



The Lord has favored us beyond our expectations and even our dreams..



Dearest Friends and Partners

What a year it has been! I stand amazed at what the Lord has accomplished the past year through your partnership with Horizons. Truly we can say to the Lord, "You have crowned the year with your bounty" (Psalm 65:11).

Since Horizons first began, we have seen growth and expansion—but 2018 was like no other year. Our church empowerment program strengthened partnerships between Middle East churches to fulfill the Great Commission. Our ministry centers in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Turkey and Egypt now number 13, and thousands of refugees and Muslims have crowded into these centers to hear the gospel. Many put their faith in Christ, many of them were discipled and trained for ministry—and now they are discipling others!

Additionally, many new team members joined Horizons in 2018, and this year we anticipate the largest-ever staff gathering for our Global Summit in June! I thank God for our staff around the world, which includes so many nationals who know the language, understand the culture, and are effective in reaching Muslims for Christ. The Lord has favored us beyond our expectations and even our dreams; He has blessed us with much fruit of souls saved, discipled, trained, and sent.

Your support has helped us reach tens of thousands of Muslims through evangelism, medical ministry, food and clothing distribution, children's ministry, media, women's ministry, and many other ways. God has been moving among Arabs, Kurds, Armenians, and others in amazing ways.

This Vision 2019 booklet is a gift to you, in appreciation of your prayers and financial support. I thank God for you. Rejoice that the Lord has blessed you with much fruit in our partnership, and the best is yet to come.

But the job is not complete yet—the task is not finished. How can you help?

- 1. Pray for the salvation of Muslims daily. God works through your intercession.
- 2. Spread the word by sharing this Vision 2019 booklet with others. Share the link, or email us and we will send you as many paper copies as you can use.
- 3. Continue to support the work of Horizons financially, and serve as a volunteer.
- 4. Encourage your friends and contacts to learn about Horizons. We would triple our mailing list if each partner signed up two friends to receive our news.

Though we have reached thousands, there are still millions of Muslims who have yet to hear the gospel. Yet we praise the Lord, for His word is spreading like never before.

Thank you and may the Lord bless you richly,

Georges Houssney
President, Horizons International

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### WHO WE ARE

Horizons International, founded in 1990 by Lebanese pastor Georges Houssney, reaches the world, especially the Muslim world, with the good news of Jesus Christ. Over 130 staff members in 14 countries serve those in need through four Ministry Areas: International Student Ministry, Muslim Field Ministry, Training Ministry, and Biblical Missiology.

The Horizons family is amazingly diverse, with staff from a rich array of ethnic and religious backgrounds, including many former Muslims. Yet we are all united around common values and a common mission—to make disciples of all nations!

### WHAT WE DO

- **PROCLAIM:** spread the good news of the gospel through preaching, face-to-face evangelism, Bible distribution, and media.
- 2 **DISCIPLE:** mentor new Christians and offer discipleship courses, internships, and conferences.
- 3 **EQUIP:** provide powerful hands-on training for Christians to reach the world, especially the Muslim world, for Christ.



This booklet will not only inform you about God's incredible work through us in 2018, but will also give you a glimpse into the exciting and ambitious projects we are undertaking in 2019. If you are new to Horizons International, you can learn more at horizonsinternational.org/about-us



## OUR CORE VALUES



1. Local & Global



The Great Commission is for every believer, from everywhere to everywhere.

### 2. Indigenous Church





### 3. Boldness & Radical Faith

Christ is worthy of our bold, loving, and courageous witness.



### 4. Organism over Organization

We strive to operate more like a living organism than an institution.



### 5. Biblical Faithfulness

We are committed to following the biblical blueprint of

ministry, and lovingly helping others to do likewise.



### 6. Kingdom Collaboration

We strive to be Kingdom-minded, resisting a competitive spirit

to support and co-labor with other people of the Kingdom.



### LIGHTHOUSES LEBANON AND BEYOND

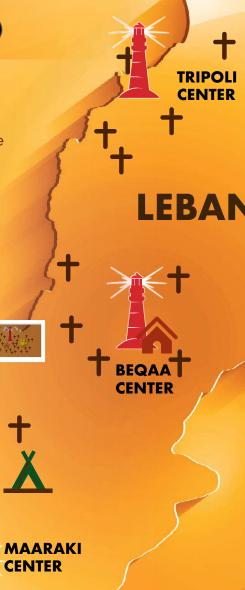
Horizons International is establishing evangelism and discipleship centers, called "lighthouses," across the entire MENA region. These lighthouses collaborate with nearby churches to plant new believers into supportive congregations, and to mobilize and train the churches for effective ministry among Muslims.



Each lighthouse maximizes its gospel impact by adapting to its local community, holistically addressing the spiritual and humanitarian needs of local residents.

Many lighthouses are partially self-supporting through missional businesses run by Horizons staff members, including a Christian daycare, car wash, music school, and two café/bookstores. These businesses ensure sustainable income, and more importantly provide the opportunity to boldly and publicly proclaim the gospel in difficult-to-reach areas.

Currently, Horizons operates 13 lighthouses in 5 countries, and we continue to establish more lighthouses in areas yet unreached by the gospel. God has given us the vision of raising up a thousand lighthouses across the Muslim World, which we aim to do by 2050!



**LEBANON** 



#### KIDS' CAMPS

Over 1,200 kids encounter Christ each year through Horizons' summer camps in Lebanon.

**MIDDLE EAST** 

#### EVANGELISM

Over 2,000 Muslims and refugees hear the gospel proclaimed each week.

#### DISCIPLESHIP

Lighthouse staff members are currently discipling nearly 500 new believers.

### MEDICAL CLINICS

Between 6 and 10 Christian medical teams minister to thousands of refugees annually.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Horizons distributes 1440 food portions per month to demonstrate the free love of Christ to the needy.

