



# JOY TO THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS 2018

  
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**DAN SHIELDS**  
VRL LEAD PASTOR

## LETTER FROM DAN:

Merry CHRIST-mas everyone. I heard that greeting from a friend of mine and it has always stuck in my head that this season, and all seasons in fact, are all about Jesus Christ. One of the things that I have always loved about the Christmas season is it seems to be the time of year when we are most open to giving gifts of generosity, especially to those in need.

Our theme this year at VRL is “Uncluttered Christmas.” How many of us have so much in our lives and in our homes that we find ourselves living lives that can only be described as cluttered. Our garages, closets, bedrooms, and storage units are full of things that we rarely, if ever, use. During this season of giving, I want to challenge all of us to look more closely at our lives and ask ourselves how

we can each reduce our clutter. How can we live more purposeful and impactful lives? One way is taking opportunities to bless those around us and by reorienting our focus this Christmas season. A practical way to do that is through our annual Christmas Eve offering where we give 100% of the gifts and offerings to ministry partners outside the walls of our church. This year we are targeting our international partners in Uganda, Philippines, and China—all areas of our world that face poverty and other daily challenges that few of us can readily comprehend. But most importantly, VRL is excited and blessed during this Christmas season to join with our international partners in meeting not only physical needs but very real spiritual needs by helping to share and to show the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am honored and humbled to join with you as we continue to be a church that reaches the world for Jesus Christ One person at a time. Have a great day and a great Christmas.

Joy to the World,

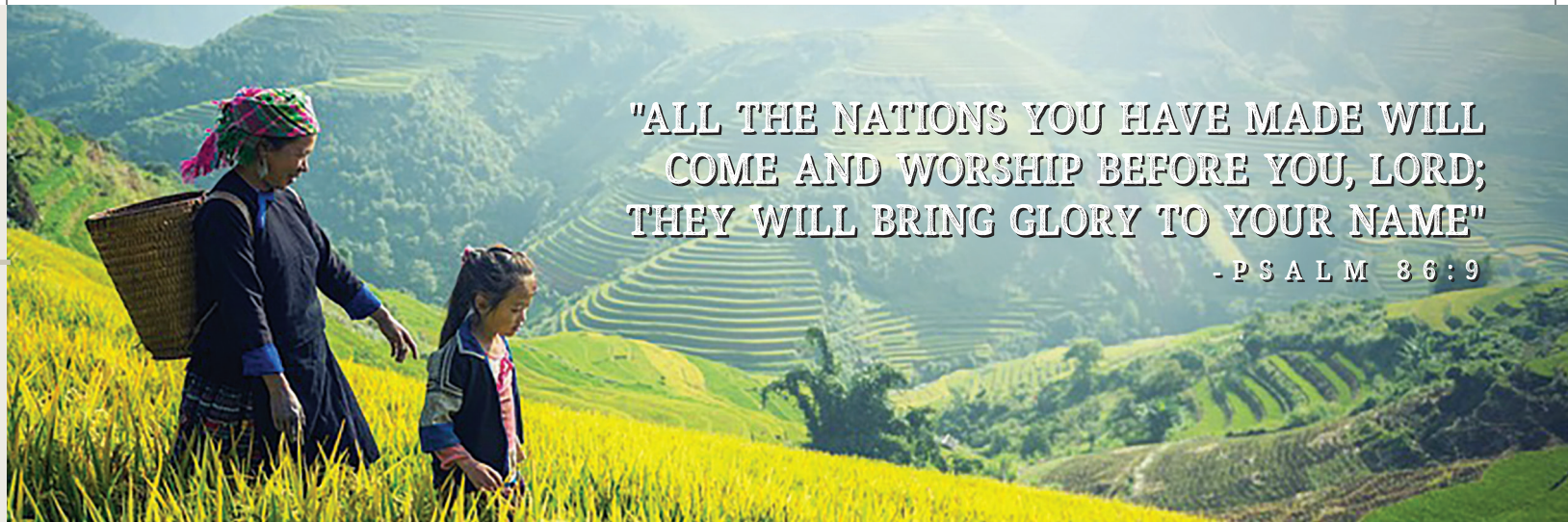
*Dan Shields*

**MAKE YOUR  
GIFT IN HONOR  
OR MEMORY  
OF SOMEONE  
YOU LOVE**

Valley Real Life will be glad to send beautiful Honor or Memorial cards to those you specify to let them know about your gift and how it is being used to transform lives and spread the hope of the Gospel. Please note that these cards will be mailed prior to January 15th.

**To choose this option:**

Contact Outreach Pastor Steve Allen via email at [sallen@vrl.church](mailto:sallen@vrl.church), and he will connect you with all of the necessary information.



