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MARANATHA NEWS YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

2022 was an exciting year for Maranatha! We watched the ministry expand in every direction around the world to win the lost for Jesus Christ. We believe that we are living in the Season of our Lord's return for His bride, the Church. We are seeing the signs all around the world, and as I often say "even though it looks like things are falling apart, I believe things are actually coming together...to fulfill end time Bible prophecy".

With that thought in mind, the Maranatha Board has been seeking the Holy Spirit, so that we will always prayerfully and strategically invest the resources **YOU** have entrusted to us in areas around the world, where we are seeing the greatest "Eternal Return" for the kingdom.

- **Africa:** **You** are supporting Ed and Sonja Corbin, your evangelists to the children of Southern Africa. Ed and Sonja have seen thousands of children come to Christ through their kids crusades all over the countries of Southern Africa. You also sent Ed to Cuba and Uganda to train children's pastors there.
- **Argentina:** **You** continue to minister to the Tobas Indian tribe in northern Argentina. Maranatha is planning a major outreach to the Togas in 2023, and also to some of the major prisons in Argentina.
- **Arizona:** **You** are continuing to reach out to the Navajo people with the gospel and the love of Christ, bringing fresh water, food and firewood for winter.
- **Bangladesh:** **You** have made a **HUGE** impact among the unreached tribes in remote villages all over Bangladesh. **YOU** just completed your **sixth** church and started the **seventh**. **YOU** expanded your outreach in 2022 to open an orphanage for the children that have lost their parents due to ongoing tribal conflicts. In 2023, **YOU** are also sponsoring two full time missionary teams to the borders of Myanmar and India to reach tribes that have never heard the name of JESUS.
- **Cambodia:** **You** are now reaching over 1,000 children in weekly Bible Clubs for ages 4-14. We also have plans for a Pastor's Conference in November, to encourage and train local Cambodian Pastors.
- **Ethiopia:** **YOU** are reaching over 400 children in a remote village with not only a Christian Education, but food, clean water, and sanitation.
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** **You** are reaching out to coaches and athletes on high school and college campuses with the gospel.
- **Greece:** **YOU** are in Athens, working with refugees from countries like Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and others to share Jesus.
- **Guatemala:** **You** have two ministries in Guatemala. **YOU** are still building churches in remote mountain villages, and **YOU** are supporting Adonai International with their fully equipped hospital and aviation ministry in Canilla, Guatemala.
- **Haiti:** **YOU** are supporting three schools in Haiti, reaching over 700 Children with a Christian education. Jesus is the only hope for Haiti.
- **Homeless:** **YOU** are ministering to the many homeless in Chicagoland.