LIGHTHOUSE **PROJECT:** 

Your partnership enables thousands across the MENA region to hear the gospel for the first time, as more lighthouses are established and maintained each year.

LIGHTHOUSE

glory at work firsthand.

**SUPPORT THE** 

**OPPORTUNITIES** 

Visit a lighthouse today! Through

internships, Christians from around

the Middle East, witnessing God's

vision trips, project trips, or long-term

the world serve at lighthouses across

To give monthly or one-time financial support for lighthouses, visit our website:

HORIZONSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/LIGHTHOUSES

### **KEY LIGHTHOUSE LEADERS**

HOUSSNEY **EXECUTIVE** DIRECTOR

**TYRE** 

CENTER

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KATTAR, SR. DIRÉCTOR **OPERATIONS** 

YAMOUT, DIRECTOR OF EXPANSION

KARAM, DIRECTÓR OF **MISSIONS** 





GUEST HOUSE





MEDIA STUDIO



CAMPGROUND

Note: For security, map locations are artistic approximations and not intended for technical accuracy.

# EXPLORE THE LIGHTHOUSES

#### Nabaa, Beirut, Lebanon - 2012

At the original Horizons lighthouse, well over 2,000 Muslims have come to know Christ. This place of revival and collaboration between multiple churches is also home to the School of Hope's 114 refugee students. It hosts over 450 converts in weekly discipleship groups.



#### Tripoli, North Lebanon - 2016

In Lebanon's second largest city, known as a stronghold for Islamic extremists, this lighthouse has made miraculous inroads into Muslim communities with Christ's peace and healing.



### 3 Centers in Upper Egypt - 2018

Horizons has established lighthouses in three local churches and has been focusing on reaching out to the widows and orphans in their communities.



### **Tyre, South Lebanon - 2009/2016**

Horizons has supported this center since it started in 2009, but in 2016 it became a Horizons Lighthouse when its founder, Mohammad Yamout, joined full-time staff. Over 1,000 refugees and other Muslims hear the gospel weekly at this center, and many receive medical and food aid.



### Beqaa Valley, East Lebanon - 2016

The Beqaa lighthouse is within walking distance of 5 refugee camps housing over 350,000 Syrian refugees. Our proximity to the camps has allowed this lighthouse to operate as a critical serving/sending base for evangelistic, medical, children's, and food distribution ministries.



#### 2 Centers in South Syria - 2017

Our Syrian lighthouse staff members reach out to Syrian Druze people through house visits, worship services, and children's ministry, and are supported by frequent mission trips from our Lebanese staff. The first 14 believers were baptized in 2018 and have now formed a church!



#### Maaraki, Lebanon Center - 2018

Horizons teams conduct evangelism and discipleship through house visits and weekly worship meetings through this rented 4-story building in a Shiite Muslim village in South Lebanon. The center is supported by on-site missional businesses, including a Christian daycare and women's hair salon.



#### 2 Centers in Jordan - 2017 & 2018

Two lighthouses are operating in Jordan in partnership with two local ministries, one as a community center and the other as an extension of a local church.



### Turkey Lighthouse - 2016

Through an ongoing partnership, Horizons and a Brazilian church have established a Turkish congregation that baptized several new believers in 2018. Not only is the church/lighthouse growing in its central location, but it is also reaching out to villages in its region and seeing new people coming to Christ.



### SERVING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

In Middle Eastern and North African countries, conversion from Islam is often illegal, and sometimes punishable by death. In many cases, converts to Christianity are forced to flee from their country, under mortal threat from their families, former religious communities, and/or governments. These dear brothers and sisters in Christ typically experience profound hardships and losses—physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially. They often find themselves isolated in foreign lands, unable to sufficiently provide for themselves and vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.

Horizons partners with a small handful of ministries that care for persecuted Christians in the Muslim world. Given our local infrastructure and connection to indigenous churches, Horizons acts as an on-the-ground implementing partner for these ministries by providing persecuted believers with safe shelter, humanitarian aid, legal assistance and representation for asylum, church integration, and discipleship through supportive communities. In 2018, Horizons helped over 13 persecuted Christians establish a new life outside their home countries, settling them in Christian communities able to bear their hardship and offer solid relational discipleship.







### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In the MENA region, Horizons operates several thriving children's ministries that bring the gospel to children in diverse and innovative ways. Through Horizons' Lighthouses, the School of Hope, Camp Love, Good Shepherd Daycare, and other initiatives, local children and their families receive essential services and gospel education from Horizons staff, interns, and volunteers.

#### **School of Hope**

For Syrian refugee children, receiving a good education is a rare and precious gift. At the Nabaa Lighthouse, Horizons' School of Hope educates over 100 refugee children per semester. Children in grades K-4 learn the Syrian curriculum to help them re-enter their native education system in the future. All students also participate in Bible classes, which has resulted in many children proclaiming Christ boldly—and some have even brought their parents and families to Christ as well!

Since their families typically cannot afford to pay for schooling, School of Hope students are enabled to attend classes through sponsorship. For a monthly cost of only \$55 per month, you can give the gift of a Christian education to a Syrian refugee child.

Due to the huge demand for the School of Hope, Horizons is currently expanding the school to include Grade 4 and preparing to add Grade 5 to reach more children and ensure that enrolled students may continue their educational progress.

### Learn more or sponsor a child at horizonsinternational.org/school-of-hope



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#### **Camp Love**

In the tree-covered mountain valley of Qaasmiyye, Horizons has partnered with Kanakuk Ministries to operate Camp Love, a beautiful 1.7-acre campground staffed by over 80 volunteers per summer. At Camp Love, over 1,200 Lebanese and Syrian children get to experience the gospel through Bible stories, worship, and group activities in a vacation Bible school format.

