



Kingdom Builders



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WILLOW CHURCH

At Willow Church, we believe every person has a role to play in God's mission, both locally and globally.

WHO IS WILLOW CHURCH?

Willow Church exists to lead people to Jesus and help them grow in devotion to Him.

OUR VISION

We seek to reach the St. Croix Valley with the love of Jesus, inspiring and equipping disciples of Christ to influence our world.

WHAT IS KINGDOM BUILDERS?

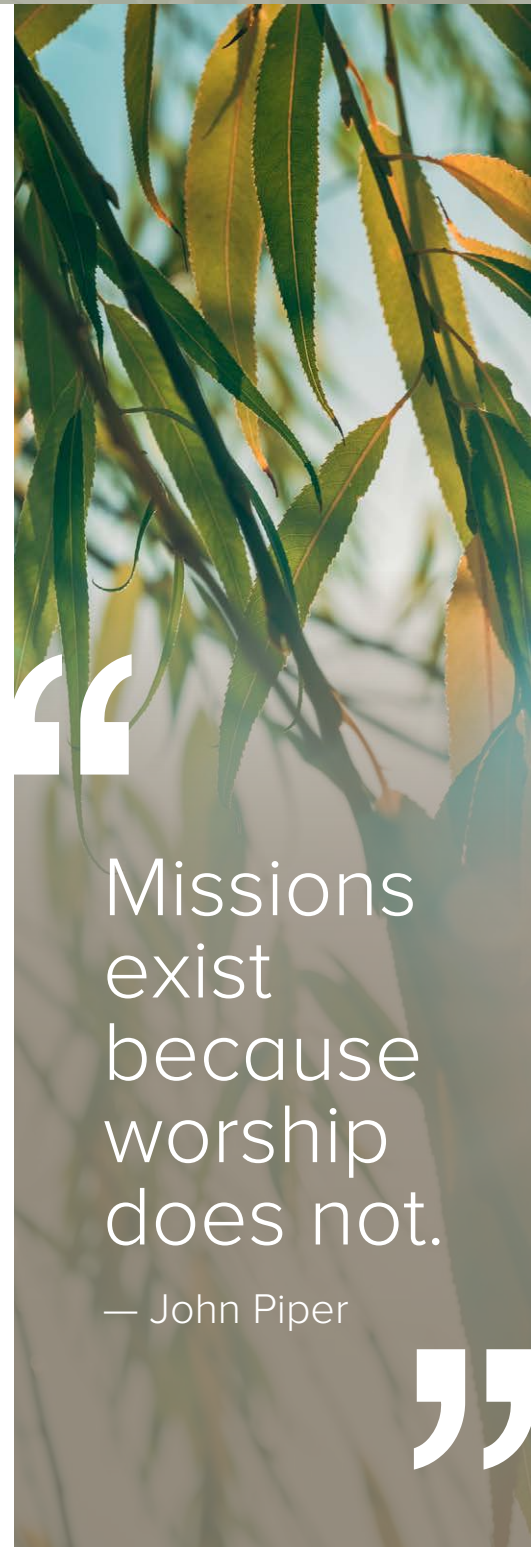
Kingdom Builders is a ministry extension of Willow Church that puts our faith into action. Through partnerships with local organizations and global missionaries, we serve people in the St. Croix Valley and beyond. We support those who have sacrificially committed their lives to sharing the message of Christ to the ends of the earth.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to learn more about Kingdom Builders or discover how you can be part of what God is doing through Willow Church, we would love to connect with you. Email us at admin@mywillowchurch.org.



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Missions
exist
because
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does not.

— John Piper



A Letter From PASTOR PAUL



My heart for Kingdom Builders is simple: the Gospel is too good to keep to ourselves.

Kingdom Builders is Willow Church's ongoing commitment to carry the message of the Gospel into the St. Croix Valley and through strategic global partners to the far corners of the earth. This is not a stewardship program, a line item in a budget, or a conversation we revisit once a year. It is a living response to an empty tomb, because hope is alive, and that hope must move beyond the walls of our church into homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and nations.

