



2020

ANNUAL UPDATE

**THE STORY IS BIGGER
THAN WE ARE**



God is doing something *far greater*
than any of us among the least-reached,
and He's *inviting us* to be a part of it.

U.S. Director
From the **U.S. Director**

The story is bigger than we are. We are not the author, nor are we as an organization a main character. But, as part of the Body of Christ, we recognize that God is at work among the least-reached—and He invites all of us to participate.

Throughout 2020 the Lord demonstrated to us at the Christar Mobilization Center U.S. (CMCUS) that it is His sovereign hand and not our feeble fingers that provides access for the gospel to enter and engage communities that are still without His good news. As we walked through the unprecedented, we clearly saw that He is not limited by the challenges that hamstring us, and He continued to call us to be faithful as He opened unexpected doors for ministry.

This call extends to every member of Christ's Body, and as we reflect back and look ahead, I invite you to see your role in the bigger story of salvation. Every follower of Jesus is called to participate in this grand arc of redemption. As we do, we rejoice that while we may not know every plot twist, we are certain of the end: that believers from every nation will worship around the throne of our all-knowing, all-powerful and gracious God.



R. Stephen Coffey

Dr. R. Stephen Coffey
Director, Christar U.S.



Transformation Cycle of Transformation

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CYCLE



The Cycle of Christ-Honoring Transformation in Communities is centered around the Body of Christ. It's set into motion when God calls some of His people to take the gospel to those without access to the good news. These believers form teams that serve in least-reached communities, modeling the Church as they use their gifts and skills to meet needs while proclaiming the message of Christ.

Through these teams, God draws people to faith in Jesus and then gathers them into churches that worship in their own language and culture. As these believers mature, they develop a biblical worldview that prompts them to reach out to others, beginning the cycle afresh.

LEAST-REACHED:

those *without access* to a church that proclaims the gospel in their language and worships in a way that's *relevant in their culture*



Opportunities in Isolation

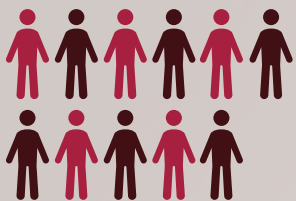
“We sense opportunities to give hope in the midst of fear as we try to share that our Heavenly Father is truly in control of all that goes on in this world He created.”

In the early weeks of the pandemic, many of our workers asked their support teams to join them in prayers for open doors to minister in spite of and even because of this global challenge. Since then, God has continually provided opportunities. From food distribution to virtual discipleship to thriving online Bible studies, we praise the Lord that ministry among the least-reached was never placed on pause.

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550+
**WORKERS
WORLDWIDE**



In the face of unforeseen challenges and restrictions, God has provided *new opportunities* to minister and has blessed faithfulness with fruit.

Christ's Love **Christ's Love** Through Timely Aid

Many families were already struggling when COVID-19 arrived in the Philippines, and the added challenges of the pandemic led to food insecurity for the majority of the population in numerous communities where Christar workers are serving. But, in the face of this need, these workers saw an opportunity.

By distributing much-needed food to families in their communities, these workers hope to deepen relationships as they demonstrate Christ's love not only in words, but through timely help that reflects His grace. They pray that those who receive this aid will develop a deeper spiritual hunger that can be satisfied through new Bible studies in these communities.

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The vision of Christar is to cultivate

Christ-honoring transformation

in communities where He is yet to be worshiped.

Our teams seek to bring *tangible blessing*

while establishing *reproducing churches.*

Sovereign Plan A Sovereign Plan in Place for Effective Outreach

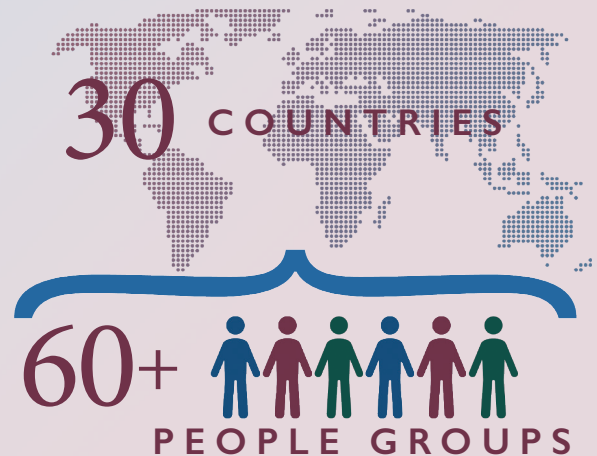
In 2019, over 800 visitors attended a church plant in the Middle East, and through its ministry more than 300 people placed their faith in Christ. As 2020 began, Christar workers turned their focus toward training a group of Persian believers to reach out to the many guests they expected to welcome throughout the year.

