

REACH

JOINING GOD WHERE HE IS AT WORK

'TIL THERE IS
NO PLACE LEFT



FBCMISSIONS



YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
**TO THE
ENDS OF
THE EARTH**

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NO PLACE LEFT TO WORK

Have you ever considered how many people in Kendall County need Jesus? In my reading, the total number of residents is about 47,000, and about half of them claim to be religious. What is it going to take for us to see every family given the opportunity to find Jesus? It took the Apostle Paul roughly 15 years to saturate a region from Jerusalem to Illyricum (roughly 2500 miles) and a population base of around 30 million people. He was able to leave multiplying churches in every major population base throughout a huge region. I am praying that God will give us the passion and the ability to say that there is NO PLACE LEFT in our city and county for us to work! For His glory and Kingdom until there is NO PLACE LEFT!



Chad Mason
Missions & Evangelism Pastor



...by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written:

"Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

But now that there is no place left for me to work in these regions...

ROMANS 15:19-21A



GOING TO ALL THE NATIONS

I am not sure that there is any better way to put your faith into practice! Jesus clearly commands his followers to “Go and make disciples of all nations. What better way to obey Jesus than by stepping out in faith to share His love and hope to a lost world. There are many ways we show God’s love. On our trips we do manual labor to build, create, or repair some tangible need. We share the love of God with local believers through prayer, study, and

encouraging one another. We share the hope of the gospel with the lost through personal testimony, preaching and teaching, fun activities that share gospel tools, and other outreach efforts. We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus in each interaction we have. Sharing life with any team for a period of 7-12 days stretches us and helps us to see Jesus in each other! Why do we go on missions? It is because we are followers of Jesus, and He said, “GO.”

UGANDA

JUNE 3 – 17

This year’s mission trip team to Uganda will work with several ministries to share the love of Christ with people in rural and urban areas.

For three days, the team will partner with Tree Life Fellowship in Iganga, Uganda helping with prison ministry, repairing the water system at the blind village, and providing training for pastors, Sunday school teachers, and women’s ministry leaders.

In Kampala, the team will spend three days with Christway Church providing marriage ministry, pastor training, growth group training, and outreach to neighborhoods and local universities.



Finally, the team will spend four days with Celebrate Hope Ministry, a Christian-driven NGO that aims to transform the lives of destitute children and coffee farmer households by investing in the whole family. The team will provide pastor training, children’s ministry, teacher education, and Sunday school teacher training.

Throughout the trip, the team will have opportunities to connect with local people, share our faith, and see firsthand the impact these ministries are having in Uganda.

TEAM SIZE: 5



REACHING THE NATIONS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

While living in San Antonio, Mandy Dillinger and her family served in ministries such as Haven for Hope and Taking It to the Streets. It was important to her to serve those in need and there was no shortage of opportunities. Mandy remembers hearing about refugees fleeing Afghanistan when the Taliban came into power. Entire families were uprooted from their homes as the danger increased. She often wondered while serving these other ministries what happened with those Afghan families; where did they end up?

When the Dillingers moved to Boerne, Mandy noticed her family being more insulated – not having quite the same opportunities to serve the underprivileged. While in a Bible

study with a couple of other women, Mandy began to pray about where her family should serve. Shortly after asking God for guidance, a friend mentioned work being done with Afghan refugees right here in San Antonio. Mandy's heart was pricked, remembering her burden for them. Mandy then connected with another friend, who is a doctor, who also mentioned serving families in an Afghan refugee community. It was confirmation that God was leading her into uncharted waters.

Mandy knew better than to jump in without any training, so she and another friend met with women who had been serving these families. They learned about the culture, how to connect, and a bit about the Muslim faith. She began to understand what these families had been through and how she might be able to meet some basic needs.

One family that Mandy met needed help with simple tasks such as setting up medical appointments, reading mail, and enrolling their children in school. The father was a successful



business professional in Afghanistan, but the family was now in a two-bedroom apartment, homesick, and in need of friendship. Mandy helped their eldest daughter enroll in school, which was a significant challenge due to her age and depression.