Nearly 42% of the world's population, billions of people, still have no meaningful access to the Gospel. That reality calls us to something greater than ourselves. We believe we are blessed to be a blessing. We give generously because we have received so much through Christ's sacrifice. The cross reminds us that God did not hold back His very best, and when that kind of grace touches your life, it changes the way you hold everything. Generosity is not rooted in guilt or pressure, it is a reflection of a heart transformed by God, flowing out of gratitude, worship, and the joy of joining Jesus in His mission.

Kingdom Builders is about participating in what God is already doing, here in our valley and around the world. Through our local outreach and our global strategic partners, every gift, every prayer, and every act of generosity becomes part of a bigger story: Jesus calling people out of darkness and into His kingdom, His family, and His love.

My prayer is that Willow Church would be known not just as a people who have received the hope of the Good News, but as a people who passionately and freely share it, until the St. Croix Valley and our world are forever marked by the love of Jesus.

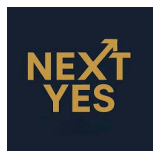
For the Kingdom,

Paul Diehn, Lead Pastor
Willow Church



A Family ON A MISSION

Ryan, Mandie, and their Kids – The Buesgens Family Mission in Taiwan



The Buesgens family serves as missionaries with a heart for global missions and a deep commitment to building a Christ-centered community. They are the hosts of the Next Yes Podcast. They are currently in a season of preparation and transition, faithfully responding to God's call as they prepare to relocate to Taipei, Taiwan. Their ministry is rooted in partnership, believing that the work God is built through prayer, generosity, and shared faith.

As they look back on the past year, this family reflects with gratitude on how God has guided them through a season filled with change, decision-making, and preparation. Step by step, many of the moving pieces for their upcoming ministry in Taipei are coming together.

Along the way, they have felt deeply supported by their community, through prayers, encouraging messages, and faithful financial partnership, which has brought clarity, strength, and reassurance during moments when they needed it most.

As they prepare for this next chapter, they are continually reminded that missions are never a solo calling, but a work God accomplishes through His people. Every prayer lifted over their children, every conversation about next steps, and every act of support is part of a larger story of obedience to the Great Commission.

Their hearts are full of gratitude as they head into this season, trusting God and thankful for the community walking with them.



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Life affirming **SUPPORT**

Woodbury Options for Women – New Life Family Services



Woodbury Options for Women is a Christ-centered, life-affirming organization that has served the East Twin Cities Metro for over 16 years with compassion and excellence. Their mission is to empower women, strengthen families, and uphold the value of every life through Gospel-centered care.

Through the faithful support of their congregation, Woodbury Options for Women provides free, life-affirming services to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies and challenging circumstances. These services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and abortion pill reversal, as well as parenting education programs such as 'Every Family' and 'The Good Father,' which equip both mothers and fathers for the journey of parenthood.

They also offer healing and restoration through the 'Conquerors' program for those seeking abortion recovery, and licensed adoption services that help provide hope and a future for children and families.

The impact of this ministry is seen through redemption stories in real time. One mother of three, who regretted taking the abortion pill, was connected to Woodbury Options for Women. An ultrasound later revealed she was carrying twins, matching a dream she had of having five children. She is now receiving ongoing support as she prepares to welcome her babies this February.

Beginning January 1, 2026, Woodbury Options for Women officially joined New Life Family Services as its sixth First Care location. This strategic partnership will expand their reach to serve even more abortion-vulnerable clients, including women traveling from nearby states. This transition will be led by Almeda Smith, current Executive Director of Woodbury Options, who will serve as Vice President of Operations for New Life Family Services.

Through your prayers and generosity, women and families encounter the love of Christ, receive life-affirming care, and find hope at one of the most critical moments of their lives.



