

SEND INTERNATIONAL / 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# SENDING Well





# LETTER FROM THE CEO

For much of 2022, our attention has been drawn to Ukraine. Like you, I've been heartbroken to watch the crisis unfold. These incredible people, some of whom I served alongside, have lost everything and faced death and uncertainty for weeks on end. And yet, it is in these moments that SEND's commitment to the church, both locally and globally, shines the brightest.

Thirty years of disciple making and church planting in Ukraine, training up national pastors and ministry leaders, and building networks and relationships across the country, have uniquely positioned SEND International and our missionaries to come alongside the church in Ukraine and help respond to tremendous suffering. The boldness, compassion and strength of the church in Ukraine during such a time has been a powerful witness to their people and the world—and a testimony to the prayers and generosity from churches and donors here in the US helping to provide relief, safety and shelter, evacuation assistance, and most important, the hope of the gospel.

While Ukraine is locked in conflict, we cannot forget that conflict and crisis are happening in other nations too. Yet the largest crisis isn't physical; it's spiritual and more consequential. Billions around the world are locked in their sin, not knowing the Savior who died to set them free and who can bring peace that the world cannot offer. **The Church must continue to send the gospel to them and SEND will be there to help them send well.**

So let's look back and celebrate some of things God did through our partnership in 2021. In this issue, you'll read about the donors, churches, and SEND staff who have helped send out missionaries well. Because you have sent, they can preach, and unreached people can hear, believe, and call on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:13-15)!

I am grateful for your partnership in this work. And I believe that God will draw many people to himself through it.

*Michelle Atwell*

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CEO, SEND US

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# WELCOMING Missionaries

Last year, SEND US welcomed **31 mid-term and long-term missionaries**, exceeding our mobilization goal! Each one represents a church that is sending them well to take the gospel to unreached communities around the world.



**D.&M.C.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Christ's Church of the Valley,  
Surprise, AZ



**ELIZABETH (JURY) NIENHAUS**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Tokyo Life Church, Tokyo, Japan  
*\*Husband Mike was already a SEND member*



**MATT FAGTONGPUN**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
City Bible Church,  
Cerritos, CA



**RAZVAN & ALLYSSA SAVU**  
**ROMANIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Concordia Wesleyan Church,  
Concordia, KS



**JASON & LISA FARLEY**  
**ROMANIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Shadow Mountain Community Church,  
El Cajon, CA



**DAVID & LAUREL GRAY**  
**THAILAND**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Living Word Baptist Church,  
Forest, VA



**DELLA JAMES**  
**US OFFICE**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
First Baptist Church of Rockville,  
Rockville, MD



**ZACH & ALICIA HOLMES**  
**ROMANIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Community Bible Church of Beaufort,  
Beaufort, SC



**E.D.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Sanctuary,  
Menlo Park, CA



**N.W.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Norfolk, VA

1,051 churches partnered with us in 2021



**E.K.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Church of the Open Door,  
York, PA



**TRENTON LOOMIS**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
First Baptist Church of Howell,  
Howell, MI



**NICHOLE ROMERO**  
**SPAIN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Grace Community Church,  
Clarksville, TN



**MICHAEL TRAN**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Evangelical Free Church,  
Diamond Bar, CA



**M.C.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Heritage Church,  
Barrington, IL



**B.&J.C.**  
**TEAM HOPE - SE ASIA**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
The Chapel EFC,  
St. Joseph, MI



**CHRISTINE CHOE**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Trinity Community Church,  
Hockessin, DE



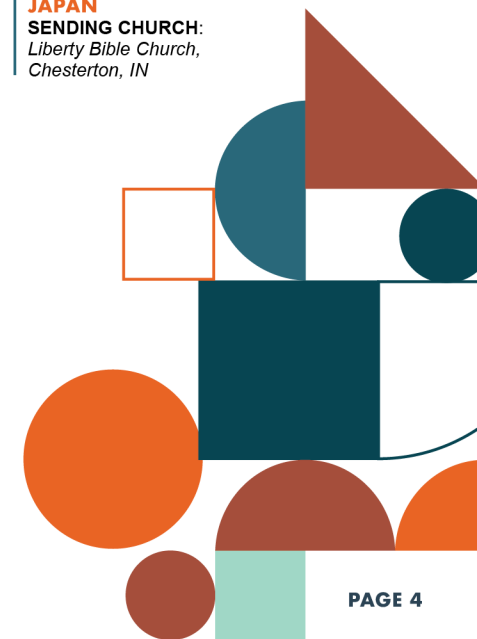
**BRUCE MOSER**  
**JAPAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Liberty Bible Church,  
Chesterton, IN

