# Appendix B: Missions & Missionaries

## **Local Mission Opportunities**

#### **Missions Strategy**

At Bent Tree, we strategically partner with people and organizations to send financial resources and mobilize the Bent Tree body around the 4'C's.









Children at Risk

**Church Multiplication** 

**Crisis Response** 

City Transformation

## CHILDREN AT RISK

Big Hope is a mentorship program at McWhorter Elementary that provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. They are looking for mentors who will spend one hour per week (at the school, typically during weekday lunchtime, sometime between 11am-2pm), reading, talking, playing, and/or listening to a child. Contact Dave Parnell at <a href="mailto:dcpsignature@yahoo.com">dcpsignature@yahoo.com</a> to find out how you can become a mentor. Location: 3678 Timberglen Rd, Dallas, TX 75287.

**Human Coalition** is committed to ending abortion in America and is looking for volunteers to mentor their clients. Mentors form lasting relationships, provide a healthy support system, connect clients to a local church and guide clients towards a relationship with Christ. Mentors and clients are paired according to their schedules, location, personality. This opportunity is a once a week commitment for 6 months. For more information, please visit <a href="www.humancoalition.org">www.humancoalition.org</a> or contact Rachel Avila at <a href="ravila@humancoalition.org">ravila@humancoalition.org</a> to find out how you can become a mentor. Mentors and clients develop their own schedule.

McWhorter Elementary School is the local school that Bent Tree has "adopted." We need volunteers to pray for, build relationships with, and serve the students, staff, and administration at McWhorter. Contact Daniel DeJesus at <a href="mailto:ddejesus@benttree.org">ddejesus@benttree.org</a> to learn more. Location: 3678 Timberglen Rd, Dallas, TX 75287.

Kyle's Place, a ministry of Journey to Dream Ministry, is a homeless shelter for youth ages 14-18 that offers life-skills training, case management, family counseling, group therapy, mentoring, and access to community resources. Their biggest volunteer needs are administrative, social media, outreach, and grant writing. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.journeytodream.com/">http://www.journeytodream.com/</a> or contact Nesa Grinder at <a href="masa@journeytodream.com/">nesa@journeytodream.com/</a> to find out how you can get involved. Location: 250 N Mill St #2, Lewisville, TX 75057.

**Lifesong for Orphans** offers adoption financial assistance to Bent Tree members. For more information, please visit <a href="www.lifesongfororphans.org">www.lifesongfororphans.org</a> or contact Sandy Spengler at <a href="sandy@lifesongfororphans.org">sandy@lifesongfororphans.org</a> to learn more.

Poiema Foundation educates the public and raises awareness in order to prevent sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other methods of sexual exploitation. They also facilitate the restoration journey of survivors by providing for their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs in a safe place where they experience the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and receive trauma-informed care on their journey from victim to survivor. They are looking for volunteers to do Community Awareness Outreaches among other opportunities. For more information, visit <a href="https://poiemafoundation.org/">https://poiemafoundation.org/</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@poiemafoundation.org">info@poiemafoundation.org</a> to find out how you can get involved. Community Outreaches are held on Saturdays in Mesquite, Denton, Rockwall, Dallas, and Frisco from 10am-1pm. (Training from 8:45-10am).

New Friends New Life restores and empowers formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and their children. They need volunteers to prepare meals, serve in the Children's program, provide administrative support, put together emergency backpacks, and assist in the Second Chance Jobs program. For more information, please visit <a href="www.newfriendsnewlife.org/">www.newfriendsnewlife.org/</a> or contact Jordan Brodehl at <a href="mailto:ibrodehl@newfriendsnewlife.org">ibrodehl@newfriendsnewlife.org</a> to find out how you can get involved.

