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Meet Our New Staff

Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of welcoming Alli to our staff. We'd like to introduce her and ask that you include her when you pray for Harvesters. We are excited to see how the Lord will use Alli!

Alli Sackett Supporter Engagement



Alli began to sense the Lord calling her to missions while she was in middle school. She went on her first trip to Kenya at age 14 and proceeded to go on several more short-term trips throughout Asia and Europe. God grew her heart for the nations and finally, in 2017, she packed up and moved to India to serve as a full-time missionary.

She spent three years ministering to the unreached there before God altered her course. After returning to South Carolina in 2020, she met her husband, Luke, in a young adults Bible Study group. They married in January 2023, and their precious son Connor was born in August 2024.

Her passion for mission work is unchanged, and she is excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with Harvesters in furthering the Gospel to the ends of the earth!



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Opportunities To Make A Difference

Your prayers regarding the opportunities listed below are truly appreciated. We also ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to support these opportunities. To give, please scan the QR Code or visit my.harvesters.net/donate. Designate your gift using the “Special Notes” box. You may also use the included reply envelope (no postage required) to give by check.



Russia: Furnishings and repairs for the new Hope For Life Home for Adaptation in Tavrishanka serving orphans who have graduated or aged out of traditional orphanages - \$5,500

India: Support for school staff and teachers - \$600 per month

India: Children's camps – 2-day events that share Christ's love with children living in impoverished areas - \$2,000 per month

SE Asia: Church planters support - \$750 per month

D. R. Congo: Security guards for two orphanages - \$1,350 per month

South Sudan: Cholera relief efforts - \$8,000

Kenya: University fees for students from our children's homes - \$30,000 per year

Pakistan: Monthly support for pastors serving in difficult, impoverished areas - \$500 per month

Uganda: Upcoming pastor training sessions - \$7,000

Rwanda: Pastor support and education - \$750 per month

Where Most Needed Fund: Help cover shortfalls, emergencies and other pressing needs

Go With Harvesters In Community With The Pokot

A team from Callahan First Baptist Church in Florida recently traveled with Harvesters to Kenya. Pastor Shane shares below about their experience.

*“As mission-minded people, we always want to take Jesus to the world, but sometimes we learn that we go where Jesus is. In May, our team of four (Josie, Donna, Missy, and myself) ventured the world to visit with Pokot Outreach Ministry. We were able to gain vision and to see the real work that is taking place with the Pokot tribe there. Little did we know that **the adventure that awaited us would impact us forever.**”*

*We were able to participate in pastor conferences and Vacation Bible School, visit a children's home, and be part of a water walk and dedication service for a recently installed well. We also had times of worship and meetings and simply **times of listening to the hearts of leaders and people.***

Participating in these types of events will have an eternal impact on your life. You may ask – how is this different than other mission trips?

*I will never forget the Pokot people singing in their language “We go where Jesus is” as we collected water and carried it to their village. They **welcomed us with loving arms and excitement** as we came to share in their dream of having a better way of life through a clean and close water source and to know more about Jesus. We were able to hear the children sing and share with us as they presented traditional songs of the past and new songs of praise to Jesus. Through this trip, we were able to see that **sharing hope in Christ not only happens when you open your mouth but when you listen as well.** Few places in the world are as beautiful as Kenya.”*



If you're interested in joining a team to visit one of Harvesters' partners, contact Doug Radford at doug@harvesters.net or 252-230-9742.

Transformation Of A Forgotten Village

The Hope Of Chilakou

At POM - Harvesters, we believe that every positive change, big or small, is a testament to God's faithfulness and your unwavering support. Today, we celebrate an incredible story of transformation in the once-forgotten village of Chilakou — **a community that now has every reason to rejoice.**

Just a few months ago, Chilakou was a place overshadowed by deep spiritual darkness. With no church, little access to the Gospel, and cultural practices such as idol worship, excessive drinking, and harmful traditions like female genital mutilation, hope seemed distant. For generations, families gathered to offer sacrifices to unknown gods believed to dwell in nearby caves and mountains.

