

2023

 **PENNINGTON
PARKCHURCH**



**CHRISTMAS
OFFERING**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING HISTORY

Pennington Park Church has inherited a rich tradition of looking outside its own walls during the Christmas season by taking up an annual Christmas Offering. Each year, money from this offering goes to an intentional and strategic project that will “make a dent, not a dimple.” Throughout the history of our church, we have seen God move in powerful ways in the hearts of our congregants, giving generously to see the Kingdom of God expand in the far corners of the world.

2019

THE FINAL 58

Reaching the final unreached people groups in Laos with the good news.

2020

FILTER OF HOPE

Bringing clean water and the message of Living Hope to the people of Cuba

2021

**WYCLIFFE &
JESUS FILM**

Translating the Word of God into new languages in West Africa.

2022

**OUTREACH INC
& THE COOPER
HOUSE**

Two local outreach ministries. The first providing assistance to homeless teens, the second aiding foster parents and birth families.



GLOBAL OUTREACH CORE VALUES

Every Member is Called

We believe every member of Pennington Park is called to make disciples of all nations. In the Bible, we find no distinction between the call to follow Jesus and the call to engage the world for Christ. The question is not if we are called to global missions but where and how.

Prayer Is Our Propellant

Prayer is the foundation for our mission efforts and our only confidence for success. Therefore, we prioritize prayer individually and together as a church body, trusting that God will raise up new missionaries.

The Unreached Are Our Focus

The existence of unreached people groups undermines the Great Commission. Therefore, our missions efforts will prioritize reaching the largest people groups of the world who have, otherwise, had the least opportunity to hear the gospel.

All Society Levels Need Gospel

We look for creative ways to build teams and ministries that will reach both the highest and lowest socioeconomic classes and everyone in between.

We Will Send Our Own

Our primary focus will be on sending missionaries from our congregation who will be equipped, sent out, and supported by Pennington Park Church through prayer, giving, and encouragement.

We Can't Do This Alone

We neither can nor want to accomplish this work by ourselves. Therefore, we strive to work and partner with other agencies, ministries, and churches when possible in order to communicate the gospel verbally and physically so that the grace, love, and holiness of Jesus Christ may be known.

Church Planting is Our Strategy

Through focusing on evangelism and discipleship, our goal is to see new churches planted and existing churches strengthened among the unreached people groups of the world.

Holistic Ministry is Our Desire

We seek to show the love and compassion of God by helping meet physical needs while also sharing the gospel in culturally relevant ways in order to meet spiritual needs.

2023 OFFERING



HOPE
INTERNATIONAL

Sharing the hope of Christ through biblically based training, savings services, and loans that restore dignity and break the cycle of poverty.



**FINAL
SUDAN**

Training national missionaries to preach the gospel, make disciples, and plant churches in every unengaged, unreached people group in Sudan.

ONE OFFERING, TWO PROJECTS

THE NEED

SUDAN

Despite its rich Biblical history, Sudan (the ancient kingdom of Kush) still contains some 100 Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPG). They are unreached because there are virtually no believers or churches among them. They are unengaged because they have no missionary or evangelist. It is estimated that the country of Sudan contains only 0.68% evangelical Christians.*

* <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/SU>

* <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/IN>

SOUTH ASIA

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South Asia* contains more unreached people groups than any other country in the world. In fact, with more than 2,000 unreached people groups still remaining, it quadruples the next closest country, China. While there is kingdom work being done in South Asia, and the national church is beginning to take root, there is still an enormous opportunity for Gospel engagement.

*Name changed for security.

PROJECT 1:

HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Sharing the Gospel through savings groups

HISTORY

Since its founding in 1997, HOPE has used a holistic approach to share the Gospel through Christ-centered financial services. HOPE has equipped over 10,000 churches worldwide with the savings group ministry that addresses both spiritual and material poverty. Over time, their method has evolved to better equip churches for long-term sustainability; and they now partner with a local church for three years, investing in training church leadership to continue using savings groups as a holistic ministry even beyond their partnership tenure with HOPE. Because the Church is God's "Plan A" to bring the Good News to all nations, HOPE is committed to designing programs that honor God's intention for the Church.





