



Charis is a multinational network of Grace Brethren church planters and developers [Canada, 1996], whose values are defined by the pursuit of biblical truth, biblical relationships, and biblical mission [Argentina, 1999]. The delegates of the 2008 International Conference affirm the following Commitment to Common Mission and encourage the participation of the Grace Brethren churches worldwide:

Integrated Ministries

We affirm that God has created human beings with physical, emotional and spiritual needs and that the Church expresses the compassion of Christ in proclaiming the Gospel while caring for various needs of mankind.

We call upon the Church to bless believers, strengthen churches and reach the lost by showing the works which reflect true faith (Jam 2.26):

- Assisting those in need,
- Promoting economic, family, and personal development,
- Encouraging the development of businesses with a missionary focus (Business As Mission)

We recognize that this is still an investigative avenue for mission. We encourage churches to deepen their theological understanding (cf. Charis paper) and further refine the principles governing holistic ministries.

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Africa:

Central African Republic:

Hand in Hand Orphan Schools: This ministry exists with the goal of training the orphans of the CAR to love and serve God while providing them with an education that assists them in becoming future leaders. These schools serve orphan children between the ages of 6 - 12 who are in a Grace Brethren Church or in the village where the church is located. These children are often unable to attend school and tend to live with relatives or neighbors, placing additional financial strain on these families. The HnH Orphan Schools addresses both of these needs by providing these orphans with their needed schooling and with one meal per day. This program also impacts the lives of its teachers, who have dedicated themselves to loving and training these neglected children. Recent instability in the CAR has hindered the HnH schools from reaching certain areas of the country. However, these

ministries are currently thriving in the areas where they have a presence. They ask for prayer for the following needs:

1. Wisdom as their team plans for the spiritual focus and theme for each school year.
2. Safety as HnH coordinators travel with money visiting the different schools, sometimes for long distances.
3. Strength and spiritual growth for teachers who are the greatest influence and testimony for the children.
4. Peace in the CAR.

True Love Waits: This organization seeks to teach young Central African men and women about Biblical guidelines for holiness and abstinence until marriage, and to also decrease the AIDS epidemic in this region. They are funded by around 15 individual donors who have contributed through various commitments. Their staff includes one missionary and one Central African leader. The recent civil war in the CAR has made it difficult for this program to gather young men and women. However, many groups continue to meet as they are able. They ask for prayer, that God might raise up strong Christian men and women that would be good examples of holiness and abstinence until marriage. They also ask for prayer for the provision of good materials for continued Biblical teaching on this topic.

Chad:

Gadjibian Hospital: This Chadian integrated ministry opened its doors in December, 2009 in the village of Gadjibian, a village approximately 100km south of the city of Moundou. It was begun with donations from international donors with the goal that it would eventually become self-sustainable. It seeks to provide quality medical care to the surrounding region, while also reinvesting its profits to support itself and to provide for Grace Brethren evangelism efforts in the country. This hospital is currently achieving these goals, and enjoys a very good reputation due to its caring staff and the quality of its care. Patients served by this hospital come from the surrounding regions, but have also included individuals from Cameroon and Central African Republic. Hospital staff also have opportunities to serve patients from the often abused Fulani population, who come knowing that they will be treated with dignity and respect by the staff. Hospital workers frequently take the opportunity to pray with their patients and to share the gospel. Please pray that this hospital might continue to meet its goals of sustainability, witness to the gospel, and providing quality care.

Health Centers (Dispensaries): These medical clinics exist in several Chadian villages and operate with the goal of providing credibility and financial support for the Grace Brethren Association of Churches and for their evangelization efforts. They were begun with funds from international donors with the goal that they would become self-sustainable in the future. They have existed in the southern part of the country since the 90s, but have recently expanded to the eastern region to be a presence among the Muslim population. Those in the East have become self-sustainable and have shown themselves to be an effective witness for the spread of the gospel. However, some of the southern health centers have struggled in recent years to achieve these goals. Please pray for continued effectiveness for these ministries as well as for wisdom for the revitalization of those centers with difficulties.

Agricultural Work for Christ: The Chadian church leadership has recently been gifted 9 acres of land by a regional chief in the eastern part of the country. They have planted 240 mango and 50 guava trees with the goal of using the proceeds from the harvest to support Chadian evangelists. Encompass World Partners provided funding for the seeds needed to initiate this project. Local churches also contributed financially and provided the necessary agricultural manpower. Grace Brethren believers in the western region of Chad have also undertaken a similar project on a smaller scale. This Business As Mission initiative is still in its infant stages. It is estimated that it will take 4-5 years before believers are able to reap a harvest from their efforts. Please pray for an abundant crop, and for the wisdom needed to effectively manage this project.