"ALL THE NATIONS YOU HAVE MADE WILL  
COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, LORD;  
THEY WILL BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME"

- P S A L M 8 6 : 9

## VRL'S INTERNATIONAL VISION

The vision is to "equip and encourage churches in other countries in their efforts to see God's Kingdom expanded through the process of making disciples who will make disciples." VRL works through relationships to identify leadership partners with a multiplication mindset. We also seek churches that want to reach the unreached and unengaged people groups through the sending of leaders to see Jesus somewhere, everywhere.

## VRL'S CALL TO INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Scripture is very clear in the charge for followers of Christ to go into "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8). At the end of Matthew, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me so therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). With these two verses, we want to be obedient to intentionally work together with the local church to fulfill these commands. Just as we want to impact our local community, we also want to impact the world through our prayers and partnerships.

## HOW EVERYONE CAN PLAY A PART

- ✓ Pray for our partners
- ✓ Go on a short-term trip
- ✓ Send others
- ✓ Go as a long-term missionary
- ✓ Serve locally to be prepared to serve abroad
- ✓ Contribute to the different projects
- ✓ Get trained to be a coach or friend
- ✓ Be a facetime friend with someone from our partner churches
- ✓ Get added to the Outreach email list for volunteer opportunities

# CHINA



# CHINA FUN FACTS:

- ✓ Home to the Giant Pandas
- ✓ Rickshaws are still used today
- ✓ 1.4 billion people live in China, making it the largest country in the world
- ✓ Chinese New Year lasts 15 days
- ✓ The number 8 is lucky
- ✓ It's about the same size as the US, but there is only one time zone
- ✓ Brides typically wear red
- ✓ The Great Wall is 13,000 miles long and took 2,000 years to build

## WHY IT IS STRATEGIC:

According to Joshuaproject.org, China has about 1.2 billion unbelievers, and of the 7,000 unreached people groups in the world, China ranks #2 with about 450 unique groups still unreached. China is also strategic in that there are large groups of Chinese in nearly every country of the world, so people do not necessarily have to go to China to reach the Chinese. Finally, the church in China has a vision of reaching all the way back to Jerusalem and spreading the Gospel through each Middle Eastern country.

## OUR PARTNERS:

Because China is so restricted, for protection of our partners, we are going to be a bit vague. We work in a very strategic city that has a long history. We have partnered with an individual that is clearly a person of peace, has great favor and is a great connector. He and his family are instrumental in our connections to a leading pastor who works with tens of thousands of people. This pastor has a broad vision to train and release workers to go share the Gospel and disciple people. As persecution is growing, our partnership seems timely in helping rapid multiplication.

## PLEASE COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR THESE LEADERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Safety and endurance for their leaders in the face of greater persecution
- For more meeting places so that the church can multiply
- For mature leaders who can oversee the flock
- For freedom to move about the region free from interference
- A movement of young people coming to faith in Jesus





"GOD'S WORK DONE GOD'S WAY,  
NEVER LACKS GOD'S SUPPLY"

- HUDSON TAYLOR



## Renting an apartment to plant a church

Meeting in secret can take on many different looks. In major cities, most meet in apartments. Our partner is looking for another large apartment that can accommodate a house church gathering. Our partner has already identified a pastor that is ready to launch and, along with a part of his congregation, to go reach another neighborhood. Block by block, the gospel is spreading across China through this multiplication mindset. Once a house church reaches 50 people, they divide and multiply. You can launch a church in China through your gift, as well as provide a training center during the week.

PROVIDE 1 YEAR OF RENT **\$6,000** SHARE THE COST **\$50** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Discipleship training for a Chinese missionary

Our partner in the Philippines is developing a training site for future Chinese missionaries as the Philippines provides a place these missionaries can freely meet and discuss strategies on how to best spread the good news of Jesus. In China, the saying is, "In the first year one becomes a Christian; in the second year, one goes to reach people for the gospel." Many of these new Christians can use Biblical training and a deeper understanding of theology. Your gift will cover the expenses for one person to go and get intensive training.

PROVIDE TRAINING **\$300**  
SHARE THE COST **\$30** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



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### Train Ticket to get English training for a missionary

Chinese believers promote the “Back to Jerusalem” movement and preaching the Gospel throughout all of the Middle East. English is the tool they most need as they have found it is easier to communicate in English rather than learning Urdu or Arabic. Your gift will cover the expenses for one village believer to travel to an English center to get prepared to “go.”

PROVIDE 1 TRAIN TICKET **\$40** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Chinese Bible

Years ago people like Brother Andrew smuggled Bibles into China. Although there has been a growing freedom to purchase Bibles, that is changing even as we sit here in 2018. Due to recent changes in the rules, it is becoming difficult for rural people to gain access to Scripture. The people are hungry for the Word and they are sharing it in unprecedented numbers. A small gift can have great rewards.

PROVIDE 1 CHINESE BIBLE **\$10** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Send an English teacher to train a Chinese missionary

China is desperate for English teachers and the church is too. We need one person to say "Here I am, send me" and go teach Chinese missionaries or go train teachers to teach English. Your gift will provide an airline ticket for someone willing to go for weeks, months, or years. What if the Western church became a trainer of trainers to send hundreds of missionaries into the world? Maybe you are one who will say "Here I am, send me." You could go for any length of time and will be used mightily. Your gift will reap rewards for generations.

PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR A TEACHER **\$700**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



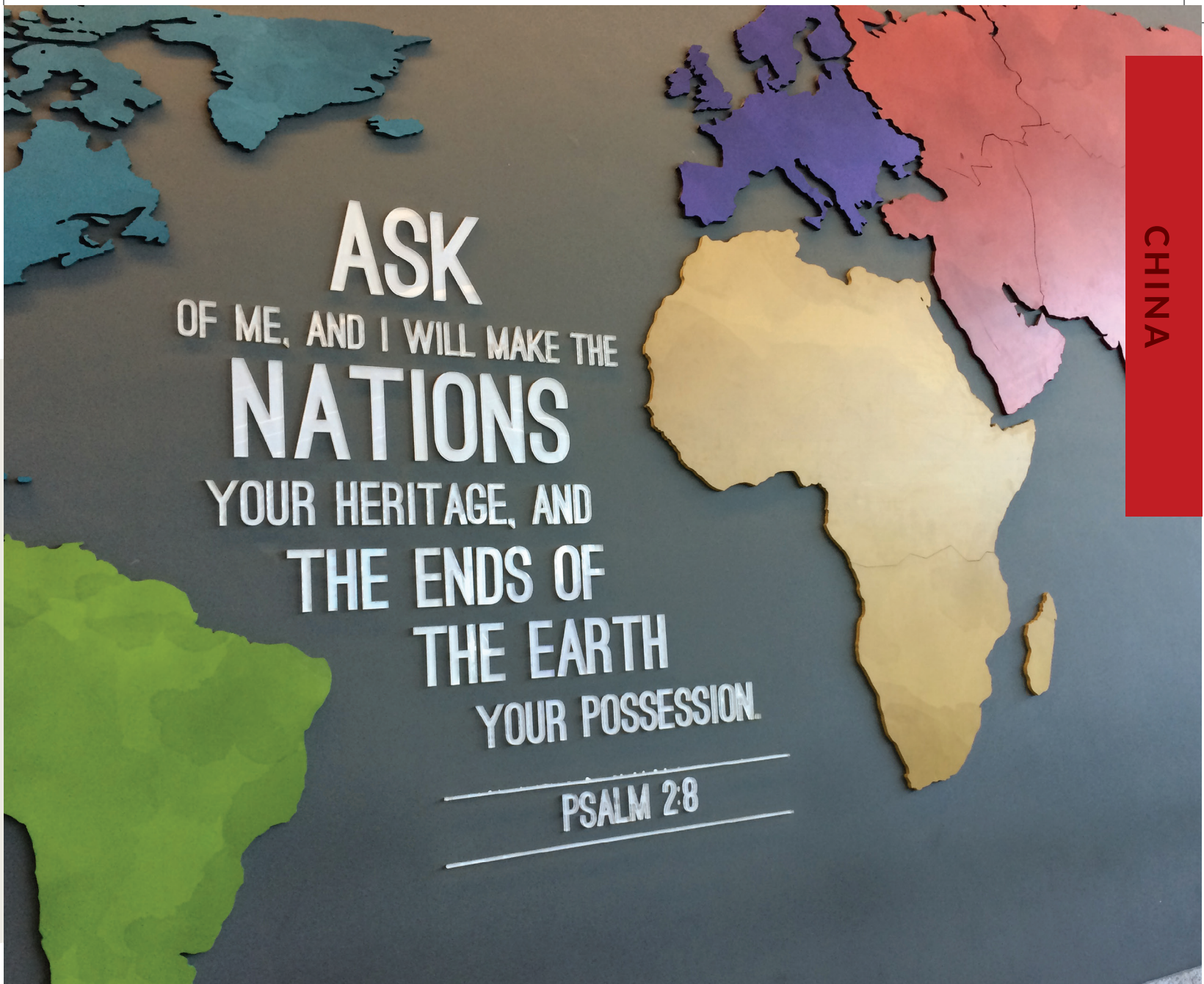
## English materials

It may seem simple, but English workbooks will prepare one Chinese missionary to take the Gospel into volatile areas of the Middle East that a Westerner could never go. Every tool we use in China has a significant purpose for the development of people and the furthering of the Gospel. Materials are available but many of the rural churches don't have the resources to purchase them as they often live on less than \$2 per day.

PROVIDE ENGLISH MATERIALS **\$8**







## 7 Sending a missionary to the Middle East

The core of VRL's Outreach Vision is to make disciples of all nations. We have a chance to send long-term workers from China who want to reach Islamic nations with the Gospel. The men and women are trained, equipped, and ready to even lay down their lives for the Gospel, but they need resources to get there. Your gift of \$800 will provide a train ticket and for their transition into a new culture. Our partners have identified many in their congregations who are willing and prepared to go, but they just need the means to get there.