MISSION STATEMENT

“We are a group of Christ followers motivated by the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples of all nations. We proclaim and live the Gospel, affirming that we all need daily bread and the Bread of Life. In fighting global poverty, we are confronting one of the greatest challenges of our day in service to an even greater God.”

SAVINGS GROUPS

In South Asia, HOPE works with two partners to provide the savings group ministry. As savings group members build their savings together, they can make small loans to one another to help support small business growth, new economic ventures, home improvements, and medical or education costs. Under the care of a trained facilitator, groups are introduced to the Gospel through our RESTORE savings group curriculum. Currently, their partners support a total of 1,083 savings groups and 11,371 savings group members.

Watch this
video to learn
more about how
savings groups
work —————→



OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP HOPE INTERNATIONAL

OUR GOAL:

Pennington Park Church's gift of \$100,000 to the savings group ministry in South Asia could help HOPE and their partner equip approximately 2,000 new men and women they plan to serve with savings groups and train 120 pastors to lead the house churches that grow out of these groups.

HOPE'S WORK IN SOUTH ASIA:



HOPE's partner in the east of the country currently serves more than 5,000 men and women through savings groups. In this region most nationals work as day laborers, and COVID-lockdowns cut off their income for nearly three years. Less than 2% of the population here has heard the Gospel. HOPE plans to expand from five to twelve regions of the country. Their goal is to launch 400 new savings groups in these regions, serving an additional 4,080 new members. Over time, most of these savings groups grow into house churches! Additionally, they equip local churches to provide savings groups for their congregants and communities.

**Location changed for security*

PASTORAL TRAINING

Through this partner's model, most savings groups are also turning into house churches. To support the fledgling churches coming out of savings groups, the partner is launching a formal, one-year training program to equip individuals to pastor the churches. They will train 240 pastors in how to teach the Bible and shepherd the young congregations. Your gift could help fund this pilot program, growing the Church in a region in desperate need of the Gospel.

87%

of savings group members say they are being helped by someone to grow in their relationship with God.

2x

Group members are 2x more likely to be prepared to withstand a financial emergency (\$57 U.S.) than the comparison group.

73%

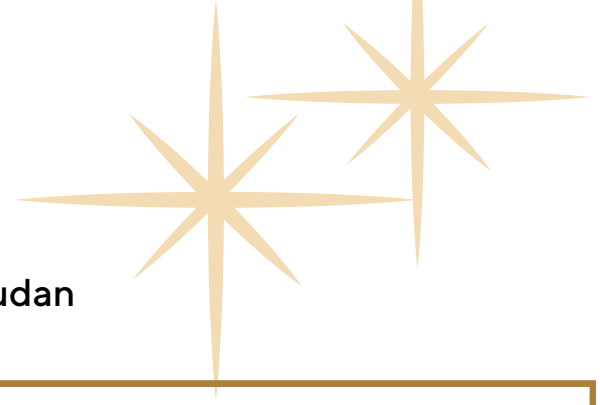
of savings group members said they have changed something about the way they live as a result of participating in the Word (Scripture lesson) section during their group meetings.



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PROJECT 2: FINAL SUDAN

Establishing National Missionary Training Centers in Sudan



HISTORY

In 2019 Pennington Park Church partnered with one of our missionary families, the Coles, as they started an effort to reach the remaining unreached people groups in Laos by training up national missionaries. Four years later, in God's providence, they have seen enormous gospel impact. They've seen hundreds of new believers profess faith in Jesus, and have been able to plant over 50 new churches throughout the country of Laos. This year the Coles were approached by believers in Sudan who saw a similar opportunity for gospel expansion, and Final Sudan was launched. The aim of Final Sudan is to see the gospel preached, disciples made, and churches planted in every unengaged, unreached people group and to see the work multiply.



The Cole Family
PPC MISSIONARIES



THEIR VISION

To preach the gospel, make disciples, and plant churches in every remaining unreached people group in Sudan by 2028.

HOW WILL THE WORK BE ACCOMPLISHED?

1

TRAINING

Establish two missionary training centers to train 400 national missionaries in worldview & essential missionary skills.