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The impact of **BUILDING BRIDGES**

Jimmer Cherewan – A Faithful Witness, Step by Step

Our congregation's support is currently making a tangible difference through Jimmer Cherewan, a dedicated missionary who has been serving in Central Eurasia for the past six months. His journey to the mission field began three years ago when he first felt God's call while serving on a hospitality team; today, he is on the ground, learning the Russian language and preparing for a future move to Azerbaijan or wherever God leads him next.

Jimmer's work is a powerful testament to the impact of "Building Bridges" through simple presence and genuine care. Here is how your tithes and prayers are impacting lives through his ministry:

- **Relational Evangelism:** Jimmer focuses on building deep, personal friendships in everyday places, such as local bazaars. These casual encounters have led to significant opportunities, such as being invited into the homes of local Muslim families to share meals and life stories
- **Cultural Connection:** By participating in local traditions and sharing his own, like a Thanksgiving meal, Jimmer is able to bridge cultural divides. He uses these moments to discuss village life, the post-Soviet lifestyle, and religion, creating a natural space to share his identity as a follower of Christ
- **The Power of Presence:** In a region where Christ is largely absent from public celebrations, Jimmer's presence is his greatest tool. He has found that local families are often humbled and overjoyed that an American would "care enough to visit their home and spend time with them," an act of kindness that opens doors for the Gospel in God's timing
- **Strengthening the Global Church:** Jimmer also works with an "extended family" of fellow missionaries, ranging from veterans to newcomers, and recently attended a Winter Conference to worship and coordinate outreach efforts

Through your generosity, Jimmer is able to remain "patient and content" in his calling, providing a light in a part of the world that rarely hears the message of Jesus. He is deeply grateful for the way this congregation walks with him from afar, allowing him to be a faithful witness step by step.



Establishing the church among **ALL PEOPLES**

Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM)



Assemblies of God World Missions exists for one clear and compelling purpose: to ensure that every person on earth has the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus. In fact, missions was at the very heart of why the Assemblies of God was formed.

From the very beginning, they have been a movement with a global vision and a Great Commission calling. When you support AGWM, you become part of something far bigger, a global family of more than 88.9 million believers worldwide. Through the World Assemblies of God Relief Agency (WAGRA), humanitarian aid brings hope and help in times of crisis. Together, we are seeing lives transformed every single day.

Because of your faithful generosity:

- A new church is planted somewhere in the world every 62 minutes
- 2,569 global workers are serving in 157 countries and territories
- Nearly 3,000 Bible schools and seminaries are training local leaders to reach their own communities

Your giving is not abstract, it is active. It fuels church planting, discipleship, leadership training, and compassionate relief across the globe. Today, 42% of the world's population still lacks adequate access to the Gospel. More than 200 million people, representing over 2,000 unengaged groups, have no churches, no missionaries, and no known believers. In response, AGWM has launched its largest missions initiative in more than 70 years: a bold vision to increase its missionary force to 4,000 workers by 2033. The focus is clear, bringing the good news to the most spiritually unreached places on earth, from remote villages to the world's largest cities.

When you give to AGWM, you are doing more than supporting an organization. You are sending missionaries. You are sustaining families on the front lines. You are helping carry the name of Jesus to places where it has never been heard. Together, we are answering a generational call, ensuring that every son and daughter has the opportunity to encounter the hope of Christ. Your faithfulness is making an eternal impact.



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Promoting hope and independence for **YOUTH & FAMILIES**

Positive Alternatives of Wisconsin



Positive Alternatives is committed to promoting and providing positive outcomes in their communities. They strive to equip at-risk youth and young adults with the social, emotional, and developmental skills needed to flourish.