But God had a different plan.

In April, our ministry team visited Chilakou to assess its spiritual and physical needs. During our first outreach, 15 villagers attended the preaching, and to our joy, 3 gave their lives to Christ. In the weeks that followed, more hearts were touched — and now, **15 people have put their faith in Jesus.**

The impact has been so profound that the villagers themselves are now asking for a full-time pastor to guide them in their newfound faith. We praise God for this hunger for His Word and are committed to supporting this growing congregation.



One of the first meetings under the trees

However, the journey of transformation goes beyond spiritual revival. The people of Chilakou face daily challenges — the greatest being the lack of clean and safe drinking water. Currently, families depend on scooping water from a seasonal riverbed — a method that exposes them to waterborne diseases like typhoid.



The only water source is a seasonal riverbed with unsafe water that exposes the community to waterborne illness.

Thanks to donors' generous support, we have begun **plans to drill a well**, ensuring the community will soon have access to safe, clean water. This is more than a physical necessity; it is a tangible sign of God's love and care reaching every corner of Chilakou.

As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to stand with us in prayer:

- ❖ **Pray for Pastor Johnstone**, who has committed to visiting and ministering to the villagers regularly. May he be strengthened and encouraged in this mission.
- ❖ **Pray for the young church** in Chilakou that it will grow in faith, unity, and witness.
- ❖ **Pray for the success of the safe water project**, that all logistical and technical needs will be met smoothly and promptly.

Your partnership makes stories like Chilakou possible. Together, **we are changing lives for eternity** and bringing practical help to the most vulnerable.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May we continue to see God's kingdom expand to every unreached village.

From Despair To Renewal

Our School Becomes A Lifeline

In India, many children and families face significant challenges in accessing education and opportunities, often due to their social standing. Harvesters' partner, Good Samaritan Sewa Kendra, works to bridge this gap with their ministry schools **bringing education and hope to children** who would otherwise go without. Their commitment extends beyond just the students, embracing and serving the entire family, truly making a difference in these communities. They shared this story of a family that now has hope after despair.

*"In one of the poorest corners of our community lives a family **battling the harsh realities of poverty**. The father, a daily wage laborer, carried the heavy burden of survival. Sadly, over time, he turned to alcohol as an escape from his struggles. This dependency brought deep pain and unrest into the home. He would often return drunk, creating an atmosphere of fear, anger, and sorrow. His wife and children bore the brunt of this, both emotionally and physically.*



A family restored through the power of praying teachers

*Despite these challenges, his children came to study at Jeevan Jyoti School with **hope in their eyes and a desire to change their future**. One day, their mother bravely opened her heart to us and shared the heartbreaking truth of the violence and suffering at home.*

*Deeply moved, our school staff decided not to stand by in silence. We visited the family multiple times, spoke with the father patiently and with compassion, and **consistently lifted the situation up in prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Over time, something beautiful began to unfold. The father slowly started drinking less. The anger in the home began to quiet down. The violence, once a

*daily nightmare, began to fade. The home that once echoed with cries is **now beginning to find peace**.*

*This transformation is not just the result of counseling or effort—it is **a testimony to the power of love, faith, and prayer**. We continue to support this family and pray that the light of Jesus keeps guiding them towards healing, unity, and hope.*

***God is at work**, and we are humbled to witness His grace bring life where there was once despair."*

Rebuilding The Church

Faith Perseveres In Rwanda

In 2018, the Rwandan government passed legislation detailing new requirements for churches, including updated infrastructure, soundproofing, sanitation, and qualifications of pastors. The goal was to improve safety standards. However, these sweeping reforms **led to the closure of thousands of churches** because they lacked the financial resources to meet the new building codes.