SEND 1 MISSIONARY TO THE MIDDLE EAST **\$800** SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)





## Send a student to Camp for a week

A camp experience is so significant for kids around the world—even in China. The local house church has access to a camp facility where they want to bring teens and introduce them to Jesus Christ. You can send one teenager to camp and be part of a life-changing experience. At the camp the kids will receive great training and will have the opportunity to build Christ-centered friendships that are so important to every Christian, but especially for these young Christians growing up in a world hostile to their faith. Camps are not common in China, but this could be a method of reaching a quickly-changing generation and connecting them to Christ.

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP FOR 1 WEEK **\$75** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

"IT IS MORE  
BLESSED TO  
GIVE THAN TO  
RECEIVE"

- ACTS 20:35



## A Plane ticket to send a Ugandan to China to teach English

A Chinese university in our partner's city offers scholarships for Africans to come study Mandarin. While there, these students will have the opportunity to teach English to Chinese missionaries to prepare them to go into the Middle East. Ronald, our partner in Uganda, has a few students willing to go, but the cost of the plane ticket is the deterrent, as they cannot afford to get there. Our partner believes each Ugandan can train 5 Chinese missionaries to go onto the mission field.

PROVIDE 1 PLANE TICKET **\$800**

SHARE THE COST **\$50** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Feeding a local village family for a month

Half of China lives on less than \$2 a day. The churches that our partner has planted in villages are addressing the spiritual and physical needs of these people. Even though food is accessible, because of the systemic poverty that so many face, many families are going without or with only minimal sustenance. Your gift will help one family for one month be able to eat. This tangible way to love one's neighbor is often a way that the Gospel begins to transform a village.

FEED 1 FAMILY FOR A MONTH **\$30** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Send a Chinese person to VRL to intern and train

Our partner has several leaders who are interested in coming to Valley Real Life to learn from the people here. They will come for 4-6 months to practice English, learn theology, and build relational connections here. Our congregation will have ample opportunities to connect with these people and pour into their lives as we deepen our connections with the church there. For a greater sustainable work and decreasing the dependence on foreigners, doing some intensive training will allow a faster multiplication of disciples.

BRING 1 CHINESE PERSON TO VRL **\$1,500**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)





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## Medical care for a villager

All of the major cities in China have sufficient medical care. In the rural areas, that is not the case. These people need to be able to travel to the cities to get the care they need. Because of the immense poverty, many are not able to go. Your gift will provide a train ticket and a few meals so that people can get the care they need. For those villagers that do have access to care, this gift will allow for the payment to the doctor as one must pay in advance to receive any type of care.

PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR 1 VILLAGER **\$25**  
(OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Rice and cooking oil for a village pastor to give to local families

Part of the outreach into the community comes from bringing rice and oil—daily essentials—to the poorest of the poor. Because of the cultural stigma, people with physical disabilities usually become shut-ins and never leave their homes. A simple thing like rice and oil will connect believers with those who are shut in so that the Gospel may be shared to all. We have seen that feeding the poor has opened doors that have been tightly closed for years.

PROVIDE RICE & COOKING OIL TO A PASTOR **\$10**  
(OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Send a Chinese missionary & a local Middle Eastern pastor to a training conference

VRL is hosting a 10/40 Summit in Baguio, Philippines, in April. Several Chinese missionaries have expressed the desire to bring their local indigenous pastor with them. This opportunity allows them relational time, but also furthers VRL's vision of "Reaching the World for Jesus one person at a time." This unique opportunity would allow leaders from closed countries the opportunity to work together and to see God's name made known.

PROVIDE TRAVEL FOR A MISSIONARY & HIS PASTOR **\$800**  
SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

# UGANDA



# UGANDA FUN FACTS:

- ✓ Home to the Mountain Gorillas
- ✓ Population is 44 million
- ✓ Half of the country lives on a dollar a day
- ✓ 50% of the population is under 14
- ✓ It's about the size of Oregon
- ✓ Pan-fried grasshoppers are a special treat
- ✓ Boda-bodas are a typical transport
- ✓ Number 1 in Africa with over 1,000 species of birds
- ✓ Coffee is the largest export

## WHY IT IS STRATEGIC:

Resource-rich Uganda lies in the center of Africa and still has over one million people who have never heard the Gospel. Uganda is significant in that many refugees end up there, providing opportunities to reach some of the tough-to-reach places without going far. The Ugandans are also mobile people and have a great vision for church-planting and multiplication. Because of its proximity to its five bordering countries, it is a launchpad for a missions movement.

## OUR PARTNERS:

### Ronald Kizito

Planted by Ronald in 2008, Living Spring Church has a robust and varied ministry in western Uganda and into the Democratic Republic of Congo. Out of the original church on the eastern edge of Fort Portal, more than 15 churches have been planted throughout the region. Currently, Valley Real Life is partnering with Living Spring to plant an additional church on the southern shores of Lake Albert in the fishing village of Kanara. Living Spring's ministry has a strong focus on evangelism and discipleship, and the church is well known for its love for the orphans and widows of the community. Currently, more than 500 orphans and about 100 widows are connected to the Fort Portal church.

