# FIRST YEAR OF THE 365 CHALLENGE



THERE IS AN OLD SAYING,

"What a difference a day makes." Church of God World Missions invites you to celebrate not just what a difference a day has made, but what God has done these last 365 days with your continued support. Each year, we are able to change, grow, and impact someone new through your partnership, and this past year was filled with growth, renewal, and seeing the impact of God's love on those in need.

From the moment Dr. M. Thomas Propes was elected as the General Director of Church of God World Missions at the 78th International General Assembly, World Missions has been dedicated to serving the Last, the Least, and the Lost of humanity. During this past year, World Missions has planted hundreds of churches and changed thousands of lives through the integration of medical clinics, human trafficking awareness, disaster relief, and countless transformations in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America.

"The 365 Challenge is our response to the Last, the Least, and the Lost of humanity. Half of the world's population has never even heard the name of Jesus Christ. Through the 365 Challenge, we will advance the Kingdom of God by focusing on the physical, the material, and the spiritual needs of humanity." This is the mantra and the God-given vision of our General Director.

The mission was simple in its delivery, yet monumental in its scope. In a world whose population is over 8 billion people with nearly 4 billion people not yet reached, God has granted Church of God World Missions the platform to showcase the love of God to every nation. We are doing this by following the mandate in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

As you may recall, we have identified **the Last** of humanity as those who have not yet heard the Word of God... those who have not experienced Christ's love... and those living in the most remote corners of the world. **The Least** of humanity are those in need, such as the hungry, thirsty, sick, and impoverished. **The Lost** of humanity are a group of people set apart by language or culture who are generally less than 2% Christian and lack the ability and resources to evangelize each other.

At the 78th International General Assembly, our General Director made a promise to the church, its supporters, and partners to provide and share a quarterly update.

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God is allowing us to daily identify needs for the Church of God family to embrace. As we sum up the close of the first year, here is how God has and is transforming lives through your partnership in prayer and financial support.

#### FIRST 100 DAYS

At the 78th International General Assembly World Missions launched a new website, developed 365 Kids Club, released two music videos, implemented Community Missions Representatives, and offered multiple resources to fully equip our local churches to take the Challenge.

Following the launch of the 365 Challenge, energy and momentum began to escalate quickly. By mid-to-late November, World Missions reported the following results: 282 church plants and 38,872 salvations.

Because of you, we broke ground on a medical clinic in Zambia, assisted with humanitarian support throughout the world, and planted the very first floating church in Peru.

In September of 2022, Hurricane Fiona touched land in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Grand Turk leaving destruction in its wake by destroying homes and ridding people of countless provisions. World Missions did not hesitate to provide relief in the form of shelter, clothing, clean water, nutritious food, and care to those affected.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, BUT A
CONDUIT TO CHANGE THE WORLD...
ONE DAY AT A TIME."
- DR. PROPES

One of the key elements of the 365 Challenge is to provide for the physical needs of humanity. This is accomplished primarily by offering medical care, nutritious food, and clean water. The need for medical care is constantly plaguing communities of the world. We identified a location in Zambia which was well-suited for a medical clinic. Through our Inspire Pastors Coalitions, a medical clinic was birthed, funds were secured, property was purchased, blueprints were drawn, and a building is currently being completed. This facility will serve the community by providing vaccinations, medical examinations, maternity services, emergency assistance, and a host of other medical needs.

Your selfless financial partnership has allowed Church of God World Missions to send provisions for refugees in Turkey, Greece, Ukraine, and other parts of our world. As Matthew 25:40 states, "Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Inspire Pastors Coalitions are excelling under the new administration. Pastors on the West Coast and the Southeast region of the United States gathered to receive inspiration from missionaries and opportunities for partnership. We are expanding our partnership reach in the coming year. If you are a pastor or ministry leader, we invite you to one of our Inspire events. We are now hosting Inspire events in Freehold, NJ, Weatherford, TX, Fountain Valley, CA, and Cleveland, TN. You can learn more by visiting, www.inspire.cogwm.org

#### **SECOND 100 DAYS**

As we shifted into the second 100 days of relief efforts, we saw the Lord's hand in planting 112 new churches, 47,871 salvations, and 14,217 baptisms in the Holy Spirit.

Our leadership traveled to Israel to partner with the Youth and Discipleship Department in providing a Christmas filled with joy and fun for the students in the Aboud Elementary School. During this time, we were reminded of the scripture that says, "Do not withhold good from those whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27.

