# The Americas

### Nicolas Fund for Education – Guatemala

The mission of Nicolás Fund for Education (NFE) is to empower Mayan youth to break the generational cycle of poverty in the lxil region of Guatemala through Christ-centered education. The vision of NFE is to see the lxil region flourish through Christ-centered education.

NFE regularly sends teams from BelPres and other local churches to Guatemala so there is always an upcoming trip to join, or an opportunity to lead a new trip.

### Children of the Nations – Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone, and More

The mission of Children of the Nations (COTN) is to provide holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations.

COTN is a large ministry with lots of opportunities to serve virtually or in-person as an individual, family, or larger team.

### <u>Ninos con Valor – Bolivia</u>

The mission of Ninos con Valor is to respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Bolivian children with traumatic pasts, empowering them to reach their maximum potential and to pass on the values and experiences acquired to other children in high-risk situations.

Ninos con Valor has opportunities for short or long-term volunteers to serve in Bolivia as well as ways to serve from the US by sponsoring a child or working with their US board.

#### Bruce and Deb Robinson – Haiti

The Robinsons have been doing Kingdom work in Haiti for decades, by addressing physical and spiritual needs. Bruce helps meet physical needs by applying his civil engineering background to disaster response projects, clean water systems, and other needs. Together, he and Deb also lead bible studies and disciple alongside local churches.

They are always welcoming prayer support, as well as technical assistance as needs arise. They have a newsletter that can be subscribed to in order to stay up to date on their work.

## The Middle East

### Humanitarian Initiative Bridges – Greece

Our mission is to serve refugees by addressing their unique physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with a holistic, Christ-centered approach so they may be integrated into society, empowered to stand on their own feet again, and trained to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

BelPres sends small teams to Athens up to three times per year to meet with and encourage all our partners in Greece.

### Iranian Church of Athens – Greece

The main goal of the Iranian Church of Athens is to evangelize, preach and teach the gospel among Iranian and Afghan families, most of whom are Muslims, as well as provide grocery and food supplies to single mothers with their children, many of whom do not receive support from any other organization.

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### Agape Church – Greece

To create and support a community of Farsi and Dari speaking people, where they can experience Christian agape, where people can grow in their understanding of Christian faith and living according to the principles of the Gospel and actively promote unity among Farsi and Dari speakers in Europe, who share Christian values.

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### <u>Kathy Giske – Greece</u>

Kathy is a trusted advisor on our refugee ministries and serves with Middle East Partners, who exist to bring hope to the people of the Middle East by helping to strengthen local leaders serving their community through partnership and leadership development. Their regional focus is Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, and the refugee diaspora in Greece.

Kathy lives in the Seattle area and is frequently part of the BelPres teams travelling to Greece. She would be happy to share more about her experience working in this context.

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### Horizons International – Lebanon

Horizons exists to communicate and demonstrate the love of Jesus so that the world, particularly the Muslim world, would be transformed by God's love and forgiveness. Horizons does this through a threefold strategy of Proclaiming the Gospel, Discipling the Nations, and Equipping the Church.

Horizons International is looking for long-term volunteers to help serve in Beirut or other locations. Short Term Mission Trips may be possible if there is interest and circumstances allow.

#### Missionary Couple – Lebanon

(Names have been omitted for their safety)

This couple is passionate about making disciples. They are passionate about seeing MBBs (Muslim Background Believers i.e., ex-Muslims) trained to reproduce themselves spiritually across the Middle East -- and beyond. They are also passionate about helping the whole person, reaching out to the poor, displaced and needy, helping with their physical needs while providing spiritual hope as well. They are passionate about building bridges of trust, hope and fellowship along the I-19 Highway (Isaiah 19:23-25) while removing barriers of prejudice, fear and hate. They are passionate about worship and intercessory prayer which we believe is key to reaching the peoples of the Middle East.

In that spirit, their biggest need is for prayer and encouragement. They have a regular newsletter that they send with updates.

### <u> Triumphant Mercy – Lebanon</u>

Triumphant Mercy has one clear goal: Get integrated into people's lives to bring in the Hope of Christ into a world in despair. Triumphant Mercy strives to create safe places for children and adults where it can build meaningful relationships with families to help these individuals to rise above their circumstances and develop their potential. They want to make Christ known in deeds and in works and we work hard to achieve all the good works that God has prepared for us to do from before the creation of the world .

Triumphant Mercy is looking for short and long-term volunteers to help serve in Lebanon, including teams interested in running children's camps.

### ELAM – Iran

Elam's mission is to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region and beyond. Their vision is that all the people of the Iran region would have the opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him as a disciple, and that Iranians would be instrumental in taking the Gospel to other Muslims.

## Churches for Middle East Peace – Israel/Palestine

CMEP works to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East. They do that by helping church organizations, leaders, and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the region. CMEP activists, board, and staff engage directly with policy makers at every level.

