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IMPACT REPORT



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Rising to the Challenge

We continue to be in awe of the work God is doing through our partnership around the world. As you faithfully support AMG International through your prayers and generous stewardship, we continue to see the fruit of many lives being changed and numerous communities being transformed through our collective efforts. During His earthly ministry, Jesus demonstrated His love for people in many ways. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, and comforted the poor in spirit. But most importantly, He made the ultimate sacrifice in meeting our spiritual needs by offering Himself on the cross as payment for our sins, allowing us to be reconciled with His Father. For 78 years, with the help of supporters like you, we have been following Jesus' example by seeking to meet people's deepest spiritual, physical, and emotional needs. Through our combined efforts, God has used us to inspire hope in people's lives while preparing them for eternity.

Together, we ministered to thousands of refugees in Greece, with many deciding to follow Christ. One of those refugees feels burdened by the Holy Spirit to return to Syria to share the Good News with his people! We also saw our *Bugongi College of Nursing and Midwifery* in Uganda grow to 121 students, including 25 who came to Christ during an evangelistic meeting held by our leadership team. In addition, we had a record number of patients, nearly 74,000, at *St. Luke's Hospital* in Greece treated in the name of Jesus. We expanded our ministry to Colombia with your help and have been able to feed and educate dozens of street children. We trained hundreds of pastors in Uganda, Kenya, Indonesia, and other countries around the world. And, we installed much-needed bore wells in 21 villages in India, offering life-giving water to families facing severe drought conditions, while ultimately directing them to the source of Living Water.

We could not have accomplished all of this, and much more, without your generous financial support. God used you to make these ministries possible, and with your help, we will see Him do even more incredible things in the coming months and years. He is now opening doors for us to expand our ministry in closed countries in the Muslim world – Iran and Malaysia in particular. We have the opportunity to improve our facilities and train even more national leaders in the largest Muslim populated country in the world, Indonesia. And in Uganda and Kenya, national pastors are thirsting for structured Bible training that will help them be more effective ministers in their communities.



AMG International President/CEO Tasos Ioannidis (#6 from right) visiting with some of our coworkers in the Philippines

And while our Lord is graciously presenting us with all these opportunities, the ministry is not without its challenges. It is a spiritual battle, after all! There is always the ongoing need for prayer support and for additional resources to deal with widespread problems such as spiritual darkness, a lack of trained pastors, material poverty, limited access to medical care, and the impact of natural disasters. We continue striving to fight these battles by proclaiming the Good News, equipping as many pastors as we can, feeding, loving, and educating destitute children, and providing medical care and disaster relief services. Another challenge that Satan is using against our ministry is the restrictions placed on advancing the gospel in Asia. Government opposition and constraints to mission work in India and other Muslim countries have created a challenging environment for our ministry efforts there, so we are working to find new ways to reach these people. Our response is to equip, train and support our local leaders in the face of this steady opposition. Your prayers are invaluable in sustaining our national leaders and our ministry overall.

As you and I serve God together, He will do more than we could ever think or imagine. I look forward to seeing what God accomplishes through our combined efforts this year as we work to meet people's deepest needs – spiritual and physical – while inspiring hope, restoring lives and transforming communities in Jesus' name. Thank you for your faithful partnership!

Tasos Ioannidis
President/CEO





For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

~ Jeremiah 29:11, ESV

Where Are They Now?

With the help of our generous partners, AMG International was able to meet people's deepest needs in the communities we serve. For example, we received more than \$17,000 for a new van for **Dios es Amor School** in Puebla, Mexico. The school serves special needs children in the surrounding communities, many of whom are unable to attend their classes without transportation provided by the school. This replacement van allows staff at the school to pick up students who have no other means of getting to the school.

Dios es Amor School directors, **Manuel and Ruth Lopez**, shared the following about one of the students benefiting from the van. "Now that we have a van, *Eva* is coming to school regularly again. She has Cerebral Palsy and suffers from severe muscle spasms. It is difficult for her to walk, and her family did not prioritize finding an alternative way for her to come to school, so her attendance was spotty. But she is back now!



Praise the Lord! *Eva* lives a sad home life be-

Some of the students at Mexico's **Dios es Amor School** getting comfortable for a ride in their new van



cause she cannot communicate with her family. She is more than happy to be back at school where she can use sign language to communicate with us. She asked us to express her gratitude to you."

