

OVERVIEW

OVERISEL REFORMED CHURCH



NEW Staff Spotlight: Dorian Weesner | Youth Pastor

Howdy Overisel! My name is Dorian Weesner and I am blessed to be joining you all in ministry soon! I am 22 years old and I'm from Farmland, Indiana. I graduated from Grace College with my Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies in May of 2026, and will receive my Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary next May! I am blessed to be engaged to Elyse Genzink and we have the privilege of getting married next June, which we are both very excited for! I love people and so I am very excited to get to meet all of you soon!



In my free time I like to go to the movie theater, watch sports (GO LIONS), workout and get active, disc golf and golf, read, and spend time with family and friends. However, my favorite thing to do in the world is ministry, and so I am beyond excited for the beginning of my professional ministry to be spent with you all at ORC! My dream is to one day be a lead pastor, but for now I know the LORD is calling me to youth ministry and to help grow the youth into the men and women we all know they can be! See you soon!

2026 Consistory

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Pastor Kevin Kruizenga

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*Bob Reimink
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Jeff Snay

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*Dean Jipping
Craig Theodore
Scott VanHaitsma
Jonathan Hop

*Executive committee

A Note From Pastor Ken

"Taking Time to Notice"

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olives fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

August is the time of year when we see some of the crops being harvested and others growing and setting ears and pods. We see the young livestock that was born earlier in the spring growing and joining the herds in the fields. And when I see that I am reminded of the verses above.

And then I ask myself, what would I do if the corn wasn't growing and tasseling, and the soybeans weren't growing. What if there was a drought or a hailstorm and the crops were lost? What if the pickles weren't able to be harvested? Or the wheat didn't yield a crop? What if the hay dried up in a drought? And if that happened it wouldn't take long for there to be no flocks or herds in the fields.

I wonder how we would react to that sort of crisis? Would we still rejoice in the Lord? Would we still take joy in the God of our salvation? To be honest, I have my doubts. But I guess, until that time comes, we really don't know. There certainly have been times in my life where the situation was completely out of my control and I was forced to lean on the Lord and He provided a way when there seemed to be no way. So, I know through experience that He takes care of me no matter the situation. But I do think that I would probably be anxious and there would be a measure of fear if my world was rocked with the disasters listed by Habakkuk.

I pray that we never have to face a situation like that. But a situation like that would very quickly tell us where our trust lies. Are we trusting in our own ability to grow and buy anything we need to exist? Or are we acknowledging that all we have comes from our Father's gracious hand? It doesn't matter how much money we have or how many acres we farm or how much authority our position holds, if we call ourselves Christian, we need to recognize that all we have comes from above.

So, as we go through August, let's take the time to notice all the blessings we have. And let's thank God for them as we see the fields and gardens producing a harvest. And I'll see you on the journey as we praise the Lord for all He provides!

God bless you all!
Pastor Ken

august birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Gloria Naber	3 Hudson Mather	4 Verna DeWeerd	5	6 Barend Helmus Lola Kleinheksel Karen VanOrder	7 Ahmed DeWeerd	8
9	10 Chad VandenBosch Jackson Velderman Lucy Whitcomb	11 Kelly Laarman	12 Tom Immink	13 Deb Bos John Tenpas	14 Jon Barnum Bethlehem Klaasen Tim Lubbers Beth Zoet	15 Mason Blauwkamp Sawyer Kroeze
16 Abby Hop	17 Kyrza Michalak Irina Peerbolte Patricia VanLiere	18 Bettye Fields Jodie Reimink	19 Kaylie Klaasen	20 Tim Borr Erma Breuker Gracie Immink Larry Timmer	21	22 Adam VanHaitsma
23 Mark Francisco	24 Judy Boeve Rob Hyland Stacy Smith	25 Beth Kleinheksel	26	27 Kyle DeNeef Amity Pothoff Rick Stob	28	29 Judith Klingenberg Shirley VandenBosch
30	31					

Milestone Birthdays



8/18 - Bettye Fields (70 years)



8/23 - Mark Francisco (60 years)

august anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ken & Lynda Mol
2	3	4	5	6 Jeffrey & Linda LaFleur	7	8
9 Jesse & Beza Klaasen	10	11 Bob & Belva Dubbink	12	13	14	15
16 John & Jennifer Tenpas	17 Jeremy & Laura Cortright Mike & Emily Heavener	18	19 Dave & Jill Koopman	20 Jim & Betty Hoekstra Larry & Sally Loser Ross & Jessica Nagelkirk	21	22 Dale & Darlene Schaap
23	24 Chad & Dara VandenBosch	25 Cal & Mary Becksvoort Bruce & Mary Okkema	26	27	28	29 Bruce & Glenda Peters
30	31					

