UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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While in seminary, I took a class about the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and pastor who was martyred towards the end of the Second World War. Prior to his death, Bonhoeffer authored a book called *Life Together*, which gathers his reflections on Christian community from his time at an underground seminary during the years of Nazi occupation in Poland.

Bonhoeffer’s reflections pose a poignant question: In times of pressure, crisis and “not normal,” what is important for a Christian to do? Through study, reflection and life together with others, Bonhoeffer concluded that community was of utmost importance to Christian discipleship—a hallmark of the Christian faith.

Like the rest of the world, Frontier Fellowship has been restricted in our travels and gatherings over the past few years. We adapted and forged togetherness in new and different ways. As borders began to open and travel became a bit easier, our appreciation for the power of presence grew. In this annual report, you’ll read about some of the ways our staff and friends from around the globe have had unique opportunities to experience “Life Together” in 2022.

When we think about the many friends God has drawn into Frontier Fellowship’s family, we resonate with Bonhoeffer’s insight that “the physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer.” **THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US—ENGAGING IN LIFE TOGETHER—AS WE WORK TO MAKE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS KNOWN AMONG EVERY NATION, TRIBE AND LANGUAGE!**

2022 AT A GLANCE

Frontier Fellowship mobilizes congregations by inspiring and influencing them to care about frontier mission and invest their prayers, skills and financial resources so the Good News of the Gospel can reach all peoples. These are a few signs of their engagement with the frontier in 2022.

22 STAFF MEMBERS SERVING FROM REGIONAL OFFICES IN 12 STATES

30+ GLOBAL PARTNERS SERVING IN 17+ COUNTRIES

209 CHURCHES IN 33 STATES PARTNERING FINANCIALLY WITH US

700+ PRAYER PARTNERS

53 PARTNERS + PROJECTS BEING SUPPORTED ON THE FRONTIER

189 VISION TRIP PARTICIPANTS (ONLINE + IN-PERSON)

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR INDIGENOUS PARTNERS, STAFF + BOARD AT FRONTIERFELLOWSHIP.COM
LIFE TOGETHER

Frontier Fellowship was founded on the belief that the Body of Christ can do more together than any individual can accomplish alone.

The Kingdom of God flourishes when followers of Jesus gather as a community of Christ—to be together, to serve together, to navigate challenges together. As the Psalmist noted, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity...for there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore” (Psalm 133:1-3). Here are a few of the many ways we have seen God’s Spirit at work through the Body of Christ this year.

BEING TOGETHER

God has graced us with a deeply renewed appreciation for, and commitment to, intercultural partnerships on the frontier. Looking back on 2022, a key highlight was being face-to-face again with our partners. We also realized the Covid lockdown refined and expanded our thinking. We gained new tools, embraced new practices, related to one another in new ways. All the while, partnerships thrived and grew deeper.

After a two-year hiatus, our team was able to resume in-person visits to partners around the globe. 2022 included vision trips to South Asia, Egypt, Ethiopia and Central Asia, as well as discovery trips to explore new partnerships in Indonesia and the Arabian Peninsula. We also gathered nearly 200 people for two Global Updates via Zoom. One update featured a report from our Central Asia partners navigating the crisis in Ukraine.

In October, after a one-year delay, some 300 frontier mission friends gathered with us in Hendersonville, Tennessee, to celebrate Frontier Fellowship’s 40th anniversary, followed by the Connecting Mission Leaders (CML) conference. It was the first time in our history to have so many partners in the same room together, including representatives from 15 global partner ministries. Jen Haddox, longtime ministry friend and director of ECO Global Engagement, shared this:

“THE MINISTRY OF MOBILIZING THE CHURCH FOR FRONTIER MISSION IS NAVIGATED THROUGH THE RICHNESS OF THESE KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS: RELATIONSHIPS WHEN WE SIT AND EAT AND SHARE LIFE TOGETHER. WE ARE NOT JUST STRATEGIC PARTNERS IN GOD’S MISSION. WE ARE FRIENDS. THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP IS WHY I’M MOST GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR THE MINISTRY OF FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP.”

SERVING TOGETHER

In 2022, Frontier Fellowship’s prayer and financial partners came alongside global partners to support a variety of needs, concerns and goals, including:

- In December, staff and board members traveled to East Africa to join Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia in celebrating the completion of the Arsi Oromo Bible. This project involved hundreds of people: translators, donors, mobilizers, editors, intercessors and more. Thanks to the faithful efforts of the Body of Christ serving together over many years, a least-reached people group now has access to the Good News of Jesus in their heart language!

- The Women’s Shelter: Mountains (WSM) was awarded a grant funding their domestic violence prevention program, a key tool in their work with at-risk women and children in Central Asia. WSM also shared...
that, thanks to donor generosity, “For the first time in the history of this shelter, we have bought new sheets, bedding and blankets. All staff and women in the shelter are enjoying these new things. One child told their mother that ‘the blankets were as soft as a cloud.’”

- New church planters were called, trained, equipped and sent in Central Asia, South Sudan, Sudan, Indonesia, South Asia and Egypt. This has increased the capacity of several ministry partners who are sharing the Gospel among least-reached peoples in their nations and beyond.

**NAVIGATING CHALLENGES TOGETHER**

As members of Christ’s Body we have the honor of bearing one another’s burdens, a reminder that we are never alone. In 2022, we came alongside numerous global partners—through prayers and giving—to help them serve their communities as they navigated floods, monsoons, food scarcity, civil war, refugee crises and more in places like Niger, East Africa, South Asia, Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

Many of our South Asia partners faced increasing levels of scrutiny, restriction and persecution last year. We came alongside them in prayer and support and helped them think strategically about how to navigate these challenges. Under difficult circumstances, they have remained steadfast in their passion for sharing the Gospel. One partner, New Life South Asia, reported that more than 9,000 people from 46 least-reached people groups publicly declared their faith in Jesus during a fall outreach week.

Gathering with friends on behalf of the frontier continues to be “a source of incomparable joy and strength” (Bonhoeffer). Thank you for being a part of the Frontier Fellowship family. As we gather together in service to the Lord, least-reached peoples around the world are gaining access to the Good News of Jesus and choosing to follow Him.

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**2022 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

In Fiscal Year 2022, we raised $1,950,266. We spent $1,685,082 on Program Services such as teaching, leading vision trips and participating in frontier projects with our global partners. Frontier Fellowship uses only 5% of each contribution donated for frontier projects to help towards operating expenses. Additional support for our operating expenses comes from contributions donated for our Frontier Fellowship Ministry Fund by churches, individuals and foundations committed to our ministry.

Frontier Fellowship works differently than most mission organizations. Our expense ratios are higher because we don’t request or require that all project funding run through our organization. Our goal is to foster deep partnerships that impact the frontier. Many churches want to participate directly with global partners to help fund new projects. We consider this a great blessing for the Kingdom!

**2022 FISCAL YEAR: EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS**

- Program Services: 74%
- General + Administrative: 12%
- Fundraising: 14%

View our audited financial statements at frontierfellowship.com/give

**THANK YOU!**

We deeply appreciate your generosity and partnership in this important work so unreached peoples can hear and have the opportunity to respond to the Gospel!