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OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

In this issue of Ethnos360 magazine, we are focusing on how the Lord has used Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI) in the cause of the gospel.

My wife, Sharon, and I met at EBI, then New Tribes Bible Institute, back in the late 1980s. It is difficult to overstate the impact it has had on our lives. Two years studying nothing but the Scriptures. Two years sitting under the teaching of some of the best Bible teachers I have ever known.

Many of us who have graduated from EBI will testify that, going in, we thought we had it all together. Having been raised in Christian homes and excellent churches, we thought we knew what we needed to know about God's Word and how to live as believers. We had so much to learn!

The teaching and discipleship that takes place at EBI continues to transform lives today. This was clear as Sharon and I met with the 2026 graduates of Ethnos360 Training Center (ETC). A significant percentage of EBI graduates move on to ETC to prepare for cross-cultural church planting. As they shared with us how the Lord had led them to this point in their lives, EBI came up consistently.

Geoffery told us how little of God's Word he understood when he and Rachel arrived at EBI. Eager to serve God on the mission field, they could not have discerned good doctrine from bad. They are now rooted in sound doctrine and are headed to Papua New Guinea. Another couple, R and B (names withheld for security) told us that, in the car on their way to EBI, they wanted each other to know that they had each decided separately that they would not be drawn in by the missions focus of EBI. The Lord had other plans, I guess, as they are now headed to Asia.

Ethnos360 Bible Institute is a critical part of Ethnos360's missionary mobilization. God uses His Word, taught with clarity, to grow, shape and direct the lives of His servants.

In Christ,

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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD



NEW BIBLE TEACHERS IN TANGUAT

Pray for the Tanguat church. They will begin a new chapter of not having a missionary family living full-time with them [for] the foreseeable future. Pray especially for the six Bible teachers—Jon, Toni, Jacob, Francis, Titus and Justin—and the literacy teachers. Their workload will increase, and their faith will be stretched and tested. Pray that all the believers will learn

to cling only to Jesus in the face of earthly temptations and worldviews. Pray also for the baby “A and M” church that has just been planted during the outreach. Pray that the Holy Spirit will do the work that only He can do to change hearts and draw people to the Father.
—*Derek and Chantal Chen, Papua New Guinea*



ESSENTIAL SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

We are incredibly grateful that a family from our mission... acts as support missionaries, doing our shopping for us and bringing it back to the village. If we had to do all the shopping ourselves, it would probably cost us a whole week every six weeks—time we wouldn't be able to dedicate to language learning. Besides, with the size of our family plus [our]

homeschool helper, our six-week shopping wouldn't fit in our car at once.... So, you see, being a missionary can look very different from what we do as church planters, but it's just as important and necessary that we work together as a big team. We all share the same goal: to reach the unreached with the gospel!
—*Adrian and Evelyn Jotter, serving with Ethnos360 Germany, Asia Pacific*

CULTURE CORNER: TABOOS AND OMENS



The following are select taboos and omens from the Taliabo people. These are aspects of the worldview of the Taliabo that come as a result of their animistic approach:

1. At night, you must not whistle, because if you whistle, spirits will come or chase you.
2. You must not poke a cat's eyes; otherwise, your child may be born blind.
3. You must not point at a rainbow, because if you point, your hand will break off.
4. The sound of a dog in the middle of the night means someone is being cursed, so they will die soon.
5. The sound of an owl in the middle of the night means there is a pig nearby.
6. You must not scratch your back with a comb; otherwise, when you go to the forest, a snake will eat you.

7. You must not burn clothes; otherwise, your life will be shortened, and you will die soon.
8. When going fishing, you must not bring money, because if you bring money, you will not catch fish.
9. Dreaming of laughing means you will soon experience sorrow.
10. When cutting a child's nails, the cut nails must be placed in the child's hair, because if not placed in the hair, the child's life will leave.

Part of these chains have been broken by the gospel, but many still linger.
—*Payton and Grace Downing, Asia Pacific*



ETERNITY TO ETERNITY

[When we return to the field,] we quickly jump into our tropical life in the Philippines, [and] when we return to Canada, we bundle up and adjust to our life here. Jumping back and forth between these two very different worlds is not always the easiest, but we are very thankful to call both places home.... We have decided to put the chronological teaching (Eternity to Eternity) on video.... Lord willing, in the fall we will return to our jungle home when the temperature cools with the [Eternity to Eternity] YouTube channel ready to [make its debut]! Thanks again for your faithful partnership with us in the ministry.

—*Donovan and Charla Epp, serving with Ethnos Canada, Philippines*

What is chronological teaching?
ethnos360.org/magazine/stories/chronological-lessons-clear-the-confusion



AIRCRAFT MECHANICS NEEDED

This year is very challenging for us. Many co-workers are leaving for home assignment currently. We have two helicopter pilots who have just completed their training. Also, a Kodiak pilot just started his flight training in Papua New Guinea. With fewer aircraft mechanics working on aircraft inspections, it takes longer to get those inspections completed. This means that we have to reduce our flights accordingly. This particularly affects our remote missionaries, whom we supply with food and other supplies and whom we fly back and forth when they take a break from their remote work areas.... I am very grateful to everyone who supports this work through prayers, in finances and in other ways.
—*Miriam Eikelboom, serving with Ethnos360 Germany (Ethnos360 Aviation), Papua New Guinea*



BIBLE DEDICATION AND TEAMMATES NEEDED

Praise the Lord, there has been a Bible dedication of the New Testament in the “P” language. The Bibles have been printed and have arrived in port. Two hundred and fifty of those Bibles made their way to the village, but there are a lot more still in port. Please pray that they arrive soon and that they are a blessing to many people. Also, we have a need of more people on our team. Recently, one family left the team, and another one will leave the team in June. Please pray for more workers to help with all the work that needs to be done.”
—*Elisabeth Schindzielorz, serving with Ethnos360 Germany, West Africa*



