

MORE THAN 40% OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE ARE LEAST-REACHED.

That means over 3.4 billion people don't have access to a church that proclaims the gospel in their language and worships in a way that's relevant in their culture.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REACH THEM?

ALL OF US.

No one organization, project or person can bring the good news to the 40%. But together, the Church can. God has created every believer uniquely so that collectively, we can be the instrument of His blessing to the nations.

Partnering strengthens our ability to bring the gospel to communities where it isn't known and see the Church established where it doesn't yet exist.

CHRISTAR CULTIVATES RELATIONSHIPS TO MOBILIZE THE GOSPEL.

As members of Christ's Body participate in the Great Commission, Christar provides guidance, resources and strategic connections for churches and individuals who partner, go, send, pray and give.

Christar U.S. helps members of local churches invest their gifts, skills, vocations, time and resources to mobilize the gospel to communities where it isn't yet known. This involves providing a wide range of services to both cross-cultural workers and those who partner with them to establish churches among the least-reached.

The Great Commission has always been a group project.





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We focus on the least-reached: those without access to a church that proclaims the gospel in their language and worships in a way that's relevant in their culture.

Why least-reached? christar.org/why-leastreached

CHRISTAR WORKERS **SERVE IN** 35 **COUNTRIES** AMONG **MORE THAN** 70 **PEOPLE GROUPS** THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

OUR HERITAGE

Since 1909, Christar has connected members of the Body of Christ, mobilizing them to establish churches where they don't yet exist. Generations of believers have invested their resources, talents and skills to extend the reach of Christ's Body to communities cut off from the gospel.

Christar is anchored in a rich heritage of faith-filled Christ-followers over a journey spanning over 115 years, many countries, various agencies and numerous kinds of ministry. As Christar workers have proclaimed the good news of Jesus and sought to cultivate transformation that honors Him, their common passion has been to see least-reached people follow Jesus and be established as Christ's Body, the Church, in their communities. This same purpose continues to motivate us today and into the future.

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100% OF THE CHURCH IS CALLED.

The Great Commission was given to the Church. And the Church, as the group of Christ-followers comprising all local congregations globally, was designed to work together to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV), Paul writes the following to a local church congregation, **"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."** In the context of teaching about the value of diverse spiritual gifts, Paul makes it clear that each member of Christ's Body, both locally and collectively, has a purpose and is part of the whole—the Church that God designed to be the instrument of His blessing to the nations. But, while every believer is called to be part of bringing the gospel to the least-reached, not everyone is called to be involved in the same ways.

Local churches send and care for their own who follow God's call to serve among the least-reached. Those who are sent live out and proclaim the gospel in places where it isn't yet known, making a Kingdom impact as full-time Christian workers or marketplace professionals.

Surrounding these cross-cultural workers are believers who pray faithfully, give generously and volunteer their skills and expertise, together encouraging, enabling and equipping these workers to minister effectively. They're also supported by parents, grandparents and other loved ones who sacrifice in-person connection for the sake of the gospel, as well as advocate for missions within their spheres of influence.

These roles are varied, but all are vital as congregations work to establish new local churches in communities where the gospel has not yet taken root.

You're part of the 100%. Discover your unique impact. christar.org/group-project





BLESSED BY DIVERSITY: CULTIVATING A GLOBAL NETWORK

As an international organization, Christar has mobilization centers around the world that partner with churches in their regions to mobilize workers and resources to establish churches in least-reached communities. This means that Christar workers are sent not only from the United States but from across North America, Latin America, Asia and Europe.

As part of this global network, Christar U.S. benefits from the wealth of perspectives, insights and fellowship from Christar members, teams and projects worldwide. As the mobilization center with the longest history, Christar U.S. serves churches in the United States as well as comes alongside emerging centers, offering support and resources to help establish hubs that mobilize members of the Body of Christ from gospel-focused communities across the globe.



TRAINING AND COACHING

Christar equips workers sent by local churches so they are ready to face challenges on the field and well-prepared for thriving life and ministry in least-reached communities.

This training isn't a one-size-fits-all process. In addition to required pre-field conferences, we consider each person's experience and desired area of service, and we use assessments to help us create his or her personal development plan. Throughout the process, Christar pre-field coaches come alongside individuals who are pursuing cross-cultural ministry, helping them grow continually in their faith and reach the field equipped for productive service.

How We Train christar.org/training

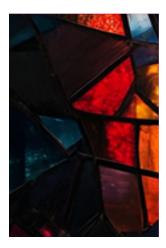
PRE-FIELD TRAINING PROGRAMS

Blaze: Equipping for Short-Term ServiceNew Personnel Orientation (NPO): First Steps in Worker DevelopmentPre-Departure Orientation (PDO): Final Steps to the Field

Christar's training process prepares mid- and long-term workers to serve effectively in cross-cultural contexts.

christar.org/journey





MEMBER CARE AN ONGOING COMMITMENT

Our Member Care team promotes the physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being of our workers and their children so they all thrive in ministry and relationships. Throughout workers' service, this team comes alongside them with support and encouragement through promoting healthy soul care practices, debriefing those on home assignment and resourcing field needs upon request.



