

GO THE EXTRA MILE

2026



Nate's Letter



At Emmanuel, our mission is to help everyone know Jesus, grow together, and live with purpose. Jodi and I are passionate about seeing this vision come to life through Kingdom Builders. Through prayer, trips, and financial generosity, we can all take the next step in living on mission with God so everyone can experience His love.

Kingdom Builders supports extraordinary missionary partners and life-giving ministries, both locally and globally. We are inspired by the impact God is making through their faithfulness and are honored to go the extra mile alongside them.

Inside this booklet, you'll see the difference your generosity makes. Behind every statistic is a real person whose life has been changed because someone chose to give. As our Emmanuel family grows, we remain committed to making a lasting impact in our community and around the world.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for everyone who is stepping into generosity—whether it's your first step or a deeper commitment. We are really excited about our theme: **Go the Extra Mile**. Together, we each play a part in sharing the hope of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers, your giving, and your willingness to go.

PASTORS NATE AND JODI RUCH



Spring Lake Park

Pastor Nathan & Analia Grams



Maple Grove

Pastor Jeff & Camrey Ruch

EMMANUEL

Location Pastors



Elk River

Pastor Bryan & Joy Talso



Lakeville

Pastor Grant & Natalie Barnes

“YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES, TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE – IN JERUSALEM, THROUGHOUT JUDEA, IN SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.” ACTS 1:8

WHAT IS KINGDOM BUILDERS?

KINGDOM BUILDERS ENCOMPASSES THREE AREAS: GLOBAL MISSIONS, LOCAL CHURCH EXPANSION AND OUTREACH, AND FUTURE CHRISTIAN LEADER INITIATIVES.

Kingdom Builders is Emmanuel's strategic approach to funding missions, outreach, and equipping future leaders. A key element of Emmanuel's mission statement is to live with purpose. We believe living a life of purpose involves using our resources to advance God's kingdom through prayer, generous giving, and going.

Together, we partner with over 100 missionaries, ministries, and organizations who are doing strategic work among those who need it most. These ministries, because of your generous, above the tithe giving, are reaching the lost, serving the poor, and changing the world!

LOCAL & COMMUNITY

Emmanuel Kingdom Builders is committed to meeting the needs of people in our local communities. We achieve this through two key initiatives. Our **Community Outreach** focuses on making a direct impact on the neighborhoods surrounding each of our locations. Through **Community Partnerships**, we collaborate with local organizations to address needs throughout the Twin Cities. Additionally, Kingdom Builders partners with various ministries to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals and families. These ministries offer comprehensive care, addressing the needs of the whole person and providing vital support in times of greatest need, like **Crystal Women's Center**, who is dedicated to protecting life and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with women who are dealing with an unexpected pregnancy.

As a church, we have a unique opportunity to support the people we worship with each week. Kingdom Builders meets this need through the **Samaritan Fund**, which helps individuals and families in our congregation who are facing urgent financial challenges. This fund offers immediate support for those who qualify and reminds us that we are a community that looks out for one another, showing Christ's love through action. Beyond our congregation, we extend this care to the broader community. Each year we participate in filling Thanksgiving boxes for local families surrounding each of our locations. These bring light & hope to families and allow us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors!



THE UNREACHED



Emmanuel is deeply passionate about sharing the Gospel in places where the name of Jesus has never been heard. It is sobering to recognize that more than 7,000 Unreached People Groups—representing over 3.51 billion people—still have little to no access to the Gospel. An Unreached People Group is defined as a population with less than 2% Christians, no active church presence, and little to no access to Scripture in their heart language. Yet globally, less than 5% of all mission funding is directed toward reaching these communities.

Despite the challenges, faithful missionaries and organizations like **Focus 7,000** and **Bethany International** are going the extra mile to bring the hope of Jesus to the world's Unreached People Groups. Kingdom Builders shares this heart, partnering with ministries that meet tangible needs, plant churches, and cultivate life-giving community in under-resourced areas.



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Together, we will continue pursuing the lost until every nation has access to the Gospel and the lasting hope found in Jesus.

