



2019

ANNUAL UPDATE



God creates access. We participate. Throughout history, God has chosen to accomplish His purposes through people. Though He doesn't need us to accomplish those purposes, our Lord continually creates access for us to serve Him and invites us to participate in what He is doing. In Christar, we respond to this invitation by seeking out communities with little or no access to experience the gospel presented in their own language or a church that worships in a culturally relevant way.

As we look back on 2019, I invite you to rejoice with me in the opportunities our Lord has opened for the gospel and eagerly anticipate how He will continue to invite us to participate.

As 2019 came to a close, we could never have foreseen the new ways in which we'd soon experience the value of access in the wake of COVID-19. As social distancing has left us longing for connection, we realize anew that God redeems and transforms us to be channels of His grace to others. And, we see Him open opportunities in the midst of great challenges for His people to convey the hope of the gospel in least-reached communities.

R. Stephen Coffey

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

FROM THE U.S. DIRECTOR

“We are his
workmanship,
created in Christ
Jesus for good
works, which
God prepared
beforehand, that
we should walk
in them.”

—Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)



SERVING THE LEAST-REACHED*

**Those with little or no access to a church that proclaims the gospel in their language and worships in a culturally relevant way*

In 2019, more than 18,000 daily prayer partners, 188 sending churches and 9,972 financial donors joined hands with Christar to cultivate Christ-honoring transformation in least-reached communities around the world! Thank you for serving with us.

Together, we:

- Supported 90 teams worldwide with over 280 long-term field workers
- Launched 30 new workers to begin cross-cultural service
- Enabled 20 short-term workers to invest in ministry alongside long-term teams
- Invested in 219 students through special internship projects
- Served among more than 70 people groups in 30 countries

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CHURCH PLANTING: TREMENDOUS JOY

After 8½ challenging years of church planting in Albania, Christar worker Randy** had an encouraging revelation as he scanned the group of musicians leading worship during a morning service:

“Nobody from our [expat] team was up front. It was all young people who had come to the Lord through [this] ministry leading worship!”

Likewise, the men who led the service and preached the sermon were local believers, both mentored by Randy’s teammates. By God’s grace, the church was becoming independent—and that, for a church planter, is a tremendous joy!

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UNDERSTANDING THE CYCLE

The vision of Christar is to cultivate Christ-Honoring transformation in communities where He is yet to be worshiped.

The Cycle of Christ-Honoring Transformation in Communities begins when God calls some of His people to take the gospel across cultures, to those who have little or no access to the good news. A team of believers lives as the Body of Christ in a least-reached community, and members of this team use their gifts and skills to meet needs while proclaiming the message of Jesus.

By God's grace, these efforts bring forth fruit as members of the community trust in Christ and are drawn to worship with other members of their community in their own language and culture. As they mature in their faith, these believers develop a biblical worldview that propels them to reach out to others—and the cycle begins anew.

SEE THE CYCLE

A photograph of a woman in a patterned shirt and shorts sitting in a small boat on a pond, holding a long wooden pole. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'CYCLE OF TRANSFORMATION' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the bottom right of the image.

**CYCLE OF
TRANSFORMATION**

IN THE WAKE OF DEVASTATION

"I know God, and I know He will not leave me and will not let me go. I will continue on in my faith because I have new life and the Holy Spirit within me!"

When Barat** placed his faith in Christ following Bible studies with a Christar worker, his wife responded with hostility. She abandoned him, taking their infant daughter and leaving him to raise a teenage son alone.

But God is giving Barat the strength to hold fast to the gospel and boldly declare his faith even though it costs him dearly. And, through his testimony, others are being drawn to the hope of Christ.

READ HIS STORY



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

When Eddie** became a Christian, he was no longer welcome in his island community in Southeast Asia. Although the local leaders pushed him and his family out of the village, God gave him a desire to return and minister to his former neighbors.

Through a nonprofit started by Christar workers Nate and Liam, Eddie was able to serve his home village through helping to give them easy access to clean water and providing physical therapy to those living with disabilities. And, he earned a position of respect in the community that enabled him to more readily share the gospel.