We also have exciting news from our **Tava Project** in Guatemala. In October, we had the official grand opening of

our student resource center. We now have 176 children enrolled in our academic program. The local government is supportive of this initiative and has promised to provide two teachers from the community in 2020 who will help supervise the online vocational classes taught in the newly refurbished shipping containers.

Young people benefitting from Guatemala's **Tava Project**



Local government leaders have graciously provided the land where **Tava** is located at no cost, and they have agreed to cover our electric bills for the time being. The plan for 2020 is to add two more containers to house an English classroom and a youth center. Becoming fluent in English will provide students with more job opportunities in the future. We are looking forward to this expansion!



Thank you so much for your faithful partnership. Because of you, and through God's grace, the children at **Dios es Amor School** will have a brighter future by continuing

their education. And, through the **Tava Project**, those impacted by the volcano eruption in Guatemala will experience community transformation in Jesus' name.

“Come, help us...”

Pastor Chris Crowe and his wife Lisa have been friends with **AMG Guatemala Director Brian Dennett** for many years. Chris traveled to Guatemala to officiate Brian's eldest daughter's wedding, which is when God began planting seeds of interest in his and Lisa's hearts for the Guatemalan people. God seemed to be speaking in an almost audible way to the couple. Chris says he experienced what seemed like internal pleas in his spirit from the children of Guatemala days after returning home from the wedding saying, “Come, help us.” He speaks of this experience as imperatively as he does the call on his life to become a pastor. Chris and Lisa assured Brian that they would return to Guatemala to serve with a team once they planted a church in the states. A few years later, in March 2018, *Harvest Bible Chapel Reading* was launched.

The strong partnership between **AMG Guatemala, Las Vistas Child and Youth Development Center, and Harvest Bible Chapel Reading** is an example of what can occur when one individual shares the heart of God with another.

In January 2019, *Harvest* began its “*Boots on the Ground*” ministry. A sponsorship plan began to form within *Harvest*, and families started sponsoring children attending the *Las Vistas Child and Youth Development Center*.

A vision team from *Harvest* was sent in October 2019 to gain a thorough understanding of AMG Guatemala's mission and the

needs of Las Vistas. God moved mightily in the hearts of the team members who returned to share what they learned with their church. Those on the team shared about the similarities of their church's surrounding community to those served by AMG Guatemala.

In 2017, the population of Reading was 64.7 percent Hispanic/Latino, making it the third neediest city in Pennsylvania. These statistics led the church to ask, “How can we at *Harvest* reach the city of Reading and serve in Guatemala when language barriers and the cycle of poverty cloud our views of effectiveness?” As time unfolded, God's plans came to light. He placed two Spanish speaking elders at *Harvest* who helped lead the way in advancing the ministry of the church and of the center.

If you would like to know more about how your church can partner with AMG International and adopt a child and youth development center, reach out to us at info@amginternational.org.

“God is calling us first to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind and to pour out that love toward others. Our prayer is to have a heart and mind set on Him and to give Him all the glory that is due.”

– Emily Dodson, a member of *Harvest Reading* who was a part of the vision team sent in 2019.



Emily and Adam Dodson and their daughter, Haylee Edwards with their sponsored child, Veronica



How Far Would You Go?

Richard Hetzel is a missionary serving with AMG International in Peru. A large part of his ministry focuses on training national pastors, especially in rural villages where many have no access to any biblical training. Richard travels and teaches as often as he can since he provides one of the only opportunities the majority of the tribal pastors and leaders have for training in the region. Many of these pastors are illiterate, so one of the current tasks at hand is to create a pastor training curriculum that is storytelling based.

In September, Richard, along with two pastors from **Silverdale Baptist Church** in **Chattanooga, TN**, had the opportunity to teach the Achuar people for one week at a pastor's conference in a remote area of the Amazon. They flew to a village with a grass airstrip and then took a wooden canoe downriver to the village. They were asked to teach on spiritual growth, stewardship, and apologetics. Richard says, *"Every time I teach at a conference in a tribal village, the pastors share that they have all learned something that they have never heard before."*

Money is something these national pastors do not deal with very often. Even though most do not have very much money, it is something they should learn to manage, especially to balance their church budgets. When teaching stewardship, Richard and the American pastors highlighted how we should steward our time, health, property, and everything we own in addition to money. *"When we taught the concepts of managing money and creating a budget, every single person told us that was the first time they had ever heard of a budget, how to create one, and how to live by one,"* Richard says.