## CRISIS RESPONSE

Lovepacs was born out of a Bent Tree Life Group that had a shared desire to help children in our community as an expression of love. Specifically, they serve children during extended school breaks (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, Easter) who receive free and reduced lunches. They need volunteers to help with marketing, web design, community leadership in Carrollton, communications, fund development and event planning. Also, throughout the year they need volunteers to sort, count, shelve, and pack inventory. Lovepacs is serving in schools throughout Aubrey, Austin, Cy-Fair, Frisco, Lewisville, Little Elm, Plano, Prosper, LISD-East and is starting in Carrollton. For more information, please visit <a href="www.lovepacs.org/">www.lovepacs.org/</a> or contact Matt Snyder at <a href="matt.snyder@lovepacs.org">matt.snyder@lovepacs.org</a> to find out how you can get involved.

Food4Hunger is a Bent Tree volunteer team that fights hunger by supplying four of our local food pantries with food, materials and financial resources. Throughout the year anyone can drop off food at the tables outside of the Worship Center. The Food4Hunger team needs volunteers for the Summer Hunger program as well as quarterly Food Sorts. For more information, please contact Alex Clem at <a href="mailto:aclem@benttree.org">aclem@benttree.org</a> or visit <a href="mailto:benttree.org">benttree.org</a> to sign-up for the next Food Sort. Volunteers are needed every Saturday morning throughout the summer (Summer Hunger) and one Sunday a quarter throughout the year (Food Sorts). Location: Bent Tree Bible Fellowship, 4141 International Pkwy, Carrollton, TX 75007.

NTX Community Food Pantry strives to help people in need by offering food, encouragement and prayer. They need volunteers to pick up donations, process donations, stock shelves, check-in guests, interview guests, and shop with guests. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:ntxcfp.org">ntxcfp.org</a> or contact Gina Harrison at <

God's Pantry exists to extend a helping hand, to the needy, by providing food to anyone who is facing circumstances beyond their control. The pantry serves all people, with respect and compassion, allowing them to maintain their self-esteem and confidentiality during a difficult time in their life. They need volunteers to fill shelves, do weekly bread runs, distribute food to clients, write thank you letters and do special group projects. For more information, please visit <a href="www.godspantryplano.org/">www.godspantryplano.org/</a> or contact Sylvia Martinez at <a href="gods\_pantry2014@yahoo.com">gods\_pantry2014@yahoo.com</a> to find out how you can get involved. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-1pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm. Location: 3420 14th St #101, Plano, TX 75074.

Good Mood Foundation is a ministry serving Carrollton Springs Hospital, a local psychiatric and addiction facility, with the chief aim of connecting and reconnecting the patients to Christ. They are looking for people with servant hearts and a vested interest in mental health or addiction issues to serve as advocates in the patient units at Carrollton Springs Hospital, writing notes of encouragement and doing other "behind the scenes" activities as needed. Please visit <a href="mailto:goodmoodfoundation.org">goodmoodfoundation.org</a> or contact Michael Attar at <a href="mailto:mailt

**World Refugee Care** reaches out to immigrants and refugees around the world to bring holistic healing and restoration in the name of Jesus Christ. For more information, please visit worldrefugeecare.org.

Metrocrest Services provides emergency assistance and comprehensive programs to move families toward self-sufficiency. Volunteers are needed to provide rides to seniors for medical appointments and other destinations, donate food and other goods, work in the food pantry and resale store, and deliver meals. For more information, please visit <a href="www.metrocrestservices.org/">www.metrocrestservices.org/</a> or contact Brittni Coe at <a href="bcoe@metrocrestservices.org">bcoe@metrocrestservices.org/</a> or find out how you can get involved. Location: 13801 Hutton Dr #150, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

Community Christian Action serves the poor by providing comprehensive services that alleviate suffering to bring hope and change lives. They are looking for volunteers to serve in their Food Pantry, Seasonal Programs, and Donation Center. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:ccahelps.org">ccahelps.org</a> or contact Thelma Cantu at <a href="mailto:thelma.cantu@ccahelps.org">thelma.cantu@ccahelps.org</a> to find out how you can get involved. Location: 200 S Mill St, Lewisville, TX 75057.

