



NAB International Missions

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Welcome to our NAB International Missions Year in Review.

I have the privilege of working with some great people. Our NAB missionaries are a unique breed of servants who demonstrate extraordinary patience, resilience and adventure. Living in a foreign country brings with it a unique set of challenges, some of which demand significant sacrifice. I don't mind admitting openly that I could not do what our missionaries do. I hope you receive their newsletters so that you can pray for them by name.

This is not a newsletter, and it is not about the missionaries as much as it is about their strategic presence in each location. The following pages will give you a glimpse into the ministry in each country. You will see progress toward objectives. You will read about decisions that reflect new strategies. You will learn about new initiatives to support our national partners, and you will be able to join us in praying for new missionaries to fill key roles.

This is a snapshot of the work that we do on your behalf. These are your missionaries. These are your stories.

You have much to be proud of!



Norman Poehlke
Vice President of Ministry Outreach

Brazil

Missionary funding field composite.....	100 % in pledges
Number of NAB Missionaries.....	1
Missionaries left the field.....	0
Missionaries added to field.....	0



In 2015, Lyndell led the transition of the seminary work in Brazil to reflect a model of theological education similar to what NAB does in Russia and with BCCL in the Philippines. The seminary faculties are enhanced by NAB pastors who travel to these countries to teach an intensive course over the course of one or two weeks. We had our first NAB pastor teach a course at the seminary in Brazil, and the response has been very positive. We are currently seeking an additional missionary to move to Brazil and expand our work in theological education to some satellite cities.

Chain of Love is doing very well under the leadership of Telmo. Telmo attended our Triennial conference in Sacramento and was very encouraged by positive relationships we continue to have as NAB, and by the participation of churches and donors. NAB continues to hold two seats on the Board of Directors for this ministry.

The missionary staff of NAB serving in Brazil:



Lyndell Campbell-Requia
Seminary Professor



Cameroon

Missionary funding field composite.....**100 % in pledges**
 Number of NAB Missionaries.....**14**
 Missionaries left the field.....**0**
 Missionaries added to field.....**4**
 Missionaries appointed.....**2**
(raising support)

There were two significant developments in our work in Cameroon in 2015. First, in February Dan Hamil, Norman Poehlke, David Williams (president, Taylor Seminary), and Greg Henson (president, SF Seminary) travelled together to Cameroon to meet with the leadership of the Cameroon Baptist Convention to discuss theological education. Although this included discussions with the faculty of the seminary in Ndu, the goal was to explore the broader issues of theological education, including faculty development and pastor's ongoing training after graduation. We were able to host further discussions with the president of the CBC during the Triennial conference, and now in 2016, our Seminary presidents will be travelling again to begin the implementation of this partnership. I am so very pleased that our seminaries and the respective presidents have chosen to make this significant investment into this important work.

Second, after a couple of years of preparatory work by Dr. Dennis Palmer, NAB formally approved a capital campaign to include the construction of a Hydro Electric Dam on the property of Mbingo Baptist Hospital. When completed, this project will provide clean and consistent electricity to the hospital ensuring safety during surgeries, prevent the damage and even loss of expensive medical equipment by power surges, and eliminate electric bills.

The capital campaign includes four significant international projects and will run through the 2016 calendar year.

The missionary staff of NAB serving in Cameroon:



Calvin and Susanne
Hohn



Dr. Rick & Debbie
Bardin



Dr. Dennis & Nancy
Palmer



Dr. Julie
Stone



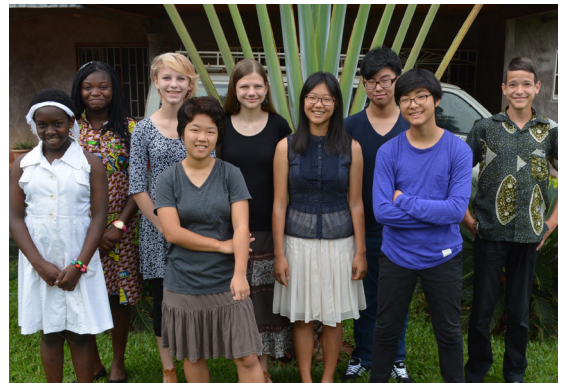
Walter
Grob



Elsie
Lewandowski



Craig & Maureen
Moody



Cameroon



The missionary staff of NAB serve in four distinct areas:

Medical Training

- Dr. Julie Stone at the Bansa Baptist Hospital
- Dr. Dennis and Nancy Palmer at Mbingo Baptist Hospital
- Dr. Rick and Debbie Bardin at Mbingo Baptist Hospital

Theological Training

- We are currently seeking missionaries to join the faculty at Ndu Seminary

Administration

- Calvin and Susanne Hohn, field director
- Walter Grob, Central Accounting Office (CAO)