When teaching about different spiritual topics, a huge issue that Richard and the American pastors addressed was how to break a curse. According to Richard, *"Spiritual warfare is real, whether we want to admit it or not. Usually, we are just simply unaware of it. But spiritual warfare is something that the natives in the tribes deal with daily."* When they taught the national pastors how to break curses and spells by prayer, it was imperative to teach them first about the authority of God. Why? When starting this prayer, it is necessary to say, *"In the name of Jesus Christ and under His authority..."* The majority of the natives do not understand the authority of God because they do not have the Old Testament in their language. When they do not have the Old Testament, it is impossible to learn about the authority of God, the Creator of all. They do, however, understand authority within the village since they have a chief in every tribe. Using this as an example, the pastors are taught that the Holy Spirit has authority over all the evil spirits and any curses a witch doctor could ever place on them.

Please pray for these pastors as they continue to grow in their faith and in their spiritual leadership. Many of them leave their homes for a month to attend these conferences to become better equipped to help meet the deepest needs of their communities. Also, continue praying for Richard and his family as they serve their community and inspire hope in those around them.

There are opportunities to go to Peru and teach a class. If you are interested in serving at the institute, please contact **Bill Passons** at AMG International.



AMG missionary Richard Hetzel exercising his storytelling skills teaching rural pastors at a tribal village conference in Peru's Amazon region

Taking Stock in Our National Leaders

Long-time AMG partner **Bonnie Lind**



Bonnie Lind is a retired high school teacher who taught math for 40 years. She lives in California, but a large part of her heart is in Greece. Being a teacher, Bonnie spent many of her summers serving and ministering to people in need through her participation on various mission trips.

"In November 1979, I met a missionary couple in Greece who told me about a summer project outside Athens to refurbish an old building into a Bible College. It was a perfect fit for a teacher like me, who had the summers free! We did 'hands-on' projects such as carpentry, painting, and landscape work. When we were not working, we spent time with the missionaries and observed how they interacted with their neighbors, store clerks, and others. They only spoke in Greek, but we knew when we heard "Christos" or "Theos" they were sharing about the Lord," she says reflecting on one of her first trips.

The next summer, while she was in Greece working with Greater Europe Mission, she met Costas Macris, a former AMG missionary. Costas and his wife, Alky, co-founded **Hellenic Ministries**, an AMG partner ministry engaged in evangelism to Greece and surrounding countries. Hellenic Ministries out-

reaches include evangelistic meetings, discipleship, media evangelism, humanitarian services, church planting, and youth programs. Costas was Ms. Lind's first connection to AMG International, and eight years later, she met Alekos and Nafsika Haralambides, who are now missionaries in Tanzania, where they founded and operate a home for orphans.

"All of these missionaries were such loving people to the unbelieving Greeks we met in the neighborhood, stores, and those who crossed our path each day. They used every opportunity to share the love of Christ with these individuals. Living with them and seeing them live for the Lord all day, every day, was so much better than reading a missionary prayer letter!"

Bonnie has a passion for supporting national leaders because of the advantages of locals ministering in their home culture. *"Supporting missionaries through AMG allows the missionaries to serve the Lord full-time without having to work for a living. Some of the neediest individuals in the world are touched with the love of Christ and the gospel message through AMG missionaries and ministries. Having nationals operate as missionaries in their own country enables them to serve effectively from 'Day 1'. They already know the language as well as the culture."*

One of the ways Bonnie has been able to support AMG International has been through the giving of appreciated stock. AMG International gladly accepts gifts of securities, both publicly traded and closely held. Gifting appreciated securities to AMG can provide special tax benefits to donors compared to similar gifts of cash. By gifting stocks that have been owned for longer than one year, the donor can qualify for a charitable income tax deduction based upon the security's full, fair market value regardless of the cost basis.

"My financial advisor suggested I give stock that had appreciated. I get the benefit of a donation as well as avoiding capital gains if I had sold the stock. Since I planned to give a gift to AMG anyway, giving appreciated stock made great sense," Bonnie says.