## **CITY TRANSFORMATION**

CRU Inner City connects resources and volunteers to address issues of poverty through the urban Dallas/Fort Worth Christian church as they live out God's heart for the poor. They need volunteers to pack Boxes of Love, Homeless Care Kits, and Powerpacks (Backpacks with school supplies), produce videos to help tell stories of changed lives, mentor and teach children in afterschool programs, serve as allies in the Work Life program and help train churches in relationship evangelism approach. Visit <a href="https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/innercity/dfw.html">www.cru.org/us/en/communities/innercity/dfw.html</a> for more information, or contact <a href="mailto:dallas.innercity@cru.org">dallas.innercity@cru.org</a> to find out how you can get involved.

**Polished** is a group of young professional women who gather to navigate career and explore faith together. For more information, please visit <a href="www.polishedonline.org/servewithus">www.polishedonline.org/servewithus</a> to find out how you can get involved. Volunteers are asked to commit to attending monthly luncheons (one Wednesday per month) and annual meetings. Location: Sixty Vines, 3701 Dallas Pkwy, Plano, TX 75093.

**God Will Provide** uses the Bible to disciple and teach English to Chinese students over the Internet with programs like Skype. They are looking for volunteer teachers (anywhere with an internet connection) to help students with different aspects of their English development and lead them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:gwpteaching.com">gwpteaching.com</a> or contact Doc Henry at <a href="mailto:doc42250henry@hotmail.com">doc42250henry@hotmail.com</a> to find out how you can get involved.

Fix It Ministry is a Bent Tree volunteer team that serves our body and is beginning to branch out into the community to help with needs through Senior Adult Services and the city. Funds assist to supplement cost for someone who may not be able to afford all the supplies necessary for the repairs. For more information, please contact Randy Haberer at <a href="mailto:randyhaberer@yahoo.com">randyhaberer@yahoo.com</a>.

Homestead Elementary An after-school Bible club for local elementary school children. Located in Carrollton, TX. For more information on serving, contact: <a href="https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms">https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms</a>

**Loving All Peoples** Works among unchurched people groups and marginalized sub-groups in the DFW area for the purpose of disciple making and church planting. For more information on serving, contact: <a href="https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms">https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms</a>

LINC North Texas launches faith communities where families are transformed through spiritual, educational, and economic development. LINC is doing this by building relationships with students and parents in Carrolton/Farmers Branch ISD including Perry Middle School, one of our partnerships. They are looking for volunteers to serve as ESL teachers, SALI Parent Night volunteers, help in the office and do creative communications like videos, photos, and graphics. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:lincnt.org">lincnt.org</a> or contact Rachel Fruge at <a href="mailto:rachel@lincnt.org">rachel@lincnt.org</a> to find out how you can get involved.

Pine Cove Camp in the City Hosts two week-long camps at Bent Tree. Scholarships provided through Faith Promise. For more information on serving, contact: https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms

**Unite Dallas** Connects Christian leaders to each other and to resources needed to address the urgent social challenges facing our city. For more information on serving, contact: <a href="https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms">https://benttree.org/carrollton-local-missions/#forms</a>

Young Life Evangelistic organization in high schools. Located in Carrollton, TX. Visit: <a href="https://www.younglife.org">www.younglife.org</a>

Responder Impact is a ministry of Global Service Associates and seeks to encourage and equip First Responders with the tools they need to thrive, both on duty and off. They are looking for families, groups, or individuals who will "adopt-a-cop." This means praying for them daily, sending notes of encouragement, supporting them and thanking them for their service to the community. For more information, please visit <a href="responderimpact.org">responderimpact.org</a> or contact Randy Creech at <a href="randy@responderimpact.org">randy@responderimpact.org</a> to find out how you can adopt-a-cop.

## CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

International Students, Inc (ISI) is looking for Friendship Partners. This is someone who befriends an international student by sharing their time, attention, respect and concern in order that the student may experience the love of Christ. This is a one-year commitment (on your own schedule) to meet with your student at least once a month, contact them once a week, and pray for them regularly. Please visit <a href="http://www.isionline.org/">http://www.isionline.org/</a> for more information or contact Betsy Hicks at <a href="betsy520@gmail.com">betsy520@gmail.com</a> to find out how you can become a Friendship Partner. Location: Most students attend the University of Texas at Dallas, 800 W Campbell Rd, Richardson, TX 75080.

## **Bent Tree Missionaries**

## **EUROPE**

**Christar** - In Greece, *Nabeeb A.* founded Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services (ACCTS) and is regional director for the Arab world with Christar. His wife, *Ruba* is the founder of Arab Women Today and is the missionary coordinator for Christar.

**Greater Europe Mission (GEM)** - *Doug and Lisa Mitts* are engaged in GEM's "movement-model disciple-making" and church planting in the major urban centers of Europe to reach Europeans, multiplying disciples and growing Christ's church.

Helping Hands - Unable to return to work in Central Asia, *Ruth Dougherty* is working with Helping Hands in Athens, Greece serving refugees from that area. She hopes to train believers to teach spiritual truths to the children, as well as share in a small medical effort.

**SEND International** - In Bulgaria, *Scot and Robin Ullrich* provide theological education through teaching in a small Bible college, training Turkish-speaking Roma, and providing seminars for local churches.

**SEND International** - *Ron Redell* serves the Macedonia church through teaching, preaching, and starting an in-depth Bible training program where he builds up young men preparing for ministry. His wife, *Lisa* reaches out and serves families in the community, and leads Bible studies with women, teen girls, and children.

**SEND International** - *Andy and Nadine Spradley* seek to plant churches by inviting them to explore the Bible to see how Christ is the source of true life. In 2016, they began a temporary ministry offering humanitarian aid and the Gospel to Middle Easter Muslim refugees who are passing through Macedonia on their way to Western Europe.

#### AFRICA

iAfrican Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM) - Celestin and Bernadette Musekura founded ALARM, an African based and led organization, to equip leaders to transform their communities. ALARM trains leaders across East and Central Africa in biblical theology, conflict resolution, forgiveness, mediation, reconciliation, and leadership skills.

Christ's Family Church - Mark and Sheryl O. have worked with Teda (also known as Tubu, Toubou, and Tebu) people of Northern Chad, Eastern Niger and Southern Libya since 1998. A center, built in 2012, symbolizes their cultural ambitions, which is to support the Teda in their fight against Islamic fundamentalism/terrorism.

Hesed Ministries - Michael and Florence Kyomya founded Hesed Ministries in 1995 to be a catalyst for spiritual renewal and growth in the Anglican Church of Uganda. This includes evangelistic outreach, discipleship of new believers, and community development through a women's program, and pastoral and leadership training.

**Pioneers** - *John and Cynthia* opened a private language school in September 2016 as a way to build relationships among the Berbers of North Africa. The community is 99.99% Muslim and it is against the law to share one's faith in Christ. Despite the obstacles, the church is growing in number and maturity and they ask others join them in praying Colossians 1:9-11 over their life and work.

**Sim (BRiCC)** - In Jos, Nigeria, *Toby Abts* runs a community center called BRiCC (Building Relationships in City Center) to bring Muslims and Christians together to build relationships and experience the love of Christ. His wife, *Alycia* homeschools their son and serves on a few SIM Nigeria committees.

#### **ASIA**

Assist Network International (ANI) - Through ANI, *Jody and Barbara Crain* are connecting developmental resources with Asia's marginalized people groups in areas of sustainable business, community development and crisis response with a focus on taking the gospel to these people through long-term business ventures that contribute to the local economy. They also direct the Tagbanwa Training Center for tribal members living in deprived areas of Palawan, Philippines. They are also giving direction and training to New Tribes Missions' training centers, leadership teams, and consultants in all areas of Culture & Language Acquisition (CLA).