Horizons usually hosts 12 Camp Love trips per summer, each lasting 3-5 days and hosting 100 to 120 children. Campers stay in cabins with bunk beds and solar water heaters, and eat meat, milk, and eggs provided by the Camp Love farm animals. In addition to gospel education and worship, campers enjoy fun activities, such as a petting zoo and ropes courses.

"Camp Love provides Muslim children with a fun-filled experience of Jesus, both through activities and Christian volunteers."

Currently, Horizons is planning to expand the camp's capacity by extending the camp season from two months (July through August) to seven months (March through September); adding more features, such as ziplines and a paintball arena; and increasing partnerships with local churches and ministries.

For only \$15 per 3-day camp, you can send a child to a place where they experience joyful interactions with Jesus. Praise God!

#### **Good Shepherd Daycare:**

In the many communities Horizons serves, Muslim parents face the challenge of finding good childcare while they work. In Maaraki, a village known as a Shiite Muslim stronghold in South Lebanon, Horizons' lighthouse operates a Christian child care center that allows parents to work full-time and provides their children with a safe and fun place to spend the day. Though the idea of a Christian nursery in a Muslim-dominated community may seem strange, families are so grateful for the service that they accept the religious divide. The result is that their children learn Christian songs, read the Bible, and pray to Jesus, opening doors for their families and community to hear the gospel!

In 2019, we are expanding the daycare's capacity from 20 children to over 40!



Game Time at Camp Love

# Our min Equip sever house event



### Our Lighthouses also minister to children:

- Equipping potential youth leaders to serve in several ways: children's ministry, media ministry, house visitation, translation, ushering events, and more.
- A music school, symphonic band, and choir in Tyre, Lebanon.

Children's Outreach at the Begaa Lighthouse

Trauma healing camps in all centers by our trained trauma care team.





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### MEDIA MINISTRY







The gospel is timeless—but as technology has evolved, God has used the latest advancements to reach people in previously unreachable countries and communities. Paul used the then cutting-edge Roman road to spread the gospel far and wide on foot, and we now have the ability to send the message of the gospel at lightning-speeds over the internet. Horizons' media ministry team works in partnership with several other ministries to produce multimedia gospel content and distribute it to Middle Eastern believers and seekers via social media. Our social media staff has seen a growing number of people accept Christ through media, and are constantly learning to be more effective and fruitful.

Pure Heart of the Middle East, Horizons' main evangelistic Facebook page, regularly shares new gospel videos and content with over 213,000 followers. A team of four volunteers and one full-time staff member manage the page, interacting with interested followers and engaging in hundreds of gospel conversations monthly—even discipling them online or by phone. Please pray for this growing media ministry, and also for "T"—a Muslim lady who recently received Jesus online!

If you know anyone passionate to reach Muslims and gifted in social media, design, or digital content, our team is constantly growing. We love finding new ways to reach new audiences, and to use the blessing of technology to make disciples of all nations.

- Women of God An Arabic-language
   TV series featuring interviews with
   women from Muslim backgrounds about
   their experiences with Islam and their
   transformations in Christ. Through an
   agreement with a well-known Christian
   Arabic Satellite TV station, 13 episodes of
   Women of God will soon be broadcast to
   homes in every Middle Eastern country.
- Training Materials Over 500 pastoral sermons and 100 short movies have been translated into Arabic and Kurdish, as well as ministry seminars on church planting, discipleship, and evangelism.
- Gospel Content Drives To reach communities where the gospel cannot be shared openly, Horizons distributes microdrives compatible with multiple computer ports, each containing over 100 hours of written and video teachings. Believers with sensitive security situations can use these drives to access the precious Word of God discreetly.

### CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

At Horizons, one of our core values is to help local churches make a lasting impact locally and globally. We work side by side with indigenous churches to learn their needs and help equip them to grow to their full potential!

Nowhere has this potential been more evident than in Lebanon, where freedom of religion allows Christians to congregate publicly and even share the gospel openly in the streets. In 2018, we participated in organizing and staffing several evangelistic events conducted by Lebanese partner churches, to help them impact their communities. Additionally, in 2018, the pastors of over 50 Lebanese churches and six local parachurch organizations gathered for our third annual Pastors' Banquet, "Together for the Great Commission," during which Georges Houssney shared a powerful vision of unity and collaboration in order to help the Lebanese Church to take responsibility for outreach in Lebanon, the MENA region, and the world.

While we are able to host large events like this in Lebanon, we also partner with churches in Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, where there is less religious freedom. In these locations, the spiritual, financial, and hands-on support that Horizons gives to churches is vital.

On March 12th, 2019, Horizons was privileged to honor three top evangelical leaders in Lebanon at our annual pastors' banquet, which this year drew 80 churches!





Horizons leaders with Pastor Josef Kassab, the newly elected President of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches in Lebanon and Syria.

#### Other ways in which we were able to support the local church in 2018 include:

- Providing food packages, medical aid, and clothing that churches can distribute within their communities.
- Giving access to our audio recording facilities for recording and CD duplication of sermons and worship songs.
- Supplying Bibles, audio Bibles, and other evangelistic materials for outreach and distribution.
- Organizing, supporting, and hosting numerous conferences attended by local church members, which featured cross-cultural trainings and mentorship with Western churches.
- · Financially supporting missions teams to conduct trips to Turkey, Tunisia, Egypt, Ukraine, and Kenya.
- Supporting four church-based evangelistic outreach events, in which Horizons staff helped coordinate, sent teams to distribute scripture, and provided stages, sound systems, photographers, videographers, and sound engineers.

If you or someone you know might be interested, contact us:



### SMALL STEPS TOWARD A BIG DREAM

#### The MEC's mission is to catalyze and facilitate a missions movement in the Middle East.

That's a huge task—a dream that only God can turn into a reality. We praise God that he has given us small but significant steps to take on this amazing journey. We are excited to announce that the **MEC** has its first dedicated facility, and is already expanding! The Horizons café in East Beirut, which has been operating since 2014, has now become the MEC. In addition, a generous donor has enabled us to expand by purchasing another space in the same building.

