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WHAT IS 12 FOR 12?

In 2019 we are highlighting 12 projects and ministries around the world that reflect our church's missions efforts. We would love for you to consider giving 12 dollars per month in addition to your regular tithes and offerings – one dollar for each project. By giving this way you know that each dollar is making a difference in a big way!



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OUR GOAL

We have set a goal to have 200 giving partners to participate in this endeavor. Meeting this goal would mean raising \$28,800 additional dollars for missions in 2019. In the following pages, you will learn about the incredible projects we are engaging and what God is doing around the world. We are thankful for your prayers and your partnership as we join God in the renewal of all things.

HOW TO GIVE

If you would like to financially support the efforts of the 12x12 mission, you can do so by setting up a recurring gift online at vineyard.churchcenter.com and selecting "vineyard missions" in the drop down menu (we do encourage setting up bank draft (ACH) instead of a card as it drastically reduces our cost). You can also give via check made out to "Vineyard Church" with 12x12 in the memo line. This can be left or mailed to 713 William Blount Drive, Maryville, TN 37801. You can always contact Jonny Williams with any questions at jonny.williams@vineyardchurch.us.



WORODOUGOU PEOPLE



In 2015, God placed a vision in Josh Armstrong's heart to lead our church in a new missional direction by launching a project in Cote d'Ivoire. Armstrong brought his idea before the leadership of the church and received their blessing to pursue a scouting trip. He went knowing no one in the country, but trusting that God would provide direction. While in the country, Armstrong experienced divine appointments with several Ivorians that would eventually become partners in ministry. Some of those partners are now leading the charge in both planting churches in Muslim villages in the north and establishing a Vineyard Church community in Cote d'Ivoire.

During the scouting trip, God confirmed the calling of our church to begin a new work using Disciple Making Movements (DMM). The first people group reached through DMM was the Worodougou. The Worodougou are a people group made up of tens of thousands of people that are unreached and unengaged with the gospel. Their beliefs are primarily Islamic, with traditional animism strongly entangled. Armstrong and the Ivorian leaders were able to find persons of peace in these remote villages. Muslim village chiefs even gave their blessing for people to attend the DMM meetings, and God is continually doing amazing things among the new believers in these villages! As of fall of 2018, there were over 100 DMM meetings in homes, under trees, and other public places.





MAHOU PEOPLE

As God is multiplying DMM groups within the Worodougou communities, Vineyard began partnering with New Generations to start engaging a new people group with the gospel. Our Ivorian leaders had prior contact with the Mahou people group, so together, we decided the Mahou would be the next group of focus for our DMM efforts.

With their central city in Touba in the Bafing district of Cote d'Ivoire, the Mahou people group is 300,000 strong. Of 300,000 people, 99% are Muslim with 0.5% claiming a Catholic faith and .03% claiming an evangelical faith. Currently, there is no scripture in the Mahou language, but amazingly, there are already 15 discovery Bible groups meeting among the Mahou people! Pray that God continues to multiply leaders among this people group.





SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

We believe that God is calling us to begin projects the way that we want to finish them. One way we do this is providing opportunities for indigenous leaders to support the work they are doing from the means that are available to them. The most helpful way our church can assist in this endeavor is to provide seed money for sustainable projects in countries such as Cote d'Ivoire and Haiti. These projects can include things such as transportation services, bakeries, chicken farms, cell phone franchises, and even beauty salons. We use anything that helps build the kingdom!

2019 is going to be a year in which our church focuses heavily on sustainability projects in Cote d'Ivoire. As we partner with the Ivorian Vineyard Church that has been established over the past three years, we are in the process of identifying sustainable projects in key cities in Cote d'Ivoire. Business models are being designed, checks and balances are being put in place, and research into key markets is being compiled. We are hopeful that we will have small startup businesses running by early 2019.