2

SEND

Send these national missionaries to engage all 100+ remaining unreached people groups in Sudan.

3

ENGAGE

Establish data sharing and engagement coordination hub to help equip newly established churches for ongoing ministry discipleship.



OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP FINAL SUDAN

OUR GOAL:

Pennington Park Church's gift of \$80,000 will enable construction and funding of a national missionary training centers (NMTC). This training center will allow Final Sudan to train hundreds of national missionaries over the next four years who will be sent on mission to reach the remaining unreached people groups of Sudan.



OUR GIFT

Funding for this project will go to securing a meeting hall for up to thirty people, office space, kitchen and eating space, dorm rooms for trainees, and living space for the operations teams. Each NMTC is managed by a center leader who oversees the NMTC team. There are two worldview trainers and two ministry field trainers. Support staff help manage cooking and housekeeping.





NATIONAL MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTERS

In their evangelism efforts to reach the final 100 unengaged and unreached people groups of Sudan, Final Sudan will need two create two national missionary training centers (NMTC). The purpose of the NMTCs is to take local believers who have a history of gospel sharing and have a heart to become missionaries and train them to become effective National Missionaries. NMTCs use a residential model with most of the trainers and all of the recruits living together at the center. Training focuses on two key areas, worldview and ministry skills. Worldview training shifts the worldview to be more biblically based and takes up to four hours per day. Ministry skills uses a contextualized methodology with loads of field practice and takes over 8 hours per day.