## PLEASE COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR THESE LEADERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- The development of additional leaders
- Health for them and their congregation
- A continual growing in maturity of faith of the people
- Wisdom in where and when to plant churches
- Wisdom in developing their ministry when it comes to facilities, the medical clinic, and addressing the needs of the widows and orphans





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## Orphan Medical Fund

Living Spring spends an average of \$350 to \$600 per month in medical expenses for the orphans in its care. While this amount has been covered in the recent past by VRL, Living Spring is working on a transition plan to make this expense self-supported (see triplex entry on page 16). During this transitional time, VRL is working on building a fund Living Spring can draw from until the triplex is generating income. Between 20 and 30 kids per month receive treatment at the medical clinic on the church's property for diseases like malaria and typhoid. All of the 500-plus orphans in the church also receive a deworming medication every 90 days — even at 60 cents per dose this still costs more than \$1,200.

SHARE THE COST **\$50** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

"TRUE AND UNDEFINED RELIGION IS THIS,  
THAT YOU CARE FOR THE WIDOWS AND THE ORPHANS"

- J A M E S 1 : 2 7







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## A House for a Widow

There are 99 widows connected to Living Spring Church, and these women take orphans into their homes to care for them. Living Spring has identified about one-third of the widow population as in need of vastly improved living conditions. The identified women own land on which a small, two-room home could be built, and members of the church are willing to donate all of the labor.

BUY A HOUSE FOR A WIDOW **\$3,000** SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

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## Purchase a Triplex

Living Spring Church does not desire to be dependent on Western support. As they survey the resources, opportunities, and gifts God has already given them, Living Spring leaders have identified real estate as a pathway to increased self-sustainability. Located in a part of Uganda that has seen huge amounts of foreign investment in recent years, land and housing prices are on an upward trajectory. While the region has long been rich in tourism, the discovery of significant oil resources in Lake Albert is behind the improving infrastructure. A triplex, considered upper-middle class living in Uganda, would net enough income to cover the medical costs of the church's orphan population.

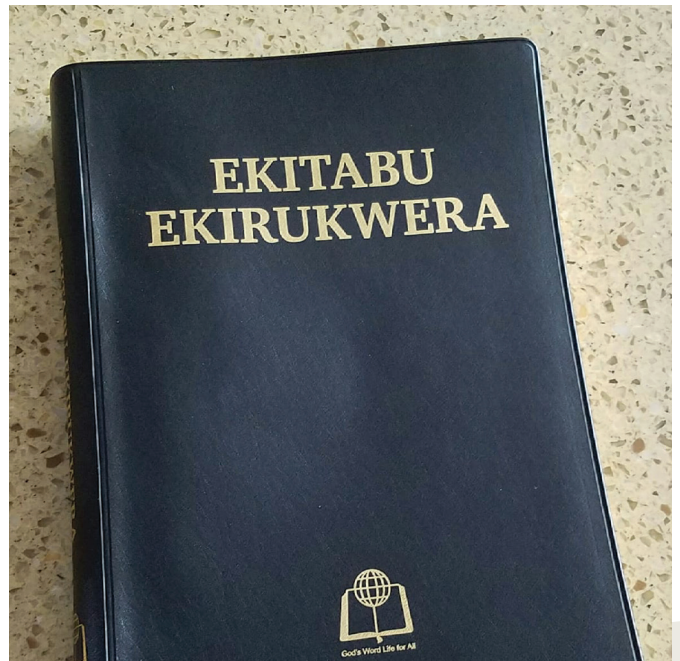
PURCHASE A TRIPLEX **\$50,000** SHARE THE COST **\$250** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

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## A Bible in a Local Language

Many who attend one of the Living Spring churches would have to save a half-month's pay to purchase a Bible, if they have any income at all. Living Spring works hard to subsidize the cost of Bibles to the men and women of western Uganda who desire one. With your donation, you can put a Rutoro (Fort Portal area) or Swahili (Kanara, Rwebisengo and Congolese areas) Bible in the hands of these Africans who want them.

PROVIDE 1 BIBLE **\$12** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Dairy Cow for Widows

Pastor Ronald said that one of the most significant contributions to improved health of the widows and orphans at Living Spring is the addition of dairy cows and the milk that adds to their diets. Currently, five cows serve groups of widows and their families. The cows are distributed geographically, but more cows would enable the milk to go much further by making the group of people relying on them that much smaller.

PROVIDE A DAIRY COW **\$1,200**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Youth Camp Bathroom Facility

Living Spring owns a large plot of land on which it hosts an annual youth camp in January. The church also uses it for other ministry functions, including offering it up to other churches in the community. The property, however, does not have adequate bathroom facilities. For purposes of health, privacy, and lot improvement, the church would like to build a typical Ugandan latrine facility. This would involve drilling a hole and building the structure, providing this outlet for boys and girls attending the camp.