Mandy has developed friendships with two families she sees at least a couple of times a month. These families are kind, extremely hospitable and so grateful for Mandy's help. Google translate is a dear friend to each of them.

God's hand has been all over this relationship. Mandy has a love for these families that she simply can't explain. God's call was simple but not easy. Mandy has been obedient and would love to share her experience with anyone interested.

Local Missions Opportunity

Meet Afghan families at *Barbecues Without Borders* on **June 3, from 3 – 6:30 PM** at Raymond Rimkis Park in Leon Valley. Contact Chad Mason, Missions & Evangelism Pastor, at cmason@fbcboerne.org for more info.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

JUNE 9 -19

Our mission trip to the Dominican Republic with STCH Ministries and Iglesia Bautista Quisqueyana (IBQ Church) will focus on serving and sharing Christ's love with children and families in the community. We will engage in a range of activities including crafts and games at an orphanage, construction projects, and VBS. Our hope is to not only impact the children's lives but also to strengthen families through the Gospel.

We ask for prayer that STCH and IBQ Church will be effective in demonstrating Christ's love to the children and their families in the community. We pray for receptive hearts among the people we serve, that they may come to know the love of Christ and experience His transformative power.

Additionally, we seek opportunities to share the Gospel and provide resources for strengthening marriages and families through Christ. Lastly, we ask for prayers for the children who are still waiting for a sponsor through Samuel's Fund, that they may find loving support and care.



TEAM SIZE: 7

YUCATAN

JUNE 12 -19



prayer services, ladies' ministry, and a youth event night with the downtown church. The team will have the opportunity to renew relationships with the people in the community that First Baptist has nurtured for 19 years.

The team will finish off their trip with a bilingual worship service alongside the downtown church. It's an incredible feeling to see how God has brought the people of FBC Boerne and the mission churches in Cancun together as one big family.

This trip is an opportunity for individuals to immerse themselves in a new culture, make a difference in the community, and forge lifelong relationships with like-minded people. It's an experience that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on both the team and the community they serve.

The 2023 Yucatan Mission Trip is just around the corner, and this year's team is more diverse and enthusiastic than ever before. The team consists of 35 people ranging from 13 to 70 years old. For some, this is their first time, while others have been going for 19 years.

The projects for the trip include construction, community outreach,

TEAM SIZE: 35

FAITH, UNCERTAINTY, & TRUSTING GOD



In January 2020, an FBC family of five embarked on a new chapter in their lives as they moved to Kenya to become missionaries. Despite the newness of their surroundings, this move was a long time in the making. For “K,” her passion for missions started at the age of twelve when she visited her aunt and uncle in Ethiopia. After completing her teaching degree, she worked at an international Christian school in Budapest and became involved with

an organization called ENTRUST, which provides training in relational ministry to missionaries and group leaders. Meanwhile, her husband, “J,” became intentional about discipling new and young believers through a life group he started at their church.

After two years of prayer and preparation, the family moved to Kenya with Africa Inland Missions. There, they trained new believers

and leaders, built relationships, and poured into the local people and church. The local church was thriving at the end of their commitment, with eight small mission churches planted in surrounding communities. While on home assignment, they began praying and searching for their next assignment and believe that God is leading them to Northern Africa (where 99% of the population is Muslim, and there is a need for Christian discipleship).

However, there are no open Christian churches and no public Christian teaching allowed in Northern Africa. So, “J” must find work in a local business, hopefully using his engineering background and skills. They will attend a formal language school to learn a dialect of Arabic and will begin intensive Muslim ministry training. All of their discipling and sharing will be done in homes, through relationships they build.

Being an international missionary has been a long-time dream for “K,” but she admits that they have had to sacrifice to follow God’s path. They

have given up time with their own families, their independence, and often relied on others to provide transportation or provisions. Taking young children into the mission field presents many challenges as well. Despite these challenges, the family maintains that being in the will of God, doing their part in the great commission, far outweighs any sacrifices they have made.

