



EXTRA ORDINARY PARTNERSHIPS

2021 IMPACT REPORT





PARTNERING in Uncertain Times

Message from the President

How can we best partner internationally in these uncertain times?

That has been a question our staff team at Partners International has been asking of ourselves, our partners, our Board members, and God.

This past year has been challenging for everyone. For our partners, it has been particularly difficult. In China, a number of the church planters we work with have been detained by authorities, and months later we still haven't heard from them. In India, there remains great concern around our ability to fund our partners because of decisions being made by the government there, and of course, in Afghanistan, the entire society remains in upheaval, which is only made worse for those who are Christians.

A distinctive of Partners International is that **we have never shied away from taking risks to share the good news of Jesus even in the most difficult places.** Our partners, despite their uncertainty, continue to take bold action to bring hope to those who are living without hope. Despite the experience of new levels of persecution and challenge, we are moving forward with our partners. These are not easy decisions, but our partners are asking if we will remain by their side despite the volatility, uncertainty, and chaos.

In 1 Corinthians 12:26, Paul tells us that when one part of the body suffers we all suffer. One of the roles that Partners International plays for the church in Canada is as a reminder that there are members of the

body of Christ that are suffering greatly and they cannot be forgotten.

When one part suffers, we all suffer. This also helps us to put our own challenges and difficulties into perspective. Recently our Board of Directors was praying in a video conference with one of our workers in Afghanistan. We prayed for his safety. He prayed that we might know the joy of suffering with Christ. This reminds me of Christ's words to Saul on the road to Damascus. Jesus spoke to Saul in a vision and He said to Him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute ME?" Jesus didn't say, "why do you persecute my church?" He personalized the persecution.

A theme of this past year at Partners International has been **"Not Forgotten."** No matter how challenging our Canadian context has been, we cannot forget the real persecution and the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the most challenging parts of our world.

Thank you for standing with us, praying with us, and for partnering with the church at the very front lines of the battle to bring hope, joy and love to those who desperately need the power of Christ in their lives. We count it a privilege to partner with you.

Blessings,

Darren DeGraaf
President, Partners International

We believe that enhancing and resourcing local vision is the best way to advance mission. We identify leaders of extraordinary vision. Then we establish partnerships with these local leaders to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to those who have never heard, and to serve communities in ways that speak of the transforming power of God.



Partnering with local leaders in challenging places worldwide to **BUILD THE CHURCH** and **TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES** in the name of Jesus.

We accomplish this through:



LOCAL LEADERS

Every partnership is led by local leadership and vision. Our partners speak the language, know the culture and serve in their own or nearby communities.



RISK-TAKING

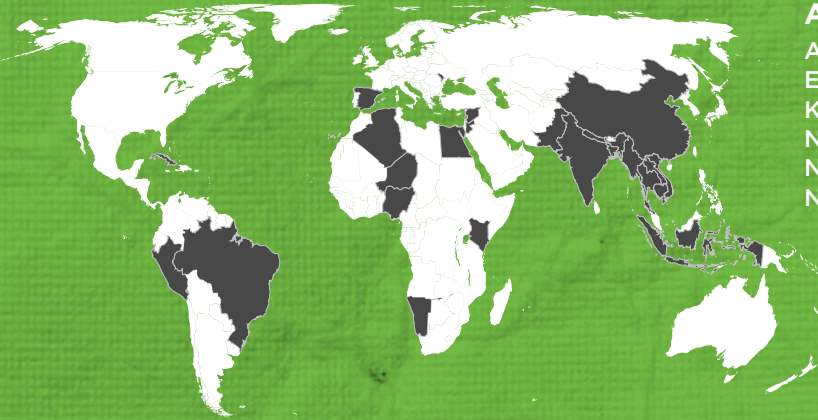
We focus our attention on the most challenging places on our planet. Many of our partners face persecution and all of them must take great risks to share the good news of Jesus.



HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION

We build churches and partner with ministries that invest in the spiritual, emotional, and the physical transformation of people in many of the least resourced places on earth.

Partners International reaches around the world. For over 75 years, we have equipped local leaders to bring the Good News of Jesus to the least reached places.



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Vietnam

OPPORTUNITIES Among the Obstacles

By Dave Hunt, VP of International Operations



In 2021, the *Ever Given* - a massive container ship - clogged one of the world's busiest shipping routes. Tugboats failed to dislodge the ship which was finally re-floated following a six-day salvage operation.

