

What a Relief

Typhoons, cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes—we experience these natural disasters repeatedly year after year. They cause horrendous heartache and devastation in the communities hit. There is a relief network through White Fields pastors that provides the best support in times of dire need. The local indigenous church provides the greatest assistance because they are well-acquainted with how to efficiently serve their neighbors and provide necessary help.



We have observed during numerous disasters the gracious, calm response of the local Christian community to administer not only physical relief but also provide hope, guidance and most of all the solution to eternal loss—the gospel. Members of a local church, with the leadership of a national pastor, share the relief supplies with all their neighbors and selflessly minister to the needs of their whole community. The local citizens of a country are best acquainted with how to

efficiently serve the desperate survivors of a disaster. The benefits of a local network of faithful Christian churches are not just recognized in the initial distribution of relief during a disaster, but are also seen into the future as more efficient responses develop, elimination of bureaucracy occurs, and through the institution of better education and preparedness practices before disasters strike.

Your support to White Fields allows these indigenous pastors to receive the necessary salary to start a new church and establish a congregation in a poor community until that church can become self-sustaining. Their discipleship transforms each individual person who receives Christ. This person then, in turn, impacts their neighbors—eventually transforming their whole community. We believe that helping these pastors establish strong Bible-teaching churches will produce fruits that will influence their entire culture. By God's grace, we will make a difference by supporting church planters.

The response in the Philippines to the last typhoon was an example of how our network of churches helped in disaster relief. The churches, located in areas of the Philippines not affected by the floods, collected used clothing from among their people and then distributed them through the ministry of local churches in the devastated communities. From the midst of their own poverty, the Christians gave to serve fellow believers. In addition to all the physical supplies that were delivered, our pastors were most thankful for receiving a new MacArthur Study Bible. No pastor should be without a Bible, and this great tool was received with tears of joy.



Together we can establish faithful churches that will take the gospel to their neighbors.

We are welcoming two new board members onto our International Board this year.



Pastor Larry Goding and his wife Donna reside in the Phoenix, Arizona area. Larry received Jesus Christ at seven years of age through the ministry of his mother in Child Evangelism Fellowship in West Chicago. He has degrees from Briercrest Bible College, Southwestern College in Phoenix, Denver Seminary and Nova Southeastern University. During 45 years of ministry he has specialized in ministry with the physically and mentally disabled, has been a Director of Christian Education and a Children's Pastor, and served as a Christian School Administrator. He currently ministers as the Senior Pastor of Sun Village Community Church. Larry brings a wealth of administrative and pastoral experience to our board.

Larry and Donna have been married 46 years and have four grown children and ten grandchildren. When Larry was a young boy his parents served as missionaries on the Navajo Indian reservation out of Farmington, NM. He worked with his brother and sisters to construct buildings on the compound and learned to minister among the Navajo boys. Over the years God has used Larry in several mission trips giving him cross-cultural experiences.

"An emphasis on missions has always been a vital part of my family life from as early as I can remember. As a pastor, I believe that attention to missions is crucial to the health of the local church. White Fields provides excellent stewardship for the funds donated. Supporting national church planters is a great method to expand the ministry of spreading the gospel in foreign countries because the indigenous pastor already knows the language and fits into the local culture. By creating a partnership with national church planters and North American churches, the process of planting self-sustaining churches overseas can be enhanced."
Pastor Larry Goding

Dr. Alex Granados was born in Bogotá, Colombia. He has been in the ministry since 1987 with extensive cross-cultural ministry experience among African Americans, Asians, Caucasians, and Hispanics. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles and graduated with a B.A. in Political Science focusing on International Relations and Comparative Politics. He attended The Master's Seminary and graduated with a M.Div. and Th.M. in Systematic Theology. He received his Ph.D. in Intercultural Education at Biola University.

Alex received Christ while attending high school. Having grown up in a devout Catholic home, he began to ask many questions about the Bible but did not find the answers he was seeking. A friend invited him to attend a Bible study at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley California. He discovered a body of believers committed to the study of the Bible. He was encouraged to attend a discipleship group where he met several godly men who answered his biblical questions, leading him to understand salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Alex says, "Praise God, I understood my sin, what Christ has done, what God demands of me, counted the cost, and trusted Him."



Alex is an Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies at The Master's College and Pastor of Discipleship Ministries at The Bridge Bible Fellowship in Reseda, CA. He also teaches International Business classes. Alex and his wife Dorian have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Emma and Sophia. We are blessed to have both of these men join our board.

Something Old—Myanmar

We were very encouraged by this final report from Pastor Ro Thawm Ling:

New Year's greetings to all my prayer partners! This is my last report to you because my time of support ended in December 2009.

First of all, I would like to give all praises, honor and glory to God alone. Due to your prayers and financial support for four whole years, my ministry was blessed by God through many difficulties and oppositions. By the answering of our prayers, the church has been firmly established in this town. Different churches strived to plant a church here through the sending of cross-cultural missionaries for many years. But they all failed. However, the Lord established a new church in 2007 with three family members. The Lord added more members so that today, we have 72 members, including children. It is this town's first church. Praise the Lord! This is the fruit of your labor. And now the gospel is spreading throughout the surrounding villages. All glory be to God. Please do continue to pray hard for this mission field.

I would like to say my special thanks to all of you for your four years of financial and prayer support. It was very great. I will remember you in my prayers. I appreciate the system and ministry of White Fields. I pray the Lord will continue to bless White Fields ministry around the world.

Something New—The Middle East

We are praying for supporters who will help us provide a salary to national church planters working among their own people in a Muslim country. We are coordinating with a Master's Seminary alumnus who is currently living in this Middle East country as a missionary. He has been able to partner with a collection of nationals who are successfully leading people to Christ and gathering them into cell groups. These men are trained and have graduated from a Bible Seminary. Currently they must work full-time in secular jobs.

With support from White Fields, these men would be able to do what Pastor Ro Thawm Ling was able to do in his home country of Myanmar—plant a self-sustaining church. These nationals whom we would like to support are part of a church-planting movement within this country. We are seeking partners who will pray and provide financial support so that these men can work full-time, sharing the gospel and discipling the new believers. Our missionary contact shared with me the dangers of being a Christian in that country. He states, "A pastor was contacted to inquire about his opinion of the Bible. After contact was made and the pastor shared about the Bible, the individual requested a second meeting. At that second meeting, the individual drew out a screw driver and attacked the pastor. Fortunately, there were other people present at the pastor's home and they were able to fend off the attacker." This pastor who was attacked will be a part of our committee working with the North American Missionary. These are faithful men.

Imagine what God can do when we combine the power of your intercessory prayer and financial support together with cross-cultural missionaries and national church planters. Faithful, biblical churches can be established in a hostile environment, and God will receive all the glory.

Please use the enclosed envelope and slip to express your interest in joining our cause in the Middle East.

Together we can make a difference!