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Joining Jesus in
His mission

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Rosio had a passion to disciple children, and you helped send Billy and Laurie Drum who equipped her to start a children's ministry in her home country.

When quitting isn't an option

When Billy and Laurie Drum first moved to Peru to serve as cross-cultural workers, they had no idea how difficult their first few years would be.

The former teachers had a vision to start a children's ministry to reach local children with the gospel and offer educational opportunities to those who could not afford the uniform and school supplies required to attend school.

The Drums met Rosio, Tania, and Milagros, three Peruvian teachers who also had a passion to disciple children.

The persecution begins . . .

Billy and Laurie were accused of poisoning children, human trafficking, and worse. "Some of the villagers were deeply into witchcraft," said Laurie. Local witches cast curses on the team and read tarot cards prophesying against them.

"We were upset and frustrated," remembers Laurie. "We wanted to quit." But Rosio, Tania, and Milagros encouraged Billy and Laurie to persevere.

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Ministry in Peru

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Continuing to walk in faith, Billy and Laurie did just that. A few years later the Lord blessed them with amazing growth of their outreach to help this community. The team had developed three children's educational programs, a women's discipleship group, and community health and development programs in Iscos and the surrounding villages.

Fruitful ministry YOU make possible

Billy and Laurie moved from Peru to Spain several years ago, but their investment in the three young Peruvian teachers continues to flourish.

Tania started an educational program and outreach to families in Lima. Milagros is serving as a teacher in an area of the Peruvian jungle where there is active terrorism and narco-trafficking; therefore most teachers will not work in the area. Rosio married a local man, and the couple recently planted a church among the people who once persecuted her.

"This is the reason that we pour into local believers who can carry on the ministries in our absence," said Laurie. *"These women are reaching their own people in their own language and culture."*

Sometimes it takes a long time to see fruit. But when you walk in the light of the Lord's plan, He is faithful.



The game-changer for Ma Annie

Ma Annie of Liberia has been in the charcoal business for years. She buys charcoal and packages it in smaller bags to sell to her neighbors.

But without credit, Ma Annie could not afford to buy charcoal in bulk, which would increase her income. All that changed when she joined the Household Economic Empowerment (HEE) program through TMS Global's international partner, Isaac Wheigar. Isaac's wife, Precious, has worked for many years in women's economic empowerment. After three months of being in the program, Ma Annie took out her first loan! Through God's grace, the microloan program is helping many escape the cycle of poverty.



Your gifts help develop small-business loan programs that change the lives of women in Liberia.

Thank you for helping to make programs like the HEE project possible. They are a game-changer for small business owners and traders like Ma Annie.



Made for missions



Your support of TMS Global mobilizes youth and young adults to experience ministry and sharing their faith in a whole new light.

For Piper Kirkpatrick of Madison, Alabama, missions has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember.

"Starting as a preschooler, kids at Asbury United Methodist Church are taught to be engaged in missions," says Rhonda Dahlin, TMS Global's director of church culture. *"By the time a student*

graduates, missions has become a fundamental part of his or her faith."

"When I was in the sixth grade, I went on my first mission trip to Costa Rica," remembers Piper. On the trip, Piper shared her testimony in front of a few hundred students. *"The experience made me wonder why I didn't share my faith more openly at home,"* she said. After returning home, Piper began to see her school as a mission field.

Your generous giving helps raise up mission-minded disciples, like Piper, with a heart for sharing the gospel!



You're helping to equip widows in Uganda



Because of your support, Nancy (bottom right) is able to empower widows in Uganda for self-sustainability.

Nancy Peed is a TMS Global cross-cultural worker who serves in Uganda. She was teaching Bible stories to children and noticed how downcast the mothers seemed. *“They looked hopeless and weary. They kept their eyes on the ground and never smiled.”*

Nancy began meeting with the women. As she shared Bible stories of how Jesus noticed, loved, and healed those who were seen as unimportant, Nancy could see a transformation in the women. Yet their circumstances were still overwhelming.

“I also began to pray for these women, asking God to find a way to ease their burdens,” said Nancy.

God answered Nancy's prayer by connecting her to a local NGO that works to empower women through sustainable small business and community development.

Hope and a future in Uganda

After completing a 10-day training program, Nancy's group of 27 women have started businesses including selling cassava flour, tailoring, raising goats, opening a salon, selling honey, and opening a small store.

When Rose, one of the women, graduated from the business training program, she said to Nancy, *“I never thought God cared for me, and then He sent you here. Now, I can take care of my family, and I believe God sees me.”*

“You can say to those without hope, I know a Light”

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, I pray that we're reminded of those around the world who have little to be thankful for.

It's on behalf of those living without hope that I write to you today.

Right now, God is at work all around the world—using willing hands, feet, and messengers to carry His good news.

As a partner in ministry, I pray you will join with us to mobilize, train, and support cross-cultural workers worldwide—to reach people with the LIFE and LIGHT that is found in Jesus.

May Jesus be a Light in your life this holiday season.

Blessed to serve with you,



Max Wilkins
President and CEO

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You can help share the gospel in communities that need Jesus!

Right now, all around the world, there are...

- communities where there is likely **little light of Jesus**
- men, women, and children who have **no understanding of who God is**
- people who feel hopeless and have **never experienced the love of Jesus**

Your gift today will help to TRAIN, MOBILIZE, and support missionaries to SERVE communities around the world who need to be transformed by the love of Jesus.



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