There is a parallel between the *Ever Given* and global missions. Much of Western sending missions (our "ever giving") were blown off-course and grounded because of COVID-19. Consider the enormous traffic jam that happened when the flow of over 2 million Americans who go annually on short-term mission trips stopped almost overnight.

Partners International is built for challenging times like these. We work through nimble local ministries that are more like sailboats than cargo ships. We empower local leaders to tack with the wind of the Holy Spirit in turbulent times. The strengths of local sustainability and adaptability enable us to seize opportunities among the obstacles. As a result, our partners quickly retooled for effective ministry in COVID-19 lock-down conditions. We did not have to recall staff, or cancel ministry.

Our international partners are establishing more communities of faith during COVID-19 than before COVID-19. Over two churches a day.

We are proactively working with our partners to address storms on the horizon and pilot well-thought-out responses so that our partners in the "Global South" can write tomorrow's global evangelization headlines.

Opportunities Among the Obstacles:

Integral Disciple-Making Movements (IDMMs). This is a Partners International innovation to foster sustainable disciple-making movements (rapid church growth) in settings where Christians are persecuted.

- Pilot program results: In three years, over **1,100** groups were established and some have already reproduced three or four generations of churches.
- In 2022 we plan to establish IDMM initiatives with all our partners.

Innovation Labs

This is our workshop to design solutions with our international partners for the issues that affect the future of missions in their context. Issues include increased government controls, banking restrictions, persecution, local fundraising, and sustainable church planting.

- In 2021 we tested crypto-currency as a means to fund projects where local currency was undergoing rapid inflation.
- The Studio of Innovative Leadership in Moldova is its own innovation lab, incubating effective missional ministries in hard-to-reach places like Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries. The Studio currently, has 118 leaders learning and growing.

David Hunt

Dave Hunt
Vice President of International Operations

OUR FOCUS

Building the Church

Our mission is to build the church in the unreached places of our world. Going where few others are present and where the church is persecuted.

Unreached People Groups receive significantly less missionary attention than places in the world where Christianity has already been established.

The persecuted church by very definition exists in places where it's dangerous to be a Christian and often deadly to become one. Without increasing risk to local Christians, it's almost impossible for cross-cultural mission work among the persecuted church.



The Persecuted Church

The church is growing amid persecution.

It is dangerous and difficult to be a Christian in countries like Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan, India, China, and Nepal where our partners serve faithfully and sacrificially. Despite the risk, our partners continue to preach the gospel, plant churches, and disciple new believers.

More than
340
MILLION
Christians
experience
high levels of
persecution.

In **Lebanon**, Farah, a woman who became a believer through "Oasis" our ministry to Syrian refugees, shared with us, *"I have been telling my sister Aaisha about Christ, and invited her to a Christian conference, even though at the time she wasn't yet a believer."* Shortly after the conference, one of our pastors in Syria visited with Aaisha and she shared with him that during the conference she decided to follow Jesus.

Aaisha is now reading the Bible and praying, but she can't tell her husband because she is afraid that as a fundamentalist Muslim that he would kill her. Our pastor in Syria has invited Aaisha to a discipleship class and has arranged to help the family with food and other necessities to build favour with her husband so that one day he might know Jesus too. It is an incredibly brave choice for a Syrian wife to choose to follow Jesus. (Names changed to protect identity)

In **Nepal**, one of our partners prayed for her family for 23 years to find faith in Jesus. This past fall her mother was the first person in her large family to surrender her life to Christ. She joined a church, and her life has been radically changed. She recently wrote, *"I will never leave Christ, no matter the situation, whether my relatives reject me or I face persecution."*

Stories like these from Lebanon and Nepal are being repeated throughout the persecuted church because of your faithful and generous donations. We are committed to walking alongside persecuted Christians, providing safe houses in the most dangerous of contexts, business loans in places where employment is jeopardized because of faith in Christ, and Bibles to new Christians despite the risk.

Together we are standing with the persecuted church so that they are encouraged to stand strong in Christ.

Unreached People Groups

Incredibly, 90% of all cross-cultural missionaries go from one country where the gospel is accessible to another country where the gospel is already fairly accessible. Further, 97% of mission spending in North America is spent in these same places.

Partners International Canada is committed to investing in the people and places that remain unreached.