Widow help in Moundou: This project was created to provide food aid to the widows of Chad's Moundou churches through the purchase and distribution of millet. Encompass World Partners initially provided all of the millet but later created a partnership with the local churches. They supplied two thirds of the millet sacks, while local congregations would purchase the remaining third. Recent efforts to transfer this ministry completely over to national churches have encountered some funding difficulties. Please pray for wisdom for all parties as they work through this process of transition.

Opération Joseph: Chad has faced some economic difficulties due to the recent high number of refugees that have emigrated from surrounding countries. Food prices have risen, which has resulted in significant financial strain for believers and their families. To respond to this need, the Chadian church has begun a food bank ministry that purchases grain and seed and resells it at an affordable price. This ministry is still in its early stages of development. Please pray for wisdom for church leaders as they seek to help with these needs.

Educational Ministries: The Grace Brethren Church in Chad currently operates 10 Christian elementary schools and 1 middle school. These were founded by pastors, evangelists, and church planters as a way to provide opportunities for Christian influence among the local populations. Most of the students that attend these institutions are not Christians and come from animistic or Muslim backgrounds. The Chadian church currently provides the funding for the elementary schools, while the middle school has required some financial assistance from outside donors. Currently, school leaders would like to create or find an existing Christian curriculum for these institutions. They also face challenges in reaching students that speak over 35 different languages, since a true understanding of the Gospel and real change in worldview are more likely to occur if students are taught in their heart languages. Please pray that God would grant them wisdom in the development of this curriculum and in their efforts to reach their diverse student body with the message of the Gospel.

Nigeria:

Fish and Pig Breeding: The Grace Brethren Churches in Nigeria have proposed the creation of fish and pig breeding areas to support the work of their evangelists and to provide holistic development in poor areas of the country. These projects are still in their infant stages. Please pray that God might grant the Nigerian churches the wisdom and the needed finances to carry out these ventures.

Asia:

Cambodia:

"Preah Koun": This community development ministry seeks to provide income for families that want to remain and work in their communities. They specifically seek to bless women with financial needs that do not want to become migrant workers. There is one staff member involved in this ministry. One obstacle faced by this ministry is the low sales of the products they produce. They ask for prayer, that God would provide more business for this ministry and thus more income for these workers.

Sophatnet's Sewing Business: This community development ministry seeks to provide income for 24 villagers in an area near a Grace Brethren church plant. It also seeks to give women the resources needed to remain in their villages and not be forced to become migrant workers. There is currently one staff member involved in this ministry, and its funding is provided by a business owner and by a local church planter. They currently do not face major obstacles, but their sales need to remain consistent in order to provide sufficient work. They ask for prayer, that buyers would increase orders for their products. They also ask for prayer for Saran (the church planter) that he might continue to effectively minister to these workers.

Japan:

Training Young People: The Grace Brethren in the city of Yomitan-Son have an integrated ministry that seeks to make followers of Jesus who are well balanced academically, socially, morally, spiritually, and vocationally according to Proverbs 22:6 (*"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it"*). There are currently 10 staff members involved in this ministry with the goal of creating good spiritual leaders with high vocational skills to send out to the world. They target Japanese young people who are seeking God and who demonstrate the passion to become faithful believers. The program consists of Bible studies and discipleship (promoting personal Bible study and application) and of vocational and academic support (academic help, student-led tutoring services, and partnerships with other organizations for internship opportunities). A major obstacle faced by this ministry is the fact that many of these students' parents are not Christians, and thus do not understand the biblical perspectives this program teaches and encourages. They ask for prayer, that they might find potential Christian leaders for this program, as well as for these parents, that they might come to understand Christianity and God's love for them.

Northeast Japan Disaster Relief: This integrated ministry seeks to provide soul care to evacuees from the areas affected by the recent tsunami in Northeastern Japan. Even though four years have passed since this disaster occurred, there are still over 300,000 evacuees living in temporary housing camps. There are currently 6 staff/volunteers involved in this ministry and the funding for their efforts is provided by Encompass World Partners. The people they seek to serve were residents of the village of Hadenya, which was completely destroyed by the tsunami. Among them are individuals who have lost hope and are in deep despair, which has resulted in several suicides. Their greatest need is for people to love, encourage, and spend time with them, while pointing them towards the hope that can be found by knowing Jesus Christ. The believers involved in this ministry thus seek to build relationships with these evacuees, share the gospel, lead them into faith in Jesus, and train them to be faithful disciples who gather in local churches. Their biggest obstacle faced by this ministry is the lack of trained workers able to make the commitment to travel to this region and spend time with these evacuees. They ask for prayer, that God would raise up more workers for this ministry.