TEPEHUAN TEAM GOALS

It takes a team! Our dream of seeing a church established among the Tepehuan was and is a daunting task.... One couple could never hope to make a dent! God provided and continues to provide [team-mates].... Starr and I have our roles on the team of literacy development, curriculum development and Bible teaching. We each have our areas of focus, yet like any good team, we are always pitching in to help one another in different areas.... Thanks for your prayers! The Tepehuan Team needs your prayers more than anything else in this world.
—*Matt and Starr Arnold, Mexico*

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE EASTERN ISLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We went out to the eastern area of Papua New Guinea [PNG] for a week to spend time with missionaries who [gathered] for a conference. We were able to talk with all of the missionaries and have a deep conversation with almost all of them, talking about life and hearing how they are really doing. Many of these missionaries are ministering all alone in their remote locations, and all of them

are dealing with the ups and downs that come with ministry. We made good connections and plans to continue caring for them. The eastern region, which includes the islands of New Ireland and New Britain, was one of the first areas to have missionaries. Because of this, there are many exciting things happening in terms of existing PNG churches now working to reach other areas, with missionaries being able to serve in a partnering and assisting role. They also have some unique challenges, with many missionaries being the

only expatriates left in their people group, which can be lonely. As we listened to missionaries' reports, we heard many of the same things over and over—God is working, yet church leaders are falling back into sin, people are struggling, traumatic events are happening and missionaries need support and encouragement.... Pray for the eastern area missionaries.
—*Matt and Karissa Long, Member Care Team, Papua New Guinea*



ETHNOS360 BIBLE INSTITUTE

Where the Bible and Missions Are One

Photos by Alan McDole and Sadie Eisinger

Situated on a hill overlooking the city of Waukesha, the impressive building of Ethnos360 Bible Institute reflects the sun from its many windows. The ebb and flow of students during the day shows they become used to their “home away from home” in the hallways of the old building. ➔

Students from just about every state and from multiple countries around the world walk the hallways — missionary kids (MKs) add that extra spice to “normal” American culture: sucking *tereré* through the metal “straw,” adding hot sauce because American “hot” doesn’t compute to her palate, asking for more rice since that is the “food of foods.”

But the main reason they are showing up here on the hilltop is to become immersed in the Word of God. And it’s not just that they are all planning to be foreign missionaries. Some return to their homes in the USA to work in their home churches; some take the knowledge they have to share with others at camps or schools.

But, here, let me give place to Andrew Royer, the president of the school, for his perspective on EBI.

Thoughts From Andrew Royer

My wife, Sara, and I have the privilege of serving as missionary trainers at Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI). I serve as the president, and Sara invests in many areas including mentoring young ladies and caring for our staff. I never would have imagined the path the Lord used to prepare us for this role.

After completing my Master of Divinity at Grace Theological Seminary, I pastored for nearly ten years. We loved the church and the work of ministry, but we just couldn’t shake something that burned in our hearts — that one third of the world has no access to knowing Jesus. I knew that if we stepped away, there would be a stack of resumés of qualified pastors who could take my place. The next decade of our lives was spent between New Tribes Mission Brazil’s Bible institute and EBI, teaching,

meeting with students, grading papers and preparing lessons. I loved every moment of it. In the fall of 2021, the leadership team at EBI asked if I would consider reducing my teaching load to serve as president. Throughout our ministry, Sara and I have always said we have open hands before the Lord. Whatever He asks, we are all in.

A Look Back

In 1955, EBI, then known as New Tribes Bible Institute, was founded to give missionary candidates a solid biblical foundation, beginning a legacy of training men and women to take the gospel where it had never been heard. Through every decade since, God’s faithfulness has led and sustained EBI. The world has changed, yet the commitment to anchor students deeply in God’s Word and prepare them for cross-cultural ministry has remained steady.

As EBI approached seventy years on this campus, it became clear that purposeful steps were needed to remain strong and effective in the work God has entrusted to us. We recognized that to serve the church faithfully in this modern era, the school needed to be repositioned for long-term strength and relevance. Two major steps emerged as essential. The first was pursuing and achieving accreditation. The second was revitalizing and expanding the campus so the school could continue to grow with stability and vision.

And Today

We recognized that in today’s culture, accreditation communicates that we are a college-level program with benchmark standards and outside accountability. About ten years ago, we made the decision to pursue accreditation with the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**.^{*} Students benefit from a program with high standards, and Ethnos360, along with our Global Partners, benefits from attracting well-prepared missionary candidates. The accreditation process required thorough evaluation of every aspect of our program, curriculum and campus. Our teachers needed to hold master’s degrees from recognized seminaries, and our evaluation methods required adjustments to college-level standards. The accreditation benchmark is now complete, and the impact of that achievement is already being felt. Interest is rising, applications continue to increase and we are on track to be at full capacity this coming fall.

The second strategic step was launching a capital campaign to update and strengthen our campus. Much of this progress has been possible because Christians across the country have chosen to stand with us. Through God’s



^{*} To learn more about TRACS, go to www.tracs.org



STUDENTS SPEND ROUGHLY **2000 HOURS** IN THE SCRIPTURES.

kindness and the generosity of partners, three million of the five-million-dollar campaign goal has already been given. These gifts have made it possible to address long-standing campus needs, including elevators and windows that required replacement. They have allowed us to purchase additional apartments for interns so that more space can be reserved for students. The next major focus will be updating student housing for married couples, an important investment as we prepare for the future.