Many of our partner churches were forced to close, particularly those in more rural areas. Over the years, our donors have made it possible to improve and update a number of churches and bring them up to code. Compliance has been difficult at times as standards were changed or added. Still, **our pastors and leaders persevered!**

The impact went beyond buildings. As you can imagine, this has made it incredibly difficult for ministry to continue, placing significant stress on pastors and leaders. In many communities, even gathering for worship in homes was prohibited as it may be considered a "church service." Our pastors have remained committed to shepherding their congregations however they can. Many have turned to small group discipleship and personal evangelism. **God is still working**, and lives are still being changed! Please pray for continued wisdom and strength for our faithful leaders serving in Rwanda.

Threads Of Hope

Masika's Journey To Independence

We believe in the transformative power of empowering women to provide for themselves and their families. In many parts of the world, women face immense challenges, often lacking access to education and economic stability. With the right support, **their resilience shines**, leading to profound change. Harvesters' partner, Union of Baptist Churches in D.R. Congo, shares the inspiring journey of Masika Uwezo who faced the devastating loss of her husband and the harsh reality of begging to survive. Her story is a powerful testament to how vocational training, enabled by your generosity, can restore dignity, provide purpose, and **build a brighter future** for an entire family.

*"I am Masika Uwezo, mother of three children – two boys and a girl. My husband died in a traffic accident. At that time, he was the only one who worked to provide for all our needs. When he died, my children and I suffered a lot because we depended on him completely. I would **spend all day begging so that my children and I could eat**. I was counting on the pity of others.*



Masika at her sewing machine

*One day when I was at church, the pastor made an announcement inviting anyone who wants to learn how to sew to come by the office after worship. I felt he was **speaking directly to me**! I went to see the pastor, and he made a recommendation for me to attend the UBC training center. I attended the three-month program. After those three months, I was able to sew all kinds of skirts and dresses! The church helped me purchase a sewing machine. Little by little, **I started to earn money**. I no longer beg and now earn my own money to provide for my children's needs. **I give thanks to God**! I bless anyone who contributes in any way to the advancement of this UBC cutting and sewing training center."*

Polina's Path

Life After The Orphanage

Every child deserves a chance at **a brighter future**, yet for many orphans in Russia, the path ahead can seem impossibly dark. We've had the privilege of witnessing incredible transformations through your support of Hope For Life Homes. Zhanna, our HFL director, shares the inspiring journey of Polina, a young woman whose life was radically changed by the hope and love of Christ.

*"I first met Polina at the Ussiryisk orphanage. At the time, she was a very challenging teenager not motivated to do anything. Her parents divorced when she was six. Her mom was addicted to alcohol, and her father wanted to marry again, so he just brought her to the authorities and said **they didn't want her**.*



Polina at her recent graduation

*God brought Polina to our annual Transformation Camp, and I was her team leader that first year. We spent lots of time talking about life and the Lord, praying together and growing close. For several years, she continued attending camp, and **I continued praying with and for her**.*

Polina accepted Christ and was baptized in the ocean! She graduated from high school and had to leave the orphanage. She came to Vladivostok (where I lived) and enrolled in vocational school. She began helping me with the orphanage ministry and at the camp. Both were instrumental in growing her faith, and she wanted to encourage others.

Polina earned a bachelor's degree in ecology and is currently working toward her master's degree in chemistry. She also just finished Bible college in Moscow. Polina plays an important role in the youth ministry at her church.

*She has grown into **a remarkable young woman** – very happy, mature in her faith, and a role model to other orphans. We thank God for Polina and are so grateful that He changed her life and is using her to draw others to Him."*

Expanding The Reach

God Is Opening Doors In SE Asia

With all the turmoil occurring in many countries around the world and the lack of ability to travel freely into them, one might think that the spread of the Gospel would be inhibited. Biblical history and current circumstances disprove that. One of these areas where Harvesters has ministered is the country of Myanmar. The difficulties began with the closure of travel into Myanmar due to Covid in 2020 followed by the military coup in February 2021. The promise of the military to have new elections by 2022 has not happened yet, and many lives have been lost in the conflict between the military and the various resistance armies in the country.