As the villagers began to benefit from the work of the nonprofit, Eddie challenged them, “We did this because God showed His love to us in a very clear and very direct way. ... Now you’ve been shown that love, but it’s not yours—it’s from God. And so, what would God want you to do with it?”

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**ENGAGING
COMMUNITIES
THROUGH:**

BUSINESS

EDUCATION


**MEDICAL
CARE**

RELIEF

RESOURCES



PARTNERSHIPS



WITH CHURCHES

“It’s our joy to see churches embrace opportunities both to come alongside those they send and be truly blessed by their role in bringing the gospel to those who haven’t heard.”

– John, Director of Church Partnership

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WITH INDIVIDUALS

“Be in touch with Christar; don’t be afraid to go. It’s worth it!”

– Long-time Christar supporter Joel, who has completed three short-term trips in his retirement

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WITH ORGANIZATIONS

“Thanks to the partnership of the BLESS Foundation, ACCTS, a Christar project in the Middle East, has been able to provide practical help to refugees while introducing them to the hope of Christ.”

– Nancy, Director of Donor Engagement

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MOBILIZATION

We rejoice as God calls believers with the skills, gifts and interests needed to bring the message of Christ to communities that haven't been introduced to this good news. And we praise the Lord for prompting some to serve through Christar—like Lacy and Kevin**, who hope to serve among the Deaf.

Lacy has had a heart to reach the Deaf for seven years. "I realized that the Deaf population in general is the third most unreached for the gospel," she says. We eagerly anticipate how they will help Christar expand its ministry among these least-reached people.

Andrew, who mobilized this couple, observes, "I'm just in awe at how God works sovereignly to intersect people and places at the right time to move them toward accomplishing His purposes."

READ THE STORY



TRAINING FOR THE FIELD

TESTIMONIALS

BLAZE: Training for Short-Term Service

“What stands out most clearly from the training [at Blaze] is the guidance we received in regard to our expectations. By discussing my expectations and considering the realities that I might face, I was better able to adapt to unexpected situations once I did make it to the field.”

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NPO: New Personnel Orientation

“NPO showed that the people with Charstar are genuine and caring. They are serving us and helping us get to where God is calling us.”

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PDO: Pre-Departure Orientation

“The sincere care and concern our family received from Charstar, and the lessons Sam** and I learned at PDO, continue to stick with us now as we serve the Lord in West Africa.”

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RENEW: Debriefing Retreat for Long-Term Workers

“As I look back, I appreciate that I have people who know me personally, and really care about me. Because of that personal connection, I feel that I can share real issues I face with them, and I do not need to be afraid. I believe they want my best. Since I am a very relational person, this is integral to my wellbeing.”

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CHRISTAR
Creatively Reaching Buddhists,
Hindus and Muslims

“When our people feel valued and honored, that is reflected in their effectiveness in ministry among least-reached people.”

– Michael**, co-director of the CMCUS Member Care Team



VALUING OUR GREATEST RESOURCE: PEOPLE

We value people. We invest in, support and love those who take the gospel to least-reached communities not only because we see the image of God in these workers, but because we recognize that the members of Christ’s Body are the messengers of His good news.

In 2019, we changed our core value of “Personal Development” to “People” not to signify a change in our DNA as an organization, but to better communicate the great worth of the individuals, families and teams that comprise Christar. By expressing this value in a new way, we seek to better reflect our long-held convictions about the importance of supporting and equipping our members.

People are Christar’s primary resource! Caring for our members well is a significant investment, but it’s one we joyfully make because we believe they—and the least-reached people they serve—are worth it.

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2020 & BEYOND

As we consider our God's unceasing faithfulness in providing pathways to serve Him, we reinforce our confidence that He will continue to do so in the future. Each opened door is a reminder of His sovereignty and goodness and an encouragement that He can and does use us, His people, for eternal purposes.

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2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

DONATIONS:

Individuals:	\$7,882,993
Churches & Organizations:	\$7,136,543
Total Donations:	\$15,019,536

EXPENSES:

Church Planting:	\$9,592,368
Training & Education:	\$1,346,041
Medical Work:	\$240,744
Mass Media:	\$69,366
Relief:	\$26,029
Total Program Service Expenses:	\$11,274,548



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