



COMING ALONGSIDE WITH JOY
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2019
PARACLETE
MISSION GROUP
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SUMMARY OF MINISTRIES

“Let the rivers
clap their hands, let the
mountains *sing* together
for *joy.*” Psalm 98:8



Coming Alongside with Joy

Greetings,

Collecting the stories, numbers and photos that make up this report always brings me a sense of joy at how the Lord is using Paraclete associates in the building of his Kingdom! It amazes me to hear the hope and enthusiasm in the voices of transformed people and energized disciples. I am grateful to be part of the process, to be witness to the wonderful things that happen when we encourage and serve each other.

I am humbled to realize the kind of people I get to work with! Here are a few examples of what crossed my desk this year as I reviewed client feedback about Paraclete associates: "Kindred sister." "Great team player." "High quality teacher." "One of the best facilitators we ever had." "Just what we needed." "A healing balm to my aching heart." "I prayed for 25 years that someone like you would come into my life."

Paraclete Mission Group associates are greater in number, more experienced, serve in more countries, and work in more disciplines than ever before! As you read through this Summary of Ministries, you'll hear more voices from those who have been impacted. We hope this encourages you, that you see your part in this impact when you give, pray or encourage, and that you know how much stronger we are when we come alongside each other -- with joy. Thank you for your part in helping thousands of people to experience God's joy!

Blessings,

Glen Volkhardt
CEO
Paraclete Mission Group



On the Cover: Joy in Liberia

(Photos on cover, stats page, and at left: by Michael Whitener)

"Our journey of coming alongside involved trekking several hours via four-wheel-drive Land Rovers into the interior of Liberia, knowing we had several more hours to backpack and canoe to get our medical team to our destination -- an isolated jungle village that had never before received medical help. To our surprise, the entire village (100+ of all ages) came out to meet our vehicles and help carry supplies and gear. But first, they held a high-spirited welcoming ceremony where they sang, danced and played drums. Everyone helped carry supplies -- even the smallest children. We brought food, water, medical supplies, construction equipment, a generator and AV gear (to show Christian movies each night -- the highlight of everyone's day). They were incredibly gracious hosts. At week's end, there were 17 river baptisms."

Michael and Linda
Paraclete Associates served clients in Liberia

A Healing Balm

"I was grieving deeply for the loss of a child, my husband's job, my church community and the loss of many dreams that were shattered. [Paraclete associate, Kathie] has been a healing balm to my aching heart. She listens to me, and gently challenges me to process my personal struggles through a lens of grace. She is gifted to come alongside ladies like myself that have found ministry life more brutal than what it is portrayed from the pulpit or seminary. Ministry life has unique challenges and pain, and she doesn't withdraw her heart when I am transparent about my pain. I am grateful to her for pouring into my life. She is a kindred sister to me."

United States

72  ASSOCIATES

2

11,254
TOTAL TAUGHT



146



CHURCHES SERVED

0

1

8

14
LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

126

MINISTRY SPECIALTIES



+

24



BOARDS
ON WHICH WE SERVED

So Vital to Healing

"What you give, in counseling and in other ways, is so vital to the healing the Lord does here...I believe the Lord is truly honored by your positive attitude, your wonderful, loving spirit, and your counseling too."

202

ORGANIZATIONS
SERVED



AVG. YEARS
OF MISSION
SERVICE

59



COUNTRIES SERVED

MOST USED SPECIALTIES

MENTORING - PASTORAL CARE &
COUNSELING - COACHING - MEMBER
CARE - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

3,190 TOTAL COUNSELED, MENTORED, COACHED OR DISCIPLINED

Paraclete *Profile:* Training Future Leaders in Papua, Indonesia

"Maria wants to be a nurse or doctor one day. She started attending boarding school at Sekolah Papua Harapan (where I work through Paraclete as a counselor) when she was a kindergartener, because there was no access to education in her village, and now she is in 11th grade. She has returned to her village every summer and Christmas throughout her school years. This past summer she took some basic medical supplies home to her village to help those in need. One day a man with an infected axe wound came by her house. She heard people tell the man that he was cursed from an evil spirit or that someone was jealous of him. They told him that he needed to go see the witchdoctor to undo the black magic. Maria saw the physical needs of the man, and the spiritual confusion surrounding the situation. She knew that the man needed good medical

care, and he did not have to be afraid of evil spirits. Maria offered to bandage the man's wound. When the wound improved, the man came back. And came back again. And again. Each time the man came, Maria prayed for him and re-banded his wound. By the end of the vacation the villagers were calling Maria 'nurse,' and Maria was surer than ever about her calling to become a health-worker to serve her people's spiritual and physical needs both NOW and in the future."

