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Jesus said in Matt 9:37

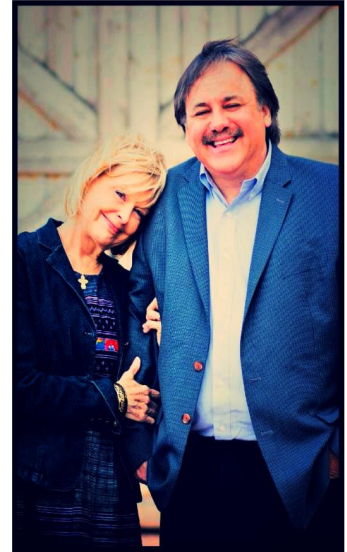


Chris and Debbie Gibson

Caring for Missionaries

Who are Serving
Christ in Hard and Often Dangerous Places.

World Outreach Member Care
and
Ministry Essentials International



Yes, the World is getting more hostile to Christians Few are Willing to Go

This is why we are passionate about Preventing Missionary Attrition. We do this by investing our time in helping prepare new candidates before they go in how to deal with all the things that will arise once they get to the field.

Two examples are

1. Spiritual Dryness - they need a plan to care for their souls, without friends, family or church community.
2. Team Dynamics/conflict - how do you work through issues Biblically, with the love of Christ.

There a reason the unreached are unreached, it because they are in some of the most inhospitable, hard, and dangerous places in the world. Our workers will not survive without being well prepared

One of the ways World Outreach is doing this is through TAG.

TAG stands for Training Apprentices to GO

New missionary candidates commit to 10 months of pre-field team training, living and working in the largest Muslim community in the States. Tag consist of 10-20 interns who study, work and pray together for 12-14 hours per week

while holding down jobs in the community .
Do You Know Where the Largest Arab Population Outside Middle East is?
A Clue - the Headquarters of Ford Automotive is there -

See Below!



A Mosque in this Mid-West City



Ford World Headquarters.

The answer from above is Dearborn, Michigan.



The recent TAG graduates taught English to over 30 Muslim women 3 days a week, building deep relationships and loving them in Christ. Debbie and I recently helped to lead the final "Boot Camp" training retreat for the interns and debriefed their experience there.



The Tag House

The TAG house was donated to the program and is located in the heart of Dearborn.

We are so excited to be working with these individuals and couples who are on their way to reach the unreached in these places

Lebanon, Pakistan, North Africa, India, Malaysia.

Getting the Right People with the Right Training to the Right Places.

It is no small thing to up root your life to follow the Lord's Call to the mission field. John piper says we have only three biblical choices when it comes to Missions - First , we can go ourselves. Second, we can be a sender, helping someone else to go by providing the support they need or Third we can be **Disobedient**. Make no mistake going is not easy, it almost always costs and there are always struggles. It is unavoidable. Those who go know that, full well. Eliminating unnecessary stress and stpain and being there for the workers when it is unavoidable is our heart felt passion.

After the Internship the next step is C andidates Orientation

World Outreach had it first Candidates Orientation in May and "Thanks" to the hard work of the home office personnel it was a great success!



Chris taking part in the teaching at Candidates Orientation.

Preparing those who are going for the first time is vital!

The research from the past 3 decades clearly shows that when agencies put time, resources and money, into preparing and caring for their workers, far fewer quit and the missionaries are more effective and have greater longevity. WO is doing just this! **Our Role** is caring for the Missionaries - their spiritual, emotional and physical needs, being there when a crisis hits and when the stress and strain of life in a foreign place begins to take it toll. Your partnership allow us to to be there.

June's Happenings ! From the Get Go!

June 19-26 Debbie and I will meet with workers attending the General Assembly gathered from these places -

Pakistan, Malaysia, Lebanon, Indonesia, Singapore, India, Spain, China and others who have served in Afghanistan, North Africa, France to name a few.



Our focus and where we spend most of our time is overseas. However, conferences provide us a wonderful opportunity for focused individual time when many missionaries in one place.