Education of missionary children

- Kristi TenClay, Rain Forest International School teacher
- Lee and Beta Taylor, Rain Forest International School teachers
- Craig and Maureen Moody, Rain Forest International School hostel parents
- Elsie Lewandowski, Home School Education

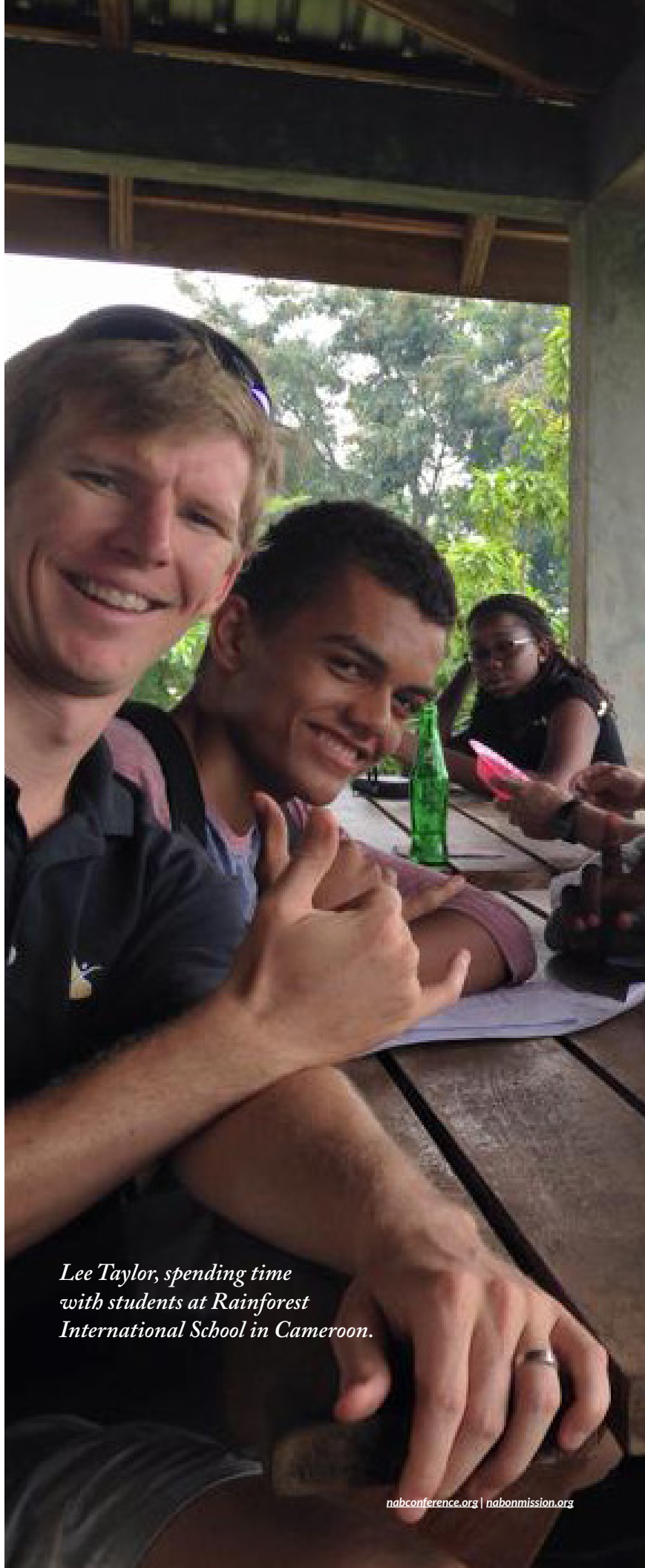
The missionary staff of NAB serving in Cameroon (cont.):



Kristi
TenClay



Lee & Beta
Taylor



Lee Taylor, spending time with students at Rainforest International School in Cameroon.

Hungary/Eastern Europe

Missionary funding field composite.....100 % in pledges
 Number of NAB Missionaries.....2
 Missionaries left the field.....0
 Missionaries added to field.....0



A significant development in this past year has been the establishment of a new NAB international partner Grant system. We have devised a system that allows us to invest significant finances into the start-up of national missionaries while at the same time creating opportunity for our NAB churches to develop long-term partnership with these ministries. I spent a few days with our national partners in October where we discussed how these partnerships would work. In December, we finalized all of the paperwork, and in January, we sent the first funds under this new Grant model. We now support three national workers in Hungary, two in Romania, and one in Serbia.

