



# WE WILL GO

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# WORKING TOGETHER TO REACH THE UNREACHED

*“May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy ....”  
Psalm 67:1-4*

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

### UPDATE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS | RICHARD HANEY

2023 was a year of significant milestones for Frontier Fellowship. Our mobilizing team grew. Our network of church friends and global partners expanded. Doors opened for us to engage in strategic opportunities for Gospel access in places like the Middle East and Southeast Asia. And least-reached people around the globe heard the Gospel, embraced Jesus and began telling others the Good News.

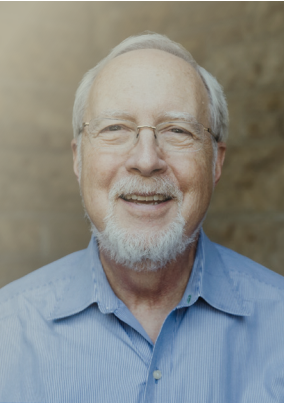
It was also the year that I announced my upcoming retirement (in the spring of 2024) and Frontier Fellowship’s Board called my successor, Executive Director Ethan Collins (see page 13). Behind the scenes, a capital campaign quietly unfolded and is helping us enact the expansive vision God first laid on my heart in 2014 when I began my journey with Frontier Fellowship.

Inspired by the words of our first Executive Director Harold Kurtz—who passionately called the Church to “go beyond the next

hill” where least-reached peoples are still without access to the Gospel—our **GOING BEYOND CAMPAIGN** is a three-year vision taking us **WIDER** in our mobilization efforts, **DEEPER** in relationship with our growing network of partners and **FARTHER** as we work together to reach the ends of the earth. Ethan’s passion to shepherd this vision into the years ahead has energized our team. You can learn more about the impact of this campaign in the pages ahead. Be on the lookout for more communications about this growth vision between now and May!

Thank you for demonstrating God’s faithfulness and provision through your generosity in prayer, presence and financial support. Together, we are taking the Gospel wider, deeper and farther to new frontiers.

May God continue to be gracious to us, bless us and make His face shine on us—that His saving power will be known among the nations!



**ANNOUNCING**  
**Frontier Fellowship Capital Campaign**  
*A 3-Year Vision*

Frontier Fellowship invites and equips followers of Christ to go beyond the next hill in frontier mission. Together, as we partner with the global Church in God's mission, we can see least-reached people gain access to the Good News of Jesus.

Our big vision, over the next three years, is to multiply frontier engagement by inviting new churches, next-generation leaders and a more diverse community to join together to reach the ends of the earth where Jesus is not yet known.

# GOING BEYOND

## GO WIDER

- **EXPAND** our team of frontier mobilizers
- Foster vision in **NEW** churches + denominations
- Develop **NEXT**-generation frontier leaders

## GO DEEPER

- **LEARN** together with our global partners
- **TRAIN** churches for partnership effectiveness
- **DEEPEN** relationships in our growing network

## TO GO FARTHER

- Help current partners **EXPAND** to new frontiers
- Develop partnerships in **NEW** frontier regions

## STAY INFORMED

Look for more communications about the campaign in your mailbox and inbox through the spring.

To stay up-to-date on campaign progress and gain expanded access to the frontier, subscribe to our email list at

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### View the Full Plan

View the vision and initiatives in full at  
**FRONTIERFELLOWSHIP.COM/GOING-BEYOND**  
or scan the QR code at right.



### Support the Vision

Your gifts to the Going Beyond Campaign help take the Gospel wider, deeper and farther to new frontiers!

### Pray

Ask God to give wisdom as we follow Him together and to provide every resource needed for frontier peoples to gain access to the Gospel.

# GOING WIDER: TO MULTIPLY FRONTIER VISION

## “A Mission Vision for Every Church”

For more than 40 years, Frontier Fellowship has passionately pursued the vision “For every people, an indigenous church; for every church, a mission vision.” In this annual report, we focus on the latter half of our vision statement: to see every church engaged with a vision for frontier mission. The Going Beyond Campaign’s “Going Wider” initiative reflects our conviction that it will take the whole Church with the whole Gospel to reach the whole world (Lausanne Covenant, 1974).

