

# Global Christmas



2012

## Children's Offering Project

This year, our Learning Center offering will be used to host a Vacation Bible School in Nigeria. Your children are receiving information about this exciting project in their own global packet, so be sure to go over it with them and help them catch the vision.



## The 15 Days of Global Christmas

The 15 Days of Global Christmas prayer calendar is included to encourage your family to pray for a different global partner each day. We hope you use this as a guide to pray for our partners throughout the world.

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# Global Christmas 2012

Christmas.

We're hit left and right by the media and our culture with messages compelling us to get more stuff. More toys, the latest gadgets, the newest technology... But at Fellowship, December is different. We call it "Global Christmas." The chance to think outside of ourselves. The chance to focus on what God is doing around the world and how He's expanding His kingdom-influence through our global strategic partnerships. Global Christmas isn't about **getting**—it's about **giving**. We're following the Father's lead as He gave us His Son, who took on flesh as a baby, was born in a manger and lived a perfect life so He could die in our place and give us hope.

## Less Under Our Tree, More For the World



On the weekend of **December 15th and 16th**, we will take our annual Global Offering which supports the work of our global strategic partnerships around the world. What could a few less gifts under our own Christmas trees mean to those around the world? Less under our trees means more for the world—more

to build churches, more to train leaders, more to feed children, more to bring clean drinking water, more HOPE for the world.

Last year, you generously gave over \$370,000 to this work! This year, our goal is to raise \$500,000. Be in prayer about how God would have you and your family respond.

## This Global Brochure

This is your guide to help you see what God is doing through Fellowship as we work with our global strategic partnerships around the world. You'll also want to check out the global page on our website to read more about our strategic partnerships, stories, pictures and highlights from our 2012 global trips and more.

For His Renown!

Brian Petak  
Global Outreach Pastor

P.S. Follow us on Twitter at [@fbctnglobal](https://twitter.com/fbctnglobal) to get updates on what is going on around the world through our global partnerships as well as global trips.

Visit [FellowshipNashville.org/Global](http://FellowshipNashville.org/Global)  
to learn more about each of our  
global partners.

# 2012 Global Strategic Partners

United States of America

Guatemala

Haiti

Peru

Comas

Angel Barrientos  
la Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera  
Comas, Peru



WIND&WATER  
GLOBAL

## What are Strategic Partnerships?

We believe that strategic partnerships are the life-blood of an effective and sustainable global ministry. Our primary aim is to lock arms with like-minded churches and organizations that are indigenous to their own cultures. Through these partnerships, we funnel all our efforts through our Wind and Water Strategy.

The metaphor of WIND has, at its core, the leadership components of launching, equipping and encouraging people through teaching, training and strategic planning and investments. WATER looks at immediate needs related to human suffering and meets practical needs that give hope and bring life.



**Steffen Weil**  
mittendrin  
Potsdam, Germany



**Dinislam Salpagarov**  
New Life Church  
Karachaevsk, Russia



**Andrey Kravtsev**  
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**Darko Mikulic**  
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Slavonski Brod, Croatia



**Peter Garang Deng**  
ALARM  
Lietnhom, South Sudan



**Rosemary Khamati**  
PEACE International.  
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**James Baak**  
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Juba, South Sudan



**Aniefiok Udo**  
Fellowship Bible Church  
Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria



Last year, we invited ten of our global partners and spouses to Fellowship for a week of collaboration, inspiration and encouragement; these ministry leaders came from Peru, South Sudan, Nigeria, Germany, Croatia, and Russia.

**In the following pages, we asked each partner about the impact of the summit on their lives and ministries.**





## Peru Facts :

**Population:** 30,135,875

**Ethnic Groups:** Amerindian 45%, Mestizo (Mixed Amerindian/White) 37%, White 15%, Black, Japanese, Chinese, and Other 3%

**Religions:** Catholic 89%, Evangelical 6.7%, Other Denominations 2.6%, None 1.4%

Children at school in Iquitos, Peru

Pacific Ocean



# Peru

*Angel Barrientos is the Pastor of la Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera de (Christian Missionary Alliance Church) in Comas, Peru*

## Q&A With Angel Barrientos:

**1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?**

**Angel:** The messages were excellent, especially the one about the heart by Michael Hyatt. "El corazon es la ezencia de la vida." (The heart is the essence of life.) You need to have a balanced life, family and ministry, to have proper vision.