Partnering with the **China Outreach Project** means joining a long-term, strategic effort to bring Gospel access to unengaged people groups living in the Himalayan foothills; communities with no believers, no churches, and no Scripture in their language. This project supports a specialty coffee farm planting over 100,000 trees, creating sustainable employment for 100 local workers while opening access to historically closed villages through a culturally relevant, economic platform. By fostering trust, daily relationships, and discipleship opportunities, this initiative helps remove people groups from the unengaged list and lays the foundation for healthy, multiplying churches—proving this is more than coffee; it is lasting Gospel access where it has never gone before.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

20% of the global population (1.45 billion people) do not have a Bible in their first language. **Fire Bible** is a one book biblical library utilized as a primary discipleship tool throughout the world. Our partners have a mission to translate the Word of God in the top 100 languages of the world. This would resource 75% of the world's population in their very own heart language.

Each year, Fire Bible selects focused language projects to expand translation, reprinting, and distribution so more people can access Scripture in their heart language. Recent efforts include projects among the Chin people in Myanmar and India, Mooré speakers in Burkina Faso, Shangaana (Tsonga) speakers in Southern Africa and Mozambique, reprinting the Amharic FireBible in Ethiopia, and providing the FireBible to Quechuan-speaking communities in Peru. Together, these projects reflect Fire Bible's commitment to equipping believers worldwide with deep biblical study resources in their own languages.



EXPANDING THE KINGDOM



Emmanuel has a desire to partner with those who have answered “yes” to the call of God to further His Kingdom through entering the mission field and planting churches.

Emmanuel’s **Senders Fund** is a strategic fund established to help resource new leaders as they step into becoming missionaries. It is our joy to champion those who sacrifice so much for the Kingdom of God as they are sent out to be a light to the world.

Since 2008, **Church Multiplication Network** has planted 4,829 churches across the U.S. and have trained 8,500 church planters. They provide training and resources to accomplish the vision of seeing a healthy, Spirit-empowered church in every community. Through their efforts, leaders are being equipped and empowered. In addition, churches are being planted across the country.