Milestone Anniversaries



8/20 - Larry & Sally Loser (60 years)

Overisel Reformed Church
Sunday Calendar
2026-2027

Sept. 13

Sept. 20

Sept. 27

Oct. 4

Oct. 11

Oct. 18

Oct. 25 - Fall Break

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22 - Congregational meeting

Nov. 29 - off for Thanksgiving

Dec. 6

Dec. 13 - Christmas Program

Jan. 3

Jan. 10

Jan. 17

Jan. 24

Jan. 31

Feb. 7

Feb. 14 - Off for winter break

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

March 7

March 14

March 22

March 28 - Off for Easter

April 4 - off for spring break

April 11

April 18

April 25

May 2

Overisel Reformed Church
Wednesday Night Calendar
2026-2027

Sept. 16 - Kick Off

Sept. 23

Sept. 30

Oct. 7

Oct. 14

Oct. 21 - Off for fall break

Oct. 28

Nov. 4

Nov. 11

Nov. 18

Nov. 25 - Off for Thanksgiving

Dec. 2

Dec. 9

Dec. 16

Jan. 6

Jan. 13

Jan. 20

Jan. 27

Feb. 3

Feb. 10

Feb. 17 - Off for Winter Break

Feb. 24

Mar. 3

Mar. 10

Mar. 17

Mar. 24

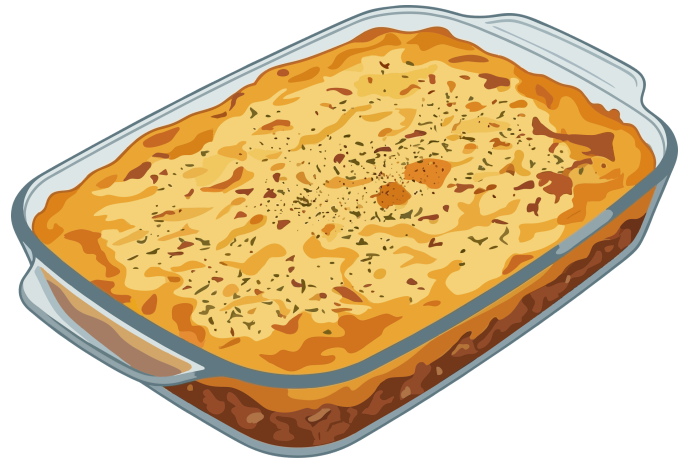
Mar. 31

Mary's Monthly Meal

Hamburger Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 tbs. butter
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1 tbs. garlic, minced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups canned green beans OR
4 cups fresh-steamed green
beans
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. worcestershire
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 ½ cup french fried onions



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Heat butter in skillet, add onion and garlic. Cook until tender
- Add ground beef, salt and pepper. Cook until browned, drain
- In large bowl mix: soup, sour cream, worcestershire sauce, and half of each cheese
- Stir in green beans, then add ground beef. Mix well
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- Spread into greased 9x13
- Top with the remaning cheese
- Bake uncovered for 25 minutes.
- Remove and add french fried onions, bake 5-7 minutes

THANK YOU!

For the Lord is good and
his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.
Psalm 100:5

CM 60
DECADES

*Celebrating 60 years
of Campus Ministry @ GVSU*
1965-2025

Dear Overisel,

Thank you for your continued prayers + support of CM@GVSU. We had another incredible year of ministry with students, countless stories of life transformation + genuine intentional discipleship. It was a memorable 60th year for CM + we are grateful for the numerous churches who love + support the work God is doing at GVSU. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel!

-CM Staff

The Well in Overisel

A Place for Friends to Gather

Overisel, Michigan

The Well building has a rich history of blessing the people of Overisel, and its story is one of community, fellowship, and God's faithfulness.

The building was originally half of its current size and was the garage for the former Overisel CRC Parsonage.

At some point, the little building was added onto and was used as a Cadet building for boys, first led by Stan Schipper for many years, and then Dennis DeWeerd for many more years. Meetings, Bible lessons, and crafts happened in those rooms.