“K” and “J” believe that all believers are called to be missionaries, whether they travel and live in foreign countries or evangelize right at home. There are many opportunities to spread the gospel through relational ministry, and they encourage believers to be the hands and feet of Christ in their own communities.

Names have been abbreviated for security purposes.

MOLDOVA

JUNE 8 -17

The Moldova Mission Trip is making significant impact in the lives of many people through its partnership with Kishinev Bible Church (KBC). With a focus on outreach programs and projects, the mission trip will provide humanitarian aid, sports events, after-school programs, and summer camps to people in the region. Kishinev Bible Church has established Moldova Bible Seminary, which equips and trains locals to serve Christ in church plants across Eastern European countries and Central Asia.

The summer mission project, in particular, works with KBC staff and members to reach out to youth in Chisinau through sports camps and youth camps. The outreach also includes VBS and food delivery to elderly shut-ins. Since the start of the Ukrainian war, outreach and food distribution has extended to refugees seeking asylum in peaceful

countries and crossing into or through Moldova.

This trip and the partnership between First Baptist Boerne and KBC demonstrates the power of collaborative efforts in serving communities in need and sharing the love of Christ.



TEAM SIZE: 4

PERU

SEPTEMBER 26 -OCTOBER 9

Gospel through its pastoral team and six community churches.

Despite the current political unrest, FBC is committed to supporting CDA through prayer and other means. In early to mid-October, a mission team may have the opportunity to visit CDA, but final decisions have yet to be made. As such, the congregation is praying for Jamie Gonzalez, CDA Director, his family, the staff, and children. The church also requests prayers for wisdom and discernment regarding the potential mission trip.

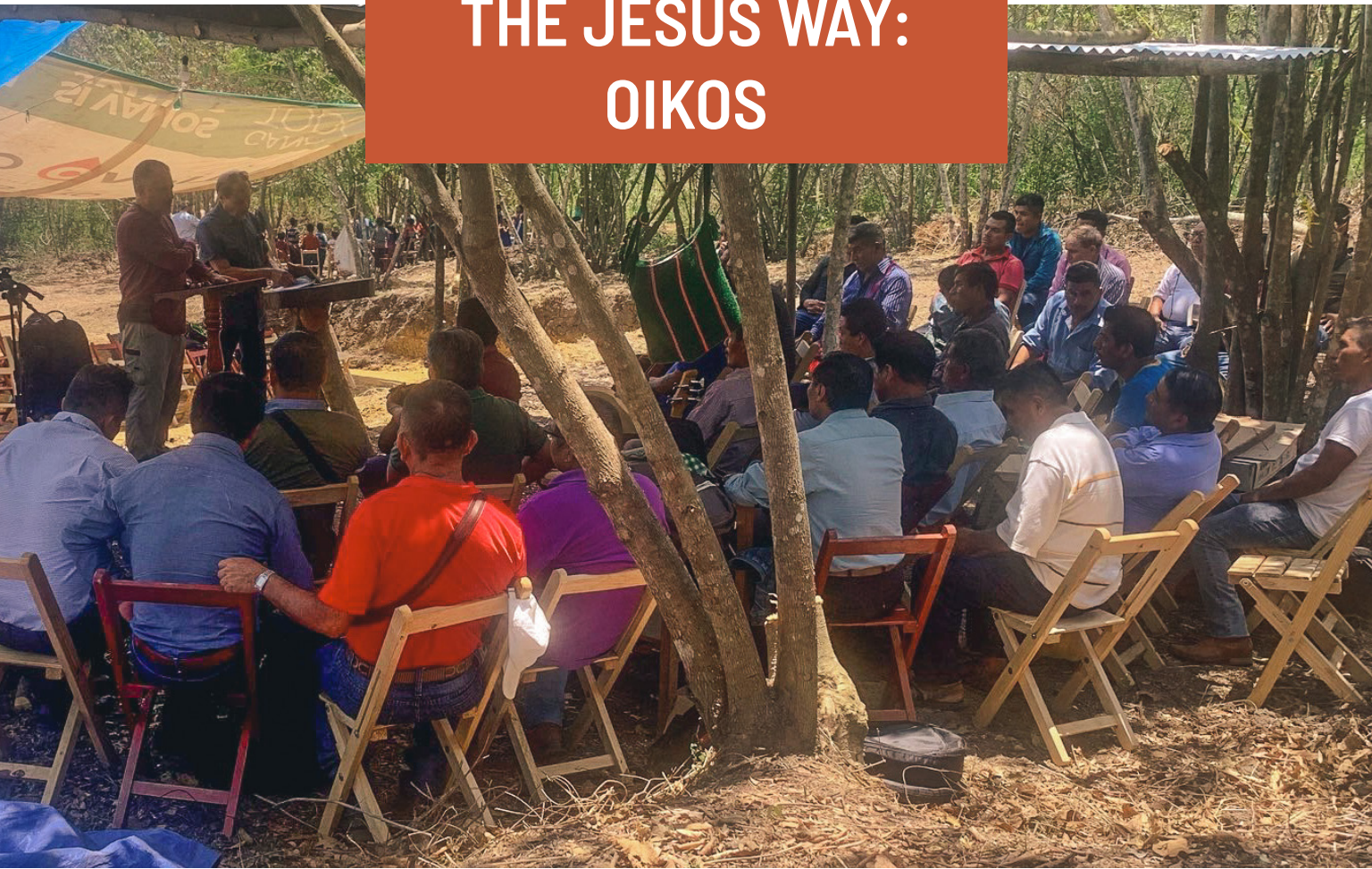
FBC's partnership with CDA represents a commitment to loving and serving others as Christ did, and their prayerful support continues to impact the lives of many in Peru.

