



Global Ministries

The international arm of the United Brethren in Christ

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What's in a Name?

During this spring's Global Ministries Leadership Team meetings, we discussed our name. Our official name, "The Board of Missions of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ," is quite a mouthful, so we've been doing business as "Global Ministries" since 2001. But for legal and accounting reasons, it was time to decide on one name for our denomination's missions arm and make it official.

Retiring the lengthy official name needed no discussion. But what about Global Ministries? It suits us and we've had the name for 16 years now.

But a quick Google search shows many parachurch and denominational organizations with the Global Ministries name. Those searching for us online sometimes

end up in the wrong place.

We are the missions arm of the United Brethren in Christ Church. We're UB and want to reflect who we are in our name. And we're Global, linking UB churches in ministry to brothers and sisters around the world, and ministering together to persons who do not yet know Jesus.

So our new name? UB Global. It's new to us, but we are just going back to who we have always been as United Brethren with a global focus.

Our mission remains the same: "fulfilling the global mandate of the Great Commission by partnering with United Brethren churches." We will continue doing this by engaging with local churches, mentoring and sending out the next generation of missionaries, and developing a laser focus on unengaged and unreached peoples.

The UB Global Team

UB Global exists to empower local churches in the US and Canada to fulfill their Great Commission mandate in their neighborhoods and the nations.

During the past six years, our team, based at the UB headquarters in Huntington, Ind., has grown from three to five. This has expanded our impact abroad, such as launching new initiatives in Sierra Leone and Thailand, and providing quality member care to our overseas staff.

With a larger team, we have also been able increase our efforts in strengthening local churches by speaking during services, consulting with mission teams and pastors, and offering more mission events, like Ignite and Missional DNA training. Go to ubglobal.org/resources to see all the ways UB Global can serve you.

While we've grown our team in preparation for future growth, donations to the General Fund have steadily declined. This account covers the team's salaries (with the exception of the director), ministry expenses, and travel to enable us to sup-



Members and advisory personnel of the UB Global Leadership Team. Seated (l-r): Kurt Uhen (chairperson), Jeff Blejerveld, Mark Wallace. Standing (l-r): Audrey Feters, Elliott Ripley, Ruth Ralph, Brian Magnus, Michelle Harris, Paul Plato, Marci Hammel, John Hetrick, Steve Fish, Frank Yang, David Kline. Members not present: Annette Souers, Matt Robertshaw, and Bobby Culler.



The UB Global Team (l-r): Michelle Harris, Frank Yang, David Kline, Jana Gass, and Jeff Bleijerveld.

port you and our missionaries. To more accurately identify the people and ministries supported through the General Fund, we changed the account's name to "UB Global Team."

So who is the UB Global Team? In 2011, we added *Frank Yang*. Frank was born in China and immigrated to the US when he was seven years old. He and his wife served for four years in Asia before joining UB Global. He brings strong mentoring, coaching, and analytical skills to the team.

In 2014, *Jana Gass* joined as our administrative assistant, bringing the insight she gained from serving with her husband for seven years in Papua New Guinea.

In 2015, we added *David Kline* after he and his family returned from 10 years of ministry in Macau. David is a creative, strategic thinker with outstanding mentoring and networking skills.

With the retirement of Donna Holloper following 22 years of faithful service, we added *Michelle Harris*. Michelle brings

more than 25 years of cross-cultural experience in mentoring, training, and teaching in France and Gabon. She is also a professional writer.

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20/20 VISION: Laying a Foundation of Prayer

Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you (Joshua 3:5).

Whenever God prepares to move his people to greater heights, he first calls them to consecrate themselves. The UB Global team is working with churches to develop prayer groups who will join together for focused prayer. Daniel Henderson's *Transforming Prayer* has helped us develop these Scripture-centered guided prayer times. This May, two prayer times came together at two very different churches in Indiana. Here's what happened.

Corunna UB church (Corunna, Ind.). On a warm spring evening, we joined the church's monthly prayer and praise time to focus on prayer for the Mattru Hospital in Sierra Leone. Michelle Harris, from UB

Global, and Ray Proud, a longtime member of Corunna who has participated in multiple trips to Mattru, coordinated this time. Two young men, Michael and Tyler, first led a time of praise, then we moved from our places scattered in pews to a small circle of folding chairs in the back of the church.

We read from Psalm 46, thanking God for being our refuge and strength, and asked for his help. Michelle shared pictures and requests from Mattru Hospital. We prayed for the hospital staff and for our team, that God's Kingdom would be built and lives transformed. We closed with the words and a song from Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."