All of our partners in Hungary and Serbia are trained CHE leaders, utilizing the principles of holistic community development among the Roma and the poor. Central Europe has countless small villages of people living as despised and rejected communities. Through NAB's missionary work and our partnership Grant system, the kingdom of God is transforming not only lives, but communities.

The missionary staff of NAB serving in Hungary:



Ron & Jeannie Seck
Missionaries



Laszlo & Eszter Csuha-Daroczi
National Missionaries, Hungary



Jozsef Csuha
National Missionary, Hungary



Marijana Cizmanski
National Missionary, Serbia

Romania

Missionary funding field composite.....100 % in pledges
Number of NAB Missionaries.....2
Missionaries left the field.....0
Missionaries added to field.....0
Missionaries appointed.....2
(raising support)



We are now just over one year into our missionary presence in Romania. Our new partnership with the Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania (HBCR) is creating many settings for ministry. One of our goals in sending the Gerickes to Romania was to partner in the construction and development of Camp Falcon Rock. This is not just about the construction, but the equipping, of churches and leaders to lead this ministry.

In the early phases of preparation, Paul and Tanya spent an enormous amount of time and energy serving the churches. On average they serve 3-4 churches per weekend, which means Paul is preaching up to six times per week.

Construction plans continue to wait for the development permits. During this time of waiting, we are launching the NAB Capital Campaign which includes \$1.2 million dollars for this development project.

We have also approved a grant for Camp Falcon Rock wherein we are able to help staff the director and administrator of the camp in these start up years. As the camp is developed and revenue begins to flow, these salaries will be taken over by the camp board.



The missionary staff of NAB assigned to Romania:



Paul & Tanya Gericke
Missionaries



Tamas & Tunde Modi
National Missionaries



Vern & Gloria Wagner
Missionaries

Japan

Missionary funding field composite.....	100 % in pledges
Number of NAB Missionaries.....	4
Missionaries left the field.....	0
Missionaries added to field.....	0



One of the most significant events of 2015 was the presence of a delegation of the Japan Baptist Conference at our Triennial conference in Sacramento. Rev. Mineo Taniguchi, who serves as the executive director of the JBC, and his wife Hiroko were joined by Kensaku Higashi, a young pastor, and his wife Hiroko. They had a chance to witness our NAB family pursue God's mission together, and were encouraged to consider how they too could lead their conference of churches to greater effectiveness.

As a result of the Triennial conference, Cam Roxburgh, NAB's vice president of Missional Initiatives, was able to participate in a missional training event in Japan in the fall of 2015. This too proved to be a significant catalyst for discussion among the Japanese pastors and leaders.

Change in Japan is a slow and patient process. We are thrilled that in 2015 we have seen significant evidence that the Lord is moving among NAB and among our cherished brothers and sisters in Japan.



The missionary staff of NAB serving in Japan:



Paul & Melissa Ewing
Field Director



Yuri Nakano
Discipleship



Shan Reed
Discipleship

East Asia

Missionary funding field composite.....	100 % in pledges
Number of NAB Missionaries.....	2
Missionaries left the field.....	0
Missionaries added to field.....	0

Working in a closed country requires patience, a posture of learning, and keen sensitivity to the unique challenges of living under scrutiny. For information on our ministry, please contact Norman Pohlke at npohlke@nabconf.org



Gateway

In 2015, we took a number of significant steps toward the restructuring of Gateway. Effective April 1, 2016, the following transitions will have been completed.

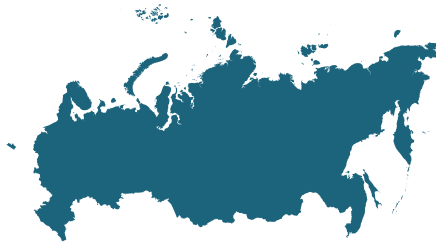
- Gateway staff will be part of the International Office staff and no longer designated as missionaries. This is designed to bring tighter alignment to the ends of our NAB Conference.
- Administrative and financial functions of Gateway will be absorbed into the International Office.
- Gateway will no longer focus on sending teams, but rather on equipping churches for international partnerships. These partnerships will of course include teams and Gateway will offer support for teams, but the big picture is to serve all 400+ of our NAB churches with solid missiological training anywhere they have partnerships around the world.
- Gateway is becoming a “missiological strategy” that will shape how we prepare our NAB missionary staff to receive teams from our churches. In essence, all NAB missionaries will be part of our Gateway strategy.