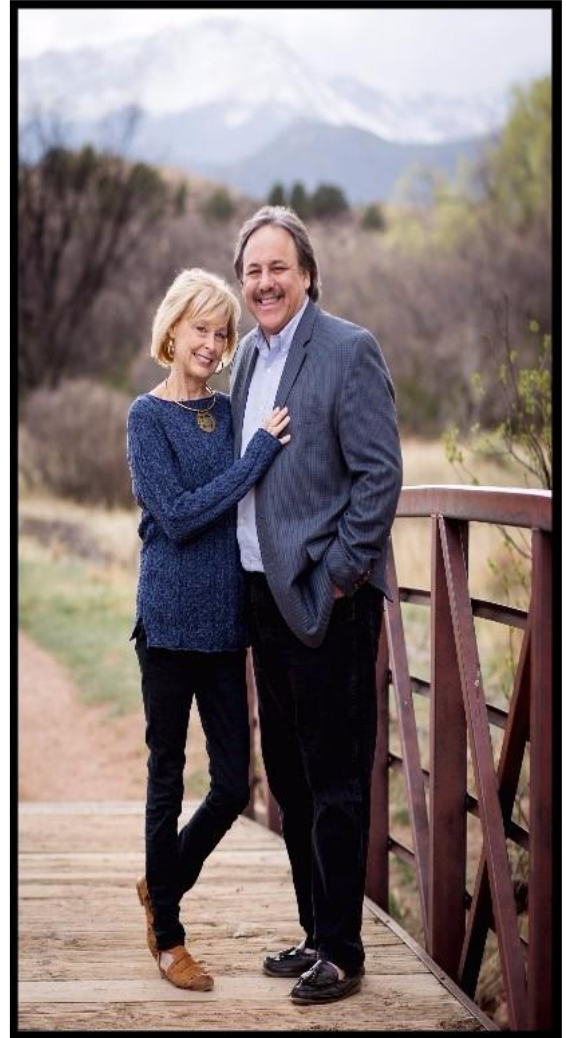
I look unto the Mountains; From Where Does My Help Come. My help comes from the Lord. Palms 121

I recently wrote the following to a pastor whose young single daughter is a missionary in a difficult place - "If your daughter became very ill or was abducted (quite possible where she is) - would you want there to be someone, ready and willing to drop everything to get to her, to help her, someone who would do anything and everything to get her to safety and to provide the care she needed? That's who we are!

Your partnering with the Gibson's is a way to help and support literally hundreds of missionaries and their families along with national leaders, to stay - healthy, effective and on the field. Your global impact as a Church or an individual goes up not down and we (Chris and Debbie) are honored to offer a cup of water (care) in your name."

Help us to stop the bleeding and to keep seasoned, effective missionaries on the field and prepare well those He is calling. Our Missionaries are too valuable to lose. Jesus said "The fields are ripe with harvest but the labors are few".

We greatly appreciate your prayers. Debbie and I are trusting God and His provisions for this work. He can and does move mountains!



Bekah Follows God's Call, Following in Our Footsteps

Xtrack



We are so pleased to see the heart for ministry and missions that God has put in this MK (Missionary Kid) that grew up on the field living in a ministry center. Once, when a family who had come to us for help at the Budapest Garden House was leaving - they had stayed with us for 10 days getting daily counseling. As they thanked us for how we had helped them, 10 year old Bekah spoke up to our surprise and said "No thanks needed - It's just what we do"

This summer, Bekah will be working a month-long summer project with CRU in Colorado called Xtrack. Xtrack is Cru's Cross Cultural training for international staff going abroad. Bekah will be working with the staff's children, helping to prepare these soon to be Missionary Kids for life in another culture. "I am so excited to share my experience about growing up in Budapest with these students helping them prepare for what's ahead". Bekah is studying Elementary and Special Ed and will be a senior when she returns to Samford University.

Bekah desperately needs a car for student teaching in her senior year and to also be able to find a job. She has saved up 1,500 dollars, a lot for her but it won't get much of a car. She hope to add to that amount from working this summer and we will add to it as we are able. If you know of a good reliable used car please let us know! Thanks.

We so Appreciate You and are very Grateful to God that You are Standing with Us. Thank you for your Prayers and Financial support.

**God Bless You,
Chris and Debbie**

*To provide the care missionaries need we need partners like you to stand with us!
You can join our prayer and financial support team.*

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