"It is my hope that God will call many Middle Easterners to serve as missionaries among the nations through the MEC's prayer center."

The facility includes the "Prayer for All Nations Center", which will be filled with displays of multimedia information about world missions. This is to bring greater awareness of unreached people among the local believers, that they might intercede in prayer for the unreached people of the world and take action to reach them with the gospel.

In 2018, Horizons partnered regularly with over 49 Lebanese churches and hosted over 293 visitors through our Guesthouses and International Teams Department—and these numbers continue to grow!

This bustling flow of people and activities is the result of tremendous efforts and resources from the body of Christ around the world, as God has inspired hundreds of churches to get involved in Lebanon and the rest of the Middle East.

Many visiting believers have ministry gifts and knowledge that could bless and equip Lebanese believers, but these gifts can go unused for lack



of sufficient coordination and collaboration between local churches and organizations. Only God knows how many opportunities have been lost because his people didn't manage to work together. As the MEC increases in its capacity to coordinate multi-church/organizational efforts such as outreaches and training events, we hope to see synergy grow in God's Kingdom, to boost local ministries and launch a powerful indigenous missions movement to transform the Middle East and the world for Christ!

> -Pierre Rashad Houssney Executive Director, Horizons International

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#### THE MEC TEAM:

Many Horizons staff members are involved in the MEC, including:

Khalil Abdelahad **Director of Church Relations** 

MEC Café Reception Staff: **Bedig Torosian - Coordinator** Maria Antabi Juliana Aloian

#### **Programs:**

Patil Kazanjian - Training Mireille Aoun - Education Maral Manuelian - Events

International Teams: Louis Liss **Director of Foreign Staff** 

Christine Soukiassian Int'l Teams Coordinator

Rezan Bilal Int'l Teams Assistant

Pia Soueidy Guest Care Coordinator

And more...



### THE MEC ON SOCIAL MEDIA



facebook.com/middleeastcenter facebook.com/mecguesthouses



"MEC has a global vision that encompasses nations across continents. Such a ministry can unfold God's will and calling over the lives of individuals. It also trains and equips them in accordance to their calling so they can serve the purposes of the Kingdom of God and contribute to its expansion. Therefore, we pray for and advocate the founding of such centers in Lebanon and around the world." - Pastor Kevork Tchaparian, Pastor of Spring of Life Church in Beirut

### MEC'S CURRENT FACILITIES

MEC Café - Rented - 1,291 Ft.<sup>2</sup>

MEC Prayer Center - Owned Under Construction - 1,076 Ft.<sup>2</sup>

MEC Guesthouses - 75% Rented 56 beds for visitors, interns, and staff

To help the MEC expand, visit: middleeastcenter.org/donate





Prayer for All Nations Center - Under Construction

#### **Spontaneous Dedication of the MEC Prayer Center**

The day after Horizons purchased the shop, a team of 17 people from a prayer Center in California happened to visit our main Beirut center after attending a prayer conference. One woman shared a vision that springs of water were coming up from under the whole neighborhood and forming pools. The team was amazed to hear that the prayer center is in a neighborhood named "Al Nabaa" (meaning "the spring"), and there is a well in the basement of the shop. Their Church is called Water of Life! Pierre Houssney told them about the new prayer center facility that we purchased the day before, and invited the team to walk there and pray to dedicate the facility. It was an incredible divine appointment!

### THE NATIONS AT OUR DOORSTEP!

Our international student ministry, International Crossroads, is a foundational and integral part of our strategy to fulfill the Great Commission. Since Georges Houssney founded Horizons International to reach the nations for Christ, his outreach in the United States has focused on the incredible opportunities to share Jesus with international students.

Jesus commands us to make disciples of all the nations, which makes it easy to think that evangelism requires traveling to different countries. However, while overseas ministry is crucial, the nations are now arriving on our doorstep, as international students. This means that we can now reach hundreds of thousands of internationals for Christ without leaving the country. Indeed, the world is as close as our nearest college campus, or the immigrant family across the street.

When international students accept Christ and are discipled before returning home, their ability to reach communities often far exceeds that of Western mission efforts, as these international students usually return to their communities as members of high status, who are educated, respected, and able to hold influential positions in business and government.

International Crossroads is active in seven locations in five states, including centers in Boulder, CO, and Albany, NY.
Our headquarters in Boulder, Colorado, is situated inside the International Crossroads Student House, which houses over 40 international students per year!











Students enjoy the Thanksgiving Friendship Friday event

### In 2018 we welcomed Jim Rairick as our new National Director of International Student Ministry!

Having served with Horizons for over 18 years, Jim brings to this new role a deep wealth of experience in evangelism, church planting, curriculum development, and on-campus student outreach, as well as a new vision for developing and expanding Horizons' impact amongst international students.

The primary aim of International Crossroads in 2019 is to increase local church involvement on campuses. Churches are uniquely positioned to cultivate deep and lasting relationships with internationals and to provide them with community and friendship in unfamiliar surroundings.

On many college campuses, our staff members have already involved churches through oncampus outreach, Bible studies, evangelistic material distribution, and inviting internationals to Christian homes for parties and dinners. As local churches take ownership of their vital role of fostering relationship with internationals, the gospel transforms them and the communities to which they return.

### NEHEMIAH NETWORK







Are you aware that your city has become a global missions field?













Ministering through prayer

### A HARVEST IN KOSOVO

B.U.M. Church is a thriving Protestant church in Kosovo's capital city of Prishtina. The church was founded in 1994, when Georges Houssney began mentoring three young Christians from Muslim backgrounds. Within the first five years, the church brought dozens of Muslims to faith in Christ, and it grew to over 55 members. Out of this small church, many leaders were sent out to plant churches and ministry centers throughout nearly every major city in Kosovo, prompting hundreds of Muslims to come to Christ!