Positive Alternatives' Mission:

- Through a continuum of family and strength-based services, Positive Alternatives strives to equip at-risk youth and young adults with the social, emotional and developmental skills needed to flourish

Positive Alternatives' Vision:

- Acknowledging that youth, families, and the community share the responsibility for preparing children for a successful adulthood, Positive Alternatives strives to equip at-risk youth and young adults with the social, emotional and developmental skills needed to flourish
- Dedication to empowering those served to reach their greatest potential, creating an environment that fosters unity, pride and resiliency, and inspires community to embrace the strengths of youth
- Our goal is to provide services that involve the family, focus on the desired outcome and build on strengths for the purpose of allowing individuals the opportunity to enhance social, emotional and developmental skills

Positive Alternatives' Philosophy:

- Positive Alternatives operates from the belief that individuals and families pass through developmental stages. Each stage requires the individuals in a family to face new tasks and discover alternative adaptive techniques. Successful adaptation at any one stage depends greatly on the individual or family's ability to master the skills required in the previous stage



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The powerful impact of **MINISTRY**

The Ziolkowskis of River Falls, Wisconsin



Brian and Bethany serve as Chi Alpha Campus Missionaries at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, where they are passionate about helping students encounter Jesus and grow in authentic Christian community. Their ministry is deeply rooted in both faith and family as they raise their three young children, Amelia, Coen, and baby Milo Jon.

This season has been full of joy as they adjust to life as a family of five. Amelia is thriving in preschool, Coen brings boundless energy, and Milo is already a treasured blessing. They are deeply grateful for the prayers and partnership that support both their family and their calling.

Fall has been a season of strong momentum for UWRF Chi Alpha. Brian, Bethany, and the student leadership team have been actively present on campus, welcoming students during move-in day, connecting through WOW Week outreach events, and creating spaces where genuine friendships can grow. Weekly small groups are helping students engage Scripture honestly and live out their faith together.

Monday night Chi Alpha gatherings remain the heart of the ministry, and at the first service of the semester, three students made decisions to follow Christ, a powerful reminder of the impact this ministry continues to have.



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Building bridges of **HOPE**

Bridges of Hope



Bridges of Hope is a mission-driven organization founded in 2023 with a singular, powerful focus: to build bridges of hope within the foster care community and see lives and families restored.

They operate on the belief that everyone involved in the foster system, from children and youth aging out to foster parents, birth families, and social workers are in need of hope and a future.

By donating to Bridges of Hope, our congregation is supporting a multi-faceted approach to restorative care:

- **Support for Youth Aging Out:** The organization provides critical resources, connections, and mentoring for young people as they transition out of the foster care system
- **Family and Agency Support:** They offer direct support to the entire foster community, including foster parents, birth families, and agencies, helping to stabilize and restore family units
- **Tangible Resources:** Donations help facilitate programs such as Blessing Bags and the Care Portal, which provide practical aid to those in care
- **Collaborative Advocacy:** Bridges of Hope helps lead initiatives like the Together Conference, which unites churches and ministry leaders to share information, inspiration, and practical applications for foster care ministry

Their work is rooted in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11, believing that God has plans to prosper those in the foster system and give them a future filled with hope. As they advocate, “Everyone can do something... but TOGETHER we can do MORE!”

Your generosity allows families like theirs to say “yes” to wherever God is calling, trusting Him to lead, provide, and work through every season.



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Authentic faith and lasting **FRIENDSHIPS**

The Van Rooy's of River Falls, WI



Ethan and Kaylynne Van Rooy serve with Chi Alpha, a campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, where they are helping build a Christ-centered community among college students. Although Chi Alpha has only been on campus for a short time, God is already moving in powerful ways.

This fall, Welcome Week brought record attendance to both Large Group services and Small Group Bible studies. During their very first Large Group service of the semester, three students gave their lives to Christ, marking a joyful beginning to the year.

Through weekly Large Group gatherings, students experience faith and fellowship in welcoming, relational ways, whether through worship and teaching or community-building activities like games and events. Small Groups provide a more personal space where students engage with God's Word, often encountering Scripture for the very first time.

A key focus of Ethan and Kaylynne's ministry is cultivating a culture of welcome and inclusion. Many students arrive with some church background, while others are just beginning to explore faith. By encouraging students who already know Christ to intentionally include those who don't, Chi Alpha is becoming a place where authentic faith and lasting friendships can grow.