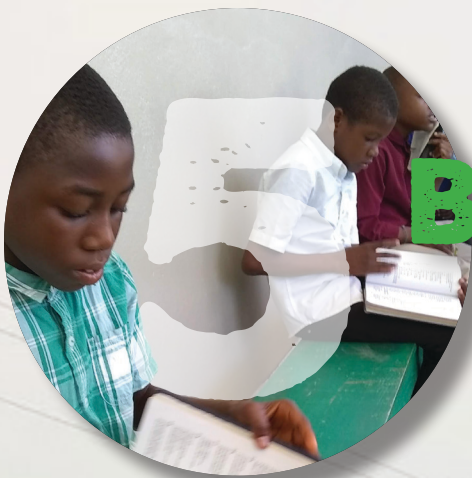


CHURCH PLANTER TRANSPORTATION

There are many tiny villages in the mountains of Haiti that have only a footpath that leads to them. In Côte d'Ivoire, our church planters deal with many obstacles, such as getting permission from the village chief, navigating through military roadblocks, and extreme heat. However, church planters are determined people, and they do not let adversity stand in their way of reaching remote areas with the gospel. Instead, they are creative in making their way from one place to another; this can include using buses, motos, bicycles, and even horses to reach a remote village.

Church planters hike many miles on rocky goat trails to get to areas such as the region of LaBorde in Haiti. The first mountain that they face is known as Marshall Jean. Church planters climb a severely steep incline in blazing heat to reach the top. Several of our Haitian partners make trips like this on a monthly basis to reach areas that have never had a church before. One church planter, Emil, makes frequent trips to LaBorde. Emil was born with one leg shorter than the other. When asked why he continues to make such difficult trips to the remote region that is entrenched in Voodoo, he says, "If I don't go, who will? The people there need Jesus!"





BIBLES



Until recently, the Worodougou people of Cote d'Ivoire had no scripture in their native language. However, Moussa Traore, one of our key leaders in Cote d'Ivoire, wants to make this a reality. He is currently translating the Bible into the language of Worodougou for the first time. Thus far, he has translated Genesis and the Four Gospels with hopes to finish 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians soon.

Over the past few years, our church has given money to distribute hundreds of Bibles to people in Haiti. These Bibles are then used to facilitate discovery groups and literacy projects.



EMPOWERING CHILDREN



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14). From the edge of the Sahara to the mountains of Haiti, God is using Vineyard missions to provide spiritual, educational, and provisional resources to many marginalized children.

Most children in the villages that we are actively engaging in northern Cote d'Ivoire grow up in tight-knit Muslim communities. Social standing in these often polygamous families can be difficult as the younger children, especially children of the third or fourth wife, often do not have the same opportunities as the older children. Life can be hard for these kids, and extreme poverty is a way of life for many. When the gospel of Jesus Christ comes, it brings freedom, empowerment, and identity. We are providing opportunities for the younger generation to know Jesus and to live in the freedom of the life that he offers.

Five years ago, our church helped to establish the Freedom House in Haiti, a home for 27 children. Many of these children come from a restavek background, an accepted form of child slavery in Haiti. The girl in the picture is Rose Carline. She was living a restavek in the home of a voodoo priest and was severely malnourished. Although she was eight years old, she looked like she was only 4 or 5. She had also never had access to an education. Sadly, this story is too familiar in Haiti, and the Freedom House works hard to ensure that the children who live there have an opportunity to develop spiritually, educationally, emotionally, and physically.



Rose Carline





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



We believe that the solid leadership and spiritual giftedness that will provide hope and development in Cote d'Ivoire and Haiti already lie within the countries. Therefore, we see our role in such places as partners in what God is already doing there. We want to "see what the Father is doing" (John 5:19) and join Him to renew the areas we are engaging. Part of our role is to train, equip, and empower local leaders to fulfill God's call in their lives.

Some of our ministry partners in West Africa and Haiti have received formal ministry training, but that is not the case for the majority of them. To help fill this need, we host multiple training conferences for prospective indigenous leaders throughout the year. God is using these men and women to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, bring hope to the hopeless, and healing to the hurting.

Many children's homes in countries like Haiti do an excellent job of providing for children until they turn 18. The sad reality is that many of the children turning 18 do not have a clear direction or promising opportunities moving forward. The Freedom House seeks to remedy this in two ways. First, the Freedom House provides trade schools that teach classes in computer skills, ESL programs, plumbing, electrical, and more. When the kids turn 18, we look to offer jobs in fields they have been prepared for as well as scholarship opportunities should they choose to extend their education.