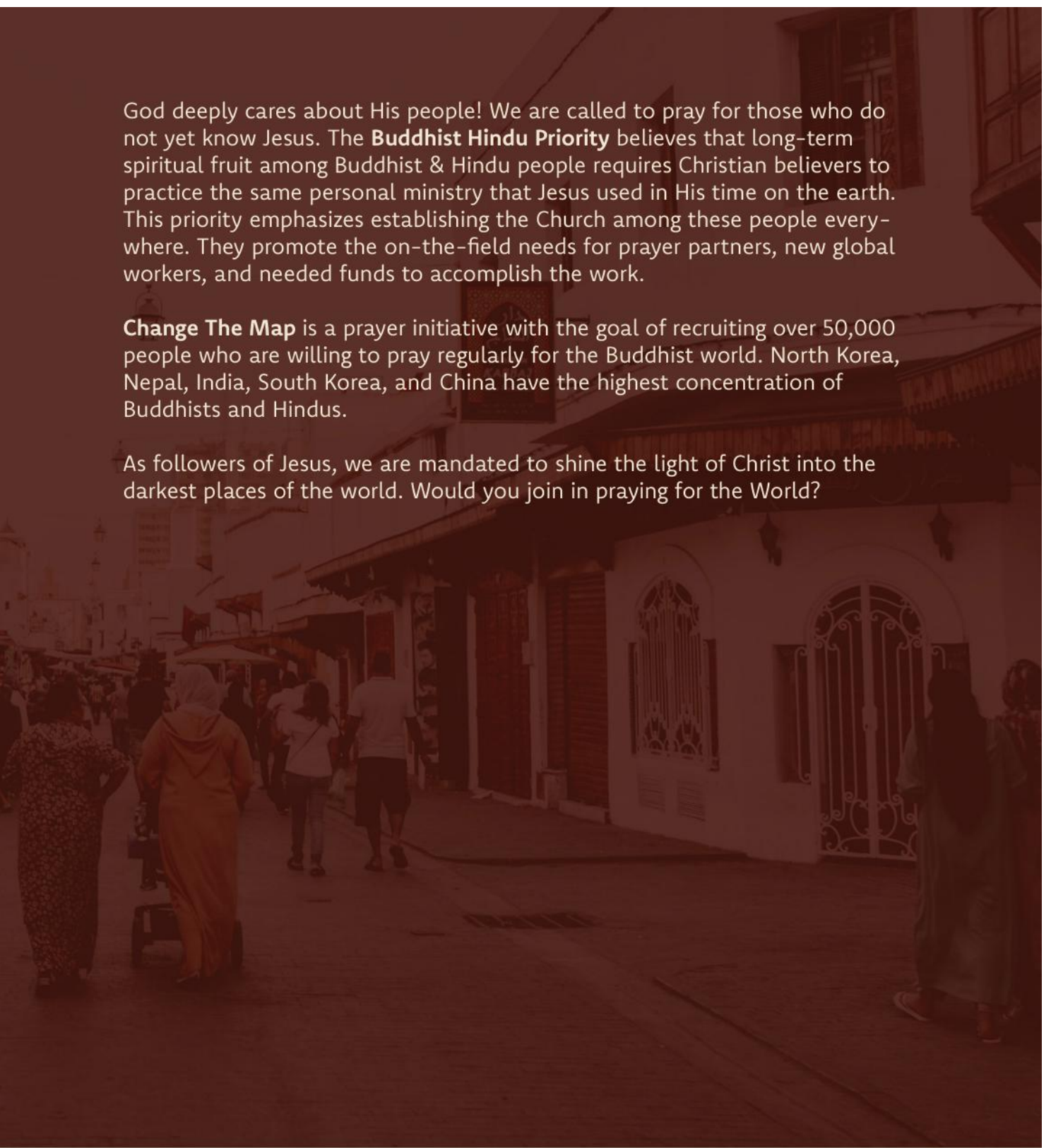
PRAYER THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

We cannot underestimate the power of prayer. Our Kingdom Builders Partners often share with us their genuine need for faithful prayer partners. When we submit our requests to the Lord, he is faithful to respond, and when we partner in prayer together in agreement with others, God can move mountains!

The Kingdom Builders Prayer Team is a powerful way for all of us to come join together to support our incredible missionary partners and projects through prayer as we intercede on their behalf. We invite you to join our Kingdom Builders Prayer team where you will receive monthly prayer focuses and testimonies!



Join the Kingdom Builders
Prayer Team!



God deeply cares about His people! We are called to pray for those who do not yet know Jesus. The **Buddhist Hindu Priority** believes that long-term spiritual fruit among Buddhist & Hindu people requires Christian believers to practice the same personal ministry that Jesus used in His time on the earth. This priority emphasizes establishing the Church among these people everywhere. They promote the on-the-field needs for prayer partners, new global workers, and needed funds to accomplish the work.

Change The Map is a prayer initiative with the goal of recruiting over 50,000 people who are willing to pray regularly for the Buddhist world. North Korea, Nepal, India, South Korea, and China have the highest concentration of Buddhists and Hindus.

As followers of Jesus, we are mandated to shine the light of Christ into the darkest places of the world. Would you join in praying for the World?

“AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE HEARS US WHENEVER WE ASK FOR ANYTHING THAT PLEASES HIM.” 1 JOHN 5:14

FUTURE CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Kingdom Builders has a deep dedication to equipping the next generation of Christian leaders. From an early age, Emmanuel Kids are inspired to live with compassion and generosity through the **Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge**. Similarly, Emmanuel Youth actively supports **Speed the Light**, an initiative that provides vehicles and essential equipment to missionaries on the front lines, empowering them to reach the lost with the Gospel. As our kids and students learn about our amazing missionary partners, they are encouraged to give boldly and faithfully.

Every year, Emmanuel Youth students can join one of Emmanuel's Kingdom Builders Youth Teams. **Kingdom Builders Youth Team Scholarships** enable students to serve locally and overseas with our partners and experience evangelism, outreach, and ministry in unique cultural settings. These are powerful, life-changing experiences that can make an eternal impact on our students and in those whom they serve.