STORIES

Learn how God is working through the Body of Christ to mobilize the gospel to least-reached communities.

Learn christar.org/stories



RESOURCES Get tools and tips for fulfilling your roles in the Great Commission.

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MOBILIZING THE GOSPEL PODCAST

Mobilizing the Gospel is a conversation about the many ways the Body of Christ participates in God's redemptive work around the world. It explores opportunities and challenges in establishing churches among the least-reached and equips you to better understand and be involved.

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SERVING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL CHURCHES

The local church's role in missions is multifaceted, involving the entire body through going and sending as well as through prayer, giving and practical assistance. This partnership benefits both cross-cultural workers and the congregations that send and support them. Churches are blessed as their members broaden their understanding of what the Lord is doing around the world and become more engaged in ministry among the least-reached.

The Christar U.S. Church Partnership team encourages church leaders and helps congregations effectively and joyfully participate in the Great Commission.

Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers use their gifts, skills and vocations to minister through means such as: Image: Christar helps cross-cultural workers u

POLARIS: CHURCH-ESTABLISHING TRAINING FOR DIVERSE CONTEXTS

Christar workers are trained in a model, known as Polaris, which helps teams create strategies for establishing churches that fit their ministry contexts. It's not a one-size-fits-all structure but a framework that equips teams to evaluate methods, principles and tactics and form an approach in light of the culture and worldview of the people they're seeking to reach.

Depending on the context and culture, a church may take varying forms while displaying several key essentials. Christar seeks to establish churches that are defined by:

- a. Believers a sustainable nucleus of people identifying with Jesus in baptism
- b. Meetings believers assembling consistently in whole or in part for worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship
- c. Leadership spiritually-qualified individuals, selected from the local church
- d. Ordinances regular practice of baptism and communion
- e. Outreach spreading the faith locally and, if possible, abroad



PARTNERING

CHRISTAR PROJECTS: When the Opportunity is Bigger Than We Are

Christar projects represent needs too big for one worker or team to meet alone. Sometimes projects emerge to address an ongoing need such as education or training, or to provide workers with an avenue for more effective connection in their communities. Others are created in response to disaster or tragedy. In all cases, they serve as conduits for the Body of Christ to give toward focused initiatives that enable Christar workers to cultivate spiritual, emotional and physical blessing in least-reached communities.

Explore and Support Christar Projects

christar.org/projects

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT A Church Rising From the Ruins

Two years ago, Selin and Adem's^{*} ministry was shaken to the ground by the earthquakes that claimed over 55,000 lives in Türkiye and Syria. The community where these local believers had long tried to establish a church was reduced from a bustling city center into a maze of rubble.

Though they and their son had been left homeless, Selin and Adem turned their focus to helping others in their community. Gifts to the Christar Relief and Refugee Fund enabled them to distribute aid, host volunteers who came to assist and hold programs for children whose lives were overturned. Thanks to the generosity of believers across the world, Selin and Adem were able to demonstrate God's love and care. As they did, He used their compassion as a catalyst to open hearts and build the Body of Christ in a predominantly Muslim community.

Today, a multistory building boldly bearing a cross stands tall on the still-recovering street, drawing a spiritually hungry crowd each time the doors open. A few miles away, a ministry center welcomes a steady stream of people



craving the peace they experience there. As Selin says, "The Lord is working so wonderfully, it's unbelievable."

Read more christar.org/rising-from-ruins

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PRAYING

We can't accomplish the work God has called us to do in our own strength. Those who pray with us for our workers, partners and the least-reached have a vital ministry role as they join us in seeking God's provision and enablement to carry out His work.

Call to Prayer

The monthly Call to Prayer guide includes requests from Christar field workers, sending and supporting churches, Christar U.S. and individuals and organizations that partner with us in the Great Commission.

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Circle of Prayer

The Circle of Prayer guide helps you more specifically lift up the ministry of Christar U.S.

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VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

Christar partners with Switchboard, an organization that connects believers with diverse skills to needs in global ministries. Through the Switchboard platform, they can volunteer time and expertise to help cross-cultural workers overcome obstacles and embrace new opportunities.

Get Started with Switchboard

Thanks to a Missio Nexus Innovation Fund grant, Christar was able to partner with Switchboard and Pioneers to create the Virtual Missions Kit. This collection of resources is designed to help churches engage more of their members in the Great Commission through virtual volunteering.

Access the Kit

christar.org/virtual-missions-kit

GIVING

Followers of Christ who invest their resources in the ministries of Christar workers and projects expand the global reach of the gospel. Their financial giving helps cross-cultural workers respond to needs and nurture opportunities to establish the Body of Christ in leastreached communities.

Your gift to Christar U.S. generates a multifaceted return on investment through our ministry of mobilization. Learn more about how your gift can make a global impact at christar.org/partnership.



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