In **Peru**, our sacrificial indigenous leaders make a laboursome journey through Amazon rainforests and across dangerous rivers to reach communities where the good news of Jesus has not yet gone. Salva is an indigenous missionary who has faithfully shared the good news of Jesus with unreached tribes for a number of years. He will often travel for over 48 hours just to get to the beginning of a trailhead that he identifies by sight. That's where he starts a hike through the jungle to an area where he knows there are many unreached Hunikuin villages. Through this dedicated and difficult work, there are now over 700 Hunikuin people from 17 communities that have committed their lives to Jesus. Just this past

summer, 150 young people surrendered their lives to Christ at several organized events.

Sharing the good news of Jesus with the unreached people of our world often means traveling long distances, building relationships with tribal groups, and then painstakingly and patiently sharing the good news of Jesus one person at a time. While new technology is making it possible to share the good news through the internet, indigenous leaders building small communities of faith continues to be the most important way for the gospel to take root amongst unreached people groups around the world.



Over
3
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the gospel.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Your Gifts Enabled Extraordinary Partnerships

India COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 and its variants raged across India this past year. Most of India remains unvaccinated and the death toll has been staggering.

Our partners quickly surveyed communities and assessed the most critical needs for which they were equipped to respond.

Because of the generosity of our Canadian donors, we acted quickly to provide relief in the name of Jesus. Many people in India, particularly day workers were no longer able to find employment and provide for their families. Our partners **responded by enabling local congregations to provide food packages to people in their villages, which allowed relationships to be built with those who received critical necessities.**

In northern India, our partners were shocked to discover the need for basic necessities wasn't only a requirement for families of students attending our school who normally receive a bursary, but even families who could afford tuition needed immediate assistance.



Afghanistan Emergency Relief

After the August 15th Taliban seizure, many Afghans were forced into hiding, forced to flee their villages, and even more lost their jobs. The situation was difficult for all Afghans but was made worse for Christians. **Your quick response to this need, allowed us to help Afghani Christian families with resources for food and supplies.**

The crisis grew into Pakistan as refugees flooded over the border. Our local partner assisted many families, some of whom were Christians escaping certain persecution possibly even death. **Our partners in Afghanistan and Pakistan were able to respond within days of the start of the crisis and remain on the ground serving vulnerable people in both countries.**

Church Planting in Thailand

In 2020, we signed a partnership agreement with a new partner in Thailand. This ministry is focused on church planting in both the large cities and small villages throughout Thailand.

Despite over 200 years of cross-cultural mission work, much of Thailand remains Buddhist.

Our new Thai ministry partners are passionate about reaching their own communities, and the many tribes and people throughout Thailand by planting indigenous churches and training local pastors. **Your generous support this year provided resources to update a training centre in Bangkok and provide access to the internet for pastors throughout the country so that they could stream services and provide online spiritual counsel to their communities.**

Pathway to Freedom in Pakistan

Because of the generous support of donors in Canada, **163 families are on the pathway to freedom at five brick kilns in Pakistan.** Our partners teach them to read and write and to repay loans to kiln owners. Approximately 1/3rd of these families identify as Christians. The gospel is shown in both word and deed to others.



Income Generation

Saira is just one example of a young woman who received a loan to buy a sewing machine and some material. She built a successful business that has now **created job opportunities for other women in her community,** empowering them to grow as entrepreneurs themselves.



Brazil Oxygen Crisis

The healthcare system in Brazil collapsed under the weight of COVID-19 cases. Patients were dying when hospitals in isolated communities in the Amazon ran out of oxygen. Our partners responded by finding a company that could provide oxygen tanks to the communities most in need. You provided over 50 life-saving oxygen tanks. A local hospital director shared with our partner, "The tanks arrived just in time. We were practically out of oxygen."