**Christar** - LeeLing K. has been in ministry among Persian-speakers in Central and Western Asia for close to 20 years. She started with ministering to marginalized children and their extended families and now works with refugees.

Christar - *Dorothy T.* is involved in building up and mobilizing house churches of the majority people to reach Muslims in East Asia and beyond. She is also involved in church planting among the Hui Muslims and providing counseling and member care.

Impact of Hope International - *Murli M.* is the founder and principle of the South Asian Institute for Leadership and Cultural Studies, which offers a 3-year program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree with an emphasis on missions. He is also the founder and director of Impact International, which is involved in leadership training, church planting, and ministries to needy children. His wife, *Usha* is director of Humanitarian Services at Impact International. She is also involved in the rescue and nurture of high-risk children.

Iran Alive Ministries - Hormoz Shariat, founder of Iran Alive Ministries (IAM), uses media - satellite TV, social media, mobile technology, and internet; Iranaliveministries.org - to transform the lives of Iranian Muslims by the power of the gospel, and to plant underground house churches by identifying and investing in the lives of leaders. Hormoz and his wife Donnell believe that the Lord has used the Islamic rule to prepare Iran for a major revival and, by his grace, has uniquely positioned them to have a major impact in Iran and the Middle East for his kingdom.

**Pioneers** - *Teresa and Rob P.* have started a business consulting company in a restricted access country that allows for a Kingdom approach to ministry. They're working with a team that seeks to help spark and fuel an indigenous church planting movement in Central and East Asia. They reach out to locals in three languages through evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring of local majority-group believers so they can reach the Muslim minority group.

**Pioneers** - *Matthew M.* works in Southeast Asia to see movements occur among minority people groups on the island and among most people nationally.

**REAP International** - *Mazio and Rosemary Nakbro* train church planters and pastors in working on a holistic transformation of the people in Nagaland spiritually, educationally and politically.

**South Asian Ministries** - *Thomas and Mary Kutty's* vision is to spread the knowledge of the living God through preaching, social help, church planting, and their "Bible for every home" aspiration. The background and foundation of their ministry is intercessory prayer.

**Crossover** - *Daniel and Devri W.* have served as missionaries in the Middle East for more than 31 years planting churches among Muslims. They currently serve in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

**Cru Thailand-** *Joe and Jana Crain* are on staff at Grace International School, which serves 575 students. Ninety percent of the students are missionary kids from 344 families who serve in 24 countries across Southeast Asia.

**Cru Thailand** - As spouse of Bent Tree's beloved *Enoch Sirkul, Laya* continues to carry on the ministries he led. The Thailand Evangelism and Church Growth Committee brought together the Church of Christ of Thailand, the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand, and the Baptist Convention of Thailand, which developed a plan to reach every Thai by the gospel and a church established in every province and district of Thailand. They also work to prepare a new generation of leaders through the "iServe" program which motivates young people to serve in their local churches and communities.

World Venture - *Gerry and Maria Schroeder*, based in Moscow, Russia, mentor pastors, worship leaders, songwriters and musicians of key churches that inspire an additional 2000 churches using *RussiaWorship.org* to fully engage their hearts with God. In turn, these inspired churches are reaching into their communities and impacting lives.

#### **USA**

Arabic Church of Dallas and World Refugee Care - Jalil Dawood (wife, Sundus) pastors the Arabic Church of Dallas. He also helps refugees and immigrants from the Middle East rebuild and their lives spiritually and physically focusing on pointing people to the Gospel of Christ.

Athletes in Action (Cru) - Bryan Dobkins (wife Emily) works the SportLinc department of the Athletes in Action campus ministries to disciple and train college athletes in their faith on campuses that do not currently have an AIA staff member. He coordinates Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) training with student leaders to promote sustainability of the ministry on their campus so they can grow where they are and go where they are not.

**Christar** - *Tamara Soderstrom* mobilizes and mentors people to think critically about their role in fulfilling the Great Commission. As a mentor she walks alongside them when they take those next steps - learning more about missions, praying for the world, giving to the global cause, or going to serve on the mission field.