In February, Cyclone Freddy touched ground in Malawi and Mozambique. This cyclone destroyed countless homes, natural wildlife, and killed over 400 people. The 365 Challenge saw the need of the people that were affected and responded with relief to over 5,000 miles of community impacted by the cyclone.

A new initiative, Emerging Leaders, was launched to enlist and equip a younger generation. As Dr. Propes says, "It is incumbent upon us to identify, empower, and release the next generation." We will be hosting an Emerging Leaders gathering on our campus in Cleveland, TN on February 23-25, 2024. You can learn more about this opportunity by visiting, www.emergingleaders.cogwm.org

In addition to the aid previously mentioned, Church of God World Missions pastors, missionaries, and members were able to offer humanitarian relief across the globe, provide training for workers within mental health clinics, plant a new church in New Zealand, open a feeding center in Thailand, and minister to countless other needs.

#### THIRD 100 DAYS

As we moved to the third 100 days, we continued to encounter phenomenal results. Your prayers and financial support have played a vital role in fueling our mission.

Your generosity has allowed us to realize another medical clinic in Peru and provide church revitalization in Pakistan to train and equip pastors and reach a new generation.

Our General Director's wife, LaQuita Propes, recently ministered to a large women's conference in Indonesia. For the first time in a long time, these women were able to come together and worship. World Missions was happy to provide for them many necessities which would assist them during this spiritual encounter.



### FIRST 100 DAYS

- Inspire Pastors Coalition Event
- Expansion of Inspire Pastors Coalitions
- Events to West Coast, Northeast, and Southwest
- Leadership toolbox for states/regions/local churches
  - · Assistance to Pakistan Bible School
    - Feeding Native Americans
- · SEMISUD sponsorship education forum for educators
  - · Feeding centers in Latin America
  - · Church plant on a floating island in Peru
    - Lee Missions Week
  - · Pakistan disaster relief for monsoons
  - · Caribbean disaster relief Hurricane Fiona
    - USA disaster relief Hurricane Ian
  - Disaster relief for flooding in Honduras
  - · Medical assistance in India · Zambia medical clinic - building, equipment
    - · BTUC accreditation achieved
    - Education scholarships in Kenya
    - · Linda's Kids Academy groundbreaking on Junior High School
      - Two Music video releases

Additionally, we launched a new group of World Missions Ambassadors. This new team will help us bring awareness to all generations of the multifaceted ministries of Church of God World Missions. This summer they shared the 365 Challenge to local churches, youth camps, camp meetings, and missions conferences.

#### CONCLUSION

As the first 365 Challenge finishes strong. the amazing accomplishments during this year were due to your commitment to prayer and financial support. We began this year with thirty days of prayer imploring God's favor to rest upon what our hands touch throughout the world. Let us now give praise to our Lord for all that He has allowed to be accomplished. as we set our hearts and minds in continued unison to reach the Last, the Least, and the Lost of humanity.

If you have yet to take the

#### challenge, we ask you to connect with us and let's change our world... one day at a time.

\*This article was submitted July 20, 2023.

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## **SECOND 100 DAYS**

- · Assistance for Arab Refugees in Greece
- Assistance to orphans Freedom House in Kenya • Blankets of Hope in Bhutan
  - Christmas Project M:25 in Ecuador
  - International Prison Ministries aid
- · Orphanage construction in India
- Sponsored education for students in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
  - Benevolence assistance to pastors in India
  - Assistance for refugees in Congo
     Cyclone Freddy relief in Malawi and Mozambique
- · Additional Church of God footprint in Nauru, Marshall Islands, and an Atoll near Samoa · Missions trip to Japan
  - Christmas gifts for children at Aboud Elementary School
    - Leadership training in Bangkok
      - Golden Triangle focus
    - Scooters for ministers
    - · Church plant in New Zealand
  - Feeding Center in Thailand · Mental Health Center training of workers in Thailand
    - Human trafficking awareness
    - Emerging Leaders Initative

## THIRD 100 DAYS

- · Medical care
- Church revitalization in Pakistan
- Humanitarian relief in Pakistan
- · Church Dedication in Scotland
- · Bethel Women's Conference in Indonesia
  - · Legacy Conference in Thailand
  - Leadership training in Zambia
- Medical Clinic planning in Peru
- · Assistance to the Jamaica Bible School
  - ASCM Dedication Philippines
    - · Ambassador Initiative

## TOTAL 365 FUNDS

Faith Promises: \$1.158.601.33

Cash Received: \$1,463,382,59

Total as of July 20, 2023: \$2.621.983.92

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