Even today, though she is not traveling as much, Bonnie continues to support **AMG Greece** ministries in every way she can and encourages others to support AMG's ministries as well. *"Having been able to go to Greece and see with my own eyes AMG national leaders at work in various ministries, it is a blessing to continue to support them with financial gifts. Every dollar is used wisely and stretched as far as it can go to share the gospel. It is a joy to be a part of the ministry as a supporter."*





He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

~ Psalms 23:3, ESV

Living Water

Since 2015, India has faced severe drought and nearly half the country's population is being affected by significant water shortages. As a result, around 75 percent of Indians do not have access to clean drinking water in their homes.

Those living in rural villages are oftentimes forced to choose between working that day or walking to another village to buy water for their family. More often than not, villagers have to gather whatever dirty water is available in ponds, streams, and water tanks. These water sources are causing people to get sick from water-borne diseases like diarrhea, typhoid, jaundice, and fevers, and some cases are resulting in death. This crisis has moved AMG India, with the help of our donors, to step in and meet these critical needs.

In 2019, our resource partners provided the funds to purchase and install 24 new borewells in villages across India. Twenty-one were put in place, and installation of the last three started in the beginning of 2020. Now the people living in these villages, and their cattle, have access to clean drinking water, even during extended periods without rain.

In the past, other borewells in and around the villages we serve were dug by the government and other NGOs but have dried up because the installation depth was unable to sus-

tain water levels during the dry season. The borewells installed by AMG reach much deeper in the ground, at 150 to 200 feet, which allows them to remain viable even as water levels continue to fall lower. **AMG India National Director Arun Kumar** says, *"By God's grace the villages where AMG dug borewells are still yielding water."*

By design, AMG digs wells in lower caste colonies where those marginalized by society reside. Due to the increasing scarcity of drinking water, AMG India has been receiving more and more requests for borewells in these desperate communities. Our goal is to purchase and install 50 new wells in 2020. These wells would give hundreds of families access to clean water all year long regardless of the weather.

Each borewell costs \$1,000. Would you consider joining us in this effort? As with all of our ministries, our goal is to meet people's deepest physical needs because we know that providing hope increases their openness to the gospel. We install borewells in India's drought-ridden areas, and our national leaders then go into people's homes to tell them about Jesus, who is the source of Living Water that never runs dry.



2019 MINISTRY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

■ CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **3,870** Sponsored children
- **27,003** Children benefited from AMG centers, camps and programs
- **5,001** Children put their faith in Christ

■ CHURCH PLANTING

- **77** New churches planted
- **1,075** Active churches benefiting from past or present direct support

■ DISASTER RELIEF

- **10** Disasters responded to
- **21,655** Individuals helped

■ DISCIPLESHIP

- **9,443** New believers professed their faith in Christ

■ HEALTHCARE

- **123,059** Patients treated
- **25,531** Surgeries performed
- **21** New borewells installed in India

■ MEDIA EVANGELISM

- **39,577** Responses received from media evangelism efforts
- **64,092** Bible correspondence course participants
- **35,702** Bibles distributed
- **1,239,896** Spiritual tracts distributed

■ MISSION ADVENTURES

- **41,016** Volunteer hours spent on international ministry trips

■ PASTOR TRAINING

- **4,374** Pastors and church leaders trained

■ REFUGEES

- **2,206** Refugees ministered to and served

Have you ever set out on a road trip without a map? Sometimes this can be a fun adventure, but other times it can be disastrous when you have a specific destination in mind and you do not get there. Just like a map serves to guide and help us know if we are on the right course, Planning, Monitoring, Evaluating, and Learning (PMEL) are all tools that an organization can use to tell if they are heading in the right direction.

AMG International has worked closely with its field offices since its founding 78 years ago, not just to support much-needed work, but to ensure that we are making tangible strides toward our mission of meeting people's deepest needs. In the past year, we have strengthened our PMEL efforts by developing more tools to help our field offices put effective measurements in place and better track ministry outcomes.

At AMG, we believe that PMEL is all about good stewardship. God has entrusted us with resources and relationships that we are called to steward wisely. So, as we continue to meet people's deepest needs, we are also empowering our partners to create data points to analyze their programs and make any needed adjustments. If we get off track, we now have better metrics that will help us to course-correct when needed.

While we cannot always ensure successful outcomes, we can always choose to remain faithful to the ministry God has called us to. Planning, Monitoring, Evaluating, and Learning are some of the tools that help us know that our field ministry efforts are moving in the right direction as we remain focused on the vision God has given us.