**2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?**

**A:** Now I take care of my heart. If it is well, all is well—my life, my family, my ministry. I take care of my heart emotionally and spiritually. This has been very impactful for me. Thank you.

**"El corazon es la ezencia de la vida (The heart is the essence of life)."**  
**Pastor Angel Barrientos**

**3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?**

**A:** There are two most important things that have happened this year. The work in the public schools—we are in approximately 15 schools. They have allowed us to staff a pastor that works within these schools that represent over 15,000 students. God is showing us so much favor.

Also, the new church plant in El Retablo (Zone 6). It began in January 2012 and there are already 300 people meeting there.



Angel and Neli Barrientos with children, Heidi and Abraham.

## Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ Started a pilot program with a Comas pastor full-time in the public schools (potential to reach over 15,000 kids!)
- ▶ Providing physical and spiritual nourishment for hundreds of the poorest of the poor through the PANES food program.
- ▶ Continued church-planting and ministry in the ten Comas zones to reach 10,000 people by the year 2020.



# Nigeria

*Aniefiok Udo is the Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church and Executive Director of Africa Theological Seminary in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria*

## Q&A With Aniefiok Udo:

**1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?**

**Aniefiok:** The most wonderful time to me was listening to the powerful and influential speaker, Dr. Larry Jones. His faithfulness in serving God in hard conditions with his family, and perseverance to get the New Testament published in the Yawa people's dialect.

**2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?**

**A:** This has impacted me deeply. The level of my perseverance has changed greatly, knowing that serving God comes with a price that I have to pay. I have been challenged to take the gospel to the most interior part of my country, where naturally I would not have wanted to go. I have been motivated to give priority to Bible students who are planning on taking the gospel to their inner rural areas after their graduation. The seminary team leaders are now seeking scholarships for students.

**3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?**

**A:** One of the most significant things that has happened in the ministry is in the area of life-changing salvation. In the month of July, three of the most notorious gangsters gave their lives to Christ in an all-night prayer meeting conducted by the church.



Aniefiok and Judy Udo with sons, Stephen, Samuel and James.

### Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ Africa Theological Seminary graduated 15 students and welcomed 43 new students.
- ▶ Summer 2012 VBS "Mission: Possible!" trained over 1,500 children!
- ▶ Continued to build pastor's resource library.

## Nigeria Facts:

**Population:** 128,771,988

**Ethnic Groups:** Hausa and Fulani 29%, Yoruba 21%, Igbo 18%, Ijaw 10%, Kanuri 4%, Ibibio 3.5%, Tiv 2.5%

**Religions:** Muslim 50%, Christian 40%, Indigenous 10%



Leading a chant at VBS in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria

# Croatia

*Darko Mikulic is the Pastor of Slavonski Brod Baptist Church in Slavonski Brod, Croatia.*

## Q&A With Darko Mikulic:

**1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?**

**Darko:** Through all the amazing programs that you so well prepared for us, it was clear that you love us and care for us deeply, and that we are joined together in His mission around the world. We are thankful for this time we were able to come together with spouses. Also time spent with your other global partners was a huge encouragement to us.

**2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?**

**D:** We are learning to be more intentional in everything, both personally and in ministry. We developed purpose, values, and goals for the church, building up the spirit of unity and team trust. Maybe the greatest impact that brought change in my life and ministry was the challenge to memorize Scripture.

**3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?**

**D:** The New Year started with moving to our new church location. After ten years of renting, the Lord has blessed us with a place of our own. There are still lots of challenges in front us with this new place, but we so are thankful for this huge blessing to have our own place of worship, prayer and fellowship.

## Croatia Facts:

**Population:** 4,489,409

**Ethnic Groups:** Croat 89.6%,  
Serb 4.5%

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 87.8%,  
Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%,  
Other Christian 0.4%



**"We are learning to be more intentional in everything."**

**Pastor Darko Mikulic**



**Darko and Gorana Mikulic with daughters, Lara, Hana and son Matija.**



**Young girl at basketball camp in Slavonski Brod, Croatia**

## Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ Youth Bible study group started this summer.
- ▶ Evangelistic basketball camp was very successful.
- ▶ Hosted Fourth Area Christian Conference to train leaders and encourage believers.