Last December saw the fruition of over two decades of partnership between Horizons and B.U.M., as the church built and inaugurated a new building—the largest Protestant Church structure permitted to be built in Kosovo in over a decade! This 3-story building holds services for B.U.M.'s congregation, and serves as a gathering place for the entire Protestant Church network in Kosovo. It also houses Tenda Publishing, a cafe, classrooms, and more.

B.U.M. is still expanding its community outreach through the Germia English School, which educates over 70 students annually; a children's Bible camp serving over 100 children per year; and Tenda Publishing House, which publishes Christian magazines, pamphlets, and has produced over 120 books in the Albanian language, by local and international authors. In 2018, B.U.M. held over 25 Christian events that ministered to over 3,000 people. These events also brought in more than 600 non-believers, at least 30 of whom have professed faith in Christ and joined the church! Some of B.U.M.'s 2018 events include the following:

- The Kosovo Protestant Evangelical Church (KPEC), headed by B.U.M.'s Pastor Femi Cakolli, hosted 33 churches and 15 Christian organizations to address national church issues, evangelistic challenges, church unity, and approaches to ministry.
- Two Christian weddings, each of which brought in over 100 Muslim family members and friends.
- An Easter/Passover service that hosted over 200 people, 80 of whom were nonbelievers, and which was broadcast on national TV.
- B.U.M.'s Dardania Network held training events focused on effective ministry and biblical theology.

Moving forward in 2019, Pastor Femi has ambitious plans! B.U.M. will focus on growing two house churches into public churches with facilities in which their congregations can meet, developing a New Testament translation in the modern Gheg dialect of Albanian, opening a new Christian bookstore in the center of Prishtina, and developing a weekly breakfast for elders that serves food to the elderly, poor, and handicapped.

From faith like a mustard seed, a large and fruitful body of believers has grown in this Muslim people group. We are excited to see how God develops the ministry this year and we pray that more and more Albanian Muslims in Kosovo will experience Christ and be saved!



### **OUTREACH IN ASIA**

Horizons International Asia (HIA), located in the heart of Hong Kong, has been an integral part of outreach to Asian countries such as Taiwan, Malaysia, and Afghanistan. Of Hong Kong's population of seven million, roughly 300,000 people are Muslim—meaning that Christian evangelists and churches in the area must understand how to engage and develop relationships with Muslims.

HI Asia is run by a married couple (who must remain anonymous) that work with a team of ten volunteers. Together, they plan, promote, and host discipleship and training events designed to increase the local church's efficacy in ministry to Muslims. In 2018, Georges Houssney carried out another fruitful trip to Hong Kong, during which he ministered to local believers and Muslims in various ways:



Georges Houssney leads a prayer time of commitment to missions

- Taught at an Engaging Islam Institute attended by 30 local church members.
- Engaged in a public debate to defend the consistency of the Bible against prominent Muslim activist and scholar Wael Ibrahim, in front of a 300-person audience.
- Spoke at China Evangelical Seminary, local churches, and conference centers to a total of over 250 people.
- Ministered to a group of 16 underground pastors in a country hostile to Christianity, providing encouragement, fellowship, and hands-on prayer.

In the last two years, the HI Asia team has trained over 1,000 Christians to engage Muslims, and have made breakthroughs with Muslims and converts from Islam. In January 2019, HI Asia launched a street evangelism outreach team and a debate outreach team. Six interns from China are now serving 2-year committments in Lebanon, and more are set to arrive in Lebanon soon.

At a time when China has recently restricted Christians' rights to congregate and operate openly, the churches in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other surrounding countries need support and unity. HI Asia works alongside these churches to develop and train local Christians to reach potential new believers in amazing ways.



# A CHRISTIAN NATION SPREADS THE GOSPEL







Zambia is a land of rich and fertile soil—not only for growing crops, but for the seed of the gospel. After centuries of interaction with Christian missionaries, Zambia is

### ONE ZAMBIA, TO MANY NATIONS

In 2004, André Houssney traveled for the first time to central and northwestern Zambia to visit Kahona Kalenda and his older brother, Pastor Barry Illunga. Pastor Barry serves as President of WOTA Ministries, which ministers to Zambian communities by providing educational and job placement services, building critical local infrastructure, and sending missionaries to the neighboring countries of Burundi, Congo, Sudan, Mauritania, and Tanzania.

However, Zambian church and ministry efforts like these have traditionally been almost wholly dependent on foreign support to rise above survival-level living. Many Westerners

view Zambians as helpless people in need of charity, but André ministered to them as capable brethren who share the common goal of seeing the lost reached for Christ.

Zambians live in a rich and fertile land, uniquely gifted by God with many gifts and talents, and are eager to live out their vital role in global missions.

Upon assessing the severe limitations hindering the ministry, André felt God calling him and Horizons to implement a missional business model that would generate capital and resources for the indigenous church.

Together, Pastor Barry and André organized a coalition of local farmers, ministries, and co-ops that transitioned large farms away from producing low-profit food crops, and toward higher-profit essential oil crops such as lavender, lemongrass, tea tree, and sweet basil, as well as bee-keeping.

The result was Sambah Naturals, a for-profit natural products company that generates income for missions by championing fair-market business models, sustainable and regenerative farming methods, and locally-owned physical infrastructure. In 2007, Sambah partnered with 1,200 farmers, and in the last decade has multiplied their average annual income from \$75 to over \$1,000—putting them well above the UN's poverty threshold of \$2 per day!