NORTHSTAR Co.: This Business As Mission initiative provides opportunities for outdoor adventures in the Northern Japanese Alps. Activities range from snowboarding, skiing, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing during the winter months and hiking, mountain biking, and cycling in the summer. This Business As Mission initiative exists with the vision to influence people with the Gospel by introducing them to the abundant life which can only come through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ (John 10:10b). Their goal is to create opportunities for people to experience this during their stay at NORTHSTAR so that they then respond to Christ's call in their lives. They have three target groups of people that they are attempting to reach, which include their own intern staff, the local community, and their guests. The intern staff come from around the world to be part of this incarnational style ministry. They are typically young (under 30) and have a strong desire to see how holistic ministries work. The local community is dying both spiritually and economically, and NORTHSTAR desires to see rejuvenation come to their village through spiritual and economic investment. Finally, they also hope that by serving their guests in a Christ-like manner and through relational evangelism that God will plant seeds in the lives of these primarily Buddhist and Shintoist people. NORTHSTAR is currently in the process of restructuring and re-evaluating its vision, mission, and values to give its staff a clearer direction and realistic goals for their organization. They ask for prayer, that they would have boldness in their faith to share, daily opportunities to communicate God's love and truth through word and action, and the humility to serve one another in love.

Kyrgyzstan:

Kyrgyz Cashmere is a “Business As Mission” initiative in Osh, Kyrgyzstan, serving a broad region that includes several churches. Kyrgyz Cashmere seeks to bless local rural shepherds through the development of the wool and cashmere industry, and helping businesses to utilize the internet and better websites to become more competitive. In regions where livestock is the primary source of income, this business helps them get more value for the fiber they produce. Its goals include: giving the Encompass World Partners missionary team an understandable, respected, and community benefitting presence in the city and rural areas, modeling missional work to local believers, and providing work to local Christians so they are not forced to leave the region to find employment. In an environment of unemployment, alcohol abuse is high among men, and many others are forced to seek work in other countries, leaving many families separated from one another. Approximately 30 staff and volunteers are involved in this ministry. It was originally funded by Encompass, but is now funded by several individual donors and by its own revenue. The Grace Brethren around the world can pray for the success of knitting yarn sales, which would help make the business successful and sustainable. Kyrgyz Cashmere also hopes that good sales will build a good name for the organization, which would facilitate the building of relationships and trust with these local farmers, so that they may be more receptive to the Gospel. (For more information on the efforts of Kyrgyz Cashmere, please consult <https://www.facebook.com/KyrgyzCashmere>)

The Philippines:

Woven Joy is a faith-based non-profit organization which focuses on providing sustainable livelihood for artisans in the Philippines through the buying, selling and distributing of woven products. It officially organized and began operations in early 2006. Each woven product sold helps provide for basic needs of the artisans and their families. These individuals are also given the

opportunity to gain skills in business, money management, leadership, product design and quality control. Woven Joy works with two artisan groups from the Philippines (7 artisans in the city of Manila and 6 in the city of Bacolod). Each individual artisan operates as his or her own small business, making and producing their woven products from their own homes. Each artisan group is self-governing and gathers weekly for meetings and other activities. In the USA, Woven Joy operates as a buyer and distributor of the product that is produced in the Philippines through retail, wholesale and fundraising events. This product is sold online through its website and at select events and gatherings. 100% of all profit obtained through these sales is re-invested back into the organization. One obstacle faced by this integrated ministry has been a lack of consistency in demand for their work. At times, they have gone for weeks and months without orders to fulfill. They are currently hoping to partner with another organization called MudLove (a US based integrated ministry that sells handmade pottery objects to raise money for water relief in the Central African Republic), but these details have yet to be finalized. They ask for prayer that a partnership could be reached with MudLove and that God would provide participants with more consistent work. This would permit more artisans to join Woven Joy and would also allow the families involved to meet their needs and to also give to their local churches. (For more information on the efforts of Woven Joy, please consult <http://www.wovenjoy.com/>).

Bicol Rice Mill: This Business As Mission initiative exists with the goal of donating a portion of the proceeds from rice harvests to support Filipino ministry leaders. Funding was originally provided by a coalition of churches in the United States. This ministry is currently in need of a larger building to allow the business to further expand. Bad weather is a frequent obstacle faced by this initiative. Please pray for the expansion of this ministry, for favorable weather conditions, and for an abundant harvest.