EDUCATION



In the school year of 2018-2019, the Vineyard is launching a new school in a very remote and impoverished area in Haiti called LaBorde. LaBorde had never before had a church or school established until three years ago when Simple Church Ministries planted their first church. The village consists of nothing but voodoo temples and dilapidated houses. We are now supporting two of our Vineyard church planters as missionaries in LaBorde for the ten month school year. Chandrel Joseph and Desir Princilus have been commissioned to teach sixty children, strengthen the local church planted in 2016, and coach the church leaders as they go out to reproduce churches in the surrounding region.

Many of the remote villages we're engaging within northern Cote d'Ivoire have no schools. Our Vineyard leaders have a vision to begin literacy projects and increase access to education in these areas as we believe in a holistic approach to spreading the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom of God is not only an invitation to salvation but also an invitation to be empowered to live the life that God has created us to live. This vision enriches lives with quality education and provides a means of access to areas that are otherwise difficult to engage.



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MOUSSA TRAORE is one of our key partners in Cote d'Ivoire. In addition to translating the Bible into the Worodougou language for the first time, he administers church planting efforts with two different people groups. He loves the vision of the Vineyard and has agreed to partner with us to establish the Ivoirian Vineyard Church. Moussa comes from a Muslim background himself and believes that his calling is to share the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ with Muslims all over West Africa.



Faithfulness is a perfect word used to describe **DAVID**. Despite having many obligations, he sacrifices much of his time and energy so that he can continuously travel into unreached villages. When you first meet David, he seems to be timid by nature. He's not loud and abrasive. However, he is very bold in sharing his faith. After being around him for just a few moments, you feel as though you can trust him. It is fantastic to see individuals and villages quickly open up to David. He has been a critical player in our partnership in identifying persons of peace and walking them as they discover Jesus for themselves.



HAITI CHURCH PLANTERS



JOSEPH is a veterinarian by trade, and he spends much of his time working with farmers in the rural areas in the south of Haiti. This has proven to be a wonderful access ministry for him as he is naturally able to identify and disciple persons of peace. Using the DMM model, Joseph has been able to plant dozens of simple churches in Haiti, and he devotes additional time to helping Simple Church Ministries develop sustainable farming projects



ROBERTO PIERRE is a church planting machine. He is a natural evangelist and worship leader. Over the past few years, the Holy Spirit has worked through him in compelling ways. He has now become the coordinator for all the simple churches in the northern region of Haiti. The theology of the Kingdom of God that is stressed in the Vineyard church movement has resonated with Roberto, and we are grateful he has chosen to use his talents and passions to pass that on to new leaders for generations to come.



RURAL AREA HEALTH CARE

Jesus not only preached the good news of the kingdom but also did the works of the kingdom. We believe this is our mission as well.

THE ABERCROMBIE'S

The Abercrombie family moved to Haiti in December 2015 and opened a medical clinic in March of 2016. Daniel, Natalie, Tanner, and Reagan live in a mountainous village called Forêt des Pins where they serve a region that has minimal access to healthcare. Life is not easy for the Abercrombie's, but they are sacrificially living out the life that God has called them to by being the hands and feet of Christ to an extremely marginalized demographic.



THE CLINIC

The clinic in Forêt de Pins treats several hundred individuals on a weekly basis. These individuals walk or ride horses from many of the surrounding villages. Daniel and Natalie have joked that they are blessed not to need a large amount of land, as their parking lot typically consists of mules, donkeys, and motos. Before the clinic was in existence, many individuals died of ailments such as high blood pressure, infections, and complications in pregnancy. Not only do they provide healthcare in the clinic, but they also offer education in preventative healthcare. In this way, they are joining God in the renewal of all things by bringing healing to the sick and wholeness to the broken.





PEOPLE GROUP OUTREACH

As our church's vision for engaging Muslims in West Africa has developed, God has shown both our Ivorians partners and our US partners that we need to continue to engage unreached people groups in northern Côte d'Ivoire. Our vision is to continue through countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger as we move both to the north and east. There are dozens of unreached people groups in these areas, many of which are not currently being engaged with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are now in the process of engaging two of these people groups, and God willing, we will continue to find the resources to approach several more people groups in the coming years. Our goal is to be interacting with at least five unreached people groups by the end of 2019.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENGAGE AN UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP?