Prayer before a baptism in Karachaevsk, Russia

## Russia Facts :

**Population:** 140,041,247

**Ethnic Groups:** Russian 79.8%, Tatar 3.8%, Ukrainian 2%, Bashkir 1.2%, Chuvash 1.1%, Other or Unspecified 12.1%

**Religions:** Russian Orthodox 15-20%, Muslim 10-15%, Other Christian 2%



St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia



# Russia

*Dinislam Salpagarov is a Pastor of New Life Church in Karachaevsk, Russia*

*Andrey Kravtsev was the Director of Northern Caucasus Bible Institute (NCBI) in Prokhladny, Russia*

## Q&A With Dinislam and Andrey:

### 1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?

**Dinislam:** We received many blessings and a new step of faith to follow in our life. All the speakers were great, especially Larry Jones who translated the Bible for the Yawa Island people, and Michael Hyatt, who spoke about the heart issues.

**Andrey:** I greatly appreciated Brian Fikkert's presentation on "When Helping Hurts," especially his diagram of four major relationships and their results. It helped me see the great value of helping people restore the most meaningful relationships in their lives. It also helped to even better see the value of a local church, as this is the only hope for the world.

### 2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?

**D:** Inna and I made a step of faith and are launching a new ministry of evangelism and church planting among the Muslim population. Please pray that the hearts of Muslims do not become hard but will be open to the gospel.

**A:** Brian Fikkert's theological thinking on the church's social involvement really prompted me to go deeper. I am working hard and hoping to be able to help practitioners in Russia with theological reflection on the practice of ministry we do.

### 3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?

**D:** This past year God has blessed us with four people who accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. Also, we are starting church planting work in several new places.

**A:** We have been able to significantly strengthen the school with key faculty and staff members who serve as one team. Moreover, I was able to train and equip a person who took over the leadership role in the school. I taught him as an undergraduate student eight years ago, and now he is in charge of the school. It is always a big joy to see servants multiplied.



**Dinislam and Inna Salpagarov with children Liana and Robert.**



**Andrey and Albina Kravtsev with children Iliya, Anna and Nickolny.**

## Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ First class of masters students graduated from NCBI in 2012.
- ▶ Evangelism and church-planting initiative led by Dinislam Salpagarov to reach into the Karachai people group (40 known believers out of a population of 400,000).
- ▶ Drug and alcohol rehab center rescued people from addiction and pointed them to New Life Church in Karachaevsk.