### Training a New Generation of African Missionaries

With resources and capital generated by Sambah, WOTA Ministries has partnered with over 12 major Zambian churches and 100 smaller congregations to make significant improvements in local community infrastructure, while also establishing the gospel as the spiritual foundation of these communities:

- Planted over 100 indigenous churches across Zambia
- Built Mibila Medical Clinic, which serves a wide region of the country
- Established two schools attended by over 200 students
- Currently funding 12 "Zambulances"—mobile bicycle ambulances with trained riders that can provide medical care to dozens of villages
- Dug six freshwater wells for villages
- Built two bridges that serve as major access roads to their communities
- Currently building an orphanage/children's home with 40-person capacity—almost complete!

Additionally, WOTA has trained and mentored hundreds of new missionaries and Christian community leaders, sent students to Zambian and Congolese seminaries, and sponsored missions trips to neighboring countries. Currently, WOTA and its partner churches are raising support to send a Zambian missionary to serve long-term with Horizons in Lebanon!

In 2018, André devised a way to construct USDA food-grade essential oil stills for 1-5% of the price of new units by using repurposed parts and appropriate technology and methods. To date, over 10 stills have been built! Through local lending co-ops, villages and farms can purchase stills and control the entire distillation process, allowing them to retain profits instead of losing up to 90% to large distillation companies.

### Where can you find Sambah products?

- Zambeezi Lip Balm
- **Zambian Soap Company**
- Florish Essential Oils—soon to be on Whole Foods shelves nationwide!

Both Zambeezi Lip Balm and Zambian Soap Company use premium and fair-trade Zambian essential oils, beeswax, and honey.

#### sambahnaturals.com

Sambah Naturals is expanding! In 2018, over 10,000 new farmers partnered with Sambah, and another 40,000 may soon join. This influx of production capability, combined with new partnerships with Western markets, has spurred Sambah to seek investors interested in realizing this vision for Zambian locals and the church that serves them.



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# ENGAGING ISLAM

### **ENGAGE COURSE**

Horizons' Engage Course is a dynamic, modular training series adapted from the core curriculum of our Engaging Islam Intensive, but **designed to maximize accessibility so that you can bring the course right into your house or church!** The Engage box set provides groups with all the necessary tools to conduct their own training: promotional materials, facilitator instructions, video lectures, and the specially-designed Engage Course textbook.

The Engage Course encourages Christians to gain God's heart for Muslims, and gives them the understanding and confidence to share the gospel with Muslims. Participants learn how to compare and contrast Biblical and Muslim worldviews, how to diagnose the personal needs of Muslim men and women, and how to share Christ effectually and graciously. They then are guided through designing their own ministry and prayer plan, both personally and for their church or campus group.

Since every group is different, each Engage Course is unique! Horizons has created customized formatting

solutions for different groups, but the training is generally available in two basic models:

Intensive/Weekend Model – A weekend event that covers all ten sessions of the Engage Course back-to-back, usually done on a Friday evening and Saturday Morning-Afternoon.

**Ten-Week Model** – Perfect for weekly Bible studies or Adult Sunday school groups, The Ten Engage Course sessions are studied on a weekly basis.



engagingislam.org/engage-course

### LEGACY CONFERENCE

Legacy Conference is a bi-annual event that mobilizes and equips the Church to reveal the love of Jesus Christ to Muslims.

Inspired by the example and teachings of evangelist Samuel Marinus Zwemer, known as the "Apostle to Islam," Legacy builds and supports a community of church leaders, scholars, pastors, and missionaries who follow the example of Jesus in bringing forth the fruit of the Great Commission.

In late May and early June of 2018, over 300 attendees gathered at REACH International Church in Dearborn, MI, for a spirit-filled weekend of lectures, breakout sessions, panel discussions, and interaction with leaders in Christian evangelism and church planting among Muslims. Legacy 2018 videos, lecture topics, and testimonials are available at the Legacy Conference website.

### ENGAGING ISLAM INSTITUTE

The Engaging Islam Institute is a two-week, in-depth course to prepare believers and churches to engage with Muslims locally and around the world. Educating participants on Islamic beliefs and culture, evangelistic outreach, mentorship and discipleship, and the obstacles Muslims typically face on their journey to Christ, this popular course is taught by experienced and effective leaders in ministry to Muslims, many of whom are Christians from Muslim backgrounds.

The Engaging Islam Institute hosted annually at two locations: one in the US and the other in Beirut, Lebanon. The course consists of practical teaching and discussion, as well as role-playing and personal interaction, plus hands-on outreach to real Muslims on the street. In 2019, the US Engaging Islam Institute will be held in the heavily Muslim-populated area of Dearborn, Michigan.

Outside of these main locations, this training has gained international recognition for those committed to missions or ministry to Muslim populations, and has been held in Tatarstan, Russia, Thailand, South Africa, Kosovo, and several other countries. In 2018, we conducted Engaging Islam events in Boulder, Beirut, Hong Kong and—for the first time—Ukraine!

Already, many pastors, churches, and seminaries in Ukraine have requested that the training return in 2019, and the course materials have now been translated into Russian. In this way, Ukraine is serving as a case study for how we plan to develop EII training Internationally:

### THE PLAN

- 1. HOLD TRAINING IN A NEW LOCATION
- 2. CONDUCT REPEATED FOLLOW-UP VISITS
- 3. IDENTIFY AND TRAIN TRAINERS TO TEACH ENGAGING ISLAM
- **4.** TRANSLATE CURRICULUM INTO LOCAL LANGUAGE
- 5. EQUIP AND ASSIST LOCAL TRAINERS WHO CAN TAKE EII TO THEIR NATION









legacyconference.org



### CUBS TO LIONS







CTL Leadership Training, Beirut, September 2018

Cubs to Lions (CTL), one of Horizons' most exciting and effective initiatives, is a discipleship training course for converts from Islam. Cubs to Lions is taught by Middle Eastern teachers who understand the unique challenges faced by Christians from Muslim backgrounds (CMBs).