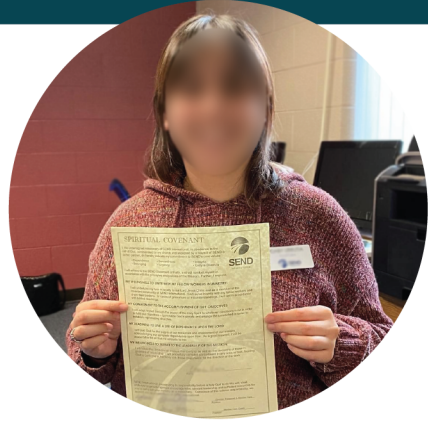


**DAVID & ERIKA STERKEN**  
**SPAIN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Chapel Pointe,  
Hudsonville, MI



**CHRIS & SHENANDOAH HAYES**  
**TAIWAN**  
**SENDING CHURCH:**  
Lifeline Calvary Chapel,  
Irving, TX





At SEND, we love a commissioning service! It's a key moment when donors, the church, and SEND come together in mutual support of the missionary.

In April 2021, Primera Iglesia Bautista de Groveton commissioned Jimena\* to work among refugees in one of the most diverse communities in North America.

Jimena is originally from El Salvador and immigrated to the US when she was seven, giving her a unique connection to the community she now serves. She writes, *"Refugee ministries is a gateway in order to pursue God's calling to bring love to those who have never been loved."* The concept of raising support was new to Jimena. But she received excellent training and guidance from her SEND coach. She saw her church and donors excitedly join her support team.

Jimena recognizes, too, that being sent well was not just about raising funds. She also needs ongoing prayer. *"I started posting daily prayers in a private group on social media. I need this prayer for direction because, where I'm serving, there's so much to do. You need to seek out what God has for you."*

Recently retired SEND US Council member, Isabel Lee, was able to attend Jimena's commissioning service. *"It was especially special that I, a Chinese-American representing SEND International, could participate in a Spanish-speaking service to commission an El Salvadorian American to serve a Middle-Eastern people group!"*

On May 6, 2021, Jimena packed her belongings into a truck to depart for the field. The U-Haul employee who rented her the truck took time to pray over her and her future ministry. *"I feel like I've been commissioned three times,"* she says. *"God is all over this!!"*

**It's not easy for a church to send out one of their best and brightest. But it's through churches like these that God will fulfill his mission around the world.**

*\*Name changed to protect her identity*



Stacey Hohbein, a former SEND missionary coach, was caring for several missionaries who were preparing to go to Japan and they all needed help with similar problems. Their main problem: knowing what to do while they waited for Japan's borders to open back up after they closed due to Covid-19.

Stacey typically meets with missionaries one-on-one or as a family, but it seemed like she was lamenting with them and helping them with the exact same issues. So, she got an idea! She realized they had as much to offer each other as she did and they were all heading to the same location, so... she grouped them! After all, facilitating their relationships now would only serve them better as they become teammates in Japan.

Their group times started with everyone naming a grief and a joy. Stacey wanted to help the missionaries learn to grieve well, because there is a lot of grieving in missions. But, it's also so important to hold onto and celebrate joys. Next, she opened it up for them to ask the group questions, offer encouragement, or recommendations. She stepped back and let them talk to each other and chimed in if she thought she had something to add. At the end, they all shared prayer requests and prayed for each other.

The group was a success! This group time helped build their relationships prior to the field. The missionaries also benefited from having a safe space where they could lament together. This is huge because they will become important resources for each other on the field.

**Praise the Lord that Japan opened its borders to missionaries in spring 2022. All the waiting missionaries are now on the field, learning life in their new country, together.**





Andrew Philips had to wait a long time to get to Japan. The first hurdle was raising support. Then, due to COVID, Japan closed its borders. Through all of that, Andrew's coach, Betsy Wambach, was by his side. Andrew writes,

*"From my commissioning service (which Betsy attended) in February 2021, to this day in February 2022 she has continued to be in my corner. She has talked with me, listened to me and prayed with me. I so appreciate her sitting with me in the longing, the struggle, the waiting as the borders of Japan have been closed. Her joyful, optimistic and calming presence, along with her transparency and honesty have been so needed."*



Betsy was born and raised in Bristol, PA, just on the edge of Philly. She studied Biology and worked for a pharmaceutical company before the Lord called her into missions. She served in Spain as a Church Planter for thirteen years before returning to the US in 2000 to join the Personnel and Member Care Department.

*"I joke sometimes that I am a 'herder of SEND missionaries," says Betsy of her role as Assistant Director of Member Care. "Trying to herd them to where they need to go; herd them to do what they need to get done; and in general, trying to herd all kinds of processes forward!"*

Andrew sees her as much more than a herder. *"Betsy loves people and I have experienced this love first hand. I am so thankful for what she does and more so for who she is. Betsy is my coach, yet she is more than that. Betsy is my friend."*

**To us, Betsy is the perfect definition of sending well.** Her deep care and concern for our missionaries is what carries a lot of them through difficult times and seasons.