Thailand:

Simple Group Co., Ltd. is a legal registered for-profit corporation headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand. At this time, Simple Group is working in the areas of coffee sales, graphic design and business development. Simple Group also holds an import/export license allowing it to legally import or export goods for resale. Because of its legal status, Simple Group has positioned itself to be an umbrella organization for other startup for-profit business endeavors in SE Asia. In the area of coffee sales, Simple Coffee Co is an up and coming local brand that sources, supplies and sells whole bean coffee for retail and wholesale. Simple Coffee also partners with local coffee shops and cafes offering bean supply, drink training, menu development, shop design and operations consulting. The coffee comes from a local farm which employees and trains hill tribe farmers to produce high quality coffee with a focus on sustainable farming practices and Business As Mission.

International Community School (ICS) is an international Christian school in Bangkok, Thailand. Several Encompass staff work full-time in this educational environment which services around 950 students. Only about 25% of the students would identify themselves as Christian leaving the majority of the student body to be Buddhist with a smaller percentage of mixed religions. Working at this school gives the staff a unique opportunity to teach from a Biblical perspective to a student body that otherwise might not have much contact with believers or Christianity. (For more information on the International Community School, please consult <http://ics.ac.th/>).

Vietnam:

The Encompass World Partners Hanoi team seeks to bless the Vietnamese people through social enterprise and tent making ministries. They seek to impact their local community by providing

authentic discipleship opportunities in the home and in the workplace. There are currently 9 staff/volunteers involved. Funding is provided by personal income and individual support.

Europe:

France:

The **Dijon Fair Trade Café** exists with the goal of interfacing with the local community in a neutral environment while at the same time promoting values of fair trade, sustainable development, and cultural exchange. It offers a variety of fair trade and organic products for sale while also providing social space for the community. The scope of their influence ranges from the local community of the café to the international areas where these products originate. There are approximately 20 staff/volunteers involved in this ministry, which is self-supporting except for one manager who is a Charis partner. Some challenges faced currently by this ministry include heavy government regulations and decisions that need to be made about how the café will be funded. They ask for prayer, that the believers involved would know how to participate fully with the Holy Spirit's ministry in this context in order to reach people that may become Jesus followers.

Portugal:

Discipleship: The Grace Brethren churches in Porto and Lisbon seek to provide opportunities for the members of their congregations to use their spiritual gifts in ways that bless their local communities. Their goal is to show God's love and truth to people in need by providing social, physical, and emotional aid opportunities. The groups of people they have sought to bless include pilgrims, the homeless, the emotionally broken, and anyone looking for direction or inspiration in their lives. There are currently 25 staff/volunteers in Porto and 100 in Lisbon. Funding for these ministries is provided by Encompass World Partners. One obstacle currently faced is the need for additional financial and human resources to carry out these ministries. They ask for prayer, that God would provide these needs in a way that would allow them to have a full-time team dedicated to these ministries.

United Kingdom:

Ministry to the Elderly: The Grace Brethren Church in Shirley, Solihull is currently exploring the possibility of working alongside a national secular charity to visit the elderly in their community. The goal of this ministry would be to help relieve the loneliness that is often experienced by this segment of the population. The secular charity would cover the travel expenses related to this service while the church would provide volunteers. Please pray for wisdom for the church as they continue to explore this partnership and ministry.

Speaking Allowed: This ministry consists of English speaking and listening clubs for international immigrants that have come to the Birmingham area. They exist to share and display the love of Christ to these people, who are mostly of Indian, Pakistani, and Iranian origins. This program is funded by the budget of an Encompass missionary and by the churches and mission groups that he works with. There are currently 5 staff/volunteers involved in this ministry, which serves a broader region in

which several churches are working. One challenge faced by this program involves the availability of Christian volunteers to help the ministry move forward. They ask for prayer, that God might provide more people with a desire to share the love of Christ with the world that has come to Birmingham.

Latin America:

Argentina:

“Merendero” in General Deheza: The Grace Brethren Church in General Deheza (Córdoba province) conducts a social aid ministry that provides the students of a nearby school with the daily “merienda” (light meal that fills the gap between lunch and an often late dinner). They provide this service three times per week to approximately 70 underprivileged children and youth. There are currently 25 staff and volunteers that participate in this ministry. One obstacle they face is the small size of their facility. They also would like to provide this service on a daily basis, but lack the needed manpower to do so since the event takes place while many in the congregation are working. They ask for prayer, that God would grant them the strength and the will needed to continue with this ministry.

