleton family thousands of miles away from their home and family.

Patrick serves God by teaching math at a school for missionary children while his wife, Dawn, provides guidance to homeschooling missionary parents.

Patrick and Dawn were delighted to find that they were appreciated and were welcomed as part of the team.

"We come together with many backgrounds, cultures and experiences. Somehow God uses this potpourri of people to support the sharing of His love to many tribal groups here," Patrick wrote.

Teachers have many opportunities to serve God in New Tribes Mission. Maybe, like Patrick, you never considered being a missionary teacher in another country. But maybe God wants you to check out the possibilities.

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## CONNECT WITH ...

**Bill and Debby Abitz**

**Bronia, Simon, Liam, Eli & Ethan**

enroute to Paraguay

Sending Church: First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes, Port Richey, Florida.

We both grew up in Christian homes and participated in short-term missions trips as teenagers. Even though the motives for those trips may not have been the most spiritual, God used the trips to fan into flame a desire for global missions.

After graduating high school, we both felt God leading us to go to Bible School, and we attended one in Merritt Island Florida, which is where we met.

We were on staff with a missions organisation for a year, and then entered the American workforce. During our time out of full-time ministry, God kept the embers for full-time missions alive, but He had much to teach us. Through the church we were attending, we began to see and learn about God's sovereignty in missions, His desire to ransom people "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Romans 5:9,10), and how much He loves His bride, the Church. We learned how to love the Church by serving in our local church, and now desire to use our gifts and talents to continue to serve God by serving the Church in Paraguay.

Right now we are in the process of raising our ministry partnership team, inviting people to experience the joy of seeing an unreached people group being reached with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can follow our journey by checking out our facebook page:

[facebook.com/AbitzFamilyMission](https://facebook.com/AbitzFamilyMission)



## Where 30 means 150 and that means 30?

When I was at the market I asked how much the cucumber cost. "30," came the answer in the Jula language. But I've learned that doesn't mean 30 CFA, the currency in Burkina Faso. You have to multiply a price stated in Jula by five to find out how many CFA to pay for an item. So the cucumber was 150 CFA. But that still didn't mean much to me. I had to divide the price by 500 to estimate the price in American currency: 30 cents. At least the dollar amount is similar to the Jula number amount, but it's still a lot of thinking.

—Susie Locklin, Burkina Faso

## Sponsor Missionary Flights

 **Aircraft like the Cessna 206 are the backbone of missionary aviation worldwide.**


They serve as school buses, ambulances, delivery trucks and more. But expenses can add up.

Operating cost per hour:

# \$345

Cost for a typical flight (four hours, two hours each way):


# \$1,380

 **Flights are not options but necessities.** The ground covered by a one- or two-hour flight could take a missionary family with small children a week on foot or three or four days by boat. And can you picture them carrying the supplies a Cessna 206 can?

# 1,500 pounds

Such as:

- 55-gallon drums of fuel
- Groceries for the next three months
- Generators and solar panels
- Building materials to construct missionary homes

 **You can help sponsor the flights** that missionaries in remote areas rely on, and must pay for themselves.

**Sponsor the missionary flights:**  
[go.ntm.org/flight-sponsorship](http://go.ntm.org/flight-sponsorship)



## CONNECT WITH ...

**James and Beth Luyendyk  
Mason, Corban, Shaniah**

Field of service: still praying for direction

Ministry: Church Planting

Sending Church: Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, Carstairs, AB

Both James and I grew up in Christian families and came to know the Lord at young ages. Our parents have been involved in ministry, which has impacted both of our hearts as we consider what our lives need to be spent on. We met each other at the NTM boarding school in Papua New Guinea and got married two years after high school. As newlyweds, we understood that God left to His Church the job of reaching unreached people. Our heart's desire is to be obedient to Christ in all areas of life and we realise that this desire must impact how we spend our lives. We are so blessed to be part of a body of believers that has this same passion and desire, and are walking with us along this journey. We are trusting that in the months to come God will make clear where He desires us to serve Him.

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## Moving in

After years of anticipation, preparation and floods of prayers, the Easton family from Bancroft, Ontario recently moved into a remote Ga'dang village in the Philippines. "We are experiencing lots of different emotions right now," Dennis Easton wrote: "fatigue, excitement, apprehension, relief, fear, joy..."