Your Giving Helped ACCOMPLISH

 785 churches planted

 1,638 leaders trained

 779 local missionaries supported

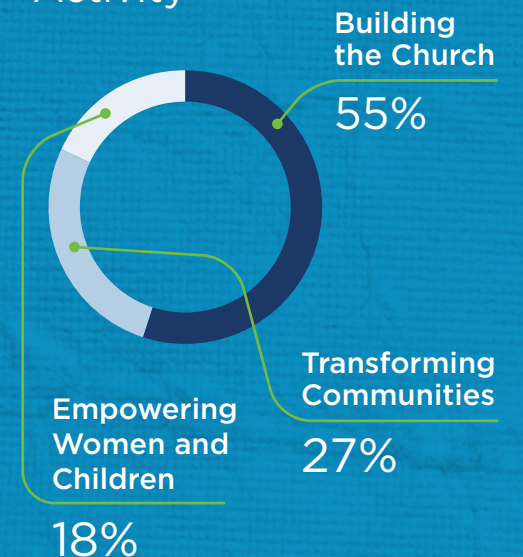
 5,910 people said yes to Jesus

 3,536 people baptized

 274,532 people assisted

 2,161 communities impacted

MINISTRY Activity



Financial Highlights

IMPACT 20-21

*Reported on FY20-21

Your generous support enabled our partners to do extraordinary works of service with Christ-like compassion. Every gift in the hands of God is multiplied exponentially.

REVENUE:

Revenue	2020/21	2019/20
Contributions		
Designated Contributions	\$ 2,817,000	\$ 2,900,000
Undesignated Contributions	\$ 1,134,000	\$ 944,000
Other Income (rental, investment, etc)	\$ 80,000	\$ 36,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,031,000	\$ 3,880,000

EXPENSES:

Expenses	2020/21	2019/20
International Programs	\$ 2,789,000	\$ 3,060,000
Support Services		
Fund Development	\$ 481,000	\$ 460,000
Administration	\$ 342,000	\$ 392,000
Facilities and Equipment	\$ 58,000	\$ 55,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 3,670,000	\$ 3,967,000

FUND BALANCES:

Fund Balances	2020/21 Fiscal Year End	2019/20 Fiscal Year End
Operating fund	\$ 581,000	\$ 538,000
Designated fund (International Programming)	\$ 734,000	\$ 894,000
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,315,000	\$ 1,432,000

Figures are rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

Partners International Canada has a fiscal year end of June 30.

Audited financial statements are available on our website at: www.partnersinternational.ca/annual-report

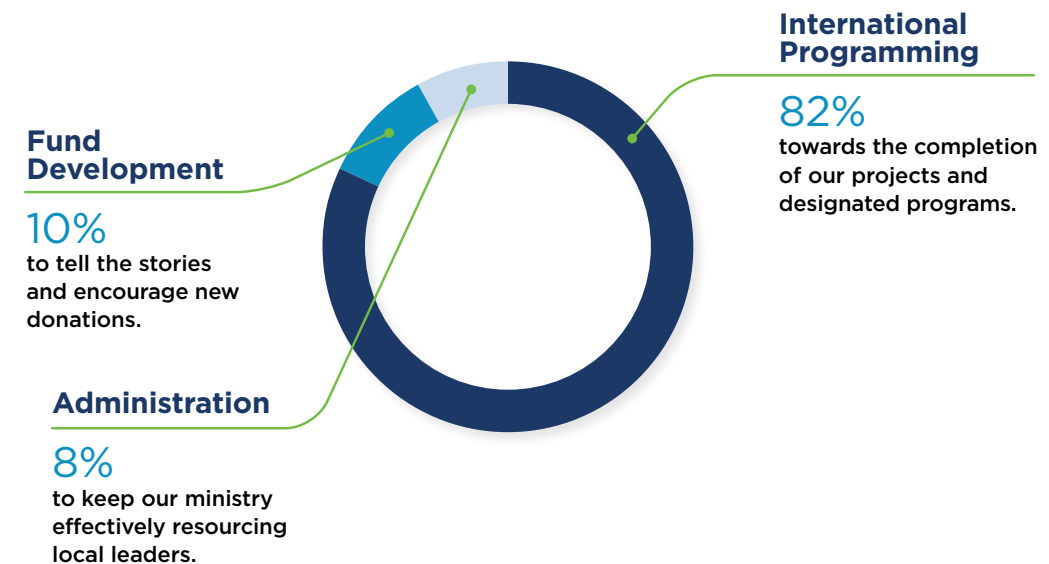


Partners International Canada is a member in good standing with the Canadian Centre for Christian Charities

SOURCES OF SUPPORT:



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK:



Partners International Canada works closely with our international partners to create annual budgets which are funded through gifts from our donor community and distributed monthly to the partners.