Donna Macomber grew up in Maine. As a teenager, she attended a Christian camp where she was challenged to *"live a whole life for a whole world."*

After graduating college, Donna took a job in the HiBA (High school Born-Againers, pronounced like "high B. A.") home office in New Jersey. *"I committed to two years,"* Donna writes, *"but the LORD had other plans."* She stayed for 29 years.

In 2002, Donna joined SEND International to serve in Russia—training national leaders, creating curriculum, planning retreats, mentoring women, and expanding Bible clubs across Russia. *"I'm just a country bumpkin from Maine. There's no reason why God has used me the way he's used me."*

In 2017 at a SEND Youth Ministry Summit, Paul Suzuki, Japan Area Director, shared his vision for an internship program in Japan. He invited Donna to help staff it. So after 29 years of ministry in the US, and 12 years in Russia, she found herself moving to Tokyo.

Donna welcomed in high school students, missionaries, and friends from the church and community. *"There was constant life-on-life ministry going on up until the day I left Japan."*

As SEND said goodbye and celebrated her ministry, Donna shared, *"I am filled with gratitude for SEND International for caring so well for me from the beginning to the finish line. The home office staff have been wonderful servants doing their work with excellence. We cannot do our work out there without each of them serving back here."*

Donna will retire in Maine, but her ministry continues. *"I've entered another mission field. I'm the foreigner with much to learn about how to navigate a culture I've not lived in for 49 years and to reach those all around me with the Good News."*



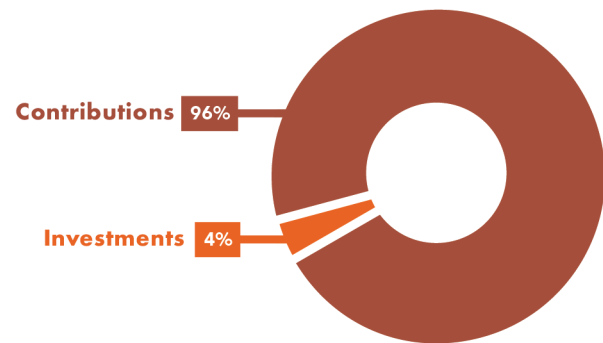
# SEND US Financial Report

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| 2020 | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> |
|      | \$16,949,283        | \$17,976,018          |

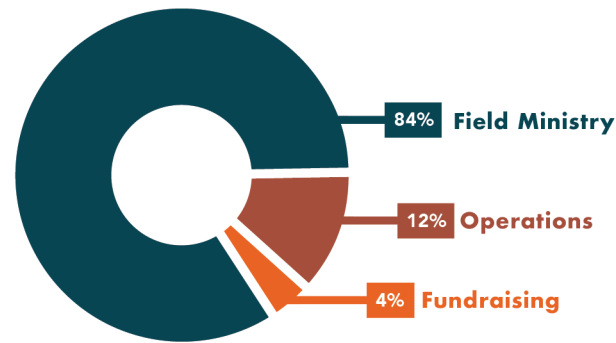
*(Income from previous years was distributed during this fiscal year.)*

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| 2021 | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> |
|      | \$18,658,051        | \$17,322,063          |

## 2021 INCOME



## 2021 EXPENSES



SEND International of the United States, Inc., financial statements are audited by CapinCrouse LLP  
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# SEND US Council

*"A missionary serving in the field can only be successful when the partnership between the sending church, the sending agency, the donors, and the missionary is strong. When we all come together to send a missionary to the field well, the ministry, and ultimately God's Kingdom, is impacted in the greatest way."*



**Michelle Atwell**  
CEO, SEND US



**John Baird**  
Retired Human Resources Director, Ford Motor Company



**Dr. Sabrina Black**  
Clinical Director, Abundant Life Counseling Center



**David Gregory**  
Vice President of Strategic Development, Newport One



**Rev. Warren Janzen**  
International Director, SEND International



**Isabel Lee**  
Global Outreach & Women's Ministries, Chinese Bible Church of Maryland  
*\*Retired from US Council 2021*



**Dr. Eric Moore**  
Pastor, Tree of Life Fellowship; Assistant Professor, Moody Theological Seminary



**R. York Moore**  
CEO at CCO Campus Ministry  
*\*Resigned from US Council 2022*



**Dan Severn**  
Vice President of Operations, Furmano Foods

# NEW SEND US Staff



**Adam Baron**  
Chief Operating Officer



**Rachel Burns**  
Development Associate









**Della James**  
Controller



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Digital Marketing Specialist

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