There is a BelPres team that meets here in Bellevue and regularly collaborates with CMEP.

## <u>Africa</u>

## <u> Congo Peace – DRC</u>

Congo Peace's mission is to break the chronic cycle of poverty, violence and tribal animosity in the Minembwe region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) by assisting all tribes equally. We provide initial emergency support, and teach vocational and entrepreneurial skills to foster economic opportunity and stability, guided by Christ's reconciling love.

There are many opportunities to serve this new ministry by joining the BelPres Congo Peace Team that meets regularly here in Bellevue. As safety allows, there are also trip opportunities to visit the ministry sites as part of a small team.

### African Enterprise (Center for Champions) – Rwanda

African Enterprise's mission is to evangelize the Cities of Africa through Word and Deed in partnership with the Church and they do that by sharing the Gospel holistically to make disciples of Africans so as to effect spiritual, social, economic and political upliftment to ensure that Africa plays its rightful role in carrying out the Great Commission across planet earth in the 21st century and beyond.

BelPres helped start the Center for Champions and sends teams roughly once a year to visit, encourage, and be spiritually stretched by the work they are doing.

### Rwanda Faith Academy – Rwanda

The mission of Rwanda Faith Academy is two-fold: First, to provide a Christ-centered education with a special emphasis on underprivileged children in Kigali, Rwanda. Second, to build strong families in the surrounding community, thus reducing the risk of children being abandoned to live on the streets.

Pastor Alexis helps oversee this great ministry and BelPres sends teams roughly once a year to visit, encourage, and be spiritually stretched by the work they are doing. There are also ways to serve remotely from the US.

### Keith Patman

Keith serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators, whose mission is to serve with the global body of Christ to advance Bible translation and work together so people can encounter God through his Word. Keith trains and equips mother-tongue Bible translators and consultants in Francophone Africa.

## <u>Asia</u>

### Friends of India Network – India

Friends of India Network (FOIN) is the US partner of an indigenous Indian church that is committed to seeing the total transformation of India by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, planting churches, and baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are at the forefront of a massive house church movement in Northern India.

FOIN typically has several trip opportunities every year to visit local house churches, offer prayer and encouragement, and help baptize new believers.

### Mission Dove – Cambodia

Dove's vision is that the people of Cambodia have emotionally mature and humble leaders that bring healing to the nation. They do this by planning and organizing training, events and retreats for emerging church leaders that fosters healing and transformation through self-discovery and participation.

Dove regularly hosts various types of teams from BelPres and is always looking for longer term (3+ month) volunteers to serve at their ministry center. They also have opportunities for people to support their ministry remotely from the US.

### Lynn Ogata – Cambodia

Lynn's ministry is walking alongside Asian Christian leaders, with a primary focus on young Cambodian leaders, helping them to develop a deeper relationship with God and receive emotional healing, so that they can have a sustainable ministry as change agents in their churches and communities. She does this through contemplative prayer practices, inner healing prayer and spiritual direction. She also helps develop spiritual formation and emotional healing curriculum and more resources in Khmer language for contemplative reflection and helps Dove with donor communications, and editing reports and proposals.

## Brian Maher – Cambodia

Brian has a heart for counseling young Christians in challenging circumstances, including many who struggle with addictions or have trauma from addicted family members. He also serves as an advisor for multiple groups, including Dove, where he helps develop curriculum for their discipleship course and empowers local Cambodians to lead supportive small groups.

## Mother and Daughter Missionaries – Hong Kong

(Names have been omitted for their safety)

Their mission is to obey and worship our Lord with their lives, and to go into the world to reach those who have not yet heard the Gospel among the Chinese, Mongolian and Inner Mongolian people. They seek to obey the call of God as Christians by making disciples of all nations. This has led them to work in Mongolia and Inner Mongolia among people who lack engagement with accurately translated Scripture in their native language, and has also led them to Hong Kong to receive education and training that will help them engage with the Chinese people.

They have a regular newsletter and are very thankful for prayer support. If circumstances allow, they would love to host a visitor or small team and show them how God is working around them.

## Peter and Wendi Thomson – Japan

The Thomsons desire to see the whole of Japanese society impacted by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are collaborating with national partners to bring Kingdom transformation to Japan. They do this by building relationships with the local people through their education center and developing young Christians and young churches that God raises up around them.

The Thomsons have hosted small teams in the past and are open to having more if there is interest in forming a team. They also have a regular newsletter.

### Mike and Brigit Adams

Mike works as the International Coordinator for the Far East Broadcasting Company's FIRST Response Radio program, which helps equip ministries to deliver critical information, via radio, to affected communities within 72 hrs of disasters. Mike spends most of his time working to train teams and build capacity to respond to disaster in FEBC fields and promoting FRR.