What a joy it is to empower future leaders of Papua with a heart for Jesus!

Jacinda, Paraclete Associate



Our *Mission*

Paraclete's mission is to come alongside Christian leaders around the world. We give priority to those with limited resources, those who work with unreached peoples, and those who reach people who are often overlooked.

Our *Vision*

Paraclete's vision is a flourishing global Church served by faithful, effective leaders.

Our *Values*

The mission and vision are shaped by Paraclete's values:

SERVANTHOOD
HEART FOR THE NATIONS
ACTION WITH REFLECTION
RESPECT
EXCELLENCE WITH INTEGRITY



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Refreshed

"We are refreshed, energized, settled and much better equipped to lead our team of 38 missionaries. How grateful we are that your Paraclete associates came alongside us in this pivotal season of ministry."

Mexico

A strength of Paraclete is that we serve in dozens of nations and in many disciplines throughout the year. At far left, Curt served with leaders in Armenia and Moldova. Second from left, John and Kathryn served alongside 22 churches and 17 partner organizations. Arline, second from right, served and taught leaders in Guatemala, Philippines, Russia, and Ethiopia. At right, Sonia is a counselor, C.J. leads worship, and Linda is a spiritual director and public speaker. Occasionally the three have served together.

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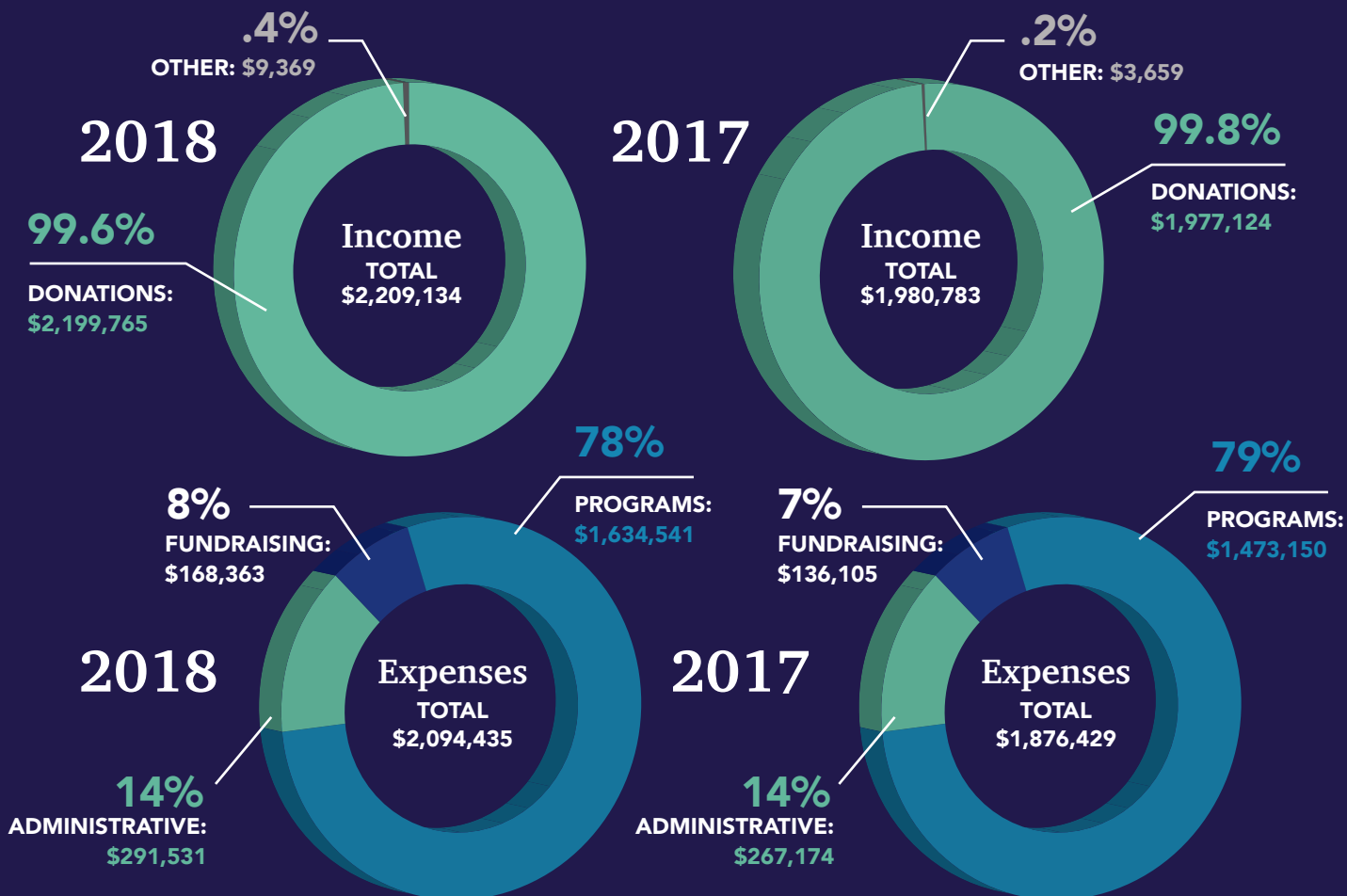
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Sometimes our mission of "coming alongside" happens one-on-one. Other times (like at right) Paraclete associates teach, preach to, and train hundreds of people at a time. We include estimated attendance numbers in the stats we report. We don't list the impact of our teaching and preaching via web, broadcast and social media, since they are so distinct. Yet the media are a growing context for coming alongside. One associate recorded television programs in 2018 about God's Glory that could be viewed by millions in East Africa.