So what is happening now with the spread of the Gospel to the Burmese people? Even with the personal risks associated with the conflict, many graduates of a Bible college associated with the ministry of Kachin Baptist Bible Conference in Myanmar are stepping out, **ministering in villages** within Myanmar. Harvesters has a desire to help these pastors spread the Gospel in their country which is 80% Buddhist. They need our help through **prayer and financial support** as the cost of living has exploded during these last several years.



Church services take place in a variety of locations from rural Myanmar to cities in Malaysia



Because the military is demanding that young people fight with them, thousands of Burmese young adults and teens have migrated to neighboring countries to escape being conscripted into the army. This has **created new opportunities for ministry** to Burmese refugees in Malaysia and Thailand. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Harvesters is currently working with two fellowships led by graduates of a KBBC Bible college. Supporting a pastor in the western part of Thailand is also being considered.

We would like to **expand our connections in Southeast Asia** to other countries as the Lord opens doors through our contact with KBBC and other ministries in this region. The ability to expand outreach and meet the needs of our friends and coworkers in Southeast Asia is dependent on our brothers and sisters in the West supplying the prayer support as well as the funds needed. We ask that you **consider supporting this vital work**.



This Is Only The Beginning

Hope Rises In Kibale

In the village of Kibale, tucked away in Pallisa District, Uganda, life has always been quiet, and also spiritually dry. For years, the people of Kibale had no church. Many were trapped in traditional beliefs of animism and spirit worship, others were simply lost and some had never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But **everything began to change** when God laid it on our partner's heart to plant a church in this village. Pastor Sam from Kerith Ministry shares how the church began.



*"It started with **simple evangelism**. A few passionate believers began visiting homes, praying for families, and sharing the Word of God under the trees. Slowly, hearts started to open. People were hungry, not just for physical help, but for truth, love, and salvation.*

*As the numbers grew, a basic shelter with benches was made possible through the gifts of Harvesters' donors. It's now **a place of worship, healing, and transformation**.*

*We pray that this young church **will be full of life and will grow steadily**. Many have given their lives to Jesus Christ, including young people who serve joyfully in the choir and mothers who are part of the prayer team. The impact goes beyond Sunday services. The church has become a place of discipleship and training. Leaders are being raised. Children are learning the Bible. And the community has a **renewed sense of purpose and unity**.*

*We are **deeply grateful** to the donors and partners who have prayed for and supported this mission. Because of your faithfulness, the gospel is reaching even the most rural and forgotten places. And this is only the beginning."*

Abandoned To Empowered

Transformed By Hope & Opportunity

Moses Kiirya was born in June 2006. His early life was **filled with deep challenges**. When he was still very young, his mother abandoned him because of the unbearable poverty at home. His father was living with HIV and too weak to provide or care for Moses properly. Life was extremely hard.



But **God made a way** when a local church member saw Moses' difficult situation and reached out to Harvesters' partner, Kerith Ministries, for help. Moses was brought into their Children's Home where he could receive care, food, education, and most importantly, love.

Moses completed high school at St. Daniel's Secondary School in 2023. His dream was clear — he wanted to study automotive mechanics. He believed this course would give him practical skills to not only support himself and his family but also to **be a role model** in his community.

Today, Moses is enrolled in a two-year automotive mechanics course and doing well. His hands-on experience is **already bearing fruit!** He helps repair school vehicles at Kerith whenever there is a mechanical issue. This is his way of giving back to the place that raised him.

Beyond the classroom, Moses is a **young man who really loves God**. He is faithfully serves in the media department at church. His passion for ministry and his steady growth in Christ are inspiring to the young people around him.

Moses is deeply grateful to his sponsors and the entire Kerith family for standing with him. From an abandoned child to a young man with purpose, Moses is a true example of how **love, faith, and opportunity transform a life**.

We believe Moses' future is bright. With God, all things are possible.



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