TOTAL REVENUE: \$8,068,368

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$7,209,784

EXPENSES: \$6,209,578

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

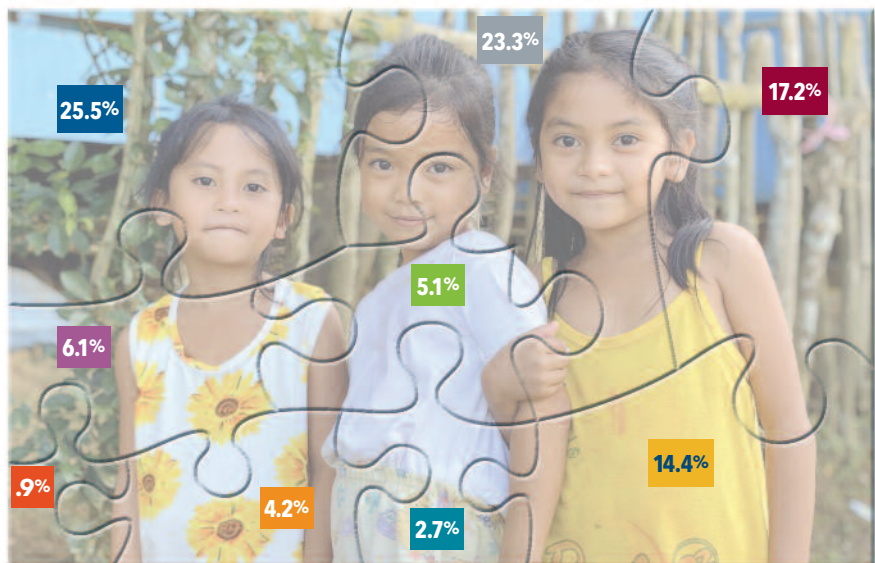
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**ADMINISTRATIVE &
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES**

86.1% of total operating expenses were used to directly support ministries in the field.

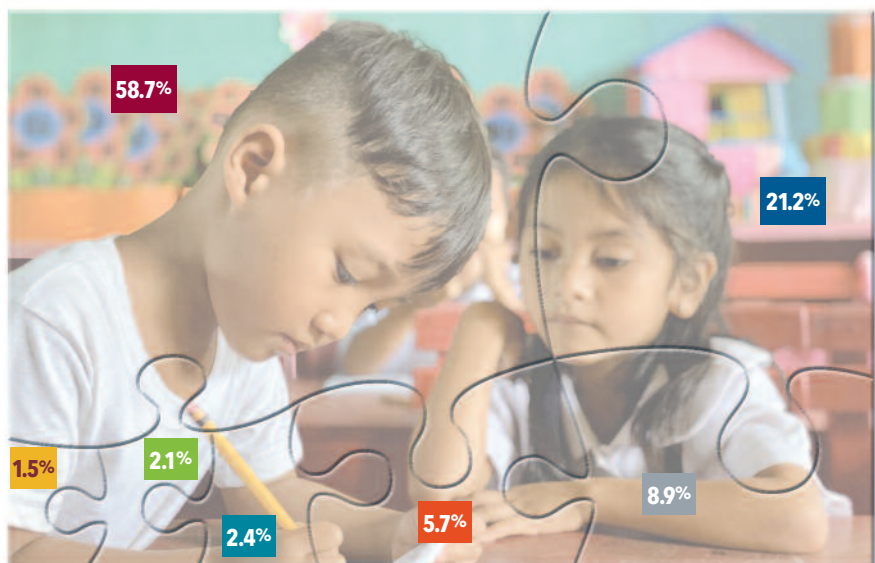
WHERE DONORS GIVE

- CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- MISSIONARY SUPPORT
- WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES
- MISSION ADVENTURES
- MINISTRY PROJECTS
- MEDICAL MINISTRIES
- NATIONAL LEADERS
- DISASTER RELIEF
- MEDIA EVANGELISM



TOTAL DONOR SUPPORT / CATEGORY

- INDIVIDUALS / HOUSEHOLDS
- CHURCHES
- ESTATES
- BUSINESSES
- DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- FOUNDATIONS
- SCHOOLS



“By this shall all men know..”

By Mihalis Litsikakis, an AMG National Leader serving in Greece

Living and working in a ministry that is inundated with the needs of the refugee communities we serve can often leave one wondering, “How can anything we provide ever be enough to really end this crisis and restore even a fraction of what has been lost?” We want a plan, a checklist, or at the very least a guarantee that all the effort and energy put into helping will someday make a life-changing difference in people’s lives.