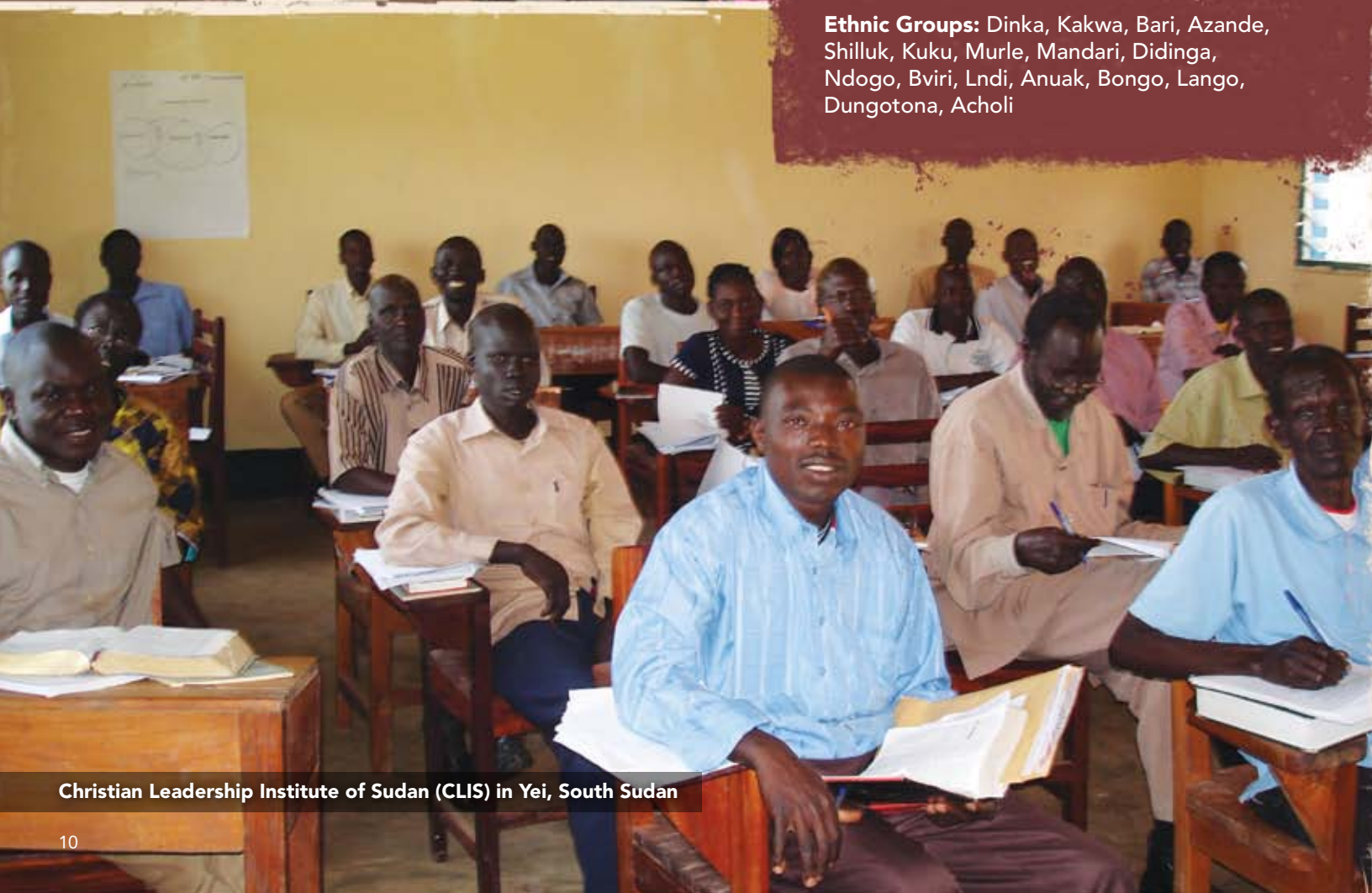


Kids at play in Boma, South Sudan

## South Sudan Facts :

**Population:** 10,625,176

**Ethnic Groups:** Dinka, Kakwa, Bari, Azande, Shilluk, Kuku, Murle, Mandari, Didinga, Ndogo, Bviri, Lndi, Anuak, Bongo, Lango, Dugotona, Acholi



Christian Leadership Institute of Sudan (CLIS) in Yei, South Sudan

# South Sudan

*James Baak is the Country Director of African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM) in Juba, South Sudan*

*Peter Garang Deng is the Regional Coordinator of ALARM in Liethom, South Sudan*

*Rosemary Khamati is the Director of Partnerships for East African Community Empowerment International (PEACE)*



## Q&A With James Baak and Rosemary Khamati:

### 1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?

**James:** From Brian Fikkert's lectures, I learned a deeper meaning of partnership. Previously, I thought the main driving force in partnership was material things. I learned that the focus in true partnership is mutual, long-term commitment to one another regardless of resources.

**Rosemary:** Time spent at the round tables with the whole team of global partners in discussions. I got to know the team members and understood better what their ministries are about—an affirmation that ministry is not easy, no matter where you are.

### 2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?

**J:** Realizing that both the church in South Sudan and I are active contributors is inspiring and encouraging. This means that God is transforming us as well as our partners as we allow God to change us and be accountable to one another.

**R:** This encouraged me to know that as far as we may be away from one another, we are all working for one Lord and we know how to pray for one another. It was a humbling experience for me to know that each country has ministry challenges.