**Cru** - *Johnathan and Stephanie Duggins* make videos about people and places transformed by the Gospel. By telling stories about what God is doing the world, they hope to connect people in the US with opportunities to get involved with global missions.

**Cru** - As Director of Ministry Leadership of Cru in the USA, *Mike and Susie Duggins* focus on coaching ministry leaders and raising up resources for major outreach and humanitarian projects in the US and around the world. Lately, their focus has been on helping Cru Military expand their outreach efforts. They have also been assisting the Cru humanitarian ministry in meeting physical needs and sharing Christ with Syrian refugees.

**Cru** - *Doug and Ev Harris* have been on staff with Cru living and working in 91 countries for 30 years. For 20 years, they have been with the Jesus Film Project, a ministry of Cru, in Orlando, Florida, helping with the completion and distribution of 1,400 new Jesus Film languages. They have also worked to provide internet app access to 209 countries in 1,233 languages.

**Cru** - Realizing that the decisions students make set the direction of their lives, the focal point of *Ward and Gwen Schmeidel's* vision is college students. The lives of these students will influence the lives of others for many years. As the leaders of tomorrow - for better or worse, Ward and Gwen want to reach them for Christ.

East West Ministries - Alex translated the "Bible Training Center for Pastors" (BTCP) church leader and pastor training curriculum into Spanish. For 17 years Alex and Lily traveled to Cuba to train national church leaders in Biblical principles, concepts, and truth. Their ministry is now focused on equipping leaders of Cuban-American churches in the United States as well as prison ministry in Denton County, Texas.

East West Ministries - For more than 30 years, *Diane and Bryan Thomas* have been part of church planting and leadership training in the Philippines, Russia, and Central Asia. During typhoon disaster relief in the Philippines in 2014, Diane began Humanility to provide a home, food, education and spiritual nurturing for abandoned children and adult survivors living on the streets. Diane continues her ministry of teaching and training women in mentoring and discipleship programs in the Philippines and the country of Georgia.

Faculty Commons (Cru) - Unfortunately, many professors who mold and shape the minds of the students they teach do not favor Christian morals and values. *Peter and Patti Culver's* goal is to reach professors with the gospel of Christ so that students will have an opportunity to learn under a professor who truly follows Christ.

Global Aid Network (GAiN) (Cru) - Using their Tajik and Russian language skills, Ryan and Angela Grammier serve as the GAiN Field Strategy Representative for Tajikistan and other parts of Central Asia. They work with Cru staff in Central Asia to provide humanitarian aid that will best help further the gospel.

Inner City Cru - Paul & Betsy Lucido work with Cru Inner City which partners with urban churches committed to ministering to the whole person. They help churches connect with people in need by providing relief products, like clothing and blankets, to the homeless, new shoes for back to school, and holiday meals for families. They empower urban churches through training, manpower, and other resources helping them to minister well to men, women, and children at their point of need. They also have developmental programs to equip their partners to bring deep and lasting transformation to their neighborhoods. They serve throughout the 12 counties of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

**International Commission** - Sam and Valetta Buliga develop relationships with national leaders and missionaries to reach Easter Europe and Central Asia with the gospel of Christ. They also teach and equip leaders with the biblical methods of evangelism and encourage them to disciple new believers.

International School Project (Cru) - Dave and Beth Wiley work with The International School Project, a division of Cru, equips and mobilizes teachers of elementary public school throughout the world to take the gospel to their students at a time when they are most open to hearing it.

International Students, Inc. (ISI) - Kent and Judy Marshall work with international students to build genuine friendships, share Christ's love, help Christian students grow in faith and learn how to serve God after they graduate.

New Churches, Inc. - Tom and Teresa Haralson have been planting churches in Southeastern Louisiana since 1990. They are currently planting a Spanish-speaking church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Tom serves as the mentoring pastor. He also serves as an elder and ESL teacher. Teresa serves in outreach to the multi-cultural community.