The visible improvements across campus are encouraging, but what strengthens our hearts even more is seeing God’s people standing with us. Every contribution reflects a deliberate choice to invest in future ministry. That investment has strengthened the work and allowed us to remain focused on the task God has entrusted to us.

“But Grow in Grace...”

Fresh paint, full dorms and improved facilities are blessings, yet they are not our mission. We exist to prepare believers in foundational Bible teaching and to equip them for cross-cultural church planting ministry. Our greatest joy is seeing Christ formed in the hearts of our students and watching them carry His Word into a world that needs hope. This kind of transformation cannot be tracked on a spreadsheet. It takes place quietly and steadily through the work of the Spirit of God in the lives of His people. And that is exactly what we are witnessing at EBI. Students are being shaped. Their faith is being strengthened. Their understanding of Scripture is deepening. They are preparing to step out as faithful servants of the gospel.

Our program is intentionally designed so that students spend roughly *two thousand hours* in the Scriptures in



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classes and doing homework, moving through the entire biblical narrative. They complete sixty-four credits in Bible, theology and missions. Yet the goal is not simply information. We structure our program around three pillars: Bible, discipleship and mission. The conviction beneath all three is that God uses His Word to shape His people so that they may be effective in ministry. We want to see students’ lives transformed—nothing less than Christ formed in us. We long to see alumni take their place in God’s global mission, whether across the world or within their local church.

With this growth and development comes the next immediate challenge: staffing. We are trusting the Lord for additional kitchen staff, maintenance personnel and several single ladies’ deans. These roles are essential to sustaining healthy campus life and supporting the growing student body.

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— Andrew Royer



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all He has done, and we look ahead with quiet confidence that He will continue to call and shape men and women through His Word by His Spirit and send them out for eternal impact into places that need it most.

Other Voices on the Faculty

There are other voices out there that need to be heard. Some of them are instructors. Here is what they had to say about EBI.

Chris Darland is the Academic Dean for EBI.

“We’ve served at the Bible school for 28 years now, and I think my favorite thing is seeing students connect those ‘random Bible stories’ they know to the bigger picture of the Bible. Those stories can seem kind of weird sometimes, but seeing them in context really makes sense for people! It gives me great [joy] to see more people becoming biblically literate and catching hold of God’s heart to reach the world with His Good News!”

Dave Fields is one of the instructors.

“I am an EBI graduate (Class of ’95) who is privileged to be able to teach here now. My wife, Kim, and I met here and were deeply impacted by God’s Word during our studies. Learning about our identity in Christ at such a formative age set us on a stable path for growth and ministry to others. We still say to each other that the two years at Bible School were probably the most important two years of our lives.

“Now 30+ years later we are still building upon that foundation, and God has given us the honor of being involved in the lives of hundreds of students who come through the doors of EBI year after year. Kim and

I have one passion for each son or daughter of God who comes to EBI—to see them understand from God’s Word who they are and how they can live that out. What a joy!

“If you need a push to think about EBI, consider this your invitation. Come join us!”*

Here are perspectives from two additional instructors.

“My name is **Matt Zowada**, and I’m the Communications Director and a Bible teacher at EBI. Teaching God’s Word has forced me to process God’s Word personally. Philippians has radically challenged me to find joy in every circumstance in life, and Galatians has encouraged me to view God as my Father and recognize the position I have before Him through the work of Jesus.

“One major thing I see in our students is a heart of service, ... and it has been an honor to see our students follow Christ’s example. Our students come to EBI for two major reasons. First, they want to know God through His Word. Secondly, they want to be prepared for life and missions. EBI exists for these realities.”

“My name is **Joel Megli**, and I am involved in discipleship at [EBI]. I divide my time between one-on-one meetings with students and teaching. We’ve only been here just over a year and half. We’re starting to see the bridges, barriers and gaps in [students’] understanding of Scripture (as well as our own). We’ve loved being part of the Waukesha team. We’ve grown in our ability to contribute. We’re growing as disciplers.

“We were involved in the Southeast Asia Mainland field until some health issues changed our direction. We believe in what we do as an organization, and so [we] wanted to find a way that we could continue to help.

“The fact that students have made it to campus shows God is already at work. Studying the Word of God is the significant reason most of them have come in the first place. So, it’s fun to join God in the work that He’s already begun in them.

“The great privilege of being a Bible teacher is you get to teach things that, if your students understand them, will change their lives. I see students grappling with concepts that are bringing purity, relationship, love, faith, vision, purpose, hope and excitement. Many are considering missions. Some are considering state-side ministries.

“Our goal is to be the first step of preparation for being a missionary. So, our focus is to present the Scriptures as they are: the function of God’s mission in the world. That’s valuable not just for people who want to be missionaries but for people who want to understand the Scriptures and to contribute to the Church, whether formally or otherwise.”



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A Word (or Two) From the Students’ Perspective

Now, the following are testimonies from students’ perspectives.

“My name is **Isaac Allison**. I am an EBI graduate (Class of 2024). I now serve in a church in Wisconsin called Mercy Hill. I am the youth director, and I started [serving in this ministry] right after [graduating from] EBI. My time [there] was formative and beneficial for my future. I think fondly of my time at EBI in so many more ways than [simply] studying the Bible.

“EBI was also a place I was able to grow in *how to live* as a Christian in this world. I learned the importance of community, and I grew in my understanding of how to be a husband and how to serve in full-time ministry. This is because at EBI you are not just another student. Teachers met with me all the time and discipled me. My wife and I had meals with the teachers. We shared burdens. We prayed a lot with others.