PROVIDE A BATHROOM FACILITY **\$5,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)





## 21 Boda-boda

Church planters, members of the evangelism team, and cell group leaders of Living Spring are well versed in long walks. However, the efficiency and energy of ministry is given a major boost by the transportation aid of a “boda-boda” motorcycle. These motorcycles are also used to move items or shuttle the injured or sick to medical care. Help multiply the efforts of Living Spring leaders with the gift of a boda-boda.

PROVIDE A BODA-BODA **\$2,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## 22 Teacher Love Offering

At Living Spring’s kindergarten school operated for orphans, the teachers are paid nothing. If they could, Living Spring would pay the three teachers about \$300 per month — combined. As it stands, these volunteers believe in what they do, despite no financial return. However, the teachers are not without needs. They could greatly benefit from income of their own. While Living Spring has a long-range hope to operate a full-fledged primary school — complete with teacher pay — these pioneers are offering a labor of love.

PROVIDE A TEACHER LOVE OFFERING **\$100**  
(OR ANY AMOUNT)



## 23 Seed for Widows’ Land

The widows of Living Spring Church are able to feed themselves and the orphans in their care thanks to the hard work they do on the 11 acres they are responsible for near the church. There are two distinct growing seasons in Uganda, and twice a year, they are planting. For the best output and retaining soil quality, crop rotation is important. They are looking to plant corn, peas, beans, and g-nuts, among other crops. Your generous gift will help subsidize the cost of these seeds.

PROVIDE SEED **\$10** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



## Well for Kanara

VRL is coming alongside Living Spring to plant a new church in the fishing village of Kanara. The community is very remote and struggles with diseases related to unclean drinking water. Once a site is located for a church, a first priority will be to build a well on the church property for the use of the entire community. At other Living Spring church plants, the construction of a well has proven to be a great resource for providing the local population with clean water while sharing with them about the living water Jesus told the Samaritan woman about in the Bible. They were talking, of course, by a well.

PROVIDE A WELL **\$15,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$250** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

"HE WHO BELIEVES  
IN ME, OUT OF  
HIS HEART WILL  
FLOW RIVERS OF  
LIVING WATER"

- JOHN 7:38





UGANDA

# PHILIPPINES



# PHILIPPINES FUN FACTS:

- ✓ **The Jeepney is a typical transport**
- ✓ **Made up of 7,107 islands**
- ✓ **3 of the 10 largest malls in the world are here**
- ✓ **11% of the population works overseas**
- ✓ **Population is over 100 million—ranking number 13 in the world**
- ✓ **Manila is the most densely populated city in the world**
- ✓ **170 languages spoken here**
- ✓ **Karaoke was invented here**

## WHY IT IS STRATEGIC:

The Philippines lies on the edge of the 10/40 Window but could possibly be the most mobile country in the world as Filipinos are well-received in hard-to-reach, often resistant, areas. Because of the numerous islands, there are still 30 unreached people groups in the country. Many missiologists believe the next great mission launch will come from here.

## OUR PARTNERS:

John and Hannah Bagalawis:

As pastors of Covenant City Church, John and Hannah have found great favor in Baguio, Philippines. God has positioned them as influencers in their community as well as within their church. They are intentionally making disciples and reproducing their work in people and places. Though many Filipinos are aware of who Jesus is, millions do not follow Him. Pastor John and Hannah have a vision for reaching their city, planting churches in hard-to-reach areas of the Philippines, and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth.

### Please commit to praying for these leaders for the following:

- To raise up a couple of key leaders within the church to shoulder the burden
- For vision of how to reach more areas of their city
- For the beginning of a recovery ministry
- To equip people to go into other areas of the Philippines and the world
- To connect with other leaders in the community to strategically reach Baguio





## 25 Church Van / Service Vehicle

CCC currently assists new church members who have come from the drug rehabilitation program with transportation to and from church gatherings and has seen great fruit in their lives through being involved. These individuals are passionate and eager to invite friends and family to church, but transportation has become an issue. A church van or service vehicle would provide a means of transportation for these individuals and could also provide income for the church throughout the week if a driver is available to charter small groups.

PURCHASE A VAN **\$50,000** VAN DOWN-PAYMENT **\$15,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)

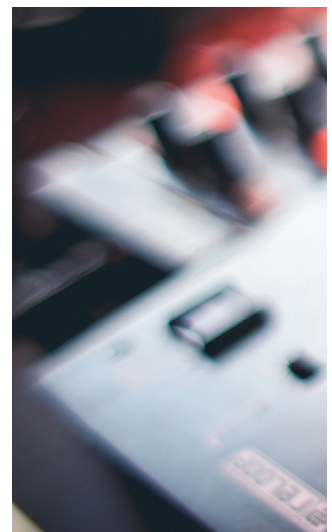
## 26 Sound system upgrade

The current system, while it was a good system in its day, now has a number of shortcomings. The repairs are now becoming more expensive than they are worth and the system has been patched together.