Our plan to engage an unreached people group in West Africa includes a five-year strategy of strategic prayer, equipping indigenous persons of peace, and resourcing them to approach unreached villages within their people group. We hope to build a foundation that is self-governing, self-sustaining, and self-propagating. By the grace of God, we are well on our way to getting there, and the learning process of engaging the Worodougou people group has given us the experience we need to approach many more similar people groups in the future. We now have several other churches in the US that are willing to partner either directly or indirectly from us to learn from the model that we started with the Worodougou, and through our church's influence, many other churches are now seeing the importance of what God is doing among Muslims in West Africa.



WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

Simply put, the best way for a church in the US to partner with what God is doing in West Africa is to engage in continual intercessory prayer, and to provide money and resources to fund the five-year process. The funds that are given primarily go to resource catalytic leaders that we have trained to travel to villages, provide Bibles, and access ministries such as healthcare, literacy projects, etc. The money also includes training conferences where we prepare prospective leaders to engage communities with the DMM process.

Over five years, the average cost to engage a new people group the size of the Worodougou is \$70,000. This process starts slowly as we engage with people on the ground and gradually increase monetary support as the ministry expands. The aid then gradually decreases as sustainability begins to take place among the indigenous population.

PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL

NEW GENERATIONS

New Generations is empowering ordinary people all over the world to create chain reactions of disciples making disciples. <https://newgenerations.org>

SIMPLE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Simple Church Ministries trains and develops leaders to reach every region of Haiti using Disciple Making Movements (DMM).

FREEDOM HOUSE

Freedom House is a children's home in Croix des Bouquet, Haiti that cares for 27 children, many who are rescued from a life of slavery, abuse, and poverty. <http://www.freedomhousehaiti.com/>

BEAUTIFULLY MADE FAIR TRADE

Beautifully Made products are handcrafted by unique artisans from across the globe. Each purchase supports the artisan and their family. <https://beautifullymadefairtrade.com/>

LOCAL

ALCOA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Alcoa City Schools Family Resource Center exists to assist and support families in Alcoa Schools experiencing an identified need that prohibits the child from performing at their most full potential in the classroom. For us, this partnership means coming alongside the FRC to assist in meeting those identified needs through a variety of ways and means, from providing socks and shoes for students to a yearly school supplies drive.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Kids Helping Kids program was designed to encourage the children of the Vineyard Church to be mission-minded. The children learn through completing special projects that even though they are young, they can still have a positive impact on the community and the world around them. Projects have included filling balloons with candy and confetti to send to Haiti, a "Birthday" store where the kids were able to shop and pick a small birthday gift for the kids in Haiti, packing care bags for kids in foster care, sorting school supplies for kids at Alcoa City Schools and making crafts for Knoxville Children's Hospital.

FCA

FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel. For more info on the local FCA chapter, go to <http://www.smokymountainfca.org/>

YOUNG LIFE

Young Life is a global organization for adolescents, where staff and volunteers enter the world of high school kids in order to earn the privilege of telling them the best news—the truth of who God is and how deep and wide his love is for them. We are proud supporters on a local level with Blount County Young Life, who walk alongside teenagers at Alcoa, Maryville, William Blount and Heritage High Schools.

LOUISVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE CENTER

is a faith-based assistance center in Blount County that provides food and clothing to those in need in the community. Local churches in the Louisville area support the center. Over the last five years, Maryville Vineyard has partnered with LCAC by hosting a small group at the center where we can serve by cleaning, organizing, preparing food bags, processing donations and anything else that needs to be done to help the center run efficiently.

RATIO CHRISTI

Ratio Christi is a global movement that equips university students and faculty to give historical, philosophical, and scientific reasons for following Jesus Christ. This movement includes preparing high school students for higher education and an even higher calling. Their partnership with the Vineyard seeks to provide this training to the public as well; to equip our community to bring together faith and reason to establish the intellectual voice of Christ and answer the spiritual need to work through our questions and doubts as we grow in the Spirit and reason with our Creator.

