



RaiseUp
GLOBAL MINISTRIES



*Annual
Report
2018*



Raise Up Global Ministries is committed to developing Christian leadership around the world to spread the gospel through biblically-based leadership training programs, strategic partnerships, and supporting curriculum.



A New Director for Raise Up



Raise Up came together in the fall of 2018 from three ministries with a similar goal: to develop Christian leadership

around the world to spread the gospel through biblically-based leadership training programs and supporting curriculum. Together we are able to expand our capabilities to reach and create a solid, consistent, connected global foundation of trained leaders.

As part of coming together, the Raise Up Board of Directors unanimously appointed Sam Huizenga to be the new director. Our former director, Gary Bekker is retiring this year. We want to thank Gary Bekker for his work as director of Raise Up since July 1, 2017. He has ably served Raise Up with his high level of knowledge, distinguished academic background and wide network of contacts within the global Christian community.

We went through an extensive search process to fill the directorship, including review of resumes and written material and several rounds of interviews. Throughout all of this, Sam exhibited a strong sense of call, great enthusiasm for the ministry, and wide experience in non-formal adult education. Her leadership style is collaborative, and she is well suited to promote Raise Up to current and new ministry partners, donors and other stakeholders.

Borrowing an idea from Margaret Wheatley, Sam says that she expects leading Raise Up to be “like a tornado.... When behaviors and practices in an organization are aligned, movement begins. More energy is captured as people and ideas are brought together. A vortex takes shape,” she said. “This small tornado is strengthened by increasing common vision and purpose. The role of a leader is to help this alignment and movement to take place.”

Sam has been working for the Christian Reformed Church in North America for more than 18 years, most recently as program manager for Global Coffee Break, in which role she has also helped to develop the mission and vision of Raise Up as a separate organization.

Also a local mission leader for Resonate Global Mission, Sam has been a part of planting two churches and is starting a third church plant with her husband, Rev. Jonathan Huizenga.

Congratulations to Sam on the new position; we look forward to her leadership!

The Raise Up Board of Directors




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North India Himalaya Project

Hariyo Kharka is the training wing of the interdenominational Himalayan Evangelical Fellowship of Northern India. Timothy Leadership Training began in the city of Kalimpong in Northern India in 2014, with training sponsored by Verre Naasten (DVN). Hariyo Kharka now has several TLT Advanced Trainers who are certified and prepared to facilitate TLT training for church leaders in the Himalayan belt – the region of India surrounded by Nepal, China, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.

This group of 30 pastors, elders, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, youth leaders, and administrators began with TLT's first manual, "Caring for God's People," which they said was very relevant for their context and culture. They were able to learn from each others' knowledge and experience. Everyone was valued and given equal opportunity to share during the training; and the action



planning gave them what they needed to put into practice what they learned and planned.

In the next year and a half, these leaders will complete all seven manuals of the TLT Program, becoming certified as Advanced Trainers by the end of December 2020. The trainings will be held in English, Nepali and Hindi. Once these leaders are trained, they will then initiate six new Training Groups in their ministry regions.

Following the completion of this project, the newly certified trainers will initiate new Training Groups under the coordination of Hariyo Kharka. We praise God for continuing this work in India!



Educational Care in Benin

Benin, a small neighboring country to Nigeria, is known as a world center of voodoo worship. Bulus and Femi have been Nigerian missionaries to Benin for 25 years, and they have a passion to share the Good News with unbelievers. With their endless stories of opposition and even attempts on their lives by voodoo priests, they shared a wonderful testimony of God's amazing protection as darkness and light go head to head in this country.

Femi had heard of Educational Care (EC) from some Nigerian friends and badly wanted the Christian school teachers in the public schools of Benin to experience the program. As a result, our partner Resonate Global Mission was in Cotonou to do an Educational Care training. Teachers from all over the Republic of Benin came for the trainings.

Omolara, one of the Christian teachers who was taking the EC training on preventative and corrective discipline, was sharing about how students are disciplined in her school. She talked





about how the children are hit with canes, or sometimes called aside, and the teacher says something like, “Are you a child of the Devil? The Devil is a liar, he is the prince of liars, you are a liar, are you his child?”

As the teachers read Bible passages and discussed together, they decided together that it would be much better to say to the child, “Do you know that God created you and loves you?” and, “God is truth, and He loves and wants His children to tell the truth.” The teachers were deeply moved and shared that it was so helpful to see and talk about different ways that God loves all of us.

It was so encouraging to see Omolara’s entire demeanor change as joy came bubbling out. How *good* God is and how amazing that His Word and the Spirit work together to bring light and joy into dark places!

This story comes to us from our partner Resonate Global Mission, who has been facilitating the training in Benin.



Coffee Break in Florida

A Spanish-speaking Coffee Break group meeting in Port St. Lucie, Florida is welcoming many newcomers. This group of women has been doing a few different *Discover Your Bible* studies in the last few months, and their group continues to grow! The following are a few stories from some of these women.