**A few of the items needed are:** Mixer, various cables, enclosure for drum set – most immediate need to address the present acoustic balance and overall volume, smaller lectern, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, wireless microphones, speakers.

PROVIDE A SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE **\$7,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)







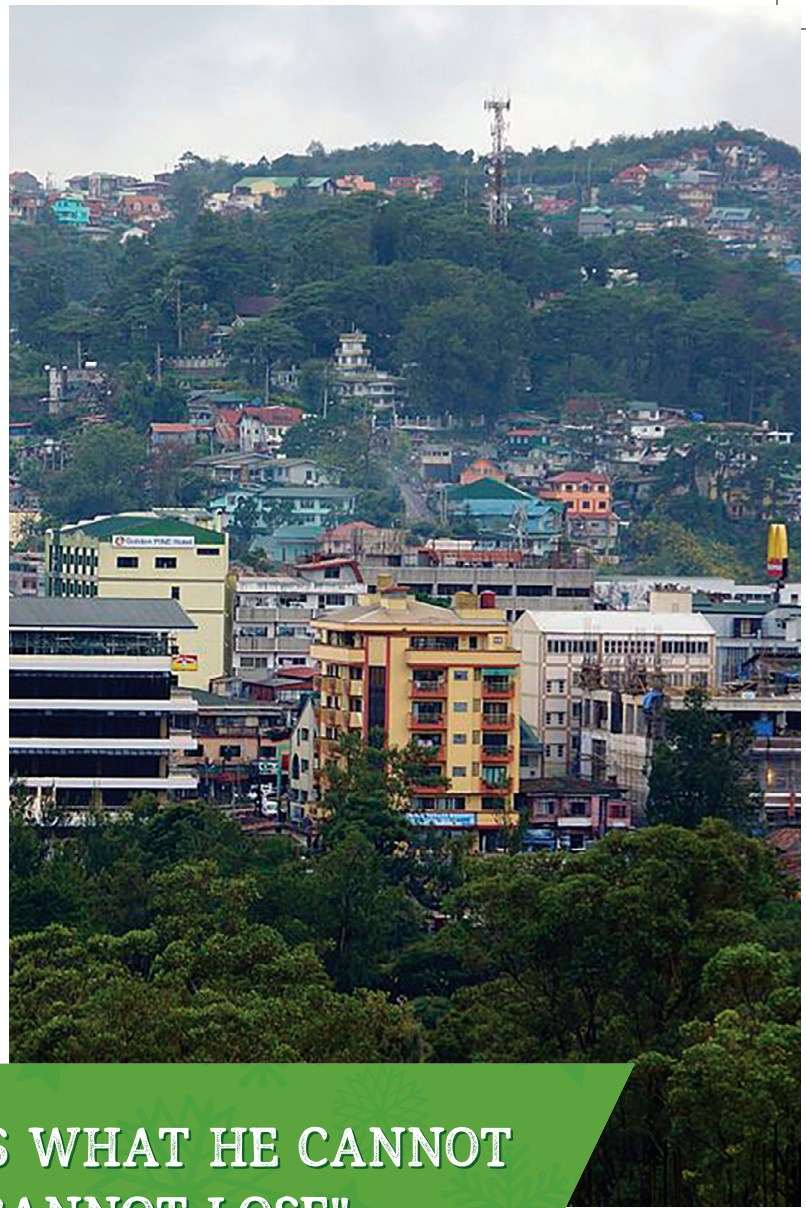
## Church building

New Covenant Bible Fellowship began in 1997 and later became Covenant City Church. During its 21 years it has moved from place to place renting a worship hall for the congregation. Because of the time it takes to get from place to place, each move costs the church more people. The moves are the result of landlords deciding not to renew the church's lease or raising the cost beyond what the church can afford. Right now, the church pays approximately \$1,000 USD a month for rent, but purchasing a church building would allow the church to use more funds for outreach projects, other church needs, or a mortgage payment on a permanent location if down payment is given.

PURCHASE A BUILDING **\$600,000**

CHURCH DOWN-PAYMENT **\$180,000**

SHARE THE COST **\$250** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



"HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE"

- J I M E L L I O T



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## Support for a co-pastor and a church staff for a month

CCC has three ordained pastors who oversee specific groups in the church. They have a youth pastor, a worship pastor, and an associate pastor in addition to John & Hannah. All of these pastors are currently working secular jobs to provide for their families.

Paying the associate pastor and one administrative staff to work full-time at church would provide the opportunity to expand to a second service and maximize the use of the current worship hall.

In turn, expanding to a second service would also provide additional giving to soon support the ongoing wages.

SUPPORT A CHURCH STAFF FOR A MONTH **\$300**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Youth camp expense

Though plans were made for a youth camp this past year, they were canceled due to an unexpected move after a landlord raised the rent beyond what the church could support.