Another way Emmanuel Kingdom Builders invests in the next generation of Christian leaders is by supporting Christian higher education institutions. **One Hope East Africa University**, a private institution in Nairobi, Kenya, is dedicated to equipping students with the skills needed to advance the Gospel. **North Central University**, a college based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, seeks to prepare students for their career and ministry. Both University's curriculum is intentionally designed to prepare students for impactful leadership in both faith and service.



EMMANUEL LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

Emmanuel Leadership College offers fully accredited college degrees through our partnership with Southeastern University. Throughout their time here, students gain hands-on ministry experience while thriving in our incredible student life community!

We are continuing to see rapid growth and are so excited to see how God is inspiring the next generation of students to be Kingdom Builders. We believe everyone has a purpose to live out the Great Commission, yet the way that God designs and equips each of us to do it is unique. We are on a journey with the students to help them discover their purpose while pursuing their education.



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OUR *kingdom*

LOCAL OUTREACH



\$300,000

THE UNREACHED



\$240,000

**GLOBAL + US
MISSIONS**



\$350,000

om **IMPACT**

**CHURCH PLANTING
+ EVANGELISM**



\$321,500

**GLOBAL
INJUSTICE**



\$367,000

**NEXT
GENERATION**



\$271,500

HUNGER & DISASTER RELIEF

Each day, an estimated 6,200 children die from causes related to undernutrition, a tragic reality that **Feed My Starving Children** is working to change. Through nutrient-rich MannaPack meals, they provide essential nourishment that supports the physical growth and development of children in need. By partnering with local food distributors and trusted, long-term ministry partners, Feed My Starving Children not only delivers immediate relief but also goes the extra mile to help communities move toward lasting sustainability and growth. In this way, they live out Jesus' call to care for the vulnerable by meeting the most basic needs of children around the world.

In 2023, Emmanuel began sponsoring a children's feeding center in Madagascar through **Convoy of Hope**. Over the past two years, the program has grown significantly and now feeds 7,000 children across 39 centers on the island, truly a sign of God at work! In May 2024, Convoy of Hope launched a Girls' Empowerment program in Madagascar, equipping girls and women with practical skills, community support, and the life-changing message of God's love. What started as a small initiative has expanded to over 130 participants across four communities, fostering spiritual curiosity, regular Scripture gatherings, and tangible hope through skills that enhance well-being and create economic opportunities.

“JESUS SAID TO THEM, “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER THIRST.” JOHN 6:35



In 2026, we are excited to partner with Convoy of Hope for **One Day to Feed the World**, a global compassion initiative that invites us to sacrifice one day's wage to help fight hunger and poverty worldwide. Participants contribute one day of their annual income as an act of equal sacrifice. These funds provide nutritious food, safe water, education, and hope to food-insecure and impoverished communities throughout Convoy's feeding and relief programs.

Let us continue praying for the spread of the Gospel, that it may touch more hearts through feeding children, through prayer, and through the protection and safety of all the children and those serving with Convoy of Hope partners. May God's peace and provision surround them as they bring hope to those in need.

RESTORATION & RECOVERY

In the United States, over 27.9 million people are affected by alcohol addiction, and over 80,000 lives are lost each year to opioid overdose. Additionally, 39% of adults struggle with depression and/or anxiety, revealing our world is in desperate need of freedom and healing. Thankfully, many ministries are offering practical programs that help individuals break free from these challenges and experience true transformation and hope.

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge is an amazing ministry dedicated to helping men, women, and teens break free from chemical addictions and other life-controlling issues by addressing their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Remarkably, 80% of their graduates report little to no relapse after completing the program, far surpassing the national average of 43% in other programs. We are grateful that many Teen Challenge graduates now call Emmanuel home, and we are honored to invest in the lasting impact this ministry has on so many lives.