When COVID-19 hit, it quickly became clear that this team wouldn't be able to put its training into practice as planned. But God had prepared these believers for an unexpected online ministry He used to bring four people into His family in just one evening—and that was just the beginning.

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In 2020, Christar workers served
in *30 countries* among
more than 60 people groups,
seeking to plant churches
where none yet exist.



Reproducing **Reproducing** Ministry

At age 12, Mila* turned to strict Islam in hopes of gaining a relationship with God. But her quest left her empty until several years later when she met Christar workers who helped her see that Jesus wanted her to know Him.

In 2020, now a wife and mother living in the United States, Mila felt God nudge her to help people in her Central Asian homeland struggling to afford food in the wake of COVID-19.

She responded, partnering with the same workers who'd introduced her to Jesus to provide churches in her homeland with the resources they need to reach out to numerous needy families in their communities.

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We seek to train *local believers*
who can minister in their communities
and continue to *build the Church*
even if we must leave.

Partnerships

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ALLIANCE FOR THE UNREACHED

“The Alliance for the Unreached was founded to bring awareness to Christ-followers of gospel-destitute areas of the world that have no access to the gospel ... to catalyze a movement that unites churches, organizations and individuals around the cause of reaching every unreached people group and region on earth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

– Dr. Marvin J. Newell, member of the Christar Board of Trustees and Executive Director of the Alliance for the Unreached

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THE BLESS FOUNDATION

“Through the BLESS Foundation and direct gifts to Christar, the Lord provided \$150,000 to launch our mobilization and outreach initiative to train and send new teams to one of the world’s largest least-reached people groups: the Deaf!”

– Nancy, Director of Donor Engagement

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THE GO FUND

“I told God I couldn’t do cross-cultural work unless He did something about my student debt, and God used The Go Fund to call my bluff!”

– Terrence*, Christar appointee

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Christar is *blessed to partner* with many others
God is using to accomplish His purposes. These individuals,
churches and organizations are all *part of the bigger story*
He is writing in least-reached communities.

Body of Christ

The Body of Christ: Central to the Great Commission

The Church is central to the Great Commission and vital to the vision of Christar. Our workers are sent and supported by local fellowships; they serve on teams that reflect the diversity of the Body of Christ in their gifting and skills, and they seek to establish churches in communities where none yet exist.

The Body of Christ is vital to God's plan of redemption for the nations, and for this reason it is one of our core values as an organization. It is the engine that drives our vision, and at Christar we are blessed by more than a thousand local churches that participate with us in ministry among the least-reached.

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The most vital way
the Body of Christ stands behind
Christar workers is through
the ministry of prayer.

In 2020, at least



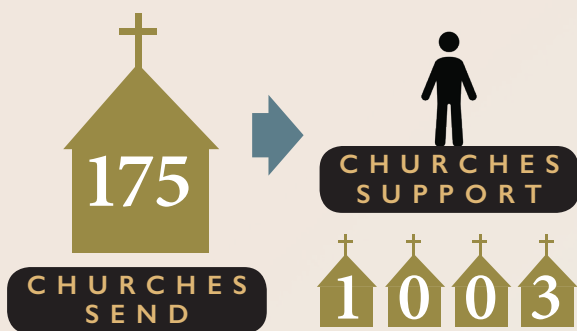
people served as daily prayer partners
for Christar workers, and
thousands of others regularly brought
workers' needs before the Lord.

Partnership Church Partnership

The local church's role in missions is multifaceted, involving the entire body not only through sending but through prayer, giving and practical assistance. This partnership benefits not only those serving across cultures, but also supporting fellowships as churches broaden their understanding of what the Lord is doing around the world and become more involved in the Great Commission.

Our Church Partnership Team helps local fellowships extend their ministry to least-reached communities around the globe. It's our joy to see churches embrace opportunities both to come alongside those they send and to be truly blessed by their role in bringing the gospel to those who haven't heard.

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Christar workers are
sent by 175 churches and
supported by 1,003 churches.



Opportunity Openness & Opportunity Among the Deaf

Among the hundreds of thousands of Persian Deaf there are only about a dozen followers of Christ. The vast majority have never been introduced to Jesus and will remain unreached unless workers are sent to share the gospel with them in their distinct language and culture.

Through the Deaf Initiative, Christar is mobilizing Deaf believers—those who can most effectively convey the hope of Jesus among the Deaf—so that these least-reached people don't have to wait any longer to learn of the good news. It's our prayer that this initiative will both catalyze and fuel a movement within the global Church to bring the good news to Deaf communities around the world.

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Approximately *70 million people*
worldwide use a sign language
as their primary language.

Just one in 50
has been introduced to the gospel.