In previous years, youth camps had provided a transformational event for young people and their friends to grow in their discipleship journeys. Most have passionately committed to the church as members of the worship team, leaders of life groups, and in other volunteer avenues.

Youth camp is a highly anticipated event that bears significant spiritual fruit.

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP **\$50/child**

(OR ANY AMOUNT)





### **School supplies for annual outreach**

One of the annual outreach events hosted by CCC is a school supply give-away. With family incomes sometimes as low as \$134/month, it can be difficult to obtain the school supplies needed for children to participate in the classroom. Sponsoring a backpack with school supplies for a child can give a child the head-start he needs to succeed.

PROVIDE 1 BACKPACK **\$20** (GOAL OF 100 BACKPACKS)

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## One month of recovery ministry

Many people, including a large population of Muslims, voluntarily surrendered during the President’s recent “War on Drugs.” To reach out to these individuals and their families, John and two others drive three hours away from Baguio each Saturday to facilitate a recovery ministry. As Muslim men turn to Jesus, they often bring their whole families as well. In January of 2019 a second group is scheduled to begin as well.

PROVIDE 1 MONTH OF RECOVERY MINISTRY **\$200**  
(OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Educational needs for John & Hannah Bagalawis’ children

In the Philippines, education is the most important gift parents can give to their child as over-crowding makes it difficult to find work. Even entry-level employment (think McDonalds) requires a bachelor’s degree to be hired. With an annual salary of about \$8,000 between John and Hannah, the \$1,400 tuition expense is difficult to find. Assisting with the tuition for Johanan, Iden, and Niya is a small investment in their future, and would free John and Hannah up to be more effective in their ministry.

PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR 1 CHILD **\$500** (3 TOTAL)  
SHARE THE COST **\$50** (OR ANY AMOUNT)



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## Bibles NKJV version, English and Tagalog Version

Many of the new members, especially those from the North Sanitary Camp) cannot afford to purchase their own Bibles. CCC has given out the additional Bibles they had available, but is still in need of Bibles in a few different versions. CCC values teaching Scripture and is equipping people to study it on their own and share it with a friend.

PROVIDE 1 BIBLE **\$10** (OR ANY AMOUNT)





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## Reception lunch or dinner for a mass wedding

It is every woman's dream – getting married alongside multiple other couples in one big ceremony. Well, it might sound a bit untraditional in the USA, but it happens often in the Philippines. CCC is aiming to host a mass wedding for couples who have been living together but have not been married. Many want to legalize their union, but the cost of getting married, even by a judge, is a challenge for them financially. The required pre-marital counseling provides a perfect opportunity to minister to these individuals and build relationships with each couple.

PROVIDE RECEPTION MEAL FOR 5 COUPLES **\$1,500**

PROVIDE RECEPTION MEAL FOR 1 COUPLE **\$300**

SHARE THE COST **\$100** (OR ANY AMOUNT)





# OPERATION UGANDA

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We are so excited about the opportunity to bless the children at Living Spring Church in Fort Portal, Uganda. Every gift bag represents an opportunity to connect with one precious child and to engage people at Valley Real Life with what God is doing in Uganda. However, the \$10 donation we request to help cover the cost of processing, shipping, and duty tax, is not always included and does not fully cover the entire cost. When you “Adopt a Bag” you can cover the cost and make it possible for every gift to be delivered as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior.

ADOPT A BAG **\$10**

ADOPT A CARTON OF 15 BAGS **\$150**

# HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

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This year's "Joy to the World" Christmas Eve offering continues a Valley Real Life tradition where 100 percent of the offerings at Christmas Eve services are donated outside the walls of the church. Your donation can have the same impact in 2018 by supporting the projects in this catalog.

**There are several ways to participate by giving a gift:**

✓ **ATTEND A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Give your donation in person by attending one of our 11 Christmas Eve services this year:

December 20 • 6:00pm *(Barker Campus)*

December 21 • 6:00pm *(Otis Campus)*

December 22 • 4:00pm *(Barker Campus)*

December 23 • 4:00, 6:00pm *(Barker Campus)*

December 24 • 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:30pm *(Barker Campus)*  
4:00, 6:00pm *(Otis Campus)*

✓ **MAIL A CHECK**

You can mail a check (*up until December 31st*) to:

Valley Real Life  
PO Box 397  
Spokane Valley, WA 99016

*Please note on the memo line which project you are supporting.*

✓ **VISIT A FEATURE BOOTH**

By dropping the gift off at our feature booth in the lobby during *weekend services* between November 15th and December 19th.

✓ **DONATE ONLINE**

To contribute using a credit card or ACH, visit [my.vrl.church/joytotheworld](http://my.vrl.church/joytotheworld)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND  
BEING PART OF THE PROCLAMATION  
OF JESUS ACROSS THE GLOBE!**

- THE VRL TEAM