When Joyce DeRidder was hired as the Youth group leader, the inside of the building was painted. An old refrigerator, couches, and tables occupied the east room, and a ping pong and a foosball table on the west side. Since the building had been known as the Cadet Building, a chance was given by the church members to choose a new name. Names were submitted, narrowed down, and **The Well** was voted as the new name. Henry DeWeerd made a sign that hung on the front and back of the building, which read: *"The Well – Living Water for Thirsty Souls"*.

Joyce also started a program called Kids Konnect. When Pastor Ron Boersema and his wife, Karen, came to be the Overisel CRC Pastor, Lori and Karen took over the ministry of Kids Konnect.

We met every Monday night during the school year. Children from the area, ages 4-14, came together to sing, learn about God, and have fun. We averaged 20-25 children each week. After the singing and Bible lesson, the older kids would go with Lori to The Well for discussion and snacks.

When Covid hit, the kids really missed seeing each other. That summer, we decided to begin having “Bike Bash”, where kids could bring their bikes and ride around the parking lot, while the parents sat in lawn chairs to watch and talk. Snacks were served, which were usually ice cream or popsicles.

The idea came that we could store the frozen snacks in the freezer in The Well, and a couple of kids could be “servers” and serve treats through the window. It was a big hit with the kids, with everyone wanting a turn to be a server.

At this same time, The Well was being used for a Bible Study. A group met once a week, and Pastor Ron set up a small pump that could supply water from 5-gallon bottles so the group could brew coffee for their meetings.

Several people started dreaming that the building would make such a cute little coffee shop. I remembered the days Lyle Broekhuis used to have the coffee on every morning behind his business in the village, and guys would meet in the mornings for coffee. I always thought that was so great, to have a local place where people could go to meet each other.

When I decided to retire from my full-time job at the end of June 2023, I met with Pastor Ron and told him that I would be willing to start up the coffee shop 5 days a week. Mitzi VanderKamp agreed to join me. She encouraged me, and we committed to open and serve at The Well every day for 2 months, to see if it would fly.

Karen, Ron, Gary, and I worked to get the place ready. The floor was scrubbed, primed, painted, re-painted, re-painted again, and given a clear coat.

Karen and Michele Bennett helped with decorating. They found the chairs, which had been used at Logan’s restaurant. Tables, Coffee makers, etc., were bought. A refrigerator and a cappuccino machine were donated. Mitzi walked alongside me, encouraging, making suggestions, and greeting everyone who walked in the door. We’d go early in the morning to go buy donuts and be back in time to open at 6:30 am.

We were originally open from 6:30 – 11:00 Monday through Friday, starting July 3, 2023. When the 2 months' trial was up, The Well had become a stopping place for many old and new friends, neighbors, and a meeting place for friends near and farther away.

Through it all, we asked God to show us if we should continue. After those first 2 months, we knew it should continue, but I didn't want to commit to working every day, and 6:30 was just too early.

Diane Francisco, Matthew McRory, Carrie Klassen, and Michele Bennett were the first volunteers, allowing me to back down to 2 days/week. We also changed the hours at that time to 7:30-11:00. Jacob Sharp volunteered, and soon after, Karel Deich volunteered to take a day.

We asked for suggestions for a subtitle, and "A Place for Friends to Gather" got the most votes. It has been wonderful watching people come together to meet regularly, and others playing "Dutch Bingo", until they find common friends or ancestry.

The Well has been a blessing to so many! So many have volunteered their time and resources. Being closed these last months for remodeling was a nice break at first, but the fellowship has been so missed. We'll be glad to see each other again when we finally get back in our newly built meeting place!

Thanks to so many, we now have running water in The Well! Also, a bathroom, and we won't have to bring cups to the church to wash them every day. We are so blessed to have this spot in our community.

Pastor Ron once made a video where he was walking in the church yard in front of The Well, and he said: "I wonder what God will do with a building like this?"

As God wills, The Well will be here for a long time to come. Stay tuned for our new grand opening date! We are excited to use the new facilities, but more excited to see our old friends and meet new ones. May God continue to use the Well to help us show love to each other.

Lori Scholten, 2026

Missions Updates



Spreading the Good News of
the Gospel around the world.

Update from Josh & Sharlet

I hope you are doing well. After June 8 2026 the most chaotic weeks of our lives, I wanted to give you a fuller update—not just the short version, but a real picture of what life has been like here in General Santos City.