“That is something I have implemented in my ministry—doing life with the youth. They come over for meals and see how I am, not only as their pastor but as a husband and a father. EBI equipped me for a life serving Jesus. This life is brief. And what we do for eternity is all that matters. EBI gave me a greater perspective on that.”

You see? I told you that not all the students end up as cross-cultural missionaries! Now, let me introduce you to Urim Lee, an EBI alumnus (Class of 2024), whom I was privileged to meet after he graduated.

“My name is **Urim Lee**, and I am from South Korea. My family lived in the States for a total of five years as my parents completed missionary training with Ethnos360. I have a younger sister, Wooa, and we grew up in Asia Pacific as MKs for six years before I moved to the USA to attend EBI in the fall of 2022.

Why did you choose EBI?

“I chose EBI because not only have my parents frequently shared their unforgettable time of transformation and growth at Bible school, but I also have always had a



—Urim Lee



—Isaac Allison

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First, they want to know God through His Word. Secondly, they want to be prepared for life and missions. EBI EXISTS FOR THESE REALITIES.



deep interest and desire to study God’s Word in depth. I grew up constantly learning about the God my parents served—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—but I wanted to meet and experience God on a personal level. I wanted to really cement my faith as my own and not just the faith of my parents or the result of my upbringing as an MK. It has always been my prayer to prioritize and value the knowledge and wisdom of the Word above anything else, and a wholly Bible-devoted education for two years really appealed to me. Discovering God’s will for my life of service to Him in the future was also another reason I decided to attend the Institute.”



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UNDERSTAND

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me in a way I didn't under-
stand before.

— Courtney Marx

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

What was the best part of EBI?

“As much as the two-year, intensive course of studying the Bible from Genesis to Revelation would be a no-brainer, I would also arguably say that the best part of EBI was the continual learning that happened outside the classrooms. I got to be poured into consistently by the faculty and staff members through their testimony of how God has worked in their lives. Interactions with other students, some of them now my life-time friends, have also positively influenced me and sharpened me to conformity to the image of Christ.”

What was your favorite class and why?

“The class that had the most personal, lasting impact for me was the Galatians class taught by Matt Zowada. The ‘Not I, but Christ’ emphasis was like God’s wake-up call to me to stop relying on my own performance but instead to depend fully on the Holy Spirit’s empowerment to magnify Christ within me. I have even gone back to the class recordings and listened to them again, and it has definitely been a huge blessing to me since.”

How did God use EBI in your life?

“God used EBI in my life to deepen my relationship with Him, both in knowledge and wisdom of His Person and work revealed throughout Scripture. EBI instilled a sense of urgency and responsibility to share the gospel with others and to fulfill Jesus’ command to baptize and disciple for His name’s sake (Matthew 28:18-20). I was able to grow relationally and experience the beauty of the fellowship we as believers get to enjoy through the tight-knit community on campus. My two years at

EBI were groundbreaking in understanding myself better as His child and further affirmed my love toward Him, to serve Him and participate in His redemptive plan that will stretch ‘... to the uttermost parts of the earth.’”

Did your life plan change because of EBI?

“I did not have much of a life plan to begin with before attending EBI, so I was simply taking the first clear step of going to EBI and seeing where the Lord would lead. While I did have a vague plan of transferring to another Christian college or university after EBI, the Lord unexpectedly guided me toward spending a gap year back in Asia Pacific... after graduating EBI. God graciously opened up many opportunities back in Asia Pacific for active ministry involvement and practical application of what I learned from EBI right in the cross-cultural ministry context. Leading youth group and preaching a few times at our local church was such a privilege, sparking a desire and passion within me to expand God’s Church through teaching His Word, especially to the younger generation. Now I am studying for a bachelor’s degree in biblical studies at College of the Ozarks, and I am prayerfully considering going on to a theological seminary afterwards.”

What did you learn about God while there? What did you learn about yourself?

“Of all the things I learned, God’s character and attributes really stood out to me consistently throughout my studies at EBI. I learned that I truly am in dire need of His grace and mercy daily, not just once at salvation.”

How did discipleship/mentorship influence you? Did it make you a discipler/mentor?

“I was able to pursue discipleship actively from one of my teachers, Matt Zowada, by meeting once a week to

talk about the things God had been teaching us or just chatting about life in general.

“Learning did not just end in the classrooms, but even in the mundane routines of life, I was able to grow in casual interactions. Engaging in the big and small conversations has cultivated the desire to be a mentor myself, and I have had wonderful chances to pour into some of the men here at College of the Ozarks as well.”

What advice would you give to a prospective student?

“My biggest piece of advice would be to make the most out of your time at EBI. Two years go by much faster than you think, and looking back, I honestly regret the moments where I forfeited opportunities to serve and make an impact on others. I would say the bulk of the EBI experience is the vibrant community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Above all, always strive to keep in mind the worth of what you are studying: the living, breathed-out Word of God.”

Perspective From a Returning Graduate

Some students are given the opportunity to continue at EBI as interns, helping to fill some of the gaps. Courtney Marx is one such.

“My name is **Courtney Marx** (Class of 2024), and I am currently serving at EBI as an intern in the Advancement department.

“Why did I choose EBI? After hearing about unreached people groups, my heart continued to grow toward wanting to bring the gospel to those who have never heard it before. I couldn’t get over the fact that there were people around the world who had never heard about Jesus and never would unless someone went, learned their language and culture, and presented the gospel to them. I knew

after I heard that, that’s what I wanted to give my life to.

“A hard thing for me—not having grown up in the church—was realizing how much I *didn’t* know about God’s Word. It felt a bit overwhelming at the beginning, but I was encouraged by the teachers, staff and other students who helped me along the way to understand my identity in Christ.