Ethan and Kaylynne also share how this ministry challenges them personally, to live Jesus-centered lives, to welcome others, and to model daily engagement with God's Word. As they build community in their new home, they are grateful for the support and prayers that make this ministry possible.

Your prayers and support are helping students encounter Jesus, build lasting community, and grow in faith during a pivotal season of life.



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Dedicating a life to **KNOWING GOD**

Emma Doris Costabilo of Lakeside, Montana

Emma is a missionary with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Montana in Lakeside. She has dedicated her life to knowing God and making Him known by training, sending, and supporting missionaries both in the U.S. and around the world. Emma serves on staff with YWAM, helping lead Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) that equip believers to grow in their faith and share the gospel cross-culturally. In the past year, she has:

- Staffed three DTS schools
- Preached the gospel in Thailand twice
- Mentored and prayed with students preparing to serve in four different nations
- Helped train and send missionaries into both short-term and long-term missions
- Continues to invest in outreach and gospel opportunities in the Flathead Valley
- Is stepping into staffing the Winter DTS, continuing this cycle of training and sending

Through your faithful tithes and support:

- Missionaries like Emma are trained and sustained in full-time ministry
- Future missionaries are equipped, discipled, and sent across the globe
- The gospel is being shared locally, nationally, and internationally
- Churches and communities worldwide are being strengthened through well-trained, Spirit-led servants

Your generosity helps multiply the impact of the gospel, reaching far beyond our church walls and into nations around the world.



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God is always **OPENING DOORS**

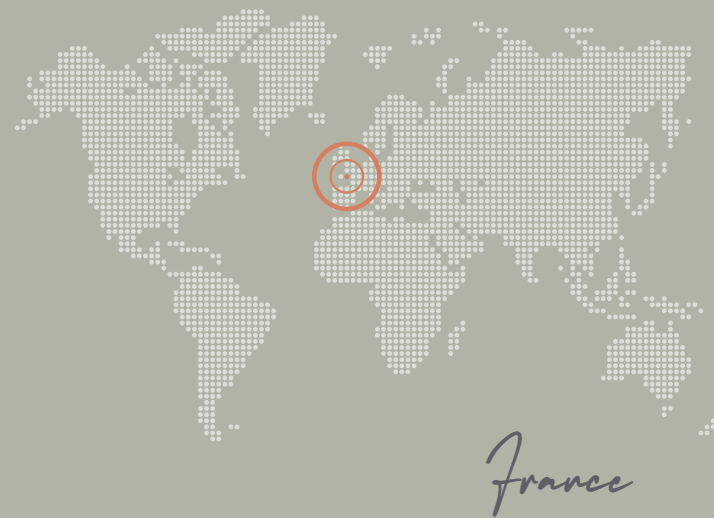
Sadie Stoffer in Indonesia

God is opening exciting doors in Indonesia, and Sadie Stoffer is stepping into a new season of ministry in Malang, a vibrant university city filled with college students who have little to no access to the Gospel.

Sadie will be partnering with a new campus ministry dedicated to reaching and discipling university students. This calling has been prayerfully confirmed over the past several months as the Lord has deepened Sadie's love for students and prepared her heart for this work. Through relationship-building, discipleship, and Gospel-centered outreach, students will have the opportunity to encounter Christ and grow in their faith.

Thanks to the generosity and prayers of faithful supporters, Sadie is almost fully funded toward monthly support needs. Every gift and prayer is helping make this ministry possible and advancing the Gospel among students in Indonesia.

Thank you for investing in what God is doing through Sadie. Your support is helping bring hope, truth, and discipleship to students who may be hearing the Gospel for the very first time.



Fostering vibrant Christian **WITNESS**

The Johannesens in France

Why France? The Johannesens's passion to see the Church planted, watered and mobilized to reach their neighbors and nations.

In a nation of 68 million people, only 1% know and follow Jesus. Most have never personally met a Jesus-follower, and there is a desperate need for missionaries who embrace the call, understand the culture, and effectively share the gospel.