Designed to nurture lasting and fruitful relationships between converts from Islam and Jesus Christ, CTL gives new believers a solid biblical foundation and teaches them about practical Christian life: prayer, worship, Bible reading, ministry to non-believers, and living in Christian community.

Both new and mature believers experience fellowship and community with one another, forming lifelong friendships as they gather to learn about how to leave their Islamic worldview and spiritual bondage behind in order to embrace new life.

Cubs to Lions not only mentors CMBs in their personal journey, but also teaches them the importance of being, and how to be, an active member of a church, serving and interacting within the Church. We strive to ensure that any CTL attendees who don't have a church family are settled into one after the conference.

Beyond mentoring converts and helping them grow in their personal spiritual lives, CTL focuses on raising up CMBs as future disciplers of others. Indigenous Christians are uniquely able to return to their communities, share the gospel, and mentor new believers within their social, cultural, and national context.

Many of our current CTL teachers are program graduates who, through extended church involvement and spiritual maturation, have gone on to lead their own ministries to Muslims.

In 2018, we hosted 3 CTL events, and in 2019 we are expanding to new countries! In total, our 2019 training schedule includes Cubs to Lions events in the United States, Lebanon, Canada, France, and Australia. As we train and equip new Christians from Muslim backgrounds to serve as CTL leaders and teachers, the course is growing more replicable across the world.

This event serves everyone from curious non-believers to mature Christians from Muslim backgrounds.

Attendees are often sponsored by church members who desire to see them strengthened and encouraged in Christ. If you know of someone who would benefit from attending, please email us:

training@horizonsinternational.org

"I had a breakthrough at Cubs to Lions. I was freed and released of bondage and dark secrets. It was a lot to take in, and every piece taught was of potent importance. I was convicted and was taught the difference between conviction and guilt."

# ARAB GULF: ESAP AND GAR



Engaging Students from the Arabian Peninsula (formerly NOAM) is a cooperative, multi-ministry network formed to mobilize campus ministries and churches to reach out to Arab Gulf students with the gospel. Horizons International, Saudi Advocacy Network, CIRA International, Bridges International, and International Friendships have partnered around their shared passion for reaching Gulf Arab students, carrying out the ESAP initiative by utilizing both traditional and innovative biblically-based approaches.

Each year, this partnership hosts an annual conference. In 2019, the fourth ESAP Conference will represent the fruit of engaging over 1,000 local campus ministries at over 300 campuses across North America. An expected audience of over 150 people will hear this year's distinguished and experienced plenary speakers and participate in breakouts, workshops, prayer sessions, worship, and discussion tables.

When: March 28-30, 2019 Where: Orlando, FL\*

Price: \$50 until March 1, then \$75

\*Hotel accommodations are available for non-local attendees.

www.ESAPConference.org







**Gulf Arab Retreat** fosters a deeper sense of Christian identity among Gulf Arab Christans, who can feel isolated within their new and unfamiliar Christian community. They often struggle to overcome feelings of exclusion, which is why GAR was created: to build up and serve a community of Gulf Arab Christians. **This annual weekend of fellowship and mentoring welcomes 20-30 believers and families from Saudi Arabia, Oman, Yemen, Kuwait, U.A.E, Bahrain, and Qatar.** 

Many attendees have expressed that GAR profoundly encouraged them to persevere in their walk with Christ, motivated them to face the difficulties of their new faith, and strengthened them in the foundational principles of a healthy and vibrant Christian life. In addition to cultivating communities and equipping new believers, GAR is also raising up Gulf Arab Christian leaders to serve in their churches and ministries.

Do you know a Gulf Arab Christian who desires Christian fellowship and solid mentorship? Share GAR with them, and sponsor them to attend!

Email us at training@horizonsinternational.org.

When: March 30-31, 2019 Where: Orlando, FL

Price: \$50\*\*

\*\* Price covers attendees' airfare, lodging, and meals!





# BIBLICAL MISSIOLOGY

**Biblical Missiology** is a diverse network of missions scholars and practitioners that aims to restore the gospel to missions, and missions to the Church. Founded in 2009, this community discusses missiological issues, shares global resources and information, and produces biblically faithful content related to missions, missionaries, and sending organizations.

Biblical Missiology has led the global effort to raise awareness about theologically compromised methods of Bible translation and church planting, particularly those focused on reaching Muslims. Through *BiblicalMissiology.org*, this network publishes articles; posts audio, video, and training content; and coordinates advocacy efforts to reform missions efforts in key areas of concern.

In May of 2018, Biblical Missiology held a consultation in Dearborn, MI, which focused on issues facing Bible translation today, and proposed and discussed the formation of a new Bible translation society founded upon biblical faithfulness and linguistic accuracy. Many of the over 100 attendees expressed shock after being presented with evidence of problematic approaches prevalent in modern Bible translation, and several committed to help form the society.

In 2019, Biblical Missiology leadership plans to draft the Bible translation society's Statement of Faith and Core Values, and to select leadership team members who are committed to accurate and faithful Bible translation.

**75,000+** site visitors in 2018!



Georges announces the formation of a new Bible translation society

### 2019 TRAINING CALENDAR



Training is the key multiplying element of Horizons' mission—the "equip" element in our calling to proclaim the gospel, disciple the nations, and equip the church. We offer training courses designed for various audiences: new and potential believers, maturing Christians from Muslim backgrounds, Western church members interested in learning how to engage and disciple Muslims effectively, and church leaders hoping to deepen their ministry to Muslims. Based on biblical faithfulness and timetested results, our training events and curricula are equipping more and more believers worldwide.