“Merendero” in Bernal: The Grace Brethren Church in Bernal (a suburb of Buenos Aires) conducts a social aid integrated ministry that provides the daily “merienda” (light meal that fills the gap between lunch and an often late dinner) to the inhabitants of the slum located across the street from their building. There are currently 30 staff and volunteers that participate in this ministry. Currently, this ministry is funded completely by the leader of the church. They ask for prayer, that God would grant them the strength and the funds needed to continue with this ministry.

Ministry to the Elderly: The Grace Brethren Church in Wilde (a suburb of Buenos Aires) conducts a local ministry to the retired elderly in their community. There are currently 40 people involved in this ministry. They provide support and help to this population by building relationships and by providing them with craft activities. The goal of this ministry is to ultimately share the Gospel with these individuals. They ask for prayer, that God would give them strength and wisdom to continue in this ministry.

Ministry to Needy Families in the Neighborhood: The Grace Brethren church in Berazategui (a suburb of Buenos Aires), conducts a social aid integrated ministry for needy families in their neighborhood. There are approximately 50 people involved in this ministry, which seeks to help the poor of a nearby shantytown by providing them with a sack of food. Some difficulties faced by this ministry include the funds needed to sustain it, as well as the time commitment required from church members. They ask for prayer, that God might give them the strength and the economic resources needed to continue this work among Argentina’s poor.

Brazil:

“Projeto Campos Brancos”: A local Grace Brethren Church in the city of Macapá conducts an outreach ministry to the elderly in their community. The people they serve are over 60 years of age, and often have little education, poor health, and are insecure in their ability to contribute something significant to society. There are currently 16 staff/volunteers involved in this ministry. Their main objectives are to develop relationships with the elderly giving them opportunities to develop new skills and competencies. They conduct a variety of manual, physical, and intellectual activities to this end,

and also organize trips, excursions, and other cultural activities. This ministry also seeks to engage the elderly in discussions about the changes they face as they age and also inform them of the rights they have according to Brazilian law. They also organize events to strengthen relationships between the elderly and their families. Some difficulties they currently face involve providing adequate transportation for the people they serve. They are also in need of more people who can conduct home visits, and who have the skills needed to work with this population. They ask for prayer, that God would provide for these needs and that He might raise up volunteers for this ministry that would possess skills in healthcare, education, and spiritual/emotional help.

Chile:

“Ayuda Comunitaria”: The Grace Brethren Church in Curicó has a ministry they are calling “Ayuda Comunitaria” (Community Help). As their name implies, they are attentive to the needs of the local community and seek to meet them as a way to show the love of Christ and share the Gospel. Recently Chile has been doing very well economically, which has allowed the church to focus on problems that go beyond people’s physical needs. They currently offer help in the areas of education, health, and family counseling. They are also seeking to improve the facilities of a local community center, so that it can be used to hold events for the children, young people, and adults of the neighborhood. One difficulty that this ministry has faced has been a small number of volunteers due to the size of the church. They ask for prayer, that they might expand the influence of this ministry to reach more people. They also ask that God might grant them wisdom in starting more integrated ministries that might help meet the needs of the Chilean people.

Guatemala:

Free Medical Clinic: The Grace Brethren Church in Mixco partners with a local surgeon, a nurse, two medical students, and one pharmacy student to provide free health care as a way to show God’s love to an under-resourced community. Currently, the clinic operates two times per month, seeing patients and also providing treatment and medication when possible. All medicines that are distributed are donated by either the local church or the medical professionals that volunteer. They ask for prayer, that God might provide more resources that would allow them to develop the clinic and open a laboratory to run tests. They also ask that God provide more medical volunteers that would allow them to open the clinic more frequently.

Mexico:

Drug Addiction Ministry: The Grace Brethren Church in San Luis Colorado has a ministry that seeks to provide physical, spiritual, and psychological aid to women that have succumbed to drug addiction. Twenty people from the congregation are involved in this ministry and it is supported financially by local Grace Brethren churches in the area. They ask for prayer as they work with this difficult population, that God would open doors that would allow them to minister effectively to their unique physical, spiritual, and psychological needs.

Uruguay:

“Talleres de Expresión Musical”: The Grace Brethren Church in Montevideo conducts “Musical Expression Workshops. This ministry uses the building of the local church to provide music lessons for local children, youth, and adults that otherwise would not have the financial means to afford them. There are approximately 15 people from the congregation that are involved in this ministry. They ask for prayer, that the church may be sensitive to the spiritual opportunities that present themselves as they build relationships with the community through these lessons.