I still get chills when I think about that morning. It was supposed to be the first day of school. The children were excited, Sharlet was packing their bags, and I was eating breakfast around 7:00 AM when, without warning, the ground roared beneath us. For 40 agonizing seconds, everything shook. I ran outside faster than I ever have, calling for Anaiah, Josiah, and Gideon to get out of the house immediately. The fear in their eyes is something I will never forget.

By God's mercy, our home stood firm—not even a crack in the walls. I fell to my knees in the yard and thanked Him. But when we gathered the courage to check the inner city and countryside, my heart sank. The damage was severe: homes flattened, roads torn apart, and entire areas looking like a war zone. And aftershocks is still ongoing then.

Once the aftershocks eased, Sharlet and I, together with our church family, knew we had to act. We began gathering relief goods, and churches across the Philippines generously sent funds. Every peso went toward rice, canned goods, noodles, and mineral water. Since then, we have been driving into the countryside, loading the vehicle, and distributing supplies to the hardest-hit communities. I've attached a few photos from those trips. Some faces show deep gratitude; others still carry the numbness of shock.

I have not forgotten the M community we have been serving. There are about 30 families there that I deeply want to reach. For now, aid is pouring into the main areas, and I do not want to simply add to the rush of attention. I am waiting for things to quiet down so we can go to them quietly, when they may feel alone again. Please pray for these families—that their hearts will be open and ready when we come.

I also want to share the burdens we are carrying so you will know how to pray for us:

1. please pray for our vehicle. It is essential for ministry, school transportation, and ministry work. We still have a monthly amortization of \$200 for the next 12 months. Thank you again for the church seed money you helped provide; it kept us afloat during this crisis and enabled us to help others.
2. please pray for the children's school needs. We enrolled them in conventional school this year so they could socialize and build friendships. Anaiah and Josiah are now in Senior High, and Gideon is in Grade 6. They are enjoying the interaction, but uniforms, books, and projects are costly. Please pray that the Lord provides everything they need.

Lastly, please lift up Sharlet. The stress of the earthquake, relief operations, and caring for the children has taken a toll on her health, and her acid reflux. She keeps serving faithfully and caring for everyone, but I know she is in pain. We are praying and believing for complete healing in her body, especially her stomach and gut.

I know this is a long letter, but I wanted you to understand what is happening here. Your prayers are not just words to us; they are ropes that help hold us steady.

With deep gratitude,
Josh and Sharlet





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Chemical Abortions

In 2023, abortion pills accounted for 63% of all US abortions, an increase from 53% in 2020. This doesn't include self-managed chemical abortions that were performed outside the healthcare system or abortion pills from the black market. FDA study shows that chemical abortions were responsible for 4,195 adverse events, 1,042 hospitalizations, 599 blood transfusions, 412 infections (69 severe), and at least 11 deaths from 2000-2018. The same study reports that 97 women with ectopic pregnancies used chemical abortion drugs resulting in 2 of the those 11 deaths. The rate of chemical abortion-related emergency room visits increased over 500% from 2002-2015.



With no medical oversight, abortion pills can fall into the hands of traffickers and abusive partners. Already there are accounts of women being given the abortion pills without their knowledge and against their will. The risk of forced abortions has increased now that the pills are available online without an in-person visit with the woman's doctor. Several states in the US now prohibit the reporting of any data on abortions, including the type of procedure, the possibility of monitoring the safety of the abortion industry is decreasing.

As these reporting bans take effect, they make researching and investigating the industry, to prevent abuse and death, increasingly difficult.

HEALTHY WOMEN ABORTING HEALTH BABIES:

95.9% - elective with no specified reason

2.2% - other physical health concerns

1.2% - Abnormality in the unborn baby

0.4% - rape or incest

0.3% - Risk to the woman's life of major bodily function.

ARE ABORTION COERCED?

People assume that women freely choose abortion and that they are satisfied that it was the best decision for themselves. However, more and more peer-reviewed studies being published which show that this is not the case. One recent study found:

Only 1/3 of abortions are wanted

1 in 4 women describe their abortion as "unwanted" or "coerced".

43% described their abortion as "accepted" but "inconsistent with their values".

60% said their preference was to give birth.