Below is a calendar of our scheduled 2019 training events. Some events are still being scheduled. For more information, or to inquire about hosting a Horizons training event, email us at: training@horizonsinternational.org

| Event                                | Location     | 2019 Date           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Cubs to Lions - Leadership Course I  | Lebanon      | March 11 - 12       |
| Lebanese Pastors' Banquet            | Lebanon      | March 12            |
| ESAP Conference                      | Orlando, FL  | March 28 - 30       |
| Gulf Arab Retreat                    | Orlando, FL  | March 30 - 31       |
| Engaging Islam Institute             | Ukraine      | April 10 - 22       |
| Engaging Islam Institute (1 Week)    | Dearborn, MI | March 28-30         |
| Global Staff Summit                  | Lebanon      | June 17 - 21        |
| Cubs to Lions                        | France       | July 22 - 26        |
| Cubs to Lions                        | Denver, CO   | July 8 - 12         |
| Turkish World Ministries Conference  | Colorado     | August 1 - 4        |
| Cubs to Lions                        | Canada       | August 12 - 16      |
| Engaging Islam Institute             | Lebanon      | August 26 - Sept. 6 |
| Engaging Islam Institute             | Ukraine      | Fall TBD            |
| Cubs to Lions                        | Lebanon      | October 25 - 26     |
| Cubs to Lions - Leadership Course II | Lebanon      | November 16         |

"I wanted vou to know how happy I am to attend such a magnificent course. I thank God that He has given me the opportunity to be born again and to mature spiritually. Thanks to every person who made this conference happen."

## 2018 IN NUMBERS

1,755+

**CONVERTS IN DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIPS:** 

575+

PROCLAMATIONS OF FAITH IN JESUS:

322+







BAPTISMS IN PARTNER CHURCHES:

180+









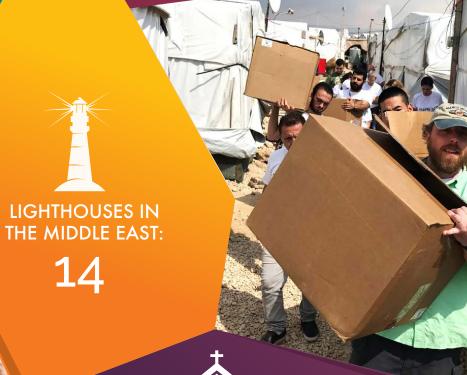
STAFF MEMBERS:

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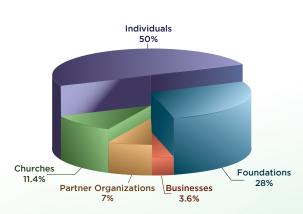
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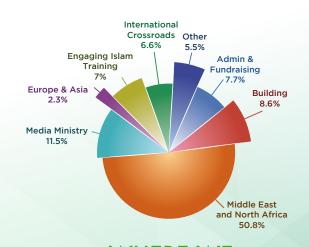
### 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

The work of Horizons is made possible through generous contributions by individuals, churches, and foundations. By the grace of God, He has inspired an increasing amount of people to serve through giving to Horizons' strategic initiatives around the world. Below is a financial report showing income and expenses for the last three years and the budgeted figures for 2019.

| Expenses                        | 2016<br>Income | 2016<br>Expenses | 2017<br>Income | 2017<br>Expenses | 2018<br>Income | 2018<br>Expenses | 2019 Budg.<br>Income | 2019 Budg.<br>Expenses |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Administration and Fundraising  | \$506,012      | \$345,006        | \$557,073      | \$285,357        | \$436,600      | \$302,822        | \$518,000            | \$324,950              |
| Facilities                      | \$552,167      | \$437,415        | \$442,343      | \$384,250        | \$427,031      | \$347,682        | \$425,000            | \$341,062              |
| International<br>Crossroads     | \$237,923      | \$242,385        | \$265,580      | \$283,584        | \$279,456      | \$268,070        | \$86,708             | \$113,650              |
| Middle East and<br>North Africa | \$976,958      | \$1,630,297      | \$1,512,588    | \$1,635,838      | \$1,806,265    | \$2,048,194      | \$2,419,279          | \$2,659,728            |
| Media Ministry                  | \$496,957      | \$401,667        | \$470,557      | \$511,422        | \$478,006      | \$466,028        | \$475,000            | \$475,000              |
| Europe and Asia                 | \$6,305        | \$72,654         | \$31,669       | \$83,581         | \$207,310      | \$93,372         | \$137,908            | \$163,902              |
| Training Programs               | \$246,944      | \$310,673        | \$304,082      | \$354,935        | \$250,523      | \$277,889        | \$150,490            | \$173,765              |
| Other Ministry                  | \$330,060      | \$23,506         | \$149,315      | \$191,030        | \$286,627      | \$222,604        | \$327,218            | \$197,641              |
| Totals                          | \$3,353,326    | \$3,463,603      | \$3,734,406    | \$3,729,998      | \$4,189,407    | \$4,034,975      | \$4,676,463          | \$4,586,545            |



WHO GAVE IN 2018



WHERE WE SPENT IN 2018

### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO...

Billions of souls are lost, suffering, and perishing.

But God has a rescue plan for the nations:





### The lost must hear the news of Christ.

As followers of Jesus, we are all called to participate in the Great Commission, according to the gifts and calling given to each of us.

We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

SALVATION IS NEAR...



### Start a conversation with us!

Email us at **connect@horizonsinternational.org** and a staff member will help you explore the possibilities.





#### Yes! I want to reach the world for Christ!

| Enclosed is my ☐ one-time ☐ monthly gift of \$ to support |                         |  |  |  |
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| missionary/project:                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| Plus a ☐ one-time ☐ monthly gift to:                      |                         |  |  |  |
| Where most needed: \$                                     | Lighthouses: \$         |  |  |  |
| International Student Ministry: \$                        | Middle East Center: \$  |  |  |  |
| Training Ministry: \$                                     | Biblical Missiology: \$ |  |  |  |

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