The combined populations
of California and Texas equal
approximately 70 million people.



Training

BLAZE: Training for Short-Termers

“During BLAZE, my passion for missions grew exponentially, hearing all of the things that Christar does in this world by listening to past workers or workers that are on the field currently. It made me excited to go and share the gospel to the nations.”

– Short-term worker who has served in the U.S.

NPO: New Personnel Orientation

“NPO was very helpful because it answered my questions, helped me learn the people and heart of Christar, but most importantly pointed my heart back to God and His purposes for the world.”

– Christar worker preparing to serve in Albania

PDO: Pre-Departure Orientation

“I really appreciated the practical tips to prepare for the field as well as the helpful discussion on singleness.”

– Christar worker preparing to leave for South Asia

RENEW: Debriefing Retreat for Long-Term Workers

“RENEW was a valuable experience for me, as I had the opportunity to look back, look present and look forward, and I returned to the field in a healthier place. It was important to connect with workers from different fields and also be poured into by the home office staff.”

– Christar worker serving in Japan

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4 individuals completed BLAZE



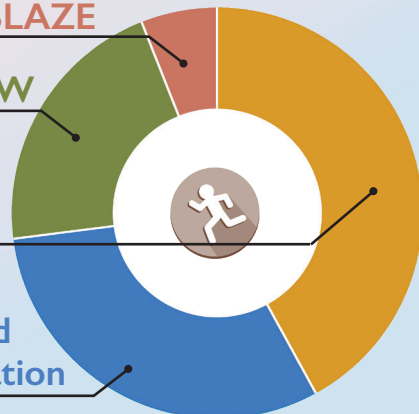
13 workers took part in RENEW



26 candidates participated in New Personnel Orientation



19 appointees attended Pre-Departure Orientation



When many plans for short-term trips were upended, Christar mobilizers saw an opportunity in the Global Project 2020, a program launched by Campus Ministry Today to deepen Christian college students' understanding of evangelism, disciple-making and missions mobilization.

As Christar mobilizers led a dozen students in two discipleship groups, they saw these young adults grow in their vision for what God could do in them and in the world—a part of the mobilization team's goal to involve the Church to finish the Great Commission. As lead mobilizer Andrew says, "Our role is reaching the world by inviting and challenging others to find their best role so that God would receive the glory from all nations!"

Redeeming Redeeming a Summer of Cancelled Plans

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In 2020
Christar rejoiced
to see **17 workers** reach the field.

THIS INCLUDED:



Short-term workers



Long-term workers



Emissary workers

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

DONATIONS:

Individuals	8,782,175
Church/Organization	6,429,468
TOTAL Donations	15,211,643

EXPENSES

Church Planting	9,259,938
Training & Education	1,355,437
Medical Work	278,461
Relief	180,599
Mass Media	105,460
TOTAL Program Expenses	11,179,895

New Website

As 2020 presented numerous challenges to the ways in which we serve and mobilize workers, God provided us with opportunities to make shifts in our operations that have allowed us to be better stewards of His resources.

In the spring we launched a new website and giving system that makes the donation process simpler and more secure. Through it, donors can access complete giving records, update information and print receipts online at any time. If you made donations before March 28, 2020, you already have an account but it needs to be activated.

ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE



New Address

As many of our staff began working from home in early 2020, the Lord confirmed to us that the office space we'd owned for the past decade exceeded our needs. In interest of wise stewardship, we sold our building and are now leasing space nearby. Our new address is **P.O. Box 851377, Richardson, Texas 75085-1377.**



In 2020, over **8,000** donors and more than **1,300** supporting churches and groups came alongside Christar workers



and projects, enabling them to cultivate

Christ-honoring transformation in least-reached communities.

Blessing Catalog

Blessing Catalog: Impact

Especially in communities where few people know Christ, God uses the generosity of His people from around the world to accomplish His purposes. The gifts of believers from across the globe often serve as catalysts that enable the good news to be proclaimed.

In 2020 we created the Blessing Catalog to make followers of Christ aware of needs within 12 Christar projects around the world and provide specific ways to make a contribution to these efforts. We're grateful for the opportunity to give individuals, families and small groups a better understanding of some of the ways God is at work in the world and how they can make a measurable difference in a least-reached community.

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Because the *Body of Christ* partners with Christar,
our workers and projects are able to cultivate

Christ-honoring transformation

through means such as:



BUSINESS



HEALTH CARE



EDUCATION



RELIEF



RESOURCES



Thank you!
Thank you!

We praise God for your partnership as together we seek to be part of the bigger story He's writing in least-reached communities!

Have you considered all the ways you could be involved?

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GIVE



Join the Circle of Prayer, a group dedicated to bringing the needs of the CMCUS before the Lord daily.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER



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