This year's Peru mission trip is partnering with Casa del Aguila (CDA). Founded by a deacon from FBC Boerne, CDA serves the rural Andean children and communities near Limatambo, Peru by providing a home for over 40 orphans, education for 200 community children, medical and dental care, agricultural jobs, and spreads the



TEAM SIZE: 6

THE JESUS WAY: OIKOS



The impact that Jesus Christ had and continues to have on the world is nothing short of miraculous. Jesus' ministry activities were witnessed over a period of three years, within a very narrow geographical area, and with a relatively small unorganized group of followers. His followers were made up of regular working-class people, and no soldiers, royal family, political advisors, or Super-PACs were part of his movement. However, despite these humble

beginnings, Jesus and His followers have had an unparalleled impact on the world.

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands His disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that He had commanded. Jesus' strategy for making disciples was not to build structures and institutions but to empower His

followers to make disciples who can make disciples. Jesus' oikos strategy involves finding people who would welcome Him into their homes, hear His command, respond with obedience, and immediately introduce their relational network to Him.

Mark chapter one shows how Jesus implemented His oikos strategy by calling His first disciples. Jesus saw two brothers, Andrew and Simon, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and called them to follow Him, promising to make them fishers of men. Later, He saw James and John, who were mending nets with their father, and called them with the same words. Both sets of brothers immediately left their work and followed Jesus. According to Mark, they went from the shore to the local synagogue in Capernaum, the town where they lived with their families.

Jesus' first disciple, Simon, became His first person of peace. Simon welcomed Jesus as the messenger, welcomed His message, and

welcomed His mission. Simon immediately left his nets and began introducing his own community and family to Jesus. The challenge for Christians today is to be persons of peace like Simon, who welcome the messenger, welcome the message, and welcome the mission.

In conclusion, Jesus' impact on the world is unique and miraculous because of His oikos strategy. Jesus' followers were regular working-class people who were empowered by Jesus to make disciples who can make disciples. Christians today should follow Jesus' oikos strategy and be persons of peace who welcome the messenger, welcome the message, and welcome the mission. Are you a person of peace?