The average French person will live their whole life and never hear an accurate gospel message. France is home to Europe's highest Muslim population and there are 40 spiritual mediums for every pastor.

Southern France is at a strategic moment with a national movement to see leaders equipped and churches planted. The Johannesens are going as career missionaries with AGWM and in partnership with the French national movement. They have an opportunity to respond to the spiritual hunger that is growing throughout the country and have partnered with the French church to foster church planting to mobilize French believers to reach their secular and Muslim neighbors for Jesus.

Their aim is to establish churches in communities that lack vibrant Christian witness. They believe everyone should have the opportunity to hear a loving and accurate gospel message from a Christ follower. Their passion is to reach their neighbors and the nations and to share with others the incredible need to make disciples a place with so few of His followers.



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Trusting the **HOLY SPIRIT**

The Galloways in Morocco

The Galloway family is committed to long-term relational ministry, walking patiently with people, sharing Scripture, praying for needs, and trusting the Holy Spirit to work in His timing. Alongside a dedicated local team, they invest deeply in friendships, discipleship, and prayer, often over the course of many years.

This season, the team has celebrated seven new believers being baptized, including three men who came to faith together. One of these men had been meeting for Bible studies for nearly three years without much openness to Christ. Then, through an unexpected meeting at a train station, he connected with two men who were new to the city.

As the missionaries prayed with them for everyday needs, the Holy Spirit powerfully showed up, bringing healing, encouragement, and a deep sense of God's presence. Within days, all three chose to follow Jesus and were baptized, publicly confessing Him as Lord.

The family also recently traveled for a required visa renewal and ministry conference. Though simple, this time away brought rest, renewal, and deeper times of prayer. Their current focus is centered on the theme "By Prayer," as they seek God's guidance, strength, and power for the season ahead.

Your prayers and support are making a real difference. Lives are being changed, faith is growing, and new brothers and sisters in Christ are being discipled. Thank you for partnering in what God is doing in Morocco.



Building churches. **BUILDING HOPE**

The Darrins in Moldova

The Moldova Mission

After 20 years in pastoral ministry and 10 short-term mission trips, Troy and Heidi Jo Darrin responded to God's call to the nations and have been serving as missionaries in Moldova since 2007.

Moldova, a small landlocked country between Romania and Ukraine, and is considered the poorest nation in Europe. After more than 50 years under Soviet rule, it declared independence in 1991. For decades it was spiritually closed, but today, doors are open in remarkable ways.

Now is a pivotal moment.

Troy and Heidi Jo are serving on the front lines of what many are calling a new season for the Moldovan church. Their ministry includes:

- **Church planting and construction** – helping establish and strengthen local congregations
- **Evangelism outreaches** – sharing the hope of Christ in communities hungry for truth
- **Student ministry** – investing in the next generation of leaders

Moldova is no longer closed to the Gospel. Believers gather freely. Young pastors are eager to be trained. Churches are growing. The foundation is being laid for lasting spiritual transformation.

When our congregation supports the Darrins, we are helping bring hope to a nation rebuilding its identity. We are equipping leaders, strengthening churches, and reaching students at a critical moment in their history.

This is more than missions support, it is partnership in a defining hour for Moldova. Together, we are investing in a harvest that is just beginning.



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Bringing help and hope **TO PEOPLE IN NEED**

Convoy of Hope



**CONVOY OF
HOPE**

Since 1994, Convoy of Hope has been a trusted humanitarian organization bringing help and hope to people in need by addressing the root causes of poverty and hunger.

Their mission is driven by a passion to feed the world through strategic, life-changing programs that restore dignity and create lasting impact.