North America and the Caribbean:

Canada:

Viva Brasil Integration: This integrated ministry has the goal of assisting Brazilian immigrants in their integration into Canadian culture and society, while at the same time involving them into the life of the church and sharing the gospel. Brazilian immigrants, like any immigrant group, are disconnected from family and friends, their culture, their language, etc. Their greatest need is to know someone they can trust in their new country. This ministry is funded by a group of churches in the Mississauga. They connect with the Brazilian immigrants of this community by working with the Brazilian Consulate and by sponsoring a Brazilian booth at the annual Carassauga city-wide event. One obstacle that is preventing this ministry from reaching its goals is the availability of workers to follow-up with the contacts that are made. They ask for prayer, that Viva Brasil Integration might overcome the cultural and religious barriers that exist, in order to connect with and reach these new Canadians for Christ.

Haiti:

Caribbean Vision Ministries: The main goal of this Florida, USA based organization, is to assist churches in the Caribbean region in carrying out the tasks that God has assigned them to accomplish. While their primary mission is to assist in training leaders for church planting & pastoral work, they also partner with in a variety of integrated ministries within the churches they work with. Financial support for these ministries comes from individuals, churches, and other mission organizations. (For more information on the efforts of Caribbean Vision, please consult <http://www.caribbeanvisionministries.org/>)

- **House of Hope Orphanage:** this seeks to provide life care for orphaned children in Haiti. They bless children whose parents have died or abandoned them, and who don't have any other relatives who can care for their needs. The House of Hope Orphanage seeks to raise these children in a Christian environment that provides them with housing, medical care, food, and clothing. Their Christian care givers introduce them to Jesus Christ through biblical instruction & worship, a Christian education, and through interactions with visiting Christians and the "outside" world. Their ultimate goal is to produce committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The largest obstacle faced by this program is the lack of financial or material resources. They ask for prayer, that God would bless the children and staff in their relationship with Jesus and in their ministry to each other. They also ask for prayer for the resources to improve opportunities for future of these children.

- **Grace Clinic:** This ministry involves a partnership between Caribbean Vision and Three Strands. Its goal is to provide the population of the Cap Haitien region of Haiti with free medical care. They operate a health facility in which health professionals seek to administer daily medical care and distribute medication. Medical missions teams also travel frequently to this clinic to help with treatment.
- **Haiti Church Schools:** Caribbean Vision provides funding and resources for five church schools in the Cap Haitien and Las Cahobas regions of Haiti. Their support includes funding for the personnel, facilities, equipment, books, Bibles, and the needed school supplies for the children that attend.
- **Circle of Hearts Ministries:** This program consists of a partnership between Caribbean Vision and Ms. Lude Henderson along with other Haitians from Ft. Lauderdale. They seek to provide social aid for widows and orphans in the Cap Haitien area of Haiti.
- **Grace Theological Institute:** This program provides computer training and English classes to the community residents of the Cap Haitien region of Haiti.

CPR-3/Repsire Lavi Ayiti: this ministry seeks to holistically transform Haitian communities through church planting, leadership training, and social aid. They seek to bless the lost people of Haiti by providing for their spiritual needs through evangelism and discipleship, and also for their physical needs through food, water, and medical aid. Obstacles that exist for this ministry include the financial resources and training needed to achieve different projects. They ask for prayer, that God may help them to effectively meet the many needs of the Haitian people. (For more information on the efforts of CPR-3, please consult <https://cpr-3.com/>)

Trinidad and Tobago:

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- **Social Aid in Cunupia, Trinidad:** This program involves food distribution to the poor of community and the congregation of the Grace Church in Cunupia, Trinidad. It is supported by local church members and supporters in the United States.
- **Hospital Care Ministry:** This social aid ministry involves weekly visitations and patient care package distribution in the Port of Spain Hospital in Trinidad. This program is supported by local church members and by short term "GO2Trinidad" missions teams from the United States.
- **Widow and Orphan Care Ministries:** the Grace Church in Cunupia, Trinidad ministers to the children of various Christian and Hindu orphanages. They also provide help to church and community widows. This program is supported by local church members, believers from the United States, and "GO2Trinidad" missions team members.