Designated funds are reserved for the specific programs and projects to which they are assigned until a program or project comes to an end. **Fund balances** reflect balances in specific ministry accounts and our commitment to faithfully provide sustained and consistent distributions even in seasons when giving to our mission is lower than key giving seasons.

The Board of Directors of Partners International Canada keeps a modest reserve fund to ensure that we can meet our monthly commitment to our international partners and to ensure ministry continuation through times of difficulty. Fund balances further allow us to respond quickly to opportunities or emergencies as they emerge.

YOU are Making an **IMPACT**

Because of the faithful partnership of our Canadian donors, together we are encouraging and equipping our international partners to boldly share the love and good news of Jesus in challenging places. There are no other Christian ministries among some of the tribes and villages where we work.

Over the past two years, we have developed three new monthly giving programs that help us to sustain and empower our global partners as they build the church and transform their communities in Jesus' name.



"Thank you to all our Canadian partners who have faithfully stood beside us and supported us with gifts and prayers. In a time where many organizations needed to downsize and reduce staff, our ministry didn't need to do so.

***None of our programs were abandoned!** We even launched new programs to respond to the emerging needs because of COVID-19. Thank you for praying for us."*

~ Finney



Global Impact Partner

(\$39 or more a month).

A passionate community of monthly donors invested in:

- **Innovative opportunities and new approaches** to outreach and discipleship in the most challenging contexts.
- **Quick response to emergencies and disasters** in the contexts where our partners work.
- **Funding missionaries and projects in sensitive contexts** where information can not be shared for security purposes.

Partners Kids

(\$29 or more a month)

A community of monthly donors who are invested in:

- **Quality education and tutoring** with a Christian perspective in places where basic educational opportunities are lacking.
- **Health and wellness initiatives** for children and families where living conditions and health care is lacking.
- **Justice for children** living as indentured servants, slaves, or sex workers.
- **Evangelism and discipleship** of children living in communities where our partners are working.



Partner with a Leader

A program for churches and individuals that want to participate on the front lines of God's work in our world by partnering with local leaders. We create opportunities for you to:

- **Develop a vision for church planting** in the most challenging parts of our world.
- **Engage in meaningful partnerships** focused on mutual encouragement, shared learning, and prayer.
- **Maximize the effectiveness of your global mission donations** through powerful ministry and proven outcomes in hard-to-reach places.
- **Be on the cutting edge of innovative and risk-taking strategies** to mission in the 21st century.



Successful LIVING in the Midst of Uncertainty

Interview with Ryan Walter – Board Member. Former NHL player, Stanley Cup winner, Professional Hockey Coach and Executive Leadership Coach.



Darren: What lessons do you have for our donors in these uncertain times?

Ryan: It's time to prepare to play in "overtime." Over the years I have noticed that teams who win more than they lose during these high-pressure situations, develop a certain mindset that increases the odds in their favour. During tight games in overtime, successful teams do not play differently, they think differently. During the 9 playoff runs with the Canadiens I learned that playing at the NHL level was one thing, but winning came from a learned focus, demanding a different way of thinking. In these uncertain times, I am sensing that our Lord's return is near, so "playing in overtime might be a great analogy"

Darren: How do we win in these uncertain times?

Ryan: To win in overtime we must develop a "heightened awareness of the end". Most people say, "you must play like crazy to get the first goal!" Over the years I have noticed that most of those teams lose. A "heightened awareness of the end" approach combines increased intensity with increased sacrifice. This is the time of the

game where fans watch grown men block shots with every part of their bodies. At the same time, there is an increased awareness of the scoreboard. Veteran NHL players call it "playing the clock."

In this season, I love that Partners International is like an older mentor that injects a reminder of God and His power to those who might be losing hope. This is a time to think differently - by focusing on Jesus. It's a time to increase our focus on where God is at work in our world. It's a time to develop an increased intensity and sacrifice, focusing on the game that Jesus wants us to play!

Darren: How should our priorities change in these current days?

Ryan: It's time to prioritize our relationship with Christ. When the vertical relationship in our life is on - the horizontal relationships become much easier. At least that has been true for Jenny (my wife) and I over the past 40 years.

Early on when I became a Christian and I was playing for the Philadelphia Flyers, I didn't think anyone needed to know I was a Christian, but when you play at the NHL level, everyone knows everything about you. Before they

knew I was a Christian, opposing players would swear at me from the bench, but when they found out I was a Christian they started to yell "hypocrite." When I thought about it I decided that was an upgrade! The worst they could come up with was a slur because I had started to stand up for Jesus - I'm okay with that.