Emmanuel Community Church (Fort Wayne, Ind.). This evening we followed signs upstairs and down a hallway to a room where chairs and a couch were arranged in a circle. Frank Yang, from UB Global, and Steve Fish, Director of Missions and Teaching Pastor, organized this small meeting to pray for folks serving in Thailand. Steve made introductions, and then Frank read Psalm 48:1-3.

We divided into two groups, about five in each, and allowed Scripture to guide our time of prayer. We watched a clip from Frank's laptop of the Glunt family in Thailand, and a clip of Katelyn Leininger, who works with Destiny Rescue in Thailand; her mom added a few current requests. Some of us prayed aloud, and some were more comfortable praying in silence. We closed in praise and gathered our things, taking home a slip of paper with prayer requests.

UB Global, in collaboration with the US National Conference, is initiating a series of prayer emphases that will involve praying as individuals, clusters, and large gatherings over the coming years.

We are also seeking to develop clusters of prayer supporters, just like those described here, that will meet periodically to focus prayer on a variety of subjects with the help of materials and media prepared specifically for each event.

Join us at National Conference for our workshop on prayer, and talk to us about ways we can come alongside in encouraging prayer in your church or area. We love seeing people gathered to pray and are excited to see where God leads.

What could the story of prayer be at your church?

Vision Trip: Sierra Leone

Jeff Bleijerveld, director of UB Global, will lead a vision trip to Sierra Leone November 27 – December 6, 2017. So what is a vision trip? It will be an intensive time of listening, learning, and praying on site for a ministry overseas.

During our time in Sierra Leone, we will visit Mattru Hospital and two areas in which Sierra Leone Conference is doing outreach among Muslims. We'll also hear from a variety of national leaders and local church pastors.

The estimated cost is \$3000 per person. If you're interested, contact Jeff Bleijerveld at jeff@ub.org. Registration deadline: September 1, 2017.

Progress in Haiti

Our Canadian brethren continue to provide excellent oversight of our ministry in Haiti. In late May, Jeff Bleijerveld, Brian Magnus, and Matt Robertshaw (Canadian mission director) traveled to Haiti to discuss with national leader Rev. Oliam Richard succession planning and next steps for our 19 churches in becoming a national conference.

Our partnership with Christian Horizons Global (CHG) continues to be productive. They have helped us open seven schools in local UB churches and initiate

a number of small businesses among church members. At present, 320 UB students are sponsored through CHG. In January, Neil Cudney and Mark Wallace (both UB ministers and CHG employees) offered

a course on a Theology of Disability at Université Providence d'Haiti. Matt Robertshaw recently translated *The Lion,*

the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis, into Creole. Distribution began in April.

A third Haitian child was brought to Canada for life-saving surgery at the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. Curtis Guerrier had brain surgery in December and has now returned to Haiti. A fourth child is being considered.

Finally, a Canadian team led by Joan Sider and Jeff Gordon assisted in rebuilding churches damaged by Hurricane Matthew early this year. We appreciate all the work our Canadian churches do in Haiti.



Billy being baptized by Dennis Miller and Jen Blandin.

Finding Christ in Macau

In Macau, where the sea is filled in to make more land for expansion and casinos are built in record time, spiritual transformation is often slow. Yet Jen Blandin and Jenaya Bonner have been encouraged to see God transform lives.

Jen has been meeting with four women who have really engaged in their study of Greg Ogden's book, *Discipleship Essentials*. Three of them have been church members for some time; they were hap-

py to be reminded of some foundational truths and were surprised to be introduced to some new concepts. The other woman, Maina, decided to give her life to Jesus. In a town of slow and infrequent spiritual change, this is very exciting news! Celebrate with Living Stone UB church in Macau, and with us, over our new sister in Christ.

The other exciting event occurred in December 2016. Macau is an extremely multi-cultural city. Though most people are Chinese, people from all over the world visit and reside in Macau. Living Stone

National Conference Workshops

UB Global will present five workshops on Friday morning of National Conference, July 14. These workshops are scattered over three 45-minute time slots.

Today's Untold Stories in UB Missions

UB Global Staff

Some UB missionaries aren't mentioned on our website, because they work in restricted access countries where open communication of the Gospel can result in the deportation of missionaries and the persecution of locals. Some of these missionaries will tell their stories and the exciting things God is doing in these places.

Introducing People to Jesus Using Nothing More Than a Bible

Jeff Bleijerveld and David Kline

Around the world God is using something as simple as an invitation to read the Bible together with others to evangelize and make disciples without curriculum, literature, special media, or speakers. It has come to be known as the Discovery Bible Study meth-

od, or DBS, and it is proving to be a central component in most church multiplication movements. In this workshop, participants will learn about and experience DBS, and will leave with the tools needed to use it with family, friends, and neighbors.