Living with the people is necessary so the family can build strong relationships with the Ga'dang people. It's through personal relationships that people become disciples of Christ.

Pray for the Eastons to adapt well to village life, to build good, solid relationships, and to learn the culture and language so they can communicate effectively.



# Discover a New Perspective on Mission Work

Tim Whatley has a unique perspective on the work New Tribes Mission does around the world. Because of his personal experience growing up on the mission field, returning to serve as a church planter and later in field leadership, and his current role as the NTM Canada's Executive Director, his thoughts in our newsletter, *Partner to Partner*, deliver fresh insight.

*Partner to Partner* helps you see how God is working around the world through your involvement with NTM. In addition to encouraging stories of transformed lives, each letter presents ways for you to help accelerate God's work among the unreached people of the world.

## Here's What's in the Next Issue

April's *Partner to Partner* highlights how planned giving can impact the mission field while providing tax benefits to you. This represents just one of the many topics the newsletter covers. Each edition is informative and different.

## The Value of Making a Plan

What is planned giving? It's a type of gift to a ministry that's typically more involved than a general donation and requires more counsel than

other forms of giving. For example, planned giving could include a gift that is deferred until a later date.

Next month's *Partner to Partner* will show how planned giving can be used to reach tribes and transform lives. The letter will discuss supporting your missionary, or NTM in general, through giving stocks and mutual funds, the creation of a will, or the use of a trust. It will explain gift-in-kind donations, which could include jewelry, stamp collections, a car, or even building materials.

## Sign up to receive your free subscription

To receive the April issue of *Partner to Partner*, and to discover new ways to make an eternal impact on the lost world, check the box, "Send me *Partner to Partner*" on the enclosed reply card, and return it in the provided envelope. You can also call us at 519-369-2622 to subscribe.

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"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

# HOW MUCH TRAINING IS ENOUGH?

18-months to four years lay the groundwork for effective cross-cultural ministry.

## Being a pastor isn't easy.

So it makes sense that many pastoral positions require a master of divinity degree, which takes two to four years of study after a four-year degree. Yet people are often surprised that NTM's missionary training takes so long — two to four years.

Consider this:

- **A pastor works with an existing church.** A missionary establishes a church from scratch and nurtures it to maturity.
- **A pastor works among people with the same worldview and outlook as his.** A missionary invests time to study and comprehend an utterly foreign way of thinking.
- **A pastor does not need to learn another language to speak to his flock.** A missionary must learn a language that few outside the people group know — then has to figure out how to write it down and teach people to read it.
- **A pastor's flock has access to a variety of study tools and a multitude of Bible versions.** A missionary must translate the Bible.

This by no means sums up a pastor's work. However, it demonstrates that being a missionary is demanding, complex work that requires proper preparation.

Training isn't complete **after classes are done.**



If anything, this comparison raises the question, “Why is NTM’s training so short?” If the task is so complex, how can two to four years suffice?

There are two simple answers to that.

First, the training is specialised. NTM Canada is not training people for a wide variety of possible different ministries. The training focuses on the specific skills missionaries need for cross-cultural church planting among people groups with little or no access to the gospel.

## ///NTM TRAINING///

### New Tribes Bible Institute

Two years studying all 66 books of the Bible chronologically with a missions emphasis

### Missionary Training Centre

18-months preparing for cross-cultural ministry, including culture analysis, language learning and Bible translation

*[People with a Bible education can go directly into the Missionary Training Centre, but in many cases are encouraged to consider NTBI for a thorough grounding in God’s Word.]*

More information: [ntm.org/train](http://ntm.org/train)

Second, the training isn’t complete after classes are done. When a missionary arrives overseas, they’re served by a team of experienced NTM specialists. These specialists assist and train the missionaries as they grasp a culture, learn an unwritten language and formulate a writing system for it, translate the Bible, disciple people, train leaders and more.

Are you interested in establishing maturing churches among people groups with little or no access to the gospel? Do you know someone who is interested? Find out how you can be well prepared to do that with NTM’s specialised training:

[missionarytraining.ca](http://missionarytraining.ca)

**NTM’s training is focused**  
on the specific things  
missionaries  
need to know  
for cross-cultural  
church planting.



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