“I think the best part of EBI was the friends I made during my time here! It was so amazing to have friends who grew up all over the world! My friends here taught me so much, helped me grow close to God and encouraged me to pursue missions even though it wasn’t something I grew up knowing anything about.

“Metanarrative was my favorite class because it was amazing to me to see so clearly all the ways the Bible was connected. We studied different themes you can see throughout the Bible, and it made me fall in love with God’s Word.

“EBI was so foundational in my faith in ways I didn’t even [expect]. It gave me a solid foundation in my understanding of the Word while providing so many ways to continue to grow my heart for missions and the unreached. I came in wanting to do

missions, and by seeing God's heart for all people throughout Scripture and getting to go on some short-term trips, the Lord just continued to grow my desire to want to serve Him overseas among the unreached.

"I came to understand God's love and grace towards me in a way I didn't understand before coming here. I came to understand that I really *can* depend on the Lord for all things, that He is a good Father who will continuously provide for me and that His ways are better than anything I can plan.

"When I think about the discipleship and mentoring process at EBI, I know that I had amazing women pouring into my life throughout Bible school. I was challenged, corrected and overall so encouraged to walk deeply with the Lord, leaving behind the ways of this world to pursue God wholeheartedly. Having amazing women in my life like them gave me the desire to be that for others."

Perspective From a Recent Graduate

Here are another young man's responses to my inquiries.

"My name is **Isaiah Whitman**. I was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, while my parents were serving on staff at Ethnos360 Bible Institute. When I was four years old, we moved to Paraguay to serve as cross-cultural missionaries. Seven years later, we moved back to the United States. Shortly before

graduating high school, I made the decision to enroll at Ethnos360 Bible Institute."

Why did you choose EBI?

"Growing up, I was surrounded by people (including my parents) who had gone through the Ethnos360 Bible training program. Many of them told me that their time at EBI was the best two years of their life. Their experiences excited me. I believed that my relationship with God was the most important aspect of my life and that a proper understanding of biblical truth was not simply helpful but absolutely necessary. I had very little knowledge of what I wanted to do with my life. However, I knew that no matter what I found myself doing later down the road, whether that was working a construction job in the United States or flying around the globe to serve as a missionary, I would never regret having spent two years of my life studying the Word of God under sound teaching alongside fellow brothers and sisters in Christ with the same ambition."

What was the best part of EBI?

"I think that the best part of EBI was the community. There is something so special about living life with the same group of people for two years. The friendships that were built here at Bible school will always have a special place in my mind and heart. There were a few teachers and deans who reached out to me during a very hard season of life; their genuine care and concern impacted me greatly. I will certainly be leaving a piece of my heart here in Waukesha, Wisconsin, when I leave."

We look ahead with quiet confidence that God will continue to CALL AND SHAPE MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH HIS WORD BY HIS SPIRIT AND SEND THEM OUT FOR ETERNAL IMPACT INTO PLACES THAT NEED IT MOST.



I KNEW THAT
I would never regret having spent two years of my life studying the Word of God.

— Isaiah Whitman



And your favorite class?

"One of my favorite classes was Family Relationships. I loved learning about God's design for singleness, marriage, parenting, etc. There are so many destructive lies surrounding the concept of family. It was so refreshing to have my mind renewed with truth."

What would you tell me if I were a prospective student?

"My advice to a prospective student is this: Don't forget to enjoy your time at Bible school; it is very special. Make sure that you are resting. Enjoy the relationships. Enjoy the teaching. Enjoy the beautiful campus. Enjoy God's Word. And most importantly, enjoy your relationship with God."

Closing Thoughts

Those are some powerful statements, allowing us to see into the hearts of those impacted by EBI. Is this a place you see yourself going? Or maybe you have a friend or someone in your family who is seeking spiritual growth in their lives. If attending classes in Wisconsin is not feasible, maybe you'd consider enrolling in our online Bible institute. Take advantage of these opportunities as soon as you can.

Let me take a quote from Andrew Royer: "We look ahead with quiet confidence that God will continue to call and shape men and women through His Word by His Spirit and send them out for eternal impact into places that need it most." EBI is equipping believers to take His Word where it is needed most. Alumni are making eternal impact in the USA and overseas. But it is learning from God's Word and being discipled by Christian mentors that is doing the real equipping; EBI is simply a vessel.

So, the question comes: **Are you ready to take that step and begin an in-depth study of God's Word? Are you ready to see what God can do with your life?**

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Managing Editor

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WINTER TRIPS

What are your plans this winter? Have you ever wanted to go on a short-term trip? Good news: Ethnos360 Short-Term Trips is taking five teams across the world to see, hear and experience how God is at work among unreached people groups. You don't want to miss the trip that could change your life.

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PRAISE Understanding the Gospel of Grace

“Among the Ko’revajɛ people, there is a certain level of evangelical activism, so during the month of March several night watches were held. These consist of gathering in one place, with people arriving from different villages to spend the night, receiving teaching and singing until dawn.

“We had the opportunity to participate in three of these night watches, aware that they are unique moments to share with the community, meet other Ko’revajɛ people, listen to their songs and hear biblical teachings in their own language.

“Attending the night watches has allowed us to confirm what we had already been observing about the condition of the Ko’revajɛ church. The people show a desire to seek the Lord, but there are serious deficiencies in their understanding of the gospel of grace. They often combine their beliefs, producing a form of syncretism, and the teachings tend to reflect more emphasis on emotions than on

doctrinal depth.

“When teaching, they use the Word of God, but with explanations and applications that are insufficient for the listeners. In addition, the version of the Bible being used is not the one translated into their own language, but rather a Spanish version that is more difficult to understand for a people who are not fully bilingual.