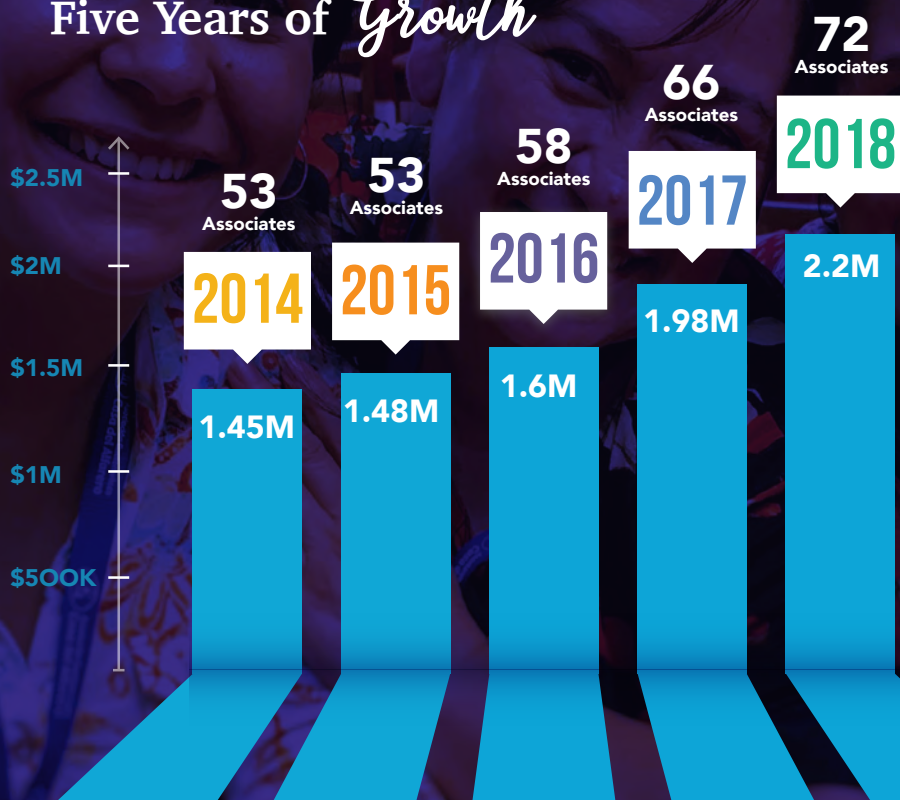




Thank You

For helping raise up the next generation of leaders. The Kingdom is growing in far-reaching parts of the world. People are encouraged: they have relief from disaster, they hope for their future, they have passion to share the Good News with their neighbors....all because you chose to support the mission of Paraclete to come alongside Christian leaders around the world. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Five Years of *Growth*



In 2018, Paraclete celebrated coming alongside with joy for 30 years! Pictured here from the anniversary reception are three men who had a hand in the early days of Paraclete: Associate Carey Childrey, Senior Associate Thomas Graham, and Paraclete founder and first president Robin Wainwright.

Soul Twin

"Thank you for allowing me to open my heart with you and for the prayers for me and my family. ...I carry you always in my heart as a soul twin."

Colombia