***“NOW A SLAVE HAS NO
PERMANENT PLACE IN
THE FAMILY, BUT A SON
BELONGS TO IT FOREVER.
SO IF THE SON SETS YOU
FREE, YOU WILL BE
FREE INDEED.”
JOHN 8:35-36***

Each year, nearly 1.9 million people in the U.S. are impacted by incarceration, many without access to spiritual care or Christian resources. Cycles of abuse, addiction, and incarceration often keep people from encountering Jesus.

Through our Kingdom Builder partners, The **Pando App** and **Fight to Forgive**, those cycles are being broken. Pando provides inmates with sermons, worship music, devotionals, and a digital Bible. Pando now is bringing our weekly services to every Minnesota state prison. Fight to Forgive ministers to those on death row, helping inmates experience forgiveness and new life in Christ. Even in the darkest places, real transformation is happening.



RESCUING THE EXPLOITED

An estimated 50 million people worldwide are currently trapped in human trafficking, including forced labor, forced marriage, and sexual exploitation. Kingdom Builders partners with several ministries who are dedicated to offering holistic healing to individuals who have been exploited. These ministries address the needs of the whole person, providing education, skills training, and the transformative hope of Jesus, centering on bringing freedom and justice to those in need.

Venture is committed to the belief that every person is made to live in freedom, both physically and spiritually. Operating in some of the world's most underserved and least reached areas, they collaborate with local leaders to confront some of the most pressing injustices. Venture rescues women and children from trafficking and violence, feeds the hungry, funds education programs for future leaders, and empowers marginalized women to live free from exploitation.





Project Rescue envisions a world free from sexual slavery, where women and children can experience true freedom as fully empowered sons and daughters of God. Their work spans the full spectrum of impact, educating communities to prevent exploitation, strengthening at-risk families, conducting rescue missions, and providing comprehensive care for survivors. Project Rescue operates across Asia, Europe, and Africa, partnering with local communities to rescue and restore women and children through God's love and power.

Human trafficking is not just a global issue; it is a pressing crisis here at home. **FREE International** is deeply committed to ending this epidemic within our borders. Our partners work alongside local law enforcement through Big Search events in cities around the United States as they actively search for missing children and adults. By providing Christ-centered care that restores, they are making a tangible difference in the lives of exploited survivors.





GOING

Our mission is to go everywhere, reaching communities both locally and globally. We desire everyone who calls Emmanuel home to take the next step in their faith by joining a Kingdom Builders Team. These teams offer opportunities to serve alongside our global partners, engaging in evangelism, outreach, and ministry across diverse cultural contexts. Whether serving nearby or overseas, these trips are powerful, life-changing experiences that impact the communities we serve and leave an eternal mark on the hearts of participants.



“AND THEN HE TOLD THEM, “GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO EVERYONE.” MARK 16:15

Kingdom Builders supports over 100 missionary partners worldwide, including families from our own church who have answered God's call to global ministry. One such family is the Giffords—Matt, Rachel, and their children—whose journey has been shaped by God's faithfulness, long-term preparation, and a shared passion to serve together. Drawing on Matt's 17 years in teaching and mentorship and Rachel's heart for bilingual education and discipleship, they are moving to Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, to work at Doulos Discovery School. This Christ-centered, bilingual school focused on servant leadership and Christian community. We are excited to walk alongside this family through prayer, encouragement, and generosity as they follow God is leading and invest wholeheartedly in this life-changing mission.



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KINGDOM BUILDERS LEGACY PROJECTS

Legacy Projects are about trusting God with big dreams, dreams that will leave a lasting impact on thousands in our community and around the world for generations. When we come together in bold faith and Kingdom living, we can create a legacy that endures. Here are just a few of the God-sized dreams He has placed on our hearts for the future—ambitious, multi-million-dollar goals that reflect His vision. If God is stirring in your heart to be part of resourcing one of these legacy projects, please email kingdombuilders@emmanuelcc.org.

Emmanuel Dream Center

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, creating a safe and welcoming place where those who are hurting can find hope and healing. We aim to provide opportunities for individuals to rebuild and transform their lives. Through the Dream Center, we will offer essential resources, education, support, and a powerful sense of community—delivered through a variety of programs designed to inspire, uplift, and empower.