Darren: You are now an executive coach. How are you helping executives find clarity in these ambiguous times?

Ryan: For most executives that Jenny and I are coaching right now there is no clarity in this season. That's why we are so proud of Partners International and how you are navigating through these times. Most are being forced to go slow and try to cut through the fog, while Partners International is really going for it!

Darren: Do you have any encouragement from scripture you could share with us?

Ryan: Ephesians 1:17-18 is a scripture I am working to memorize. I've been praying this scripture for Partners International these days, and for other leaders too. That God would give you

the spirit of wisdom but also of revelation - to know Him better and to cut through the fog of uncertainty. We want the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened, which gives hope and incomparably great power to those of us who believe. Imagine that we have the same power in our lives that God exerted when He raised Christ from the dead! We have RESURRECTION power in us.

Darren: As a board member what excites you about the work of Partners International?

Ryan: The structure of not sending missionaries but working with partners in the field is so powerful in these days. Our people are

embedded. They aren't going anywhere. And we truly partner with them. I love to see the ministry plans of each partner as they develop them. I wonder if donors know that we support a ministry plan that is primarily forged by our partners, and that all we do is encourage them and empower them to accomplish their God-given vision?

I love the experience that we bring to our partner's work in difficult and risky places. You guys connect partners to each other so that what is working in Bangladesh can be shared with others working in Nigeria and vice versa. You guys help a partner through the fog because of the lessons you have learned.



Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I deeply appreciate your gifts and prayers for Partners International Canada. Our independent volunteer board approves a budget each year that we believe will move our mission forward in impactful ways. We ensure accountability through an annual external audit. We wholeheartedly endorse the ministry outcomes and financial statements in this Annual Report.



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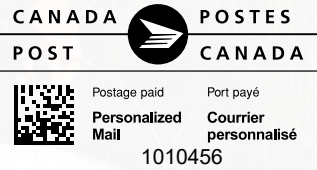
Ryan Walter ~ Director

The Board of Directors of Partners International Canada has four standing committees: **Nominating and Governance; Finance, Audit and Risk; Programming; and Personnel.** All correspondence with the board can be made by sending an email to Chair@partnersinternational.ca which will be sent directly to our Board Chairperson.



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unreached and transform
communities in some of
the most difficult places.

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Partners
International
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many can't.

We refuse to
give up when
transformation
and the hope
of Christ are
so desperately
needed.

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local leaders and their teams
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Dear friend,

You can see the incredible impact and reach **YOUR** support has had this past year.

As I reflect, I am thankful and encouraged by the work done so far but I'm also energized as we head into 2022 with plans to:

- Provide microfinance loans to 700 entrepreneurs in the developing world
- Launch a “*Barefoot Preachers*” program to reach 12 unreached people groups in Bangladesh
- Provide shelter and care for 60 girls rescued from human trafficking
- Reduce \$81,000 in indebtedness through self-help to release 56 families in Pakistan from generational slavery

There is much more planned, but we can't do it without you.

The challenges of this present day and its tightening grip on the body of believers are not insignificant.

Today we are seeing restriction increase in India and China. Sadly, there are shadows where slavery still lurks and the sex-trade flourishes. Many of the countries we work in are facing significant inflation and vast groups still have not yet heard the message of Jesus.

Despite these challenges, God is making a way for us to accomplish great things.

I ask you for your help today....Your renewed prayer and financial support will ensure we keep momentum and fulfill our goals.

Darren
President, Partners International

Yes, I will help equip leaders to bring extraordinary transformation to their communities...

- ☐ I want to become a **Global Impact Partner** for \$39/mo. (0119G)
- ☐ I would like to make a **one-time donation** of \$_____ to help where needed most.
- ☐ My church or organization would like to **Partner with a Leader** with a strategic gift each month. Please have a representative contact me.
- ☐ I am interested in making a charitable bequest to Partners International, send me more information.

Giving Options:

Single Gift

- ☐ **Cheque** (please make payable to **Partners International Canada**)
- ☐ **Credit Card** (please complete the information on the back)

Monthly Gift

- ☐ **Credit Card** (please complete the information on the back)
- ☐ **Direct Deposit** _____
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