### 3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?

**J:** ALARM South Sudan has trained 27 church planters and gave each a motorbike to share the gospel with their communities across South Sudan. We graduated over 20 church leaders in Liethom through Pastoral Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) and over 30 church leaders in Yei at the Christian Leadership Institute of Sudan (CLIS).

**R:** Departing from my previous ministry this year, we've started a new organization called PEACE International and are looking forward to seeing how God will use our partnerships to empower communities throughout East Africa.

## Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ Graduated classes of pastors and students at CLIS in Yei and PLTI in Liethom.
- ▶ Continued development of women's empowerment and women's literacy programs in Liethom.
- ▶ Church planting and pastor training.



James Baak and wife Martha Adut Kuol with children, Daniel and Grace.



Peter Garang Deng and wife Mary Achol Manyon with children Deng Garang, Awan Garang, Aguet Garang, Deng Awan and Sarah Ayn Garang.



Rosemary Khamati with daughters, Amanda, Vernessa, Valerie and Prudence.



# Germany

**Steffen Weil** is the Pastor of "mittendrin" (which means "in the thick of it"), a church-plant in Potsdam, Germany.

## Q&A With Steffen Weil:

### 1. What is one of the most important things you experienced or learned in last year's 2011 Global Summit?

**Steffen:** First of all, to have this time in Nashville together with my wife, Renata. It is not possible to transport an experience like this just by telling someone about it, so thanks for having both of us with you.

One main sentence from Dave Ramsey: "People want to be led and it's my responsibility to lead!"

### 2. How has this impacted you, both your ministry and you personally, this year?

**S:** I got a new view on our "start team" and my daily work. So God wants me to lead this team and God wants me to build this church. And for example, conflicts are normal and a sign of influence. No one else is called to do my job! My wife is my best companion in our calling for mittendrin in Potsdam.

### 3. What is one of the most significant things that has happened in your ministry this year?

**S:** We moved from our "start team" phase to the phase of small groups and worship services.

Also seeing the personal development of some "not-yet" believers to interested and changed persons. One woman was thrilled by our very first test-service in August 2012 and said, "Wow, maybe I will be part of a new reformation... I hope so!"



Steffen and Renata Weil with children, Lara-Carlotta, Stina-Elisabetha, Linus-Kalle and Lieve-Anderson.

## Strategic Initiatives

- ▶ Monthly public worship gatherings move to bi-monthly in January.
- ▶ Zweitwohnsitz ("second home") coffee shop opened as a way to reach out to the Potsdam community.

**"Wow, maybe I will be part of a new reformation... I hope so!"**

Church Attendee



Train station to Potsdam, Germany

# Germany Facts :

**Population:** 82,283,000

**Ethnic Groups:** Germany 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, Other 6.1%

**Religions:** Christian 35%, Catholic 31%, Islam 4%, Other 1%, None 29%



Pastor Steffen doesn't just preach sermons



Children's ministry in Port au Prince, Haiti



Downtown Celje, Slovenia



Little House of Refuge in Xela, Guatemala



# Haiti

## Trip Description

This team of high school students, in partnership with Brent Gambrell Ministries, cared for orphans in Haiti by hosting a camp, distributing food and completing various construction projects at the orphanage.

## Trip Highlight

One of the highlights of the trip was being able to go from hut-to-hut in the village of Canise, praying for families and offering to help with chores. Not one family asked for more food, more water, a better house, etc. It was always, "Pray that I can stay in God's way." "Pray that God will guide my children." "Pray that I will live for God" ...and so on. What amazing hearts of faith, despite having so few material possessions.



Haiti

# Slovenia

## Trip Description

Inversion and Fellowship Student Ministries (FSM) joined forces to host an English/Music Camp in Celje, Slovenia. They did so by coming alongside the Slovenia ministries of Calvary Chapel and Josiah Venture. The purpose of the trip was to show the love of Jesus to middle and high school students by building relationships with them while having lots of fun!

## Trip Highlight

After six years of going to camps hosted by Fellowship teams, a Slovene named Luka gave his life to Christ a few weeks before camp this summer! The team then had the privilege of seeing God working in his life all throughout camp. He eagerly studied the Bible each night, was hungry to know more of God, and at the end of camp he shared his testimony.