A Gym and Community Outreach Center

We strive to be a welcoming space where families in our community can connect, participate in activities such as fitness, recreation, and after-school programs, and access resources that meet the needs of those around them.

Our Dream of Being Debt Free

We are committed to being faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Our goal is to reduce our debt quickly, while building greater financial stability. We dream of becoming completely debt-free, freeing us to invest even more in ministry, missions, and the next generation as we advance God's Kingdom.

PROJECT LIST

GLOBAL

Arab World Outreach

Planting churches in sensitive countries in the Middle East including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Algeria, and Yemen.

Argentina Orphanage and Church Plant

Resourcing and equipping construction projects for the Sunrise Orphanage and helping their new church.

Bethany International Engage Exponential

Training and resourcing leaders to plant churches in Unreached People Groups all over the world.

Builders International

Investing in building schools and churches around the world in areas where people need hope.

Change the Map

A prayer, advocacy, and church planting movement to reach approximately 520 million Buddhist people around the world with the love of Christ.

China Outreach Project

This Project supports bringing Gospel access to the unengaged people groups in the foothills of the Himalaya's.

Church Planting in France

Working with our partners, Kevin and Noel Miller, who are church planting in France and serving displaced refugees on the border.

Convoy of Hope

Providing disaster relief and support around the world.

El Salvador King's Castle

A children's ministry focused on reaching the next generation with the message of hope in Jesus through outreach and the arts.

Feed My Starving Children

An organization working to end world hunger and provide meals for children in the hardest-to-reach places.

Fire Bible

A comprehensive study Bible, translated into hundreds of languages, created to help pastors and leaders preach, teach, and reach the lost.

Focus 7,000

This is a project that specifically targets ministries among the nearly 7,000 people groups that have no access to the name of Jesus, no church in their community, and no Bible in their language.

Go Ethne (Awakening Ministries International)

Partnering with Evangelist Will Jones as his ministry trains pastors and carries out ministry crusades in Sierra Leone, Africa and around the world to see thousands come to know Jesus.

PROJECT LIST

Haiti Empowered

Works to transform Haitian communities by equipping children with education and nutrition, while building trusting relationships that point families to hope.

India Outreach

Supporting partners and initiatives that introduce India's unreached people to Jesus.

Indonesia Next Gen Pastors Training

Partnering with missionary Jamie Kemp in raising up and developing the next generation of pastors and church planters in Indonesia.

Kingdom Builders Global & US Missionary Partnerships

Sending 100+ missionaries monthly support as they continue to share the Gospel and plant churches so that all may know Jesus.

Kingdom Builders Teams Projects

Funding projects that our Kingdom Builders Teams seek to accomplish when serving with our partners.

Kingdom Builders Teams Leader Scholarships

Providing scholarships to trip leaders as they lead a Kingdom Builders Team from Emmanuel.

Laos Life Center Children's School

A school in Laos that provides children with education, resources, and the hope of Jesus.

Mexico City Church Plants

An initiative led by our partners, Peter and Delia Breit, to raise up pastors and church planters in Mexico.

One Hope, East Africa University

A University strategically focused on training the next generation of Spirit-empowered Christian leaders to truly impact the continent.

One Hope Project

Partnering with local churches to reach children and youth worldwide with the Gospel by sharing resources to help them encounter Jesus and grow in faith.

Priority One Bible School

Educating and equipping pastors of the global church through Bible colleges, schools, and leadership development organizations.

Project Rescue

Rescuing and restoring victims of human trafficking all over the world through the love and power of God.

Shine Ministries

Supporting a ministry that is uniting the local church for missions and equipping believers in the work of ministry.

Thailand Training Center

Training new missionaries as they learn about Thailand, study missions, and do ministry.

PROJECT LIST

The Great Himalayan Project

Creating access for the Gospel to flourish among the Unreached People in the Himalayan Region of Nepal.

Venture

Planting churches, feeding the hungry, and rescuing the exploited in Southeast Asia.