“We grieve over what is happening; however, this also encourages us to continue learning the culture and the language, knowing that this process will allow us to better understand the existing needs and how to serve effectively.”

Pray for progress in culture and language acquisition and for safety as Hans and Liliana live and minister among their Ko’revajɛ friends.

—*Hans and Liliana Frank, Colombia*

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PRAISE Quite a Boost



“One fellow, [we will call him Nate], in our village church lives in a village across the river. He never had the opportunity to go to school and has been making slow efforts at working through the literacy primers. It was a surprise to have him sit at our table one afternoon to practice reading the memory verse for the week. He has generally needed a lot of coaching and has only been able to get through part of the verse before quitting. This time

we were in for quite a surprise. Nate read through the whole verse with only two prompts! Then [he] wanted to do last week’s verse! Again, he read with barely any help. This continued through ten verses! We were astonished and perplexed. How could this happen? Well, Nate had been carrying his verse book in his shoulder bag nonstop all week. He spent any free time possible with a disabled man in his village who apparently was a strict coach. This man drilled him, having him write down the words he missed and practice the sounds of the letters. Nate still has a way to go to become literate, but this was quite a boost.”

Praise God that despite there not being a culture of reading among the people group—in fact, most people don’t own any books—the missionaries are “thankful for slowly increasing Scripture engagement.” Praise God that Nate is beginning to take interest in reading and memorizing verses.
—*Dave and Fran, Southeast Asia Mainland*



BRAZIL Hangar Project

In a remote region in Brazil, the “K” people are learning to read and write in their heart language. The missionaries will soon start translating the Bible, something the people have waited years for. Mission aviation plays a vital role in serving the “K” team and many other missionary teams as they prepare to share God’s Word.

Currently, the aviation team in Brazil is housing their R66 helicopter in borrowed hangar space, but we have been asked to move out as soon as possible. The only way forward has been to buy land and build a hangar. Through your generous donations, God provided the funds to purchase land, build a fence, pour a cement slab for the helipad and start on helipad registration paperwork. However, funds are still needed to begin construction on the hangar itself.

**CAN YOU HELP REACH
THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL?**

For details and to help with the project, go to ethnos360aviation.org/projects/brazil-hangar-1



PRAY Witchcraft and Funerals



“In Africa nothing just happens by chance and certainly not a death. Everyone fully believes something, or more accurately, someone, caused that death, which makes many African funerals a murder mystery to some degree. Frequently witches are accused of being the ones who caused the death through sorcery or witchcraft, and, because witches can only prey upon blood relatives, funerals can be pretty touchy with the witch (openly accused or not) right there in the middle of the family! Attempts to kill a suspected witch are common too, sometimes even at a funeral.

“Any death in a family hurts, but this kind of death/murder takes it to a whole new level. You can imagine the impact that kind of funeral would have on a family and how future family interactions would be affected by the accusations of who killed who and

why, regardless of whether the accusations were true or not.

“[A]s I am not aware of any confessions of faith in Christ, the eternal destiny of those who died is bleak.

“Funerals are a good reminder ... of the great need. Even though there are innumerable ‘churches’ in this country, God’s Word is still misunderstood by the vast majority, as evidenced by events like funerals. It’s not surface-level change that’s needed. It’s deep worldview change, and that only comes from knowing God and His Word.”

Pray for Rachel and her national partners as they connect with the Tawara people. Pray for more people to join the Tawara work. Pray that the Tawara living in darkness would come to know the One True God. “There’s still a lot of work to be done!”

—*Rachel Lewis, Mozambique*

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PRAISE A Season of Firsts

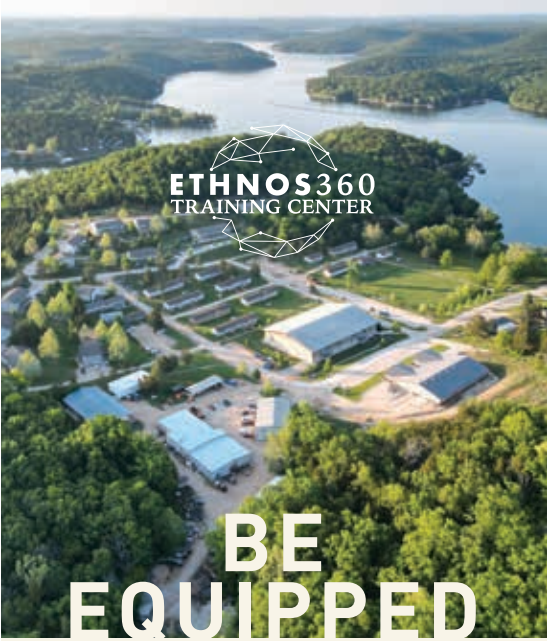


The young Elsengg church celebrated many milestones this spring. The believers observed their first Lord’s Supper, rejoiced during their first Resurrection Sunday and witnessed their first baptisms. The Flaughers share, “Among these precious saints obeying Christ in believer’s baptism was our own little Remember [their youngest daughter]!” Carolyn continues to prepare Bible lessons, and the

church continues to soak up God’s Word. Scott and Natasha share that “we finished up our second phase of Bible lessons, revisiting key lessons previously taught showing God’s faithfulness to save those who believed Him, turning from their sins and waiting expectantly for His promise.” The church then studied the book of Acts and learned how to function as a healthy, God-honoring church. They are now being encouraged by the book of Colossians. In addition, the literacy students are “pressing on” in their studies, and “all of the students have made significant progress!”

Praise the Lord for all He has done among the Elsengg. Praise Him for using the Flaughter family and Carolyn to bring His Word and the joy of the Good News to the Elsengg. Praise Him for softening hearts and opening minds to understand the gospel. Praise God for sustaining the team during many setbacks and challenges over the years. Pray for wisdom as they consider what the next phase of Elsengg ministry will look like.