2021 CDC DATA

Gestational age of abortions:

- 93% - 1st Trimester
- 6% - 14-20 weeks
- 1% - 21 weeks or more

The ages of women having abortions:

- 8% - Teens
- 57% - Twenties
- 31% - Thirties
- 4% - Forties

Ethnicity of women having abortions:

- 42% - Black
- 30% - White
- 22% - Hispanic
- 6% - Other

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I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH
TO WITNESS AGAINST YOU
TODAY, THAT I HAVE SET
BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH,
BLESSING AND CURSE.
THEREFORE **CHOOSE LIFE**,
THAT YOU AND YOUR
OFFSPRING MAY LIVE,

- DEUTERONOMY 30:19

Limitless Abortion up to Birth in USA

Of the 193 countries in the U.N., the USA is one of eight with **no federal** abortion limit for gestational age (USA, Australia, Canada, China, Guinea-Bissau, Mexico, South Korea, and Vietnam).

46 of the 50 European U.N. member countries restrict abortion on demand after 15 weeks of gestation.



~August 24-29 Hudsonville Fair

~ **October 20th** - Annual Focus on Life Dinner
with guest speaker Lydia Taylor, she is a
pro-life activist, social media influencer, and
national spokesperson for Students for Life
of America.



Precious Baby Contest

Hudsonville Fair

August 24-29, 2026

Sponsored by Right to Life of Holland Area

Is there a precious baby in your family who is 24 months old or younger on or before August 24, 2026?

Enter a photo of your little one in our **BABY CONTEST** - NO entry fee and

Voting will be done **IN PERSON ONLY** at the Fair.

This is **NOT** a cutest baby contest, it's a **PRECIOUS** baby contest.

Photo submissions begin June 15 - July 30 to:

Right to Life of Holland Area
607 Heritage Court, Holland, MI 49423

- ◆ PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO (registration, on the reverse side);
ONLY first names will be used at the fair.
- ◆ Voting will only be at the Hudsonville Fair **IN PERSON ONLY**
- ◆ VOTING IS \$1.00 per vote, vote as many times as you wish.
- ◆ Winners will be announced the following week!



1st Place Winner - \$50

2nd Place Winner - \$25

3rd Place Winner - \$15

NO frames, 1 baby per photo unless born a multiple.



Precious Baby Contest Registration Form

Please send photos through the mail only:

Right to Life of Holland Area

607 Heritage Court

Holland, MI 49423

Baby's Name: _____

Baby's DOB: _____

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred way to contact:

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Questions?

Call: 616.396.1037 or email: awilson.rtl@gmail.com

2026 Global Mid-Term Report

Dear ORC,

Because of you, lives are being transformed. Communities are being reached, and new churches are taking root in places where the hope of Christ is desperately needed.

From January through April 2026, we have seen God at work across our nine global hubs, with new churches planted in 66 countries. By His grace—and through partners like you—more than 5,500 new churches have already been started this year. Each one represents a community where the gospel is proclaimed, disciples are made, and lives are being changed for eternity.

We have included our 2026 Global Mid-Year Report for you, offering a closer look at how this movement of church planting is advancing around the world. Behind every number is a story—and each story reflects your heart to see the gospel multiplied.

We deeply value your partnership. Your prayers and generosity are part of what God is using to accelerate His work in powerful ways. Thank you for standing with us so that more people can experience the hope of Christ through healthy, growing churches.

As you read this report, please know how deeply you are appreciated and prayed for. May the Lord encourage you as you see the fruit of your investment and the ways He is multiplying it for His glory.

With gratitude & Thanks

Diane

2026

GLOBAL MIDTERM REPORT



multiplication
network



5,516
Churches
Started



572,066
People Reached
with the Gospel



212,313
People Who Now
Follow Jesus



839
Churches
Using TYCP

**Verifiable ministry results from January-April 2026*

South Asia Ministry Hub

South Asia Hub Developer Kris Ramsundar reports that priorities for the new hub include strengthening leaders in countries Multiplication Network currently works in and developing new opportunities in other countries such as Sri Lanka. Major challenges to this are increased persecution and limited resources in several countries, especially as some ministry partners are under increased scrutiny. On a recent visit to two countries in the hub, opportunities to collaborate with new ministry partners arose. These represent more than 3,000 churches pursuing More and Stronger Churches training. Leaders have noted that great work is being done both in the start of new churches and making training materials more accessible. In one country, ministry partners especially praised the work of a new National Coordinator who has been successful in adapting Multiplication Network's materials to both urban and rural areas of the nation.

