

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:19-20



A Hmong village chief who accepted Christ in 2007 in China

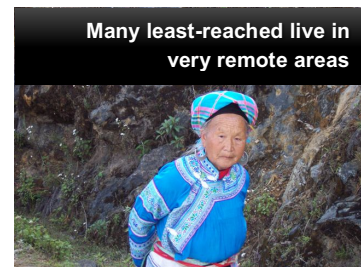
My Call: Cross-Cultural Mobilization to the Least-Reached

6500 people-groups are considered unreached by the gospel. It has been over 2000 years since Jesus came to this earth and still there are over 3 billion people waiting for an opportunity to know their Savior. They need to hear the message of Christ and see the Church established in their language, location and context. How can they hear unless believers are sent? How can believers be sent if they are not encouraged, challenged and called to go?

Applying my experience as a pastor dedicated to missions, I want to see least-reached peoples reached through mobilizing the church for cross-cultural ministry. God has impassioned me for this mobilization work and I am immensely excited to devote, not a portion, but my entire ministry life to this endeavor.

My Ministry Goal: Multiply and magnify the cross-cultural ministry of Converge churches

During my first three years in this ministry, I will work to develop 25 cohorts of churches centered around Converge Champion churches. These cohorts will bring together resources, ideas, encouragement and training to help each church be more effective in cross-cultural outreach independently and collectively. Ultimately, I want Converge churches to be strong in their cross-cultural ministry and diligent in calling and sending missionaries to the least-reached. By 2025, we hope to meet the 10-year goal of 300 new Converge missionaries serving the least-reached.



Many least-reached live in very remote areas

My Strategy: Influence through relationships

My plan of action revolves around building relationships with pastors, church leaders and key volunteers in an effort to bring encouragement from the national level directly to local churches. I will make myself available to any church needing assistance or willing to grow. Through these relationships, doors will open for cross-cultural trainings, strategic conversations and vision trips for pastors and key players. Prayerfully I believe this will result in the identification of new missionaries and foster an increase in the cross-cultural effectiveness of Converge churches. A strong emphasis will be placed on engaging in local, cross-cultural ministry where the church can minister to the world in its own backyard.

My Story: Called to missions at an early age

My wife, Amanda, and I met at the age of three at our church in Collinsville, Oklahoma where Amanda's dad was the Pastor. Our church supported several missionaries and from a young age I was influenced by their stories and passion for ministry to the lost. As a freshman in high school I gave my life to full-time ministry. In 1995, Amanda & I enrolled in Baptist Bible College majoring in Missions.

Since graduation in 1999, I have served in pastoral roles at three churches – each giving me the opportunity to give emphasis to missions ministry. Over the years I have trained, led and organized over 26 short-term teams for ministry around the world including China, Romania, Fiji, Mexico and Estonia. I have also helped mentor and coach four individuals in their call to full-time missionary service. Most recently I served with Horizons International, an organization focused on ministry to the Muslim world.

I love missions, missionaries and seeing people engage in missions through the church.



Short-term teams make a difference



Lily accepted Christ in Estonia in 2013

My Sending Agency: Converge International Ministries (Orlando / Chicago)

Converge is a 160+ year old, nonprofit church-planting movement now consisting of more than 1,300 U.S. churches. Our pastors and missionaries are committed to “starting and strengthening churches worldwide” as the most effective means of helping people come to meet, know and follow Jesus. The mission arm of Converge, International Ministries, has this primary prayer-focused vision: *We are asking God for a gospel movement among every least-reached people group in our generation!*

Converge International Ministries is committed to developing communities of Jesus followers who regularly meet and fellowship in reproducing multiplying movements that holistically impact individuals, communities and regions through the power of the Gospel.

Number of Partners Needed	Monthly Contribution Amount
3	\$300-400
4	\$250
7	\$200
10	\$100
11	\$50

My Financial Goal: Fully Funded by January 2018

My missionary budget which I must raise in full before being released to my work includes: wages, ministry work expenses, taxes, continuing education, health insurance, long-term disability, life insurance, retirement funding, missionary training, missionary communication services, development expenses, IRS-compliant receipting and record-retention services, mission leadership/strategy development and ministry counselling.

When all put together, I must raise **\$5,500 each month**.

Therefore, my prayed-for financial goal is to find **30-50 committed ministry partners** contributing an average of \$50-\$200 each month.

My Request: Become Part of My Support Team!

Please pray for me, and join my financial support team as monthly partners! I cannot do this alone. I want to build a team of people, like myself, who desire to see the gospel make its way to those who have never heard of Jesus. Together we will see lives transformed and the population of heaven increase -- *from every nation, tribe, people and language*.



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