United States of America:

Asia's Hope: This organization exists with the goal of providing family-style residential care for orphaned children in Cambodia, Thailand, and India that are at a high risk for sexual and economic exploitation. These children have many needs (spiritual, physical, educational, emotional, psychological, and social), and it is the belief of Asia's Hope that these needs are best addressed within the context of loving, Christian families. By creating a comprehensive, family-style alternative to the traditional orphanage, they seek to rescue children from a life of near-certain neglect and abuse, and to break generational cycles of spiritual and material poverty. Asia's Hope asks for prayer for discernment in engaging and empowering indigenous leaders, and that the financial support from their multi-denominational network of sponsoring churches would continue. They also request prayer for the children they are serving, since the effects of early abuse, abandonment and deprivation remain even after the child has been rescued and placed in a home. They ask for continual prayers for deep emotional healing, as well as for continued protection and progress once these children graduate or leave the homes where they have been placed. (For more information on the efforts of Asia's Hope, please consult <http://asiashope.org/>)

Design Outreach: This community development organization exists with the goal of creating life sustaining solutions for developing countries. They are founded on engineering principles, and seek to use these skills to make products that improve the lives of the poor and to show them the love of Christ by meeting their physical, financial and spiritual needs. Currently their number of staff and volunteers varies from 15-50 depending the size of their projects and events. Their current initiative is the "Hundred Pump Project", consisting of installing 100 "LifePumps." These are hand water pumps that are designed to provide needed clean water to villages in Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali and Malawi that could not access it previously. Access to clean water provides villagers with more time to devote to schooling, building income, and also allow them to enjoy better health. Design Outreach has currently funded approximately half of their pumps, and is now looking fundraise for what remains to be completed. They ask for prayer, that those who live in the villages where they have installed the "LifePumps" would consider the gospel message and be impacted by Gods love. They also ask that the Grace Brethren around the world pray that more people and organizations would hear about their efforts so that they too may support them through prayer and potentially use their products to alleviate poverty in other parts of the world. (For more information on the efforts of Design Outreach, please consult <http://www.doutreach.org/>)

Encompass World Partners Crisis Response Network: This organization exists with the goal of responding to international crises by providing post-war and disaster relief. The types of help they have provided in these circumstances include food and seed aid, housing, trauma care, and have also involved training locals in trauma care and reconciliation ministries. They exist under the umbrella of Encompass World Partners, and raise their funds from individual donations and local churches. They have also partnered with other aid organizations to provide aid in countries where the Grace Brethren does not have a presence (Ex. Reach Global for Nepal earthquake relief). (For more information on the efforts of the Crisis Response Network, please consult <http://www.encompassworldpartners.org/encompassvideos/general-encompass/introducing-the-crisis-response-network>)

Grace Church of Greater Akron: The campuses of this church in northern Ohio seek to impact the Akron region by propagating the Gospel in all areas of a believer's life. They conduct a variety of integrated ministries that include work with athletes, prostitutes, the homeless, urban children, and

recovering addicts. There are currently 5 staff and volunteers that are involved with these programs. One obstacle that they face is the availability of people to lead their ministry efforts. Please pray that God would use this church to reach the Greater Akron community through these ministries. (For more information on the efforts of Grace Church, please consult <http://www.graceohio.org/>)

Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide (GROW): This ministry exists with the mission of rescuing at-risk children and youth in Northern Thailand by supporting, educating, and providing them with a safe place to live, grow and learn about Christ. There are currently 13 staff members involved GROW, and support is provided by a group of churches in the United States. The children they seek to rescue are at great risk for or are victims of physical and sexual abuse from the child trafficking industry. These children are mostly from the Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand, and often do not receive Thai citizenship or education due to their low economic status and distance from cities. At times, GROW's ministry has also been able to reach the families and communities of these children since many of them have a parent or family member with which they maintain contact. Inherent to the ministry of this organization are the obstacles that surface from caring for children who have undergone physical and sexual abuse. The staff is well trained, but each day and each child are unique in their specific needs. Another challenge they face involves the preparation of the land and building for the GROW campus as they seek to comply with government requirements and also provide a safe place for their children. They ask for prayer, that they would be able to provide physically, emotionally and spiritually for all of the children that God brings to GROW. Pray also for the staff who interact daily with the children and attempt to respond to each of their specific needs. Pray that each child would come to know Jesus as their personal Savior, and that God would grant the GROW Board of Directors and staff wisdom in the decisions that are made for this ministry. (For more information on the efforts of GROW, please consult <http://grow-worldwide.com/>).

Three Strands: This organization exists with the goal of providing competent, Christ-focused, and compassionate healthcare focused on both the physical and spiritual needs of the impoverished people of the Central African Republic. They seek to accomplish this goal by establishing and maintaining a healthcare and surgical facility in this country that is committed to health education, and to the treatment and prevention of disease. They provide their services free of charge, and have a strong commitment to forging partnerships with Central African nationals. Financial support is provided by a group of US churches, and there are currently 15 people on staff with Three Strands. Current obstacles faced by this organization include the corruption of the local government, and the war and sectarian violence that have erupted in recent years in the Central African Republic. They ask for prayer, that God would provide them success in providing quality healthcare, funding to meet their goals, and peace in the midst of sectarian conflict. (For more information on the efforts of Three Strands, please consult <http://www.three-strands.org/>)