From the beginning of our outreach efforts in the refugee community, we have strived to make space and create opportunities for them to ask any questions or explore faith in God. Still, we never want to make them feel that our services come with strings attached, such as, “You must listen to us to be welcomed.” The following story is one of many interactions we have had over the past year. We chose this one in particular because it is a testimony of how faithful, daily living and serving with these people can have a long-term impact in their lives.

One evening after our weekly fellowship at the **CosmoVision Center (CVC)**, one of our Syrian friends brought her daughter up to help her ask us the questions she had. Shortly into the conversation, we realized she had a lot of questions about

Jesus and faith in God. This is always exciting, but her time was short and many people were around, so we made plans to meet at **HomeSpot**, our refugee care center, during the next week so we could speak more privately without having to rush through such an important conversation.

AMG International operates two refugee care centers in Athens and one in Thessaloniki, ministering to hundreds of refugees each month. In one center alone, we serve more than 200 refugees in need of help each and every day. As their presence in Greece is becoming more permanent, we are providing additional language and vocational training to help them as they start a new life.



Mihalis Litsikakis (R) visiting at a Greek refugee facility

Refugees being cared for at HomeSpot Athens



When the day finally came for us to meet, she arrived at HomeSpot and began to ask questions. We were wondering what caused the sudden urgency she had to ask questions about our faith after several years of attending our outreaches. We inquired if something had happened to make her think more seriously about Christianity. Her answer was something we will never forget. Without missing a beat, she looked at us and said, *“I have been observing you and your friends for three years now, and I see how you treat people. You all treat each other, and those of us attending HomeSpot, with so much love and care. I have never seen anything like this before. I come from a country where my family and community follow Islam. I watched as those around me followed God and talked about respect for God, but in daily life, they lived without love or mercy for those around them. What you believe and in whom you believe changes how you treat those around you, whether they believe like you or not. I want to know more about your God.”*

We were speechless after hearing her answer. The conversation continued for a couple more hours as we talked through what we as Christians believe and shared what Jesus has done for us. We read through parts of John before sending her home with an Arabic Bible for personal study.

This woman has 11 lovely children, and from the moment each is old enough, she now encourages them to attend every camp, church gathering and program we offer at HomeSpot and the CVC. Four of her children are even active members of our

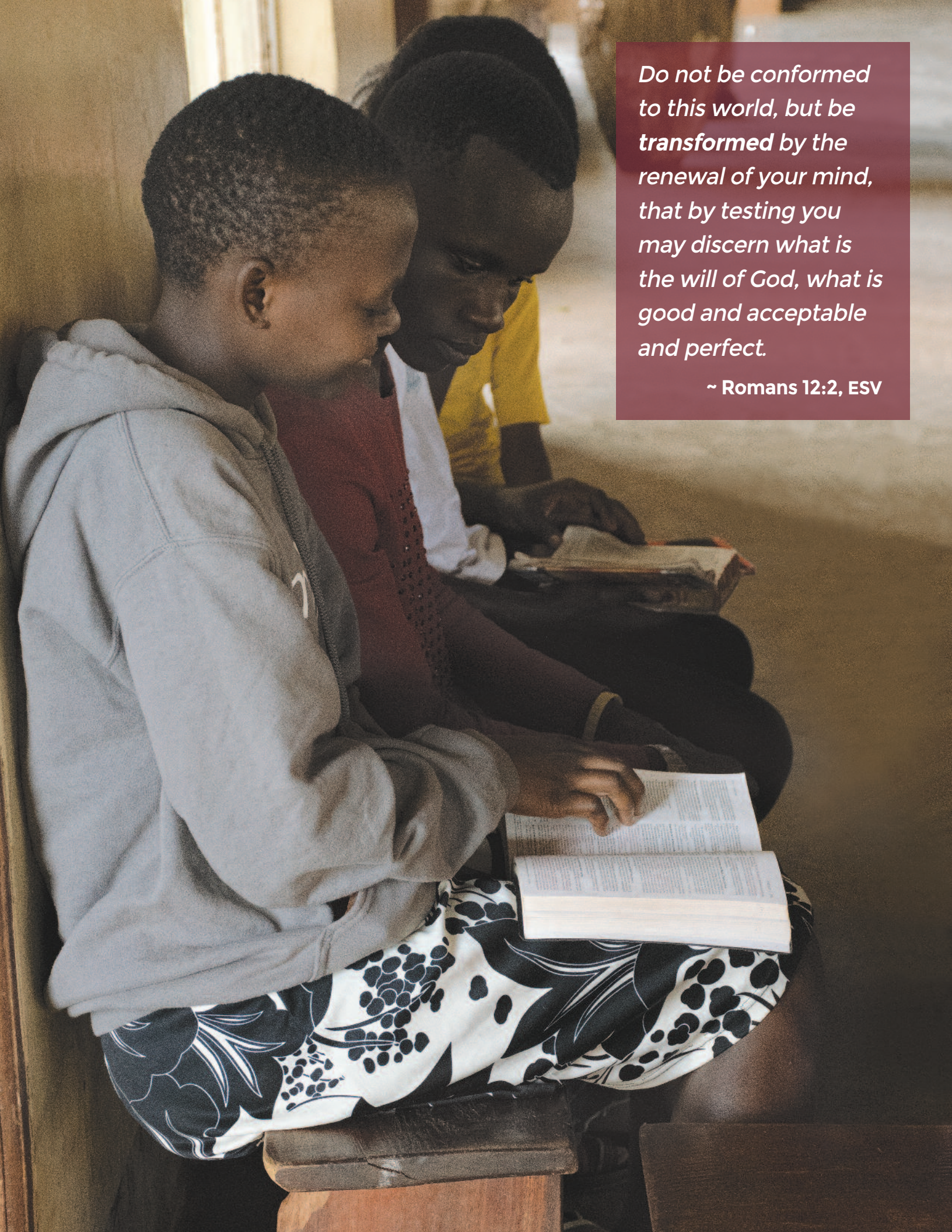
church youth choir! Daily, this mother plays the Jesus Film in her home and encourages her family to watch. Her teenagers have grown into some of the most intentional and helpful students in our whole community.