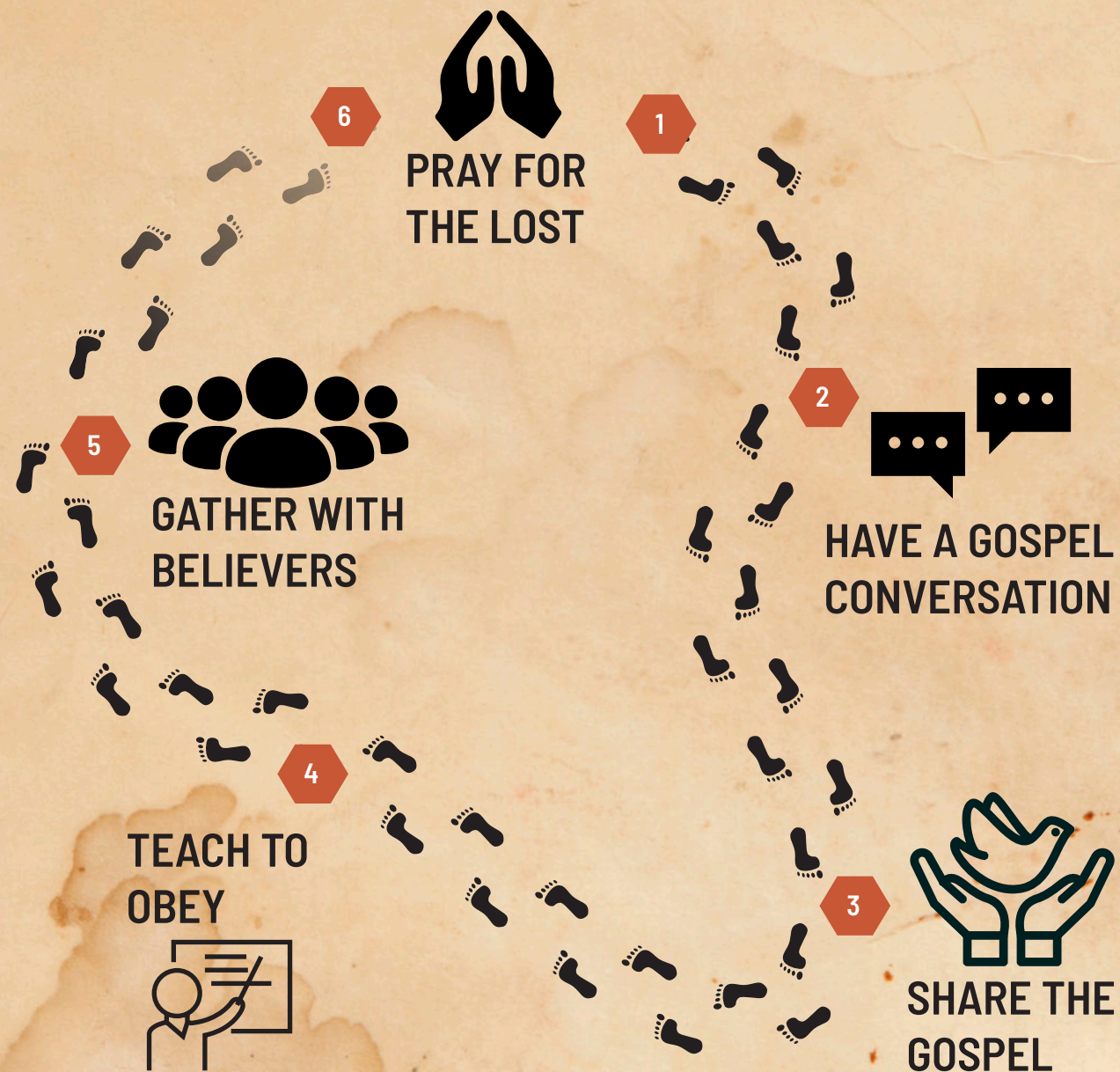
oikos oy'-kos

Noun.

A basic societal unit in Ancient Greece; a household or extended family network.

SIMPLE PATH TO MULTIPLICATION

The Bible lays out a clear path for what it means for us to make disciples of all nations. When the whole church embraces a simple form of gospel multiplication, the Kingdom of God grows exponentially! These steps represent a simple cycle that all believers can master. Will you start praying for the lost?



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