Water for Good: This organization seeks to bless the people of the Central African Republic through well drilling and maintenance, as well as through radio broadcasts and other forms of community development. The people of CAR currently face great need for access to clean water. Also, over 20% of the CAR's population is still displaced due to recent war and ongoing skirmishes. For many, water is the first step out of extreme poverty. Water for Good has worked for 10 years to meet this immediate need, using water as a tangible way to improve lives in villages across the CAR. They implement water projects through teams of Central African staff, bringing local knowledge and life-changing water to war-torn villages. Their teams have drilled 590 new wells, each well serving an average of 500 people. Maintenance teams visit each of the wells in the program on a regular basis, replacing worn or broken parts, and making sure the water keeps flowing. Water for Good maintains over 1000 water points in the CAR, which serve roughly 10% the population. They also provide an in-country radio ministry, which reaches most of the country's population with messages of

reconciliation and peace. They also conduct agricultural development workshops and sanitation training among the local population. The current instability in the Central African Republic is the main obstacle to the accomplishment of their ministry. They ask for prayer for the safety of their in-country staff and for all Central Africans as they go about their day to day lives. (For more information on the efforts of Water for Good, please consult <http://waterforgood.org/>)

Women of Grace USA: This organization exists with the goal of strengthening women for effectiveness in the family and in all other areas of their lives. It receives its funding from the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in the United States, and carries out much of its ministry within this country. Women of Grace USA strives to help all women to become stable and mature believers and to equip them to identify and fulfill God's calling on their lives. Women of Grace USA also sends teams and support projects internationally to equip women with practical skills while encouraging them in their faith. One obstacle currently faced by this group includes finding enough trained leaders to meet the demands of these ministries. They also encounter some difficulties in raising the funding needed for their projects. They ask for prayer, that God would grant them wisdom in knowing how to best help women develop a close walk with God and understand how they fit into God's plan for His people. (For more information on the efforts of Women of Grace USA, please consult <http://www.wgusa.org/>)



Charis 2015 Survey for Integrated Ministries

The goal of this survey is to gather information on the current efforts of all Grace Brethren Churches in the area of ***integrated ministries***.

'***Integrated Ministries***' is the name we use to refer to any organized effort to serve as salt and light in our communities. During the **2008 Charis International Leadership Encounter (Bad Homburg, Germany)**, the delegates established the following in regards to ***Integrated Ministries***:

We affirm that God has created human beings with physical, emotional and spiritual needs, and that the Church expresses the compassion of Christ in proclaiming the Gospel while caring for various needs of mankind.

We call upon the Church to bless believers, strengthen churches and reach the lost by showing the works which reflect true faith (James 2:26):

- *Assisting those in need,*
- *Promoting economic, family, and personal development,*
- *Encouraging the development of businesses with a missionary focus (Business As Mission).*

Please take a moment to carefully answer the following questions for each program that you consider as an '***integrated ministry***' (see Charis definition above). Thank you for your assistance!

1. What is the name of this ministry? Where is it located?

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Address 2	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text"/>
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. Which one of the following categories BEST describes this ministry?

- BAM (Business As Mission)
- Health (clinics, hospitals, etc.)
- Widows/Orphans
- Community Development (Micro-Enterprise Development, infrastructure projects, etc.)
- Social Aid (distribution of food/clothing, etc.)
- Other (please briefly explain)

3. What is the scope of influence of this ministry? (Please indicate all that apply)

- LOCAL: The neighborhood that surrounds a single local church
- REGIONAL: The broader region in which several churches are working
- NATIONAL: The country in which the church or churches are located
- INTERNATIONAL: Outside the borders of the country in which the church or churches are located

4. Who provides most of the financial support for this ministry?

- An individual or small group
- A single local church
- A group of churches
- A mission agency or other source of funding (please specify)

5. Approximately how many staff and volunteers are involved in this ministry?

6. What are the goals of this ministry?

7. Please describe the people whom you are seeking to bless and assist with this ministry. What are they like and what are their greatest needs?

8. Are there any big obstacles that are preventing this ministry from reaching its goals?

9. How can the Grace Brethren around the world pray for this ministry?

10. How can we contact you should we need additional information?

How can we contact you should we need additional information? Name

Email Address

Phone Number

The goal of this survey is to gather information on the current efforts of all Grace Brethren Churches in the area of ***integrated ministries***. While we will gather information on the ministries of every individual church, our survey report will focus on creating a summary of the types of ***integrated ministries*** our churches pursue in each region of the world.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this information.

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