Uncovering a Missing Potential of the Church: Unleashing Business as Mission

Frank Yang

Most people in our churches own businesses or work in for-profit entities, but we often don't see their work as missional or worshipful aside from financial giving. The "real" ministry is seen as what happens within the ministries of the church. Is this what God intended? This workshop examines

what can happen when churches empower those in the marketplace to fully serve and worship through their work.

When Helping Hurts

David Kline

People go on mission trips out of love, obedience and empathy, and to let the world know Christ. But the very act of going can have unintended negative consequences in the churches and communities we go to serve. This workshop will discuss some best practices in forming healthy relationships and being effectively involved with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Reigniting Passion for Prayer: a Simple Individual and Corporate Model

Michelle Harris & Frank Yang

In a time when weekly prayer meetings seem to be either outdated or attended by a few faithful prayer warriors, how do we reignite a passion and practice of prayer in our communities? This workshop focuses on a Scripture-based model that can rekindle your personal prayer life and help groups pray together. Based on Daniel Henderson's book *Transforming Prayer*.



Church, one of our two churches in Macau, reflects this multi-cultural make-up. So it wasn't unusual when a multi-national couple found their home at Living Stone.

Billy is from South Africa and Cindy is from the Philippines. They became active in the church and Cindy attended Jenaya's discipleship group. Late last year, Billy decided to take a step of obedience and wanted to be baptized. So during a short trip to Macau, Dennis Miller, pastor of Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., stepped in and baptized Billy.

We are thankful for the steadfast commitment of Jen and Jenaya and other workers at Living Stone. Pray for the ministry in Macau, for continued transformation and growth.



The water filtration and packaging building in Mattru.

Easter Missions Project: Mattru UBC Hospital

Thank you to all who have already sent in the gifts they received for our Easter Missions Project. To date, we have received \$33,883 and funds continue to arrive at our office each week. This has put us well toward our goal of \$47,000 for the water and solar projects.

On site, Matt Asher has been work-

Planned Giving

Planned giving allows you to make the fulfillment of the Great Commission a part of your legacy by creatively investing in UB Global during and after your lifetime. It can take various forms, with potential tax savings and gift benefits, including: bequests, annuities, trusts, as well as donations of appreciated stocks, life insurance, or property. UB Global has individuals with experience available to offer free consultation and advice.

ing with a team to rewire the entire hospital, construct a building, and install the equipment for the water filtration/packaging business. They have leveled a field and set the frames in place, and hope to begin installing the 100kVA solar array in July. All of this while he has been recovering from malaria.

On the medical side, the hospital hired a Nigerian physician named Dr. Imanabo Harrison. Dr. Jon Yoder, his wife Heleen, and nurse practitioner Pam McKee have seen multiple cases of malaria, performed cesarean sections, and delivered numerous twins—all while having no maternal deaths since their arrival.



Indiana IGNITE: Saturday October 28, 2017

IGNITE is a one-day missions conference that will inform, inspire, and help you integrate missional principles into your outreach efforts in our neighborhoods and nations. The day will include worship, updates, and a variety of workshops covering topics relevant to ministry in your current context.

Our next event will take place on Saturday, October 28, at College Park UB church in Huntington, Ind. Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost for the day will be \$15 per person (includes lunch).

For more information and to register, go to ubglobal.org/ignite, or call us at 1-888-622-3019.

Child Sponsorship Opportunities

We have two opportunities to support children directly through United Brethren work in Asia.

Beautiful Family (India). Just \$25 per month enables children affected by leprosy or AIDS to attend school and provides school supplies, books, clothing, food, and medical needs. The children stay in a hostel (like a dorm), and only go home periodically for holidays.



A Haitian student.

Project Compassion (India). These children have lost their parents to AIDS and are themselves infected with HIV/AIDS. In the early days of this ministry, we were unsure what their prospects would be, but with anti-retroviral drugs, they are doing well and most have come to know Christ as Savior. With the help of a major donor, we have been able to keep the monthly sponsorship amount at \$25, which provides for their housing, schooling, school supplies, books, clothing, food, and medical needs.

Christian Horizons Global. Many United Brethren people support children in Haiti through our partner agency, Christian Horizons Global, which works directly with UB churches and schools.

This program provides support, education, and training for hundreds of children with exceptional needs. Those with exceptional needs are defined as:

- Persons with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities.
- Children at risk (orphaned, abandoned, or affected by poverty, war, or illness).
- Children affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Marginalized communities who support persons with exceptional needs—caregivers, impoverished women, single parents, and other caregivers.

For more about any of these sponsorship opportunities, email us at info@ubglobal.org or call us at 1-888-622-3019.



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