God is leading us in this season to engage more congregations and denominations, and new demographics of Christ-followers, in God’s mission to the world’s 2+ billion least-reached people. Our mobilizers are at the heart of these efforts! A number of strategies built into the campaign’s “Going Wider” initiative are already beginning to bear remarkable fruit as we recruit and resource new mobilizers, foster vision through frontier experiences and develop next-generation frontier leaders. We’re excited to highlight in the following pages some stories of the impact we are beginning to see through the generosity of our campaign partners.

## Recruiting + Resourcing New Career Mobilizers

As we go wider to engage a broader demographic in frontier mission, we recognize that we need to find and train gifted new mobilizers from regions and denominations that are currently underserved.

A new **Rapid On-ramp Program** has enabled us to bring on six new mobilizers over the last few years. George and Pamela



Bradley Long (right) sharing at Centreville Presbyterian Church (VA)

Pendergrass (Tennessee), Jim Truesdell (Alabama) and Bradley Long (Virginia) joined our team between December 2020 and December 2021. God has been working through their ministries in amazing ways to help us go wider to engage new denominations and develop relationships with the next generation.

More recently, **God called a young couple to join our mobilizing team!** As Board Chair Doug Dye spent time mentoring Alex and Dana (Minnesota) this past year, he sensed that their ministry experiences and passion might be a great match with Frontier Fellowship’s work. After many thoughtful conversations and a great deal of prayer, Alex and Dana joined our team as frontier mission mobilizers and are now being onboarded through the Rapid On-ramp Program. Dana shared, “Coming on as new mobilizers and having the support of churches wrap around us is significant, because mission is

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not about doing things alone. We feel like we've been brought into a family that works together in this call of reaching the unreached. Thank you to all who have donated, who are giving and praying. The Rapid On-ramp funds allow us to really start launching into this new season of what God is calling us to do."

### Fostering Vision Through Frontier Experiences

Those who have traveled with Frontier Fellowship on vision trips to least-reached regions of the world tell us that it is a transformative experience. Being face-to-face with indigenous

leaders—hearing their stories, watching them serve in often difficult contexts, praying together, encouraging one another—is one of the most poignant ways we see God grow a frontier mission passion in the hearts of Christians. As God calls us to go wider, we want to help more followers of Christ experience the frontier through the work of our global partners.

Last year, the "Going Wider" campaign initiative helped numerous new-to-us churches and strategic leaders participate in vision trip experiences in Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East. Last spring, for example, Dan McNerney took 19 church leaders on a vision trip to Egypt, including the director

of the New Wilmington Mission Conference, the senior pastor of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (Texas), and five people—including a pastor—from Zionsville Presbyterian Church (Indiana). One vision trip participant, the Rev. Judy Nelson, who serves as the current president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, was so deeply moved by her experience that she recently joined Frontier Fellowship's Board!

**Vision trip experiences are often so impactful that participants return home and become passionate advocates for the frontier—**within their home churches, denominations, communities and beyond. Philana Cunningham (from Zionsville Presbyterian Church) first traveled with Dan on a vision trip to Egypt in 2014. In the years since, she has continued to invest her time, energy and resources into partnership on the frontier. During the Covid years, she helped Dan establish an online Zoom gathering for Egyptian partners and church partners to connect with one another for prayer and encouragement. It developed into a regular gathering known as the Egypt Frontier Network, with Philana its primary facilitator. She has been a faithful advocate for our Egyptian partners and has helped numerous churches and individuals (including her own



George + Pamela Pendergrass (center) with vision trip participants in Egypt

congregation) engage more deeply in God's work on the frontier.