Responder Impact - Randy Creech serves as the Frisco Fire and Police Chaplain with Responder Impact, (responderimpact.org) which was launched in 2011. Randy addresses the unique spiritual and emotional needs of first responders. He seeks to encourage first responders in a life-giving relationship with Jesus, equip them to enjoy that relationship, and empower them to live it out at home, work, and in their community.

RREACH International - Ramesh and Bonnie Richard. RREACH is a proclamation ministry seeking to change the way one billion individuals think and hear about Jesus Christ. They utilize personal proclamation, media outreach, and ministry training to evangelize opinion leaders, strengthen pastoral leaders, and reach large numbers of individuals from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

**Shepherd Project** - *Stacey Tuttle* serves as Director of Shepherd Project Ministries (SPM) which focuses on helping followers of Jesus to maximize their impact on the world. Their goal is to encourage Christians of every tradition to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to live as God intended so that those in their sphere of influence are drawn to and come to understand the truth.

SIM - Along with her husband, *Naomi Leenhouts* served in Africa for almost 20 years. She has now returned with her children to the U.S. following her husband's passing, and she continues to serve God in the Great Commission with SIM. She is involved in member care for missionaries as they return to the U.S.A. for home assignment. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and vision as she works with families that will return to the field.

**SIM** - *Ed and Rita Moran* are the Regional Directors for the SIM Rocky Mountain region. As directors they oversee church relations and mobilization, new ministry facilitating and training, missionary care and development and strategic planning.

Village of Hope – Uganda – *Cindy Cunningham* with Village of Hope (VOH) rescues children who are former child soldiers, sex slaves or children orphaned by war. This is accomplished with their feeding ministry in Gulu's former IDP (Internally Displaced Persons). Residential Villages of Hope provide physical needs, education and vocational training, a loving home, and Biblical discipleship to address epidemic poverty and hopelessness among Uganda's most vulnerable children.

Village of Hope - Uganda - *Terrie Robinson* with Village of Hope (VOH) rescues children and their siblings who are former child soldiers, sex slaves, or orphaned by war. VOH provides safety, medical services, a loving home, education, counseling, and systemic solutions to epidemic poverty and hopelessness among Africa's most vulnerable children.

Wycliffe - Rick and Melanie Floyd worked for 26 years in Peru translating the New Testament into the Wanca Quechua language. Now Rick teaches linguistic principles of language organization to graduate students at Biola University in La Mirada, CA. He also continues to with Wycliffe as a long-distance consultant for the Wanca Quechua translation team working on translating the Old Testament. Melanie is a resource coordinator for Wycliffe helping returning missionaries transition back to life in the US.

**Wycliffe** - As Administrative Director, *Cindy Langermann* co-leads two Wycliffe USA Counseling Offices in Dallas and Waxhaw, North Carolina. Cindy and her team of licensed professional councilors provide missionaries a safe place to work through issues that are hurting their relationship with God, themselves, or others.

Wycliffe - In serving language communities worldwide, SIL International works with them to build their capacity for sustainable language development by means of research, translation, training, and materials development. *Joan Spanne* serves SIL and related organizations through: 1) Information services for strategic decision-making, field reporting, and communications, and 2) Management of products for research and field language work, including translated Scripture, literacy, cultural, and educational materials in all kinds of media

## **GLOBAL**

**Cru** - Cru's calling is to help fulfill the Great Commission by winning, building, and sending in the power of the Holy Spirit and helping the body of Christ evangelize and disciple. Cru's vision is to see movements everywhere, so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus. *Ben and Linda's* ministry focuses on building and growing healthy teams, individuals, and effective leaders that will accomplish the calling and mission of Cru.

**Kerusso Institute for Global** Leaders - *Jay and Anne Clark* established Kerusso Institute for Global Leaders to equip Christian leaders in the developing world to meet the demand to disciple, plat churches and minister. The Institute was created to develop the leadership ability of these leaders to grow churches, networks, social organizations, and businesses to reach the lost.