Slovenia

# Guatemala

## Trip Description

Fellowship's Moses Basket (orphan care ministry) partnered with Orphan Outreach to serve orphaned children and orphanage staff at the Little House of Refuge in Xela, Guatemala.

## Trip Highlight

The team was able to accomplish tangible projects that improved the orphanage facility for the staff and children that will last for a long time. Amidst the construction projects many team members spent significant time serving, teaching and loving on the children of the orphanage. There were multiple "God" moments where hearts were connecting and transcending the language barriers.



Guatemala



Providing relief in Japan

## Disaster Relief in Japan

On March 11, 2011 a tragic disaster hit the island of Japan: a 9.0 earthquake and a tsunami that wiped out over 86 communities, destroying homes and businesses and killing many people. Fellowship responded by raising over \$60,000 to help in relief efforts.

As the world's attention focused on Japan, many organizations swept in to provide help. After months of assessing, many emails and phone conversations and much prayer, it became clear that Asian Access ([www.AsianAccess.org](http://www.AsianAccess.org)) was the right organization for Fellowship to partner with. We chose them because of their long history of ministry in Japan, and their commitment to working through trusted local pastors—allowing their churches to be known as beacons of hope in the community.

Virtually all of our funds have been invested in Asian Access's Keisen Christ Church project in Yamamoto Cho, under the direction of highly respected and influential Pastor Jiro Chida as well as local pastor Masahiro Okita and church planter Yoshiya Okita.

### Project Description:

#### Yamamoto Cho:

Asian Access identified the need for a base for operations in Yamamoto Cho in order to better continue their community outreach and church planting. They purchased half of a plot of land with a used house. This building and land will not only be a volunteer base, but also a church. They will continue their mobile cafes and outreaches on this plot of land.

#### Potential for leadership development and church planting:

This church is currently mentoring a young seminary student as the founding pastor for this new church plant. Also, Pastor Konno was assigned for mobilizing volunteers to support this church plant and outreach.

The focus of the project is to reach out to the entire Yamamoto Cho community through the church.



Pastor Jiro Chida



# Year in Review

## Fellowship Global Trips

### Go Where We Give, Give Where We Go

We distributed last year's Global Offering resources to support the mission of our strategic partnerships and we sent our people to help them carry out their mission.



Playing follow-the-leader in Iquitos, Peru

#### Peru Microfinance Trip

April 26-30

Trained local small business owners in the area of microfinance in Comas, Peru.

#### Peru Inversion Trip

June 2-11

Served local, impoverished communities and tribes by sharing the gospel and providing discipleship training for young church leaders in Iquitos, Peru.

#### Russia Teaching Trip

June 12-21

Taught masters class on Theology and Practice of Worship at the Northern Caucasus Bible Institute (NCBI) in Prokhladny, Russia.

#### Haiti Fellowship Student Ministries (FSM) Trip

June 16-23

Partnered with Brent Gambrell Ministries to care for orphans, distribute food and host a Vacation Bible School.

#### Slovenia English Camp

June 20 - July 4

Hosted an English/Music Camp and demonstrated God's love to high school students.

#### Guatemala Fellowship Children's Ministries (FCM) Trip

July 14-20

Served orphaned children and orphanage staff at the Little House of Refuge in Xela, Guatemala.

#### Peru Fellowship Student Ministries (FSM) Trip

July 19-28

Partnered with the young adult ministry of the church in Comas to proclaim Christ and encourage the believers.

#### Russia Family Trip

July 20-29

Equipped marriages, served children, and deepened relationships at New Life Church in Karachaevsk, Russia.

#### Nigeria Vacation Bible School (VBS) Trip

August 9-21

Worked with Fellowship Bible Church, Nigeria to host a community-wide VBS in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria.



Vacation Bible School in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria

#### Peru Medical Trip

October 18-23

Worked alongside the KM 22 church plant by serving at a special needs school, a maternity clinic, and elderly shut-ins.

#### South Sudan Marriage Conference and Teaching Trip

November 23 - December 9

Taught and equipped student pastors at the Christian Leadership Institute of Sudan (CLIS) in Yei, South Sudan.

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you can get involved in 2013:

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GO...

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