God is also enlarging the circle of our influence around the world. For decades, we primarily have mobilized American congregations. Something exciting emerged in 2023. One of our longtime Egyptian partners, TW, approached us asking for prayer as he discerned a nudge from the Holy Spirit. A theologian, seminary professor and ordained minister, TW sensed God calling him to engage full-time in frontier mission mobilization. Little did he know that we'd been praying for God to help us mobilize beyond the bounds of the American Church. **After a season of prayer, conversation and discernment together, we invited TW to join our team as a Middle East Coordinator.** He is now serving in collaboration with our staff to help increase frontier mission engagement among followers of Christ in Egypt and the Middle East!



Vision trip participants visiting with a global partner in Egypt

## Developing Next-Generation Frontier Leaders

As we go wider, God is also opening doors and creating opportunities for us to cultivate relationships with young adults. The campaign's "Going Wider" initiative is providing numerous opportunities for us to invest in developing next-generation frontier leaders. Here are just four of the many stories of impact from 2023.

### 01 Long-Term Frontier Mission Service

George and Pamela, in November 2022, led our first-ever frontier mission vision trip for young adults. It was a diverse group of people, some of whom never imagined that they would travel out of the country, let alone to a place as faraway as Egypt. Vision trip scholarships made a significant difference in their ability to participate. They spoke of how the trip grew their faith and helped them see God's work in new ways. In the months following their return, one of the trip participants moved to the Middle East and is now engaged in ministry there on an ongoing basis. We had no idea that God would use this trip in such a remarkable way!



### 02 Frontier Mission Mobilization in Another Nation

Jim Truesdell first met Ryan through a *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course. A scholarship made it possible for Jim to take Ryan on a vision trip to South Asia. At the time, Jim sensed that God was working in Ryan's life and he wanted Ryan to have a chance to experience God's mission on the frontier firsthand. Ryan was so impacted by his time in South Asia that, upon returning to the US, he immediately began looking for opportunities to serve in mission. He soon accepted a six-month assignment to live and work with a church in Mexico to help that congregation grow in their heart and passion for least-reached peoples!

### 03 New Intensive Frontier Mission Experience

Jim also worked closely with Jen Haddox, Director of Global Engagement for ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians), on a frontier mission opportunity for the pilot year of ECO's Summer Mission Mentorship Program. Through that collaboration and the generosity of financial supporters, we were able to provide part of the funding for Kelly to work with one of Frontier Fellowship's strategic partners in South Asia. The trip was quite formative. When she got back Kelly said, "Experiencing this part of a culture that was [without an understanding] of Jesus reminded me of what God put me on



Kathryn chatting with a local student in Indonesia

the planet for—this is why we as believers need to share God's Word, so others are able to have the same access as we do to God's word and knowledge of Him. I was fortunate enough to be used as a vessel for God to carry this desire of God's out for Him, just as God is going to and is currently using others to do." Much was learned through this collaboration and because of funds available through the campaign, we are able to partner with ECO again in 2024 and will help send three more young adults on intensive frontier mission experiences!

### 04 Young Adults on New Vision Trips

This past year, Bradley Long helped lead a *Perspectives* course in Virginia. Through that experience, he built relationships with people from many different churches and denominations. A scholarship enabled Kathryn, a gifted young adult from a non-denominational church in Harrisonburg, to join a vision trip to Indonesia that Bradley was facilitating. She shares, "The stories we were able to hear and the boldness we were able to see left me feeling greatly inspired by what the Lord is doing. I am abundantly thankful for the opportunity to go to Indonesia. I came back more on fire for the Lord and more open to His calling to go."



## Gratitude for God's Faithfulness

We thank God for the new work He is doing among us.

When the Going Beyond Campaign quietly began to unfold last year, we hoped it might help us go wider to engage more denominations, strategic leaders and younger generations with a deeper passion for frontier mission. Indeed, it has.

We are amazed as we watch the Holy Spirit answering so many prayers and using your gifts in such strategic ways!



## COMING SOON

Keep an eye out for our spring, summer and fall magazines, where we will share more about *Going Beyond*.