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

- **India:** **YOU** trained 60 new missionaries in 2022. Among the 1.4 billion people in India, there are over 2,300 unreached people groups. **YOU**, through your Maranatha Missionaries, have reached 170 unreached people groups. **YOUR** missionaries have helped start 237 House Churches all across India. In 2022, many more unreached tribes were reached, and many more House Churches were started. Please Pray, due to the Hindu Government, our Missionaries have endured tremendous persecution; a few of our missionaries have been martyred in 2022. But the Gospel continues to go out because of **YOUR** faithful support.
- **Israel:** **YOU** are supporting Return to Zion in Haifa. This ministry reaches out to primarily Russian and Ukrainian and Eastern European Jewish immigrants. There are even a few that lived through the Holocaust. **You** are reaching out to them with food and shelter and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. **YOU** are also in Jerusalem working with the poor Jewish and Palestinian Arab children with Bridges of Peace Ministry.
- **Kenya:** **YOU** continue to support Kaleo International Bible School in Nairobi Kenya. **YOU** are helping to train missionaries to reach Muslim and unreached tribes in northern and central Africa.
- **Nepal:** **YOU** have a **HUGE** ministry in Nepal! **YOU** paid for a brand new 17 room “Angels Home Orphanage” in Kathmandu for 11 children...six were orphaned and five saved from slavery. These children receive a Christian education and health care, and are all learning English! When I was there in October, **YOU** bought new coats and shoes and outfits and stocked up on food, and oh YES...CANDY!
- **YOU** also support **seven** churches in Nepal and **YOU** built your first church building in 2022 that already has around 500 members! One of **YOUR** missionary pastors reached out to a remote tribe that was still living in CAVES! They were very hostile to outsiders, but the Holy Spirit moved among them, and many came to know Jesus. We plan on building a church for them in the future.
- **YOU'RE** helping build another church called Zoe Church in Kathmandu, that will serve as the hub for our ministry outreaches all over Nepal.
- **Peru:** **YOU** have a **HUGE** ministry in Peru. **YOU** gave a gift to help feed over 300 orphans in the mountains outside of Lima Peru. **YOU** are helping every month to feed 64 orphans plus staff at “My Refuge” near the Amazon River. **YOU** continue to support “Sunshine Kids Clubs.” They minister each week to over 500 street kids at five locations.
- **Iquitos Peru:** **YOU** built and completely **PAID FOR** the “Maranatha Ministry Center” in the poorest area of Iquitos. This Ministry Center will serve as a Church, Kids Club, Medical Clinic, and a Nutritional Center. Because of inflation, the parents are not able to properly feed their children. Out of the 125 children that attend the weekly kids club, there are approximately 80 children, ages 1-10, that are malnourished. **SO**, to meet this need, **YOU** provided equipment for a full kitchen at the Maranatha Ministry Center. Starting in 2023, **YOU** will be providing **one hot meal EVERY DAY** to more than 80 of the poorest children in the area. That will cost \$1,500 per month; **BUT**, that is less than \$1.00 per meal!
- **Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon Ministry:** Maranatha International has the privilege of working with www.renewoutreach.org. This ministry has a beautiful training center called “Aurora” along the river. In the past few years, **YOU** have paid for the training of approximately **100** tribal missionaries from all over the Amazon region at “Aurora.” You not only paid for their training (teachers, books and food), **YOU** also paid to send them all out all over the Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon on mission trips to the unreached tribes. Praise the LORD we have seen so many tribes that have never heard the name of JESUS come to Christ. Once again this year, **YOU** also gave over **3,500** Christmas toys to children in remote villages, who have never heard the story of GOD’s greatest “Gift” ...his Son JESUS. This outreach has brought more children and parents to Christ than we had ever imagined!

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NEW MINISTRIES IN 2022

- **Chicago:** You are supporting the ministry "Boxes of Hope", which provides food for under nourished school children in the Chicago area.
- **Gideons International:** You are supporting Bible distribution around the world.
- **India:** You are supporting an Indian couple sharing the Gospel to Pakistani Muslims.
- **South Sudan:** **YOU**, working with Bible Students from Kaleo International Bible School (which **YOU** support) in Nairobi Kenya, **YOU** sent out three student missionaries to South Sudan to try and make contact with an unreached tribe. Although their first attempt was rejected, a group from a neighboring village wanted to hear about Jesus. From that, a Bible Group was formed. From that group of new Christians, they are going to preach to the unreached tribe!
- **Iraq and Vietnam:** **YOU** are now supporting a new missionary that is preaching in Iraq in the cities of Mosul, and Bagdad, and even in the Ancient city of Nineveh where Jonah Preached. This same missionary also ministers in South Vietnam! **Samaritan's Purse:** You are supporting the Greatest Journey program, where children around the world receive a 12 lesson Christian disciplining program.
- **Uganda:** **YOU** provided funds to show the Jesus Film, and train young leaders and missionaries
- **Wayside Cross Mission:** You are providing support to the homeless and prisons across Illinois.



We know many of you are feeling the effects of inflation, but remember our commitment to **YOU**...that EVERY sacrificial dollar you give to Maranatha goes directly to the mission field. Not one penny is used for my travel expenses or office supplies or even stamps!

We know that we are **only** able to do everything we do because of **YOU**, our faithful supporters.

From the Board of Maranatha International Missions Ministry and the bottom of our hearts, we say **THANK YOU**.

We pray the Lord's abundant blessings on each and every one of our supporters and their families in 2023. Our prayer for **YOU** is, when our Lord returns **YOU** will ALL hear, "**WELL DONE, My Good and Faithful Servant.**"

What a **Joy** it will be...one day soon...to meet the thousands in heaven...those we have never met here on earth...from every tribe, tongue and nation...who received Christ through our sacrifices!

Eternal Blessings,

Mark and Susan Schmidt

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