—*Scott and Natasha Flaughter and Carolyn P, Asia Pacific*



FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Ethnos360’s vision is simple and bold: a thriving church for every people. Reaching unreached people groups is complex work. These communities often live in remote places, speak unfamiliar languages, hold unique worldviews and lack Scripture in their heart language. Simply going isn’t enough — missionaries must be equipped.

That’s why the Ethnos360 Training Center exists. This is where future missionaries learn the skills needed for effective church planting: cross-cultural engagement, literacy development, Scripture translation principles and clear, transformative Bible teaching. The goal is a growing church that continues long after missionaries leave.

This work is demanding. It requires preparation, faith and perseverance. But it’s worth the work to bring God’s Good News to people who have lived generations without hope. **Equipping isn’t optional—it’s essential.**



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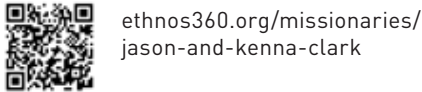
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**JASON AND KENNA CLARK
& JEDIDIAH, BOAZ, HADASSAH, ZION**
En route to Paraguay

Sent by Berean Community Church,
Milford, Delaware

Jason and Kenna were both raised as missionary kids, Jason in the Czech Republic and Kenna in Paraguay, where her parents serve as Ethnos360 Bible translators for the Nivaclé people. Jason was saved as a teenager and Kenna as a young child, and growing up as missionary kids, they both saw “first-hand the need for committed laborers on the mission field to be used by God to establish His Church to the nations.” Lord willing, Jason and Kenna — along with their children Jedidiah, Boaz, Hadassah and Zion — will move to Paraguay in June 2026 with the goal of “evangelizing unreached people and helping infant indigenous churches reach maturity.”

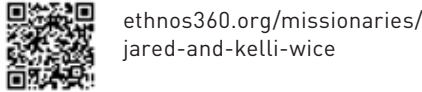


**JARED AND KELLI WICE
& ALETHEIA, MARANATHA, HAVEN,
ELIAS, ELLIANA, HUDSON, RUBY**

Serving in Papua New Guinea

Sent by Watson Bible Church,
Otsego, Michigan

Jared and Kelli met while attending Bible college in North Carolina. They later moved to Michigan and married in 2013 and since then have been blessed with seven children. They had no plans to become missionaries overseas, but the Lord changed the direction of their lives when another Ethnos360 missionary couple spoke at their church and shared about the need for more workers among the unreached people groups of Papua New Guinea. The Lord laid it heavily on both Jared’s and Kelli’s hearts that they needed to go help. They had heard of the need and knew they could not sit back and assume someone else would go. Jared will be serving as an electrician in the Tech Services department. Their family is excited to be a small part in getting God’s Word out to unreached people.

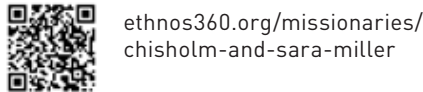


**CHISHOLM AND SARA MILLER
& ADALYAH, ELIAS**

Serving in Asia Pacific

Sent by Fellowship Bible Church, Topeka,
Kansas

Chisholm put his trust in the Lord as a freshman in college, and a year later in a missions class, he was first exposed to unreached people groups. When he went on a visit to Ethnos360 Training Center, he was struck with the conviction that in order to fulfill the Great Commission, there needed to be many more laborers. After state college, he attended New Tribes Mission (Ethnos360) Bible Institute where he and Sara met. Sara learned for the first time about the reality of unreached people groups, and rather than seeing missions as the scariest things she could do with her life, she began to realize that the scariest thing she could do with her life would be to miss out on playing any part in God’s ultimate plan to bring all people groups back to Himself. Chisholm and Sara were married in 2018, attended Ethnos360 Training Center in 2019, and in October 2025, the Miller family moved to Asia Pacific to begin learning the culture and language with the goal of serving as church planters in the future.

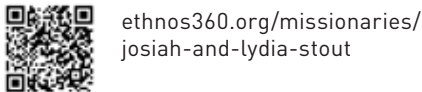


**JOSIAH AND LYDIA STOUT
& CLOVER, ELKANAH**

Serving in West Africa

Sent by Open Door Bible Church,
Belton, Missouri

Josiah and Lydia were both saved as young children. Josiah “became passionate in his faith through mentoring and relationships in his youth group,” and Lydia gained greater confidence in her salvation from Romans 10:13 as a young teenager. Throughout their childhoods, God used stories from missionaries to “burden them for missions.” Josiah and Lydia’s stories came together when they met at Calvary University. They were married, attended Ethnos360 Training Center and “decided to pursue ministry in West Africa, where there are at least 180 unreached people groups.” In January, the Stouts moved to West Africa and began learning the wider culture and language with the goal of eventually joining a church planting team. They are enjoying “connecting with the local church” and “are excited for how God might use them to help spread the Church in years to come.”

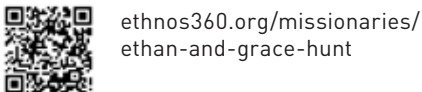


**ETHAN AND GRACE HUNT
& TITUS, JUDE, MACAIAH**

Serving in Paraguay

Sent by Berean Community Church,
Milford, Delaware

Ethan and Grace moved to Paraguay in January and are currently studying the national culture and language. Their long-term desire is to serve as part of a church planting team among one of the least-reached people groups in the country. Ethan was raised in Paraguay as a missionary kid and trusted in Christ at age eight. Grace grew up in western New York in a family active in their local church, where the Lord saved her as a teenager. They met at Ethnos360 Bible Institute, where their love for God’s Word deepened, and they developed a conviction to obey the Great Commission by taking the gospel to peoples who have not yet heard. After marrying, they spent two years serving at their home church in Delaware before attending Ethnos360 Training Center. The Lord has led them back to Paraguay with a desire to see a thriving church among one of the 19 indigenous language groups there.