We support Convoy of Hope because they turn generosity into tangible, effective action around the world. Through their work:

- **Children are fed**, receiving daily meals that help them grow, learn, and thrive
- **Disaster survivors are served**, with rapid response and practical aid in the aftermath of earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, and droughts
- **Women and girls are empowered**, helping break cycles of poverty and strengthen families
- **Farmers and communities are equipped**, gaining tools and training to create sustainable futures
- **Local communities are renewed**, as volunteers and partners serve neighbors as “Guests of Honor,” bringing hope close to home

The impact is significant: Convoy of Hope has served over **350 million people**, provided nearly **1 billion meals**, and distributed more than **\$3.1 billion** in food and supplies worldwide.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Convoy of Hope offers our congregation a trusted way to live out compassion, meeting urgent needs today while helping build a better future for children, families, and communities across the globe.



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A bold and uncompromising **VISION**

Live Dead

Live Dead is a grassroots missionary initiative of Assemblies of God World Missions with a bold and uncompromising vision: to see every unreached people group transformed by the Gospel. Their teams serve in some of the most spiritually challenging places on earth, across Africa, the Arab World, China, Iran, Russia, the Silk Road, and Southern Asia, where access to the name of Jesus is limited or even nonexistent. These are regions where entire communities have never heard the Good News.

When our congregation supports Live Dead, we are fueling a movement built on three powerful core values:

- **Abide** – Missionaries prioritize hours of daily time in the presence of Jesus, depending fully on the Holy Spirit for strength, wisdom, and boldness
- **Apostle** – They intentionally pioneer in places where the Gospel is not regularly heard, embracing their calling to go where others have not yet gone
- **Abandon** – The heart behind the name. Live Dead workers fully integrate into local communities and commit to whatever sacrifice is necessary to plant the Church and share Christ

Live Dead believes the Great Commission is not optional, it is a mandate. Their mission is anchored in the promise of Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Your faithful giving mobilizes teams who go for the sake of unreached people groups. You are helping send workers into spiritually dark places, sustain them as they build relationships, and support them as they plant churches where none exist.

When you give to Live Dead, you are not simply funding missions, you are helping take the Gospel to the finish line. Together, we are ensuring that those who have never heard the name of Jesus will finally have the opportunity to respond to His love.



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Building a world that reflects the **BEAUTY OF LOVE**

Paradise Foundation



The Paradise Foundation is a mission-driven organization committed to equipping the next generation to impact their world for God. With a focus on sustainable growth in developing countries, they work to build futures rooted in dignity, opportunity, and Christ-centered hope.

We support the Paradise Foundation because they invest in long-term transformation through three key areas:

- **Education** – Expanding access to learning and skills that empower individuals to shape their own futures
- **Medical Care** – Strengthening health practices to create healthier communities and improved quality of life
- **Fundamental Needs** – Meeting essential needs that form the foundation for lasting growth and stability

Through strategic partnerships with local organizations, the Paradise Foundation connects communities with the funding, equipment, and expertise they need to thrive.

Our support helps turn immediate resources into sustainable change, creating brighter, God-honoring futures for those who need it most.



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An opportunity to **BREAK CYCLES**

Wildwood Hills Ranch – Transforming Lives and Strengthening Communities



God has a plan for each of us. Helping our kids overcome what the world has shown them helps them get back on a path of seeking God's direction for their life. These children are our future neighbors, employees and community members. Every child matters. And while we can't change their past, we can help transform their future.

Nearly 9,000 Iowa youth were abused in 2016 alone. We'd like to introduce you to a few of those 9,000. We meet them all year long, they are very real, and they need our help. They didn't choose to be born into a family where mom is so addicted she can't wake up. Or where dad learned from his dad it's okay to beat your kids. Or a family with no dad at all.

We invite you to put yourself in their shoes. Flee your home in the middle of the night for fear of violence. See life through the eyes of a toddler left home alone all day to fend for themselves. Wonder if you'll ever feel loved, moving from one foster home to the next. Bathe yourself in hateful, demeaning words. These are our kids' stories.

Our work isn't done until all Midwestern children have the opportunity to grow into healthy adults, educated, free from poverty, safe from abuse and violence, and engaged as members of communities and nurturing families.

Make a decision to help start the healing.



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Because of your generosity, our Kingdom continues

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