WIDER / DEEPER / FARTHER



# WELCOME OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are excited to introduce Ethan Collins as Frontier Fellowship's new Executive Director! Ethan's deep love for the global Church fuels his passion to see followers of Christ activated and equipped to share the Good News of Jesus among the world's least-reached peoples. His extensive experience as a mission pastor, business leader, strategist and connector will serve us well in the next season of our development and growth.

Board Chair Douglas Dye shared, "Ethan's love for Christ is joyful and his passion for the frontier unambiguous. His faith journey and vocational service embody our Going Beyond Campaign initiatives: 'Wider, Deeper + Farther.' The Board is confident that God is calling him to Frontier Fellowship in this season and we commend him to you."

Ethan and Executive Director Emeritus Richard Haney will serve together for a transition period through the spring. Please join us in welcoming Ethan and praying for him, Richard, our team and all that God has in store for the future of Frontier Fellowship.

Read more about Ethan at [FRONTIERFELLOWSHIP.COM/EXECUTIVE](https://frontierfellowship.com/executive)



## 234 YEARS EXPERIENCE

*Our team utilizes 234 years of combined frontier mission experience to fulfill our mission.*

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churches, businesses and foundations  
IN MORE THAN  
states and provinces  
PARTNERED FINANCIALLY  
with Frontier Fellowship  
in 2023

## 31+ 17+

global partners and projects in  
countries worldwide

## FUELED BY PRAYER

*All of our work is made possible by prayer. We're so grateful for the hundreds of prayer partners interceding each month for God's work on the frontier.*

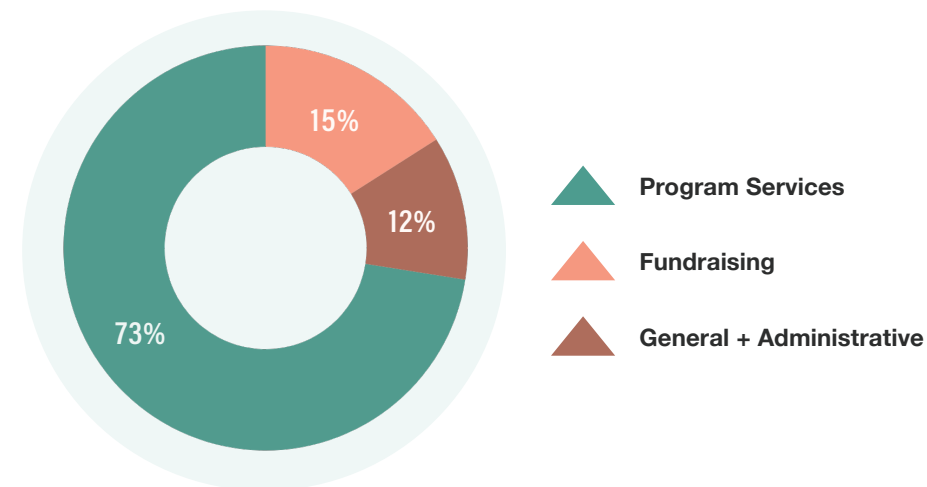
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## RENEWED VISION

*Through overseas vision trips, virtual Executive Director updates, and in-person church visits, Frontier Fellowship is renewing God's call to frontier mission in the hearts and minds of His people.*



## 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



View our audited financial statements at [FRONTIERFELLOWSHIP.COM/GIVE](https://frontierfellowship.com/give)

In FY 2023, we raised \$2,019,305, of the \$2,027,754 allocated for Program Services. This covered teaching, vision trips and participation in frontier projects with global partners. Only 5% of contributions to frontier projects goes towards operating expenses; additional support comes from donations to our Frontier Fellowship Ministry Fund.

*Frontier Fellowship works differently than most mission organizations. Our functional allocations are higher because we don't request or require that all project funding run through us, meaning that our financial impact goes far beyond the percentage shown in our direct program expenses! We foster deep frontier partnerships and, in many cases, a well-mobilized congregation will participate directly with a global partner in funding new projects. We consider this a great blessing for the Kingdom!*

## THANK YOU



Your generosity and partnership gives unreached peoples the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel!



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