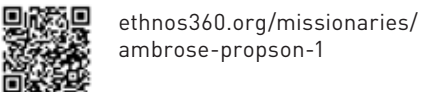


AMBROSE PROPSON

Serving in Brazil

Sent by First Baptist Church of Kiel,
Kiel, Wisconsin

Ambrose comes from a Christian background and was saved at the age of four. He grew up in a Baptist church that taught about the need for missionaries, but he never considered his own involvement in missions until he attended Ethnos360 Bible Institute. “It was there that I heard about people that do not have God’s Word in their heart language; this broke my heart for missions.” While attending Ethnos360 Training Center, “the Lord put both church planting and Brazil on my heart.” Ambrose left for Brazil in September 2025. Once he completes CLA (culture and language acquisition), he hopes to join a church planting team among a people group in Brazil.



WAYUMI

IS MADE FOR YOU

Ever since my time at EBI (Ethnos360 Bible Institute), I found myself with no further need to be convinced of the necessity of missions. I don't want to *talk about* missions; I want to *do* missions. The unreached are dying without Christ, without hope, without one verse of Scripture in their language. Every day 150,000 people die. How many are unsaved? How many are unreached? How many could have been reached?

The thought of going into a village, entering one of the thousands of language groups that don't have God's Word completed and sharing the gospel with them is a thought that makes my body shake with longing. Teaching through literacy, seeing them make progress reading and writing for the very first time and creating a dictionary in their language makes my heart leap with joy. The evangelism, the teaching through the Bible, the discipleship, the creation of a new church—that is enough to make any pain and any suffering completely worth it.

Then there's the translation of the Bible. How I long to get my hands on a translation work! I think back to the giant wall poster back at EBI with minuscule print of all the languages without a completed Bible. What on this earth could be more exhilarating than crossing off one more language from the thousands without completed Scripture? Christ will be named over all the earth: people from every tribe, tongue, people and nation (Revelation

7:9-10). But how does this happen? Can I plop myself in a village and do all this work myself? No, and that's where Wayumi fits in.

Wayumi is an incredible experience, not because it only appeals to people like me, but because it should also appeal to you, even those of you without obsessive church planting desires like mine. Whether you know a lot about cross-cultural church planting or very little, Wayumi answers the question, "How do *I* fit into this work?" You don't need to be a linguistics expert to help with maintenance. You don't need to translate the Bible to support missions with IT. You don't have to be a pilot to be able to crunch numbers for church planters so that they can do the work of an evangelist. Wayumi shows how you can serve in missions with the gifts and abilities that God has given you. It gives you a cultural experience—in the middle of Pennsylvania—and shows you how you can play a role in missions, even if you don't study biblical Hebrew every day and burst at the excitement of learning another language. You can serve the Lord as a missionary with the strengths God has given you, whether that's with cooking for missionaries or using your skills in IT work.

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After I graduated EBI, I attended Wayumi, and my experience there proved to be extremely beneficial, from the sessions to the conversations with staff to the hands-on experience in an "unreached people group." Wayumi was more than "talking about missions." In addition to the helpful sessions and practical side of staying in a thought-provoking, camp-like setting, we also participated in a simulation of meeting an unreached people group. What an experience! We were taken somewhere we had not gone previously in the camping experience. The attention to detail was amazing. Then, we were suddenly sitting in a "remote" setting with someone who appeared to be able to speak only a language that wasn't English! There was no way to communicate other than sitting, listening, trying to ask questions in another language and writing things down, hoping they were correct. The experience was unforgettable, and I honestly believe it can give you more than what a lot of average missions trips overseas can give you—an opportunity to simulate an actual people group setting with veteran missionaries.

WAYUMI answers the question, "How do I fit into this cross-cultural church planting work?"

On top of that, the teaching was not something you could easily forget either. Bringing back good memories of my time at Bible school, the speaker didn't just give opinions or lecture for seemingly no reason—he spoke with passion and enthusiasm about timeless, unchanging principles from God's Word. He explained the importance of teaching the Bible chronologically, of the process that comes from starting in Genesis and working through

the narrative of Scripture all the way to Revelation. He explained with great excitement how the gospel makes so much more sense to someone who understands who God is (the one, true God of the Bible, not spirits that live within rocks), understands who they are (breakers of God's holy law, not good people who try their best), and who Christ is: the only hope, the One who died and rose again, allowing us to be with God.

Then he told true, real-life stories and spoke captivantly of the need. The unreached are still unreached, and they will remain so until someone reaches them. But what does that mean to reach them? What does it mean to be "part of the need"? The list he gave on the PowerPoint slide went on. You can be a mobilizer, a mechanic, a pilot, an electrician, an accountant, an IT manager, a literary consultant, At Wayumi, I learned that support roles are just as important as church planting positions and that anyone can serve in support roles—including you.

Have you considered how God has uniquely gifted you with skills and experiences to use for His glory? You might not feel cut out to be a church planter—and without Christ, no one is!—but maybe God is leading you to serve as a missionary accountant, supply buyer or mechanic. Maybe God has made you a good encourager towards missions or blessed you with finances to aid the church planter as Barnabas aided Paul and the other apostles. And most certainly, every believer can pray! Will you follow where the Lord leads you today?

—Sarah (MacDonald) Bruce
Volunteer staff writer and EBI graduate
(Class of 2020 Jackson, Michigan)

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