ARTIST CO-OP

Vineyard Church has collaborated with local artists to explore creative responses to scripture, sermons, and worship. They have also connected artists through small group meetups which have led to fellowship and project collaborations. The artists founded an arts community group that has added to the arts culture in Vineyards Church, both in Maryville and Springbrook venues, and they continue to plan a variety of creative events that will be open to the public. In the coming seasons, we hope to cultivate and expand this community of artists to continue learning how to work creatively with our Creator.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Vineyard Church of Knoxville has partnered with Christenberry Elementary to assist with needs for children, parents, and teachers. Although there are many ways Knoxville works with Christenberry, one recurring event is the monthly Parent/Student Breakfast. Each month, Knoxville provides donuts and drinks to one grade level, and volunteers from Knoxville show up to serve the teachers, students, and parents. The primary purpose of this event is to encourage parent/child engagement through breakfast and conversation.

EVENTS

PULSE

Pulse is an annual community forum event where Vineyard Church of Knoxville invites community leaders to bring awareness, education, and ways to get involved in areas affecting our city both positively and negatively. Guest speakers can speak from knowledge in particular areas such as human trafficking, foster care, city leadership, education, and business development.

KICKS FOR KIDS

Starting Fall 2018, we are going to keep shoes on hand to give to kids in need. We are offering these shoes to teachers, guidance counselors, and to people in our community who know of kids in need of new gym shoes. The shoes will be stocked on shelves at the Vineyard Church of Maryville. We hope that our church family will keep these shelves fully stocked all year long so that this will be an ongoing ministry of our church and a great way to partner with and bless our community.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Last year, Knoxville provided an Easter egg hunt for a low-income apartment complex. We will be offering this again in 2019 with the purpose of connecting with our community and loving on our neighbors.

BACKPACK DRIVE

Every August, Knoxville conducts a backpack drive for students in Knox County. In addition to backpacks, there are additional giveaway's, food, games, and prizes.

SERVOLUTION

Once a year, Knoxville serves our city in place of Sunday morning worship. We choose approximately ten projects that involves everyone young and old. Projects include kids preparing supply boxes for other children, park cleanup, lawn care for the elderly, city clean-up projects, painting, and other projects for our community partners.

LEADERSHIP



GABRIEL LINDOR founded Simple Church Ministries in Haiti, a ministry that uses the DMM model to make disciples and plant churches. There are now over 700 simple churches that meet in every one of the ten region departments of the countries of Haiti. Gabriel has yet to turn 30 years old, and God has already used him to affect change for the kingdom of God in not only his country but his influence is now spreading to other countries including the Dominican Republic, Bahamas, and even regions in West Africa. In spite of all the ministry projects that Gabriel is working on, he and his family still take the time to host a church in his own home. We are excited to see how God will use Gabriel and his family in the years to come.



MOUSSA TRAORE is a husband to Melanie and father of five. Formerly a Muslim, Moussa has spent most of his life since becoming a follower of Christ spreading the gospel in various ways. One of the most exciting ways is his work in translating the Bible into the language of Worodougou. He is currently leading the effort in Cote d'Ivoire to establish DMM among unreached people groups and to establish the Cote d'Ivoire Vineyard Church.



WESLY LOUCEUS is the founder and director of the Freedom House in Haiti. Wesley spent his childhood in an orphanage, and only a few years after leaving the orphanage was able to realize his dream of caring for children that came from difficult backgrounds such as his. Wesley has a huge heart for kids and considers all twenty-seven children at the Freedom House his own.

AMANDA ARMSTRONG worked with Wesley from the beginning to establish the Freedom House. Armstrong also helped to identify and train staff, build sustainable systems, fundraising, and making sure that the kids have everything they need to thrive.

TRACY KOTE has been involved in various projects in Haiti for several years. A few years ago, she began to partner with Wesley and Amanda and has been incredibly instrumental in the development of the Freedom House. Tracy now works to oversee the Child Sponsorship Program to ensure that every kid living at the Freedom House has everything they need.



JOSH ARMSTRONG is the missions pastor at the Vineyard Church and coordinates the local and international outreach efforts. Josh is gifted in many different ways, but one of his prominent gifts is the ability to look at the big picture and cast vision. Because of that gift, Josh assists the Vineyard in partnering with other churches to develop and implement a strategic missional vision. He has been instrumental in both the Vineyard Haiti and Cote d'Ivoire partnerships. Josh is married to Amanda (mentioned above) and is a father to Ellie and Emerson.



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