Though we would love to end this story sharing the great news of her acceptance of Jesus that week, we are not there...yet. As we look back, we can trace God's hand leading us to this point. Many encounters within the refugee community follow this pattern of asking, then contemplating, then coming back and asking more questions. We continue to pray with patience and ask God to draw her and many others to Himself. He began this work and He promises to complete it faithfully!

As the years of intensive refugee ministry in Greece pass by, we continue to watch, work, and pray that God uses us to draw these displaced people to Himself. Much of our work with refugees consists of God asking us to be faithful with what He puts in front of us. Some days this might be openly sharing the gospel and other days we are reaping His harvest. But many days we find ourselves simply using every encounter to till, plant, water, and tend souls. We are reminded each day that we are part of this important journey, but only God knows what part!

“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” ~ John 13:35





Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

~ Romans 12:2, ESV

A “New Day” in Evangelism

Robert and
Micheline Dfouni



and people of other religions to have a safe place to ask questions. The page has more than 1,300 likes, and reaches 10,000 people. More than 350 people have personally reached out through the page asking questions and responding to posts, and the online community is growing steadily. Our national leaders do not respond directly to comments on the site, but rather privately message each individual for safety reasons. Many of the messages lead to in-person meetings where the gospel is presented. The majority of their correspondents come from young Muslim men who are seeking the Truth. One of the struggles Robert faces is even when these young men are convinced that the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus is the Son of God, they say they will not leave their religion because it would disgrace their families.

Last year a man reached out through the Facebook page asking to meet with Robert. He lives in northern Lebanon and serves in the army. Robert was able to meet and talk with him about Christ. The man had an open heart to the gospel, and Robert encouraged him to read the Bible.

AMG International has a long history of using media as an effective form of evangelism in countries and cultures that are not very open to the gospel. We have used newspaper ads, radio programs, and internet ads to reach thousands of people, and recently social media has opened up even more doors to connect with those searching for the Truth.

Robert Dfouni and his wife, Micheline, run a Facebook page called *Yom Jdid (New Day)* as a part of their ministry in Lebanon. The page creates a space for Muslims, atheists,

The man recently asked Robert, “*How can I repent?*” This AMG national leader was able to help the man pray to receive Christ! When following up with the soldier, Robert asked him how he was doing. “*I thank the Lord Jesus,*” was his response. For an ex-Muslim to say, “Jesus is Lord” is not ordinary, as it is ingrained in them to despise those words.

