



# ADF Newsletter

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## Letter from the Vice President

Dear Coworkers and Friends,

Greetings to you all. In his book *Kingdom Communities*, Jeff Palmer reminds us that our aim in Kingdom development has eternal significance. He states, "Here then is the foundation of Kingdom development: The individual as well as the community restored to a right relationship with God through the blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ." This truly is why we, the Agricultural Development Foundation, exist. The development projects that we support and the partners with whom we work certainly assist people with physical needs but, because the focus is on God's Kingdom, the assistance offered and the witness given goes beyond that to make an eternal impact for the Kingdom.

One example of this is from Mr. D's animal husbandry project in Southeast Asia. Ahmad, the poor farmer that Mr. D has assisted with chickens, first heard the gospel a few months ago when he received chickens from Mr. D. As Mr. D has continued to relate to him, Ahmad expressed openness to the gospel. Just recently, he professed faith in Christ and was baptized.

Mr. Wahna and his wife, both in their 70s, were also helped with chickens. They too were followed up with and have recently come to faith. Then their son and his wife were helped by Mr. D with chickens. They too have just come to faith. These are just a few of several families who have been helped recently with chickens.

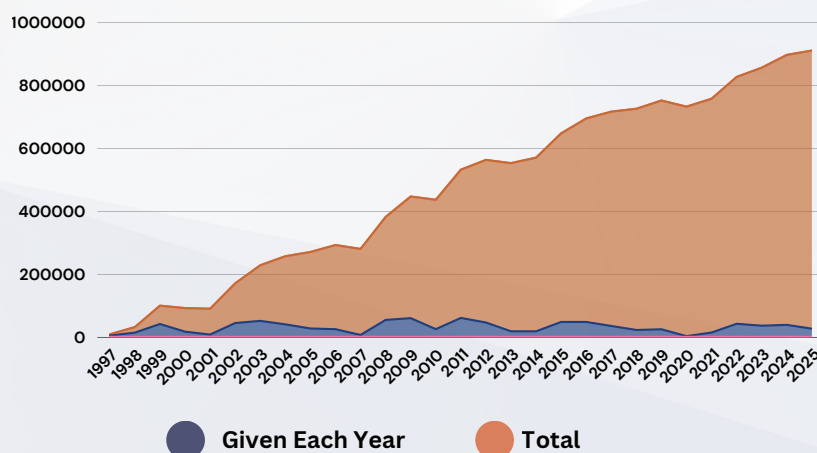
The goat project that Mr. D recently started because of his partnership with ADF is also opening doors. Mr. D is associating with a group that raises goats, opening the door to unreached communities. He has also been working with people near the Base Camp to develop and grow the goat project. One of those working with Mr. D in taking care of the goats is Mr. Agus. As he

has been helped through the goat project, he and his family have expressed more openness to the gospel. Pray that they, like Ahmad and Wahna's family, will come to faith.

These are just a few examples with this one of ADF's international partners of how our partnerships around the world are making an eternal difference. Think of how much more the Lord could do through us if we can increase both our partnerships around the world and our membership here in the US. I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider inviting other mission-minded individuals to join us in ADF. You may know someone who has skills in agriculture or animal husbandry but who has never considered how those skills can be used for extending God's kingdom. An invitation to an ADF meeting could open their eyes to that wonderful possibility. As we move forward, may we keep this vision every before us to see the cause of Christ advanced even as we work with our partners to meet real physical needs around the world.

In Him, Matt Williams

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## Summer Meeting Highlights

The ADF Summer Meeting was held at Easthaven Baptist Church in Brookhaven, MS, on August 23, 2025. We are grateful for use of the church facilities and for the support from the church staff in making this meeting a success.

Some of the highlights of the meeting include:

- Jim Watson reported on his veterinary work in South Asia vaccinating goats and water buffalo raised by poor Hindu sharecroppers. Two Hindu villages have converted to Christianity. The work is expanding to Muslims and 11 Muslim believers have been baptized.
- Phil Davis reported on bee projects in Honduras and Cuba using Africanized bees. Honduran missionaries traveled to Cuba to assist with beekeeping projects there. This work is an outgrowth of work done by Harold Watson and Dan Watson in Honduras.
- Funding in the amount of \$5000 was approved for Animal Health/Vaccination Training, Phase 2, in South Asia.
- Funding in the amount of \$5000 was approved for aid to refugees in camps in Southeast Asia. The project will provide seeds and piglets.
- Clay and Melissa Cook were the guest speakers. They shared about their work in Central Asia which included agriculture projects. More information on the Cooks is provided elsewhere in the Newsletter.

## The Cooks in Central Asia

Clay and Melissa Cook are mobilizers and church planters serving in Central Asia. Serving with them are their three children Whit, Rachel and Piper.

The Cook family has been serving in Central Asia since 2016, working among Islamic and nomadic people groups. During their time there, they have developed creative access methods to enter villages and engage in deep conversations about the Good News. They have started a few home groups—both in the city and in rural areas—to teach and explore the Bible. As church planters, they are praying to see a church established in the western villages of their country and to help nurture strong followers of Jesus. The Cooks are with ABWE (Association of Baptist for World Evangelism).

Clay and Melissa have used projects in education, agriculture, architecture, and health/humanitarian aid to reach people. Ag projects have included greenhouse design, chicken house design and work with cows, goats and yaks. ADF looks forward to possible support for agricultural projects with the Cooks.

Please pray for the Cooks as they minister in Central Asia.

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