Southeast Asia Ministry Hub

Hub Director Sopheak Ea writes that ministry partners in Cambodia, Thailand, and other countries are incorporating Multiplication Network's training into their ministries. Most have started with More Churches training and are working on incorporating Stronger Churches training into their programs. As the scope of ministry in Southeast Asia increases, the shortage of staff in comparison continues to be a challenge alongside the conflict between Cambodia and Thailand. Effective collaboration is key in addressing these challenges, and the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between Multiplication Network and several ministries in Cambodia is one tangible example. Leaders in several countries, especially Thailand, have expressed their excitement in using Multiplication Network's training.



Caribbean & U.S. Hispanics Ministry Hub

According to Hub Director José Almonte, priorities in the Caribbean and U.S. Hispanics Hub include developing emerging leaders, strengthening leadership teams, and expanding work to unreached English-speaking islands in the region. Fuel shortages, an increase in transportation costs, and the overloaded agendas of some denominations have made it difficult for leaders and church planters to travel and train. These issues are especially difficult in Haiti where gang violence has paused training in some areas. While these challenges are prevalent, leaders continue to demonstrate resilience and flexibility in addressing them by restructuring training opportunities. These include the launch of a training school in the U.S., a meeting in the Turks and Caicos Islands with leaders representing eight Caribbean islands to provide training, and meetings along the Haiti and Dominican Republic border to continue the work.



Latin America Ministry Hub

Leaders in the Latin America Hub are providing training in person and online to effectively prepare those responsible for training church planters. According to Hub Director Juan Carlos Melo, a major challenge in the hub has been leadership transitions among some ministry partners as new leaders are unfamiliar with Multiplication Network. That said, there are notable examples of collaboration including a movement in Guayaquil, Ecuador that has brought together different denominations with the common goal of starting new churches. Likewise, programs such as Project Barnabas have already celebrated their first graduation of mentors together with their church planters. Other programs such as Saturation and PlantiKids continue to strengthen and expand. Feedback from leaders who have received training has been very positive. They value its role as a catalyst in the transformation of disciple-making communities and appreciate the emphasis on mentorship.



East Africa Ministry Hub

The East Africa Hub is focusing on identifying, developing, and mentoring new and emerging leaders according to Hub Director Michael Sillah. The greatest challenge for the hub is having more opportunities than resources even after dividing the hub into two new hubs. There is a high demand for training and an increasing need for more trainers. Some trainings have been postponed due to this issue. While difficult, it is also encouraging as it gives the team confidence that Multiplication Network's training is impactful and transformative. Two countries are examples of significant growth in East Africa. Madagascar's National Coordinator has established several new ministry partnerships in the country. The National Coordinator in DR Congo received a letter from the office of the Durba City Council of Churches asking Multiplication Network to work with all of the denominations associated with them.

Southern Africa Ministry Hub

As work begins in the newly established Southern Africa Hub, ministry partnerships are being developed in 10 countries thanks to a committed team. The hub had its first official Southern Africa Hub meeting in April which was a success. While travel to remote areas and a shortage of workers are challenging according to Hub Director Brian Mutarwa, the team is committed to addressing these issues through God's provision. Notable collaboration is taking place in Zimbabwe where Stronger Churches training is being led effectively as well as new training initiatives with Bible schools in Namibia and South Africa. Feedback from church planters and trainers has been very encouraging and positive. Many are grateful for Stronger Churches training, especially amongst churches who want to strengthen their ministries and begin church planting. This has led to more ministry partners recommending Multiplication Network's training to others.

West Africa Ministry Hub

Fostering a culture of disciple-making, increasing reporting standards, and equipping leaders are major priorities according to West Africa Hub Director, Mike Okuneye. The team is regularly organizing trainings, emphasizing mentorship, and contextualizing church planting strategies to meet them. Challenges include cultural and religious resistance in some communities and a lack of committed leaders in others. That said, there are notable examples of successful collaboration within our network such as an upcoming collaboration meeting in Cameroon in July and other nations. Church planters have been working together in evangelism, sharing resources, and supporting each other in prayer and mentorship even across nations and regions. Ministry partnerships with local churches are also growing stronger. Church planters overall emphasize their appreciation for training as it's both practical and biblical and are grateful for materials translated in their local language. They add that their ministries are more effective now than ever.