Vietnam Outreach & Planting

Partnering with the Vietnam National church leaders and church planters to start new church's and Outreach ministries.

LOCAL

Ability Tree International

An organization that comes alongside families impacted by disability and helps equip businesses, churches, and community programs to best welcome and serve those with disabilities.

Community Outreach

Local outreach projects specific to the communities surrounding each of our locations.

Community Partnerships

Supporting our community partners to help meet needs around the Twin Cities.

Crystal's Women's Center

A Christ-based pregnancy resource medical clinic providing free, confidential advice and services when faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

Door of Hope Ministries

Equips people to live free from abuse and trauma through safe housing, educational conferences, support groups, trauma recovery counseling, and prayer ministry.

Dream Center DSM

This center provides support and care to people in need through a food pantry, recovery groups, pregnancy support, and family services, all aimed at helping individuals and families thrive & know hope.

Elk River Community Ministry Partners

Partnering together with ministries and nonprofits to share God's love with those in our Emmanuel Elk River community.

Emmanuel Family of Churches

Helping resource churches by providing care and the support of Emmanuel.

Fight to Forgive

An organization working to bring hope & life to those on death row.

Free International

Fighting human trafficking in the US through finding, rescuing, embracing, and empowering women, children, and runaways to find true healing through Christ.

ICCM Life Center Minneapolis

Urban ministry center in Minneapolis committed to transforming impoverished people through the power of Christ.

PROJECT LIST

Lakeville Community Ministry Partners

Partnering together with ministries and nonprofits to share God's love with those in our Emmanuel Lakeville community.

Maple Grove Community Ministry Partners

Partnering together with ministries and nonprofits to share God's love with those in our Emmanuel Maple Grove community.

MN Adult and Teen Challenge

A Christ-centered organization focused on helping people gain freedom from addictions.

Pando Prison Outreach

Over 400,000 tablets host sermons, worship songs, and content that has impacted countless incarcerated individuals with the Gospel. Emmanuel's sermons have ministered and given hope to thousands of prisoners.

Planting New US Churches

Partnering with Church Multiplication Network to equip and fund leaders to plant healthy, Spirit-filled churches across the United States.

Rural Compassion

A national initiative dedicated to encouraging, strengthening, and empowering small and rural churches to work outside their four walls to address the needs of their surrounding communities.

Samaritan's Fund

Providing care and meeting basic needs for those within our church community who urgently need financial help.

Union Gospel Mission

Working to end homelessness in our cities and reaching the poor with the love and power of the Gospel.

Web/ TV/ Radio Outreach

FUTURE

Emmanuel Kids Initiative: Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge

Teaching missions awareness and stewardship in Emmanuel kids by inspiring them to give sacrificially.

Emmanuel Leadership College

ELC raises up future leaders, provides practical ministry opportunities within the church, and offers a fully accredited college degree program through SEU.

Emmanuel Youth Initiative: Speed the Light

This initiative is to raise money for missionary projects and organizations in 180 countries around the world, including essential resources, transportation, and creative communication equipment.

PROJECT LIST



Next Gen Camp Scholarship

Scholarships for youth who would not otherwise be able to experience the life-changing moments at the altars of our Emmanuel youth summer and winter camps.

North Central University

A university in Minneapolis focused on equipping and sending leaders into the world to make an impact for the Kingdom of God by sharing the love of Jesus through ministry, business, education, or wherever the Lord leads them.

Senders Fund

A strategic pipeline established to help resource the next generation of missionaries as they say "yes" to the call to serve around the world.

Strategic Partner Projects

Making space and planning to follow the Spirit's voice throughout the year as new projects or needs arise in our community and around the world.

Kingdom Builders Promotion and Advancement

**2026
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BUILDERS**
Goal

\$1,850,000

PRAY. GIVE. GO.

- Join the Kingdom Builders Prayer Team.
- Set up recurring and one-time gifts.
- Be part of one of our Kingdom Builders teams.
- Get involved with Kingdom Builders by visiting us at kingdombuilders.emmanuelcc.org





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