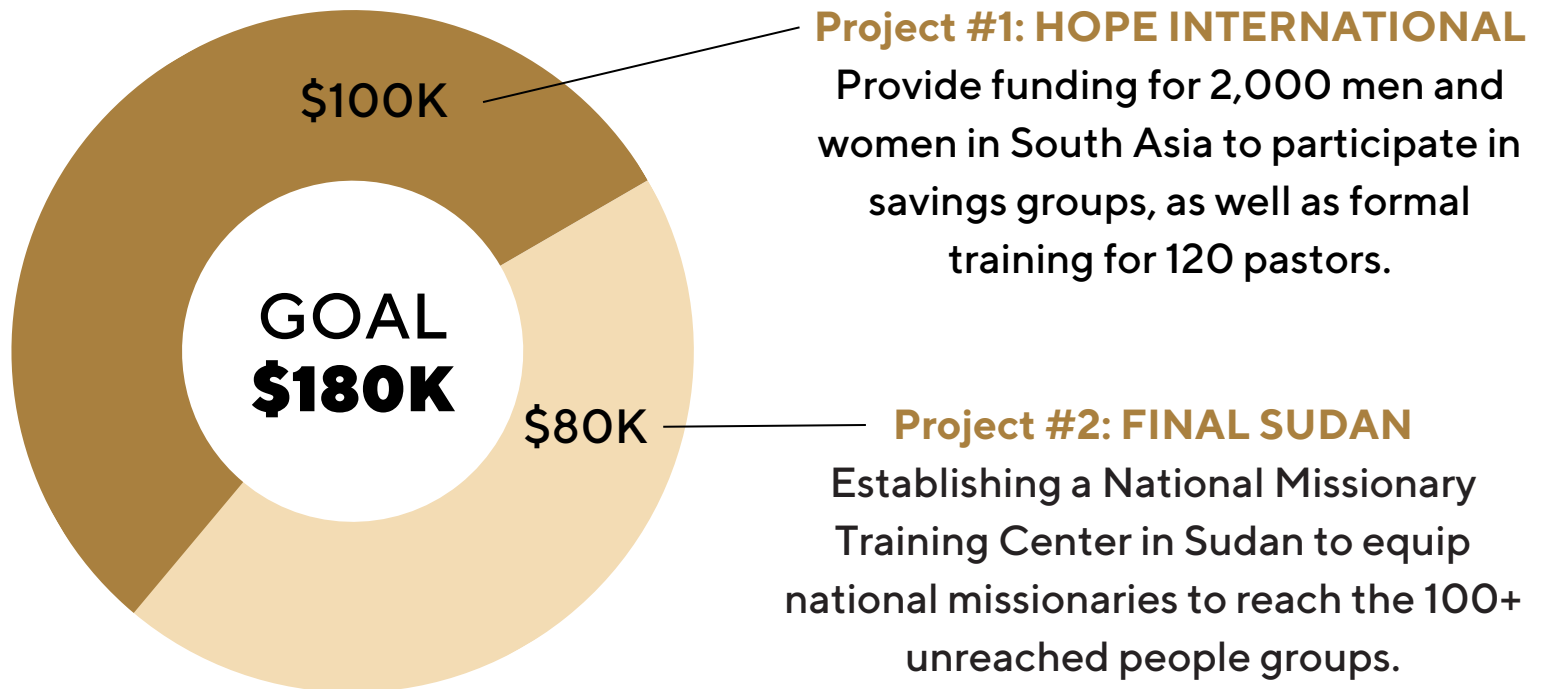


“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

ROMANS 10:4



OUR 2023 PROPOSAL



DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 1 percent of all Christian giving goes toward reaching UPGs. Less than 4 percent of all Christian workers live among UPGs.*

* <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-unreached-people-groups-still-matter-in-missions>

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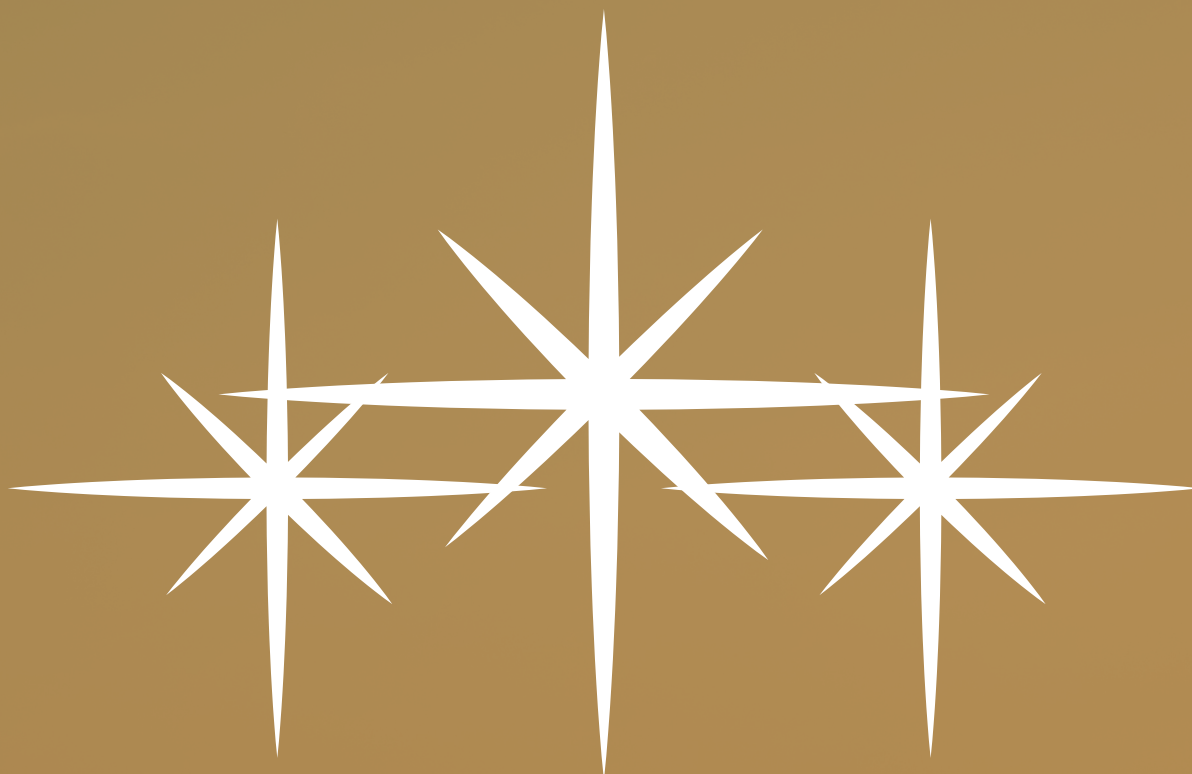
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