Eurasia Ministry Hub

Eurasia Hub Director Daniel Pedraza writes that the hub's main priority is the reorganization of the hub after merging many former Eurasia Hub countries with the Europe Hub. Leaders met in May to discuss both these changes and new training opportunities. Two new ministry partners in the region are interested in working with Multiplication Network. The greatest challenge for the Eurasia Hub is travel due to the war between Russia and Ukraine. Communication issues have also increased due to being unable to meet in person. The restructuring meeting in May provided an opportunity to address these challenges in person. Though there is little to report from the region at this time, the hub is looking forward to addressing the need for churches in Eurasia together.

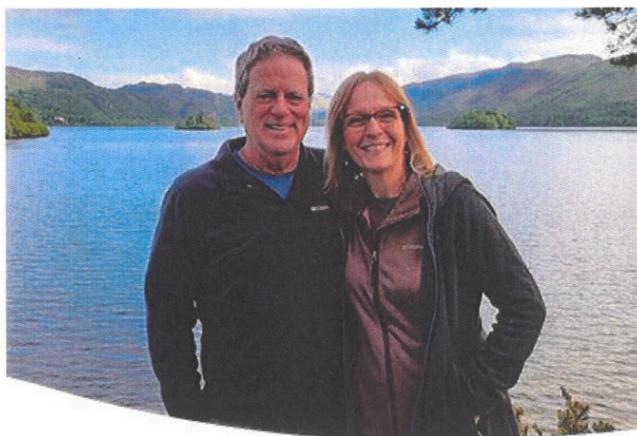
Europe Ministry Hub

Co-Hub Directors Daniel Pedraza and Xoán Castro write that they are working toward collaboration with more denominations and theological institutions to increase Multiplication Network's presence in Europe. The integration of Eastern European countries in the hub as well as overall secularization in the region are two challenges being addressed. A meeting will be taking place in Dresden, Germany later in June to promote collaboration. New church planting efforts have started in France through a Ukrainian pastor as well as work with new denominations in Spain, Poland, and Latvia. The hub also celebrates the graduation of new cohorts from the Chinese Church in Spain and in Brussels, Belgium. Feedback of the training materials is overall positive, which has opened doors for Multiplication Network to participate in key evangelism and discipleship forums and events.



Your gift to Multiplication Network helps to strengthen and empower our 9 ministry hubs to oversee and drive the vision of church planting. **Because of generous ministry supporters like you, lives are eternally changed.**

Thank you!



PARACLETE
mission group

— *The Bennetts* —
Mark & Bernandette

A Year of Miracles — Thank You for Making It Possible

What a year it has been! We are overflowing with gratitude for your faithful prayers and generous giving. God has been at work in remarkable ways — both on the campus of Ferris State University and in the heart of the Middle East — and we couldn't do any of it without you standing with us.

Real Life at Ferris State — A Community on Fire

The campus ministry Berny pours herself into has been thriving in beautiful ways. Here's a glimpse of what God is doing:

- Community is deepening at Real Life. A vibrant weekly Community Group has become a place where students truly love, encourage, and challenge one another — and the growth has been so significant that a **5th group is launching this fall**, each home to about 40 students. Mark will be co-leading this new group with Sawyer, and he's eager to jump in.
- But what's happening inside these groups is just as exciting as the growth itself. Students aren't just going deeper in their faith — they're taking that faith outward. Carly is spending her summer on the **IT Project**, a mission experience designed to grow a heart for the nations. And that kingdom mindset is already bearing fruit: Carly brought her friend **Leylani** to Community Group and has been walking alongside her as Leylani surrenders her life to Jesus. One relationship, one invitation, one life changed.
- That same spirit is alive in **Becca**, who was baptized last August. Over the past year, Berny met with her regularly for discipleship — and Becca showed up hungry every time. Now she's decided she doesn't just want to grow; she wants to *give back*. This fall, she'll be joining Real Life as an **intern**, ready to pour into the next generation of students just as others poured into her.



(Pictured above Becca and Sawyer)

Upendo Update

We are grateful to be able to share a few photos from our new plumbing class. We thank God for opening this door to equip young people with practical vocational skills while also discipling them in God's Word.

Our desire is not only to help them learn a skill that can provide for their future but also to raise a generation of young men and women who know Christ, live for His glory, and become a positive influence in their families and communities. Through this ministry, we are sharing the love of Jesus while giving these young people hope, purpose, and opportunities for a better future.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support. Your partnership is helping transform lives both spiritually and practically. Please continue to pray that God will use this program to draw many young people to Christ and prepare them for lives of faithful service.

Heavenly blessings
David