We are all praising the Lord for this man's decision to follow Christ, but he is in need of prayer. He has a desire to attend a church in Beirut to avoid potential problems associated with participating in the local church. However, the ongoing protests that have plagued Lebanon since October of 2019 have closed many roads, making it difficult for him to make the journey when he is off duty.

This soldier's story is one of many examples of how media evangelism via social media has opened the door for personal relationships to grow. Robert says that while many people who start a conversation through their social media page want to argue, he still meets with them to work the soil of their hearts.

Please pray for Robert, Micheline, and others faithfully involved in this ministry in Lebanon.

If you would like to learn more about our media evangelism ministries, you can visit amginternational.org.



Sample of a gospel ad which says,
“Who takes care of you?”

“We treat, but it is God Who heals.”

The **Bugongi College of Nursing and Midwifery** in Uganda started admitting students in November 2017, and since then, the Lord has expanded their work in God-sized ways.

The college is located around 150 miles from the capital city of Kampala. AMG International operates a child and youth development center in Bugongi serving almost 250 children. **Hope Medical Center** is also there to meet the health needs of children at the center and people in need in the surrounding communities.

The rural villages in Uganda are at a significant disadvantage, especially in this area, in terms of the availability of quality health care. Even though 80 percent of the Ugandan population lives in rural areas, providing health care in these areas is not one of the government's top priorities. As a result, Ugandans with health concerns often suffer through their ailments without needed prescriptions and medical care. A recent statistic shows there is only one healthcare professional per 5,000 people in Uganda.

The college was established with the primary mission of imparting spiritual and medical knowledge to their students while addressing the desperate healthcare needs in Uganda. This college is an answered prayer for the rural community of Bugongi. Together, we are equipping young people with healthcare skills while teaching them to be God's hands and feet as they prepare to confidently share His Word with the patients they will treat after graduation.

In 2019, the college had 121 students enrolled, which is significantly higher than the 13 students they started with in 2017! The students have access to a fully stocked library containing resources essential to their education. They also have computer and skills labs where students spend a good portion of their class time learning practical procedures they will use in their careers.

With this continued growth, the school is expecting to welcome an additional 80 stu-

dents in 2020. Through your generous support last year, our faithful resource partners provided \$156,000 to start construction on the much-needed campus expansion. The new three-story building will provide more space for the skills and computer labs, more classrooms, and additional office space to meet the needs of the growing student body and staff.

One of the immediate needs the new building will accommodate is the separation of the nursing and midwifery skills labs. The new labs will allow students to focus on their specific programs while allowing them to practice in an environment designed specifically for them.

Dr. Andrea Guyton Lill
caring for a patient during a medical
missions trip in 2019



As the college continues to expand, local government leaders have agreed to provide two more acres to the college. There is a need for more buildings to be added in the future to provide additional dorms and classrooms to accommodate their planned higher education programs. Some of **AMG Uganda's** long-term goals include adding a teaching hospital on the campus, Bachelor's degree programs, and eventually changing their status to a university.

"This nursing college has made a big impact on this community where accessing quality health-care is the biggest challenge. In rural Ugandan villages, many people believe in witchcraft and seek out witchdoctors for medical care. This college creates a safe place for people to seek medical care when they are sick, and in the process close the gap in meeting people's physical and spiritual needs. Our core ministry here at the Bugongi College of Nursing and Midwifery is to share the gospel and heal people's souls," says **AMG Uganda Director Reuben Musiime**.

Please continue praying for our students as they train to become God's skilled ambassadors in the country of Uganda. **College Principal Rosebell Kwesiga** says, "I look



AMG Uganda Director Reuben Musiime evaluating progress of construction for BCNM expansion

forward to watching our students leave this school and start working in their communities. My desire is for them to not just become nurses and midwives but, most importantly, to become missionaries. They are God's servants who can travel and work across borders with the skills God is gifting them. My prayer is that whenever they touch a patient, the patient and student are no longer the same."





**INSPIRING HOPE.
RESTORING LIVES.
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES.**



**MEETING THE
DEEPEST NEEDS.**



AMG International is a gospel-first global ministry that meets people's deepest needs – spiritual and physical – while inspiring hope, restoring lives and transforming communities in Jesus' name.

For over 75 years, we have leveraged the insights of local leaders and churches, that know their communities best, to identify the right strategies to meet the deepest needs.

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