



# FOWM

FRIENDS *of* WORLD MISSION

2022 Projects

*Empower* LOCAL  
MINISTRIES TO  
*transform* THEIR  
COMMUNITIES  
AROUND THE WORLD



6 PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP



## INVITATION

Our goal is to raise \$240,000 in support of all six FOWM projects: \$40,000 for each project in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, MENA, and globally through Covenant Kids.

Your gifts will be directed to the current FOWM projects in the region you check on the remit or online. Once the current project is fully funded, any remaining funds may be used to support other ongoing FOWM projects in the region. If any of these FOWM project ministries captures your heart, please respond as you are able.

*Will you join our efforts to empower local ministries to transform their communities?*

Together, we are making a difference in our communities and around the world! Thank you for your partnership.

## GLOBAL Impacting Children's Lives

In 2021, to better serve and resource our partners and the children they serve, Covenant Kids became a ministry of Covenant World Relief & Development (CWRD). This will help maximize the impact of giving, provide our partners consistent funding, and grow the program to provide more access to more children in more communities around the world. Any CWRD partner intentionally serving children is able to apply for grants. **Your financial gifts will help our partners serve more children in more communities in tangible ways.**



*Juber contributes to his family's income, but through Covenant Social Service in India he also found a safe place to learn and be creative—he loves to paint! He is taking classes in children's rights, learning to be a change-maker in his community.*

## Bethlehem Bible College Guesthouse

MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA

*Many of Bethlehem's two million yearly tourists only come for quick day trips, but when visitors stay longer, they have more opportunities to meet Palestinians and begin to break down stereotypes about the region.*

"During my semester at Bethlehem Bible College, guests from all over the world sat around the kitchen table at the guesthouse, talking over cups of tea. They were often surprised at the conditions Palestinians face every day and how contrary that was to everything they knew about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict." (Angela Smith, Texas State University)

**Bethlehem Bible College's mission is to provide theological education and leadership development for young Christian leaders in Palestine, Israel, and around the world.** When groups or individuals visit, they stay in the guesthouse, which accommodates 27 guests. Renovating and expanding the guesthouse to more than four stories to allow 80 visitors (nearly tripling the estimated annual income and impact) will enhance the college's sustainability and contribute to the local economy.



## Developing Emerging Leaders

ASIA

*Pastor Jasmin (Acts Integrated Ministries, Philippines) was thrust suddenly into leadership when the lead pastor suffered a stroke:*

*"I was overwhelmed—preaching in multiple services, counseling, and overseeing ministry leaders—and I cried aloud to God. Trained leaders have stepped up amid all we were facing. I praise God!"*

The purpose of this project is to create a cohort of young leaders from India, Philippines, Nepal, Taiwan, Japan, and Thailand who have a vision to develop creative and indigenous approaches to ministry in their national contexts.

This is especially important as current leaders in Asia are reaching retirement. Collaboration between young leaders and their seasoned elders will form mutually beneficial relationships where older leaders can learn from young people's fresh knowledge of cultural relevance, and young leaders can learn from the years of experience and expertise of their seniors.



## Supporting Older Adults in Colombia

LATIN AMERICA



**The Covenant Church of Colombia (FIPEC) seeks to support older adults by concentrating on their psychosocial, physical, and spiritual needs.** FIPEC will work with volunteers and the health system of Colombia to foster medical interventions, nutritional education, and spaces to engage in art, exercise, and Bible studies in a social setting.

The plan is to educate communities on systemic and structural injustices that can leave the aging population vulnerable. The hope is that this initiative will help dignify and strengthen older adults as valuable citizens who can contribute to the formation of future generations.

*"My husband died of a heart attack four years ago. My oldest son died soon after, and my daughter a year ago. Recently, I brought my 106-year-old father to live with my second son and me to care for him. These past four years have been difficult, but I am thankful to know God's love and grace and to attend the Family Restoration Center Church in Monteria." —Blanca Rosa Fernández López*

## Incarnational Ministry in Post-Christian Europe

EUROPE

**This project is designed to support and empower efforts to reach out to the unchurched and the dechurched in Europe.** A key focus is to build grace-filled, dignifying relationships with people who do not feel comfortable going to church but are hungry for faith conversations.

Brunches, burger nights, and one-on-ones allow cross-cultural workers to go deeper with people who have an interest in God's mission for their life. Many people in Europe are not used to the idea of generosity. They are often skeptical about receiving a free gift, wary that strings are attached. In this way the ministry models the free love of Jesus while relaxing and talking about matters of the heart in a small, personal setting.



*"We get to know each other, ask deep questions, and provide friendship and support."*

## Enhanced Technology in DR Congo

AFRICA

**As advances in technology have enhanced video, audio, and written communication, the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) is facing significant technology needs.** Its current systems are antiquated and need costly repairs, and staff need training to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing digitized world.

This project will focus on boosting the energy supply for the CEUM, updating computer equipment, and training office personnel. Enhanced communication will strengthen the infrastructure needed to communicate and function effectively—and will better assist in spreading the gospel throughout the CEUM regions, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and throughout Africa.

*"As daylight faded, attendees at a meeting pulled out their cell phone flashlights until finally the meeting was adjourned, because no lighting was available."*