Staff of NAB serving with Gateway:



Randy & Shelly Schmor

Russia



Russia continues to be in the news. We watch with interest, but the deeper story is the continued growth of the evangelical church in Russia. Our work through Moscow Theological Seminary continues with seven sent in the past year to consult with the Learning Centers. Our efforts have seen numerous pastors, teachers, leaders influenced to serve Jesus. One of the interesting experiences has been to be closely involved with the Learning Center in Khabarovsk. Last year Gary was privileged to work with a colleague to interview, observe, and to then evaluate the needs of this particular center. We submitted many recommendations to Dr. Mitskevich, the president of Moscow Seminary. This past week we met with him in Khabarovsk and then in Moscow. We were delighted to find them implementing the major recommendations we made. One of the most important was the establishment of a broad based board to oversee the center. This is now in place and should help not only with future planning but with both recruitment of new students as well as bringing in many more local and regional Baptist leaders to earn their involvement in the school.

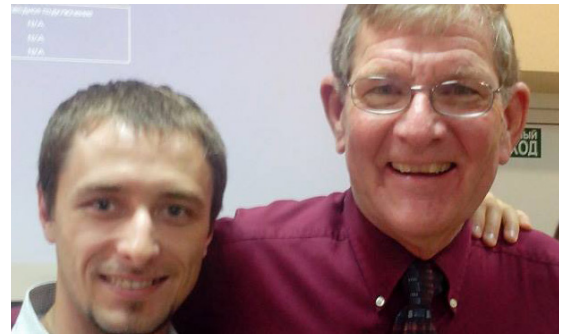
Our consultants this year included several Canadian as well as US individuals. Consultants included specialists in evangelism, discipleship, counseling, and leadership development. We have two more headed this spring in the areas of Christian camping and church planting.

It is our goal to remain deeply involved in the lives of those attending the Learning Centers seeking both to improve their skills in leadership and Biblical understanding, as well as personal growth in their faith.

The NAB representative serving in Russia:



Gary Clatterbuck
Coordinator for Russian Ministries





Hispanics for Christ



2015 has been a productive year. We have seen a great deal of pastoral trainings go on, expansion of mission support from within our network of churches to new Hispanic works, and exciting preparations for 2016. We have also seen seven new churches start.

Pastoral training goes on formally in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Eduardo Buldain), San Lorenzo, Paraguay (Alcides Gonzales), and in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Antonio Lopez). Each location holds regular pastoral training classes. In Buenos Aires, they graduated seven students this year from Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, and Argentina. All will return to plant new churches in their respective countries! But, the training is not limited to classrooms in the city. Eduardo and his team also conducted pastoral training in rural areas of Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and Mexico. Alcides has a leader (Maximo Toledo) assigned specifically to training leaders in the rural areas outside San Lorenzo.

Another area worth noting is how Hispanic churches in California, Oregon, and even Chile are supporting the ministry of HFC training and resourcing Hispanic church planters. They are directly supporting new efforts in Baja, California, and Salem, Oregon.

A final highlight is the culmination of years of building relations, and laying ground work is paying off. In December, Sorin Crivceag moved from Romania to start a new Hispanic church in Salem, OR (through West Hills Community Church), and Jesús Rivas is moving in February from Kentucky to Tacoma, WA, to plant a new church (through Calvary Baptist Church). Both of these pastors have planted a number of churches and bring their proven experience, but they represent a work of unity between HFC, the Region (NABNW), and the local church.

We look forward to a very successful year, seeing the fruit of training and sending, blossoming forth from the harvest field.

The NAB representative serving with Hispanics for Christ:



Geoff Hartt
Director of HFC

Bicol Center for Christian Leadership – Philippines



*Never did it ever occur to us that BCCL ministry would go beyond the Bicol Region. As we responded to the needs of typhoon devastated Waray, the Lord opened up two new extension sites – Leyte and Samar sites. We conducted our first module “Experiencing God” with 34 students in Leyte and 20 students in Samar.

*Six graduated from the five-module CLF (Certificate in Leadership Foundations) Program while seven graduated from the two-year GCUM (Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministries) Program.

*Joint Leyte-Samar sites CLF Graduation. Nine months of course work for the students and eighteen grueling boat-bus-van-tricycle rides for the teachers and twenty four resilient ones (twelve from Leyte and twelve from Samar) finally received their first certificate. Two more years of work for the next certificate (GCUM).

*Northern Samar was badly hit by typhoon Melor. As a response, we formed a Relief Team from among our students in Samar site to minister to the victims. Though they were also affected, they gladly distribute relief packs on the 24th and 31st.

*In Balicutro District where we have our extension site, seven churches were totally destroyed and two of our students are pastoring two of those churches. We have installed a temporary tarp roof for these two churches. It is our hope that we can help them rebuild their churches in 2016 with the help coming in from our partner-churches.



Missionaries



Mayette Ativo-Bueno
National Missionary



Gregg & Maria Evans
Volunteer Field Director



Our Purpose:

The mission of the North American Baptist Conference of churches is to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ at home and internationally.

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