



Foundational Partners Needed

Dear Gospelink Friend,

In April of this year, **Gospelink marked 25 years of ministry!** We find ourselves contemplating the remarkable journey of building relationships within the global Body of Christ. Without hesitation, we can say these relationships have served the purpose of expanding the gospel to the ends of the earth. It is remarkable to realize that nothing we have seen accomplished has come through any ONE person, rather it has come through the “linking” together of His people. We are so blessed by those connections.

Through a quarter century of support, we have been able to send an astonishing \$46.7 million dollars to our ministry partners overseas yielding over 47,000 churches planted and over 8.2 million reported conversions. This translates to an investment of about \$1,000 per church plant and just \$5.65 per conversion.

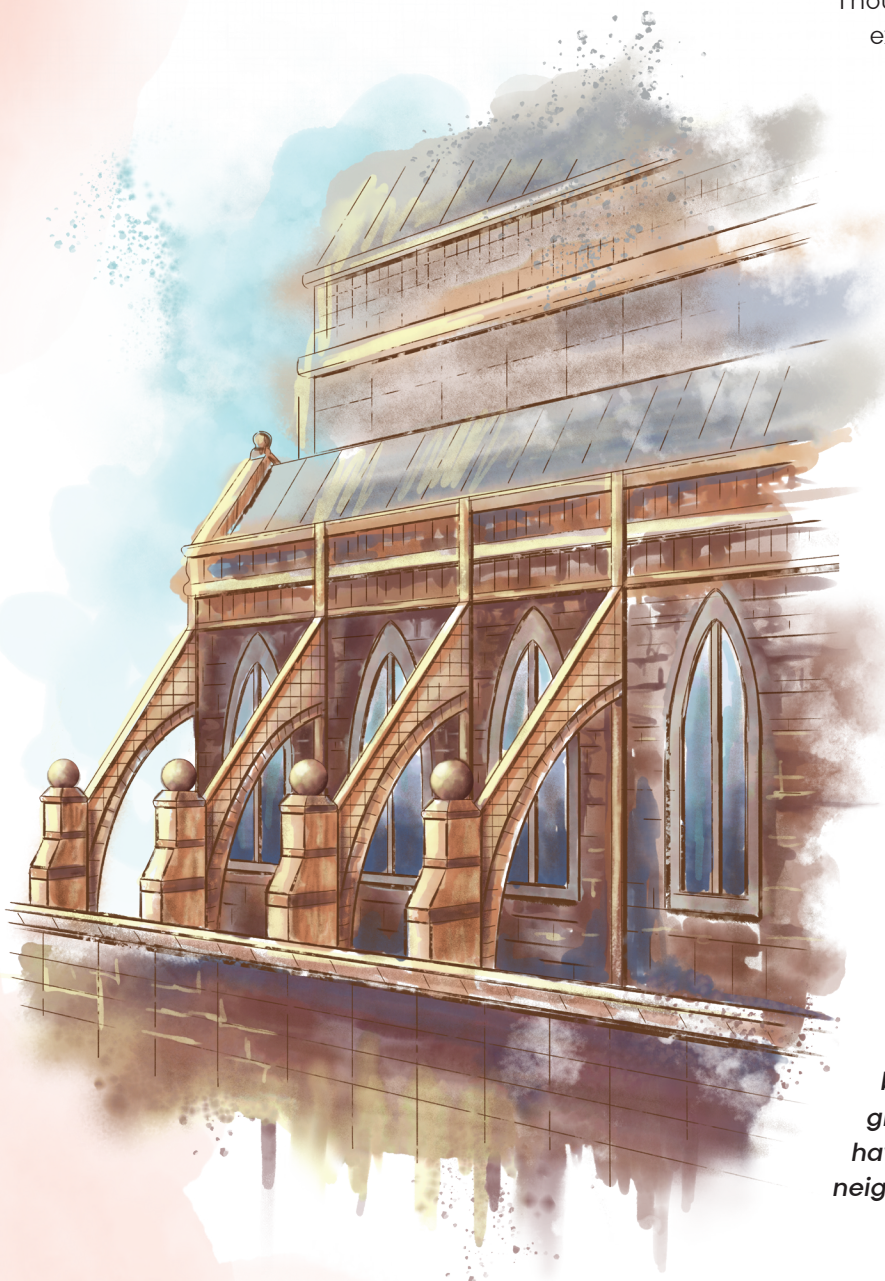
Though these statistics are inspiring and exciting, they cannot quantify the eternal significance of the relationships formed. Many donors have shared how they have come to see their international ministry partners as a central part of their family and an outflow of their personal vision for the advancement of the gospel.

*“Dear Pastor, once again I have the pleasure of writing to you, my friends. I have read and re-read your report - it brings me **so much joy** to read what is happening in your family, in your church, and in your ministry. I know it takes time to write these words, but this window to your world is **priceless** to me!”*

- Sara S. (donor)

Additionally, as we have had the privilege of visiting the homes of church planters in small villages around the world, it has been an amazing thing to see the picture of their donor's family hanging in a prominent space on their wall.

“I would like to thank God for His blessings while I make every effort to grow the Church in my community. We have many unsaved friends, relatives, and neighbors who are witnessing the way God





*has provided for us. Please keep on praying for my preaching that the Holy Spirit will lead my speaking and touch hearts that so that they may come to personal confession [in Christ] before it is too late. **You are treasured as always. Sent with a grateful heart.***

- Wisky Jackson (Malawi Church Planter)

Stories like these highlight the strength of our global partnerships.

As we close out this milestone year, we are excited to look toward the future. We are anxious to continue building on this great foundation while also assessing any areas that need to be strengthened for the work ahead.

In the world of architecture, there are vital structures called buttresses. These are often visible on beautiful old cathedrals. They give additional support to allow the building to reach its maximum dimensions and to stand the test of time. The buttress is a beautiful illustration of one of the **biggest needs** that Gospelink has as we pursue the vision that God has called us to. **We need your help to buttress our vision so we can reach our fullest potential and be fully supported in the next quarter century.**

As we celebrate the expanding reach of Gospelink initiatives around the world, we must be ever mindful of the increasing organizational support needed to maintain and facilitate this work. We have always served as a channel for our donors to partner directly with indigenous church planters. Most of our funding has been sent directly to our international partners, with little retained for Gospelink's operations. As you have generously supported our international ministry partners, **we are now asking you to become a *Foundational Partner* of Gospelink by making a one-time gift now and a recurring gift pledge or actual giving plan for the future.**

First, it will put Gospelink on a **healthier fiscal foundation**. Next, adequate funding will allow us to **expand our team**. It is vital for us to increase our efforts to train, launch and sustain discipleship movements. Finally, we will be able to focus our periodic fund raising on expanding some of the key initiatives and projects that we are working on with our ministry partners.

We have always, and continue to be, bolstered by your faithful giving. There is no doubt the global Church has been impacted and blessed by the past 25 years of Gospelink's ministry partnerships. Now, as a Foundational Partner we are asking you to get behind us for our **next stage of growth**. It will be exciting to see all the ways God will provide, and even more exciting to see the incredible advancement of His Kingdom through the "linking" together of His people.

Please see the response form included for giving instructions and how you can impact the Gospelink ministry for the glory of God this year and for the years ahead.

Thank you for everything you have done. May God bless you immensely!

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President