During *Discover Luke*, one new believer shared, “How much we need a new John the Baptist in our today’s world!” and a mature Christian said, “We are called to do the same work as John the Baptist to go and make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”





During the last lesson of *Discover Ruth*, one group member shared: “Ruth has been my Facebook this week, I have been going over and over again the book, and I am amazed to see how God worked out everything. He was in control of every detail and He has been throughout my own life.”

From *Discover the Comfort*, one member of the group, said, “As I was reading Job chapter one, I already started thinking of the questions we will be discussing today.”

We’re so grateful that God is blessing the Spanish *Discover Your Bible* groups beyond measure. Both new and mature believers are coming together and discovering the message of the Bible. God’s Word speaks!

The Numbers

2017–2018 Global Impact

Here are some interesting numbers for the 2017–2018 ministry year from all of our divisions.



TIMOTHY
LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

COUNTRIES

31

BASIC TRAINERS

989

ADVANCED TRAINERS

254



**educational
CARE**

COUNTRIES

16

BASIC TRAINERS

123

MASTER TRAINERS

10

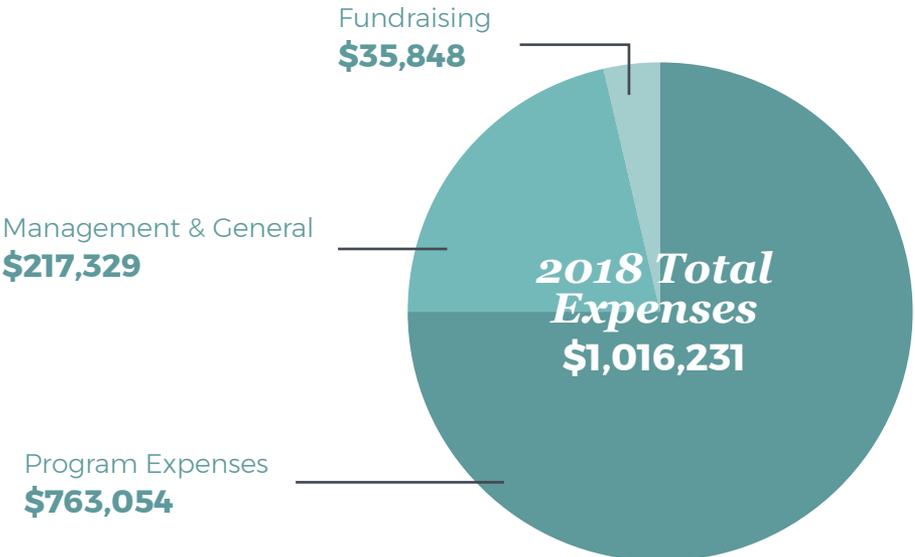
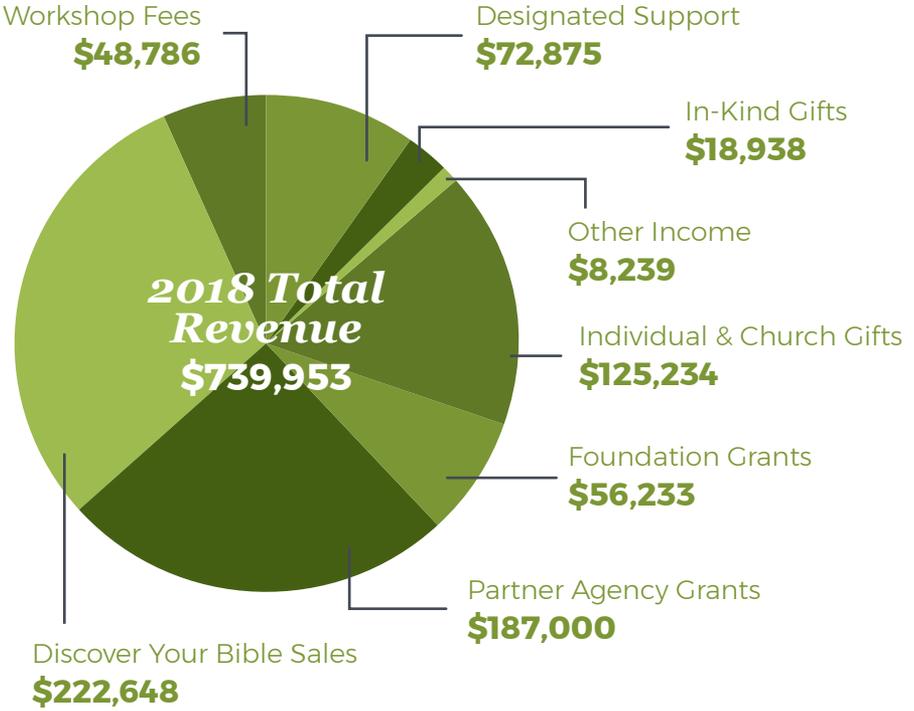


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38,115

2017-2018 Financials





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What's Next?



Discover Your Bible (Coffee Break) is developing a new website! There is an updated, clean, and streamlined design including information for newcomers, resources for current participants, and a login for leaders. We're excited to launch this new site in July!



Timothy Leadership Training is planning three new Certified Trainer Gatherings all over the world: in Guatemala, India, and international training in Grand Rapids. Pray for those attending these trainings and for the smaller trainings that will result in the next year!




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