



20/20 Vision

Jeff Bleijerveld, Director of Global Ministries

Global Ministries is committed to charting a path that will guide our churches and missionaries to more effectively reach their neighborhoods and nations. Our four-year vision focuses on four key areas.

1. *Mobilization.* We will help local churches and individuals develop their Acts 1:8 strategies to reach their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth.

2. *Partnership.* While we engage with local United Brethren churches and our sister national conferences, we will continue developing strategic partnerships with ministries that share our vision and values.

3. *Pioneering.* Through prayer, research and dialogue, we will seek to identify and initiate ministry among two new unreached people groups over the next four years.

4. *Sending.* We are trusting the Lord for 20 new missionaries from Canada and the United States who will focus their energies on multiplying disciples and churches. As we do this, we will cooperate with other UB national conferences that are also sending workers to the mission field.

Would you like to help?

- Consider becoming a regular prayer participant. Contact us about receiving our prayer resources or even consider leading a prayer cluster in your region.
- Invite us to meet with your missions leadership team to discuss and strengthen your mission efforts at home and abroad.
- Prayerfully consider whether God wants you to serve as a missionary. Join a short-term team, or even better, participate in a vision trip to an unreached area of the world.
- Contribute to our 20/20 Vision Fund, which makes it possible for our Global Ministries office staff to serve our churches and those God is calling to carry the Gospel to those who have never heard.

Significant Changes at Mattru Hospital

Sierra Leone Conference operates a 50-bed hospital that was started by United Brethren missionaries in the 1950s. In cooperation with our national leadership, exciting developments are underway.

The only electricity in this region comes from using individual diesel generators. Mattru Hospital will soon begin installing a 100 kilowatt solar system with battery backup. The hospital will use 20kw, and sell the other 80kw to the community via a mini-grid with meters set up on homes and businesses.

Two foundations are providing most of the \$431,000 needed to support this project. Global Ministries is raising the remaining \$66,000. Contributions have been coming from a variety of sources, including United Brethren churches and donors. We have another \$40,000 to raise.

Another small business based at Mattru Hospital will filter and package drinking water. Currently, there is no local provider to the 325,000 residents in Bonthe District.

We believe that selling electricity and filtered water will provide significant funding to

pay hospital staff and make regular improvements to facilities and equipment without requiring continual funding from overseas.

New Missionaries for Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone Conference has requested our help in providing missionary workers for Mattru Hospital. God has led us to some excellent candidates to install the solar and water systems, and to handle what we anticipate to be an increase in patients.

Matt Asher is a mechanical engineer who lived in Sierra Leone during his teenage years. He speaks Krio, the national trade language, and interned with the organization that will install the solar equipment. He currently works for the Siemens Corp. in Washington D. C., but is taking two years out to serve at Mattru, starting February 1. He will help install the solar and water systems and train locals to main and operate them.

Pamela McKee is a nurse practitioner and certified nurse trainer from Canton, Ohio. She has served three short-term stints in Sierra Leone since 2012. Pam will devote the next two years to the hospital and nursing school.



L-r: Jon Yoder, Matt Asher, Heleen Yoder, and Pam McKee.



A medical team spent January 2-14 in Sierra Leone, mostly at Mattru Hospital. The team included Dr. Ron Baker, Dr. Dan and Elaine (RN) Metzger, Dr. Ian and Laura Jackson and 10-month-old Esther, Dr. Kim Stillman (ER resident) and her husband Matt Millich (MBA), and nursing student Brooke Snyder. They were joined by Global Ministries director Jeff Bleijerveld and associate director Michelle Harris, who is overseeing our new initiatives in Sierra Leone.

Jon and Heleen Yoder, of Eastern Mennonite Mission, have years of experience in Sierra Leone and West Africa. They were married in 2015. He is a family practice doctor from Alabama. Heleen, originally from the Netherlands, is a mental health professional who specializes in trauma therapy, and served 11 years in Sierra Leone, including during the Ebola crisis. They plan to remain for a longer period of time.

The hospital also hired Daniel Kamara as a new business manager. Daniel will work alongside Rev. Joseph Gbando, the hospital administrator. Stan McCammon, pastor of Lurgan UB in Pennsylvania and former business manager in Sierra Leone, will spend time mentoring Daniel at a distance.

Michigan IGNITE: Feb. 18

IGNITE is a one-day mission conference that will inform, inspire, and help you integrate missional principles into your outreach efforts at home or abroad. The day will include worship, updates, and a variety of workshops covering topics that are relevant to ministry in your current context.

Our next event will take place Saturday, February 18, at Colwood UB church in Caro, Mich. Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm. Cost for the day will be \$20 per person (includes lunch).

Jason Garwood, lead pastor of the Colwood Church, and his wife, Mary, attended the last IGNITE event in Pennsylvania. Here is what Jason had to say:

“Attending IGNITE has really helped Mary and me get a pulse on what God is doing in the world. Sometimes it’s easy to look at the field you’re plowing and forget what God is



doing all over the world. IGNITE helped correct some of our assumptions and gave us a solid grid to look through as we consider what it means to be a disciple to nations.

“I highly recommend that pastors, lay leaders, and all churches get involved in God’s worldwide redemptive plan. A perfect place to start is to come to IGNITE. It will challenge you, equip you, and move you to action.”

For complete information and to register:
UBGlobal.org/ignite
 888-622-3019

Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew, a late-season Category 5 storm, struck southwestern Haiti near Les Cayes on October 4, 2016, leaving widespread damage. In November, our national leader, Pastor Olliam Richard, along with Mark Wallace of CH Global and Rodney Mose of King Street UB church (Chambersburg, Pa.) visited pastors in that region. In addition to substantial damage to homes and businesses, five United Brethren churches sustained varying degrees of damage.

Thank you to all who initially sent funds to World Relief or Samaritan’s Purse. King Street hand-delivered \$1500 to each of the five churches and left another \$15,000 for needs that arise. A UB team from Canada will travel to Haiti in February to deliver additional funds raised by our churches.

If you’re in Canada, you can provide a gift through your local church. In the US, you can send it to Global Ministries, 302 Lake Street, Huntington IN 46750.

Planned Giving

Planned giving allows you to make the fulfillment of the Great Commission a part of your legacy by creatively investing in Global Ministries during and after your lifetime. It can take various forms, with different potential tax savings and gift benefits: bequests, annuities, trusts, appreciated stock, life insur-

ance, and property. Global Ministries has individuals with experience in these and other charitable gifts available to offer free consultation and advice.

Mexico: June 2-11, 2017

In June, a team will participate in ministry projects associated with United Brethren churches around the city of Queretaro, Mexico, including children’s ministry programs. Explore developing a partnership between your home church and a Mexican UB church.

Participants must be at least 16 years old. Speaking Spanish is helpful, but not a requirement.

Dates: June 2-11, 2017.

Cost: \$1200 per person (includes airfare, lodging, transportation in Mexico, meals, and materials for the ministry projects).

Poland: June 22 – July 5

The Poland short-term team will run an English camp for teenagers with Arek and Donna Delik, UB endorsed missionaries.

Dates: June 22–July 5, 2017.

Cost: \$600 per person plus airfare.

Open to: adults and teens from all United Brethren churches in the US.

For more information, contact Michelle Harris at 888-622-3019 or michelle@ub.org. Visit UBGlobal.org to register.

Keep Updated on Missions

Global Ministries has two monthly e-letters that will help you stay up-to-date with missions.

Missions Resources includes news in the missions world and tools that may be helpful for you and your church.

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