

*Thanks for joining us to*

**Invest in REST in 2021**

**Retreat | Encouragement | Safety | Transformation**



On behalf of our amazing staff scattered all over the world and thousands of leaders who have received refreshing through your partnership, thank you for all of the ways you **invest in REST** with Life Impact!

If we haven't met, my name is Nathan LaGrange and along with my beautiful wife Tricia and our whole family, it's a joy and honor to serve as the new executive director of Life Impact. We have been in pastoral leadership for over 25 years and know firsthand the increasing demand for this powerful ministry.

In July of last year, the baton was passed to me in a commissioning ceremony in Oregon, from David and Theresa Knauss who lovingly served the organization for over six years after stepping into the role behind our founders David and Sheri Grissen. Both couples have been a God-send during the transition and I know many of you became connected to Life Impact through their faithful service. I'm pleased to report that both couples remain actively involved, with the Knausses opening an Oasis in Virginia and the Grissens still challenging me to keep up... even in their retirement!

We're building on 20 years of transformative ministry with a bold new vision of giving *"every Christian leader, on every major continent access and opportunity to be refreshed through REST: Retreat. Encouragement. Safety. Transformation."*

We have a brand new leadership team that includes a new Operations Administrator, Karen Aukema, from Seattle; a new Operations Director, Aaron Elliott, from Indianapolis; and a new Staff Care Director, Ryan Claytor, from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Along with our supportive board, our leadership team is dedicated to the vision by cultivating the overall health of our staff, growing our organization through onboarding new hosts and financial partners, as well as increasing Life Impact's visibility around the world so the men and women who need REST know there is an Oasis of hope.

Your financial investment and prayerful partnership continues to leave a legacy of refreshing rest for leaders all around the world and I am grateful to join with you for such a time as this.

I welcome the opportunity to thank each and every one of you personally as we share the biblical blessing of "those who refresh others, will themselves be refreshed." Together, we are those!

May God greatly bless you and your families as you continue to **invest in REST** with Life Impact.

*Nathan LaGrange*

Nathan LaGrange  
Executive Director, Life Impact

# Oasis Program

Care for Christian Workers in our Oases follows the REST Model





## How is REST applied during an Oasis visit?

**RETREAT** from the pressures of their local situation allows leaders to be physically restored, emotionally recharged, and spiritually refueled for their local life and battles.

**ENCOURAGEMENT** comes through interaction with Oasis Hosts. It dissipates their discouragement, while lifting guest's spirits to reengage with renewed energy in their local tasks.

**SAFETY** is created through our peaceful Oasis locations and the confidentiality provided in discussions with Oasis Hosts. We want leaders to sense personal security and not nervous vulnerability. We want spirits to open up to His Spirit and not to close down.

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*“Staying here was one of the best things our family has done this whole year. We were really able to rest and refocus. With all your help, we (even) feel hopeful about the future of our family and ministry.”* – Ministry leaders in Germany, refreshed through REST at our Oasis in Greece.

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## Jesus Transforms, and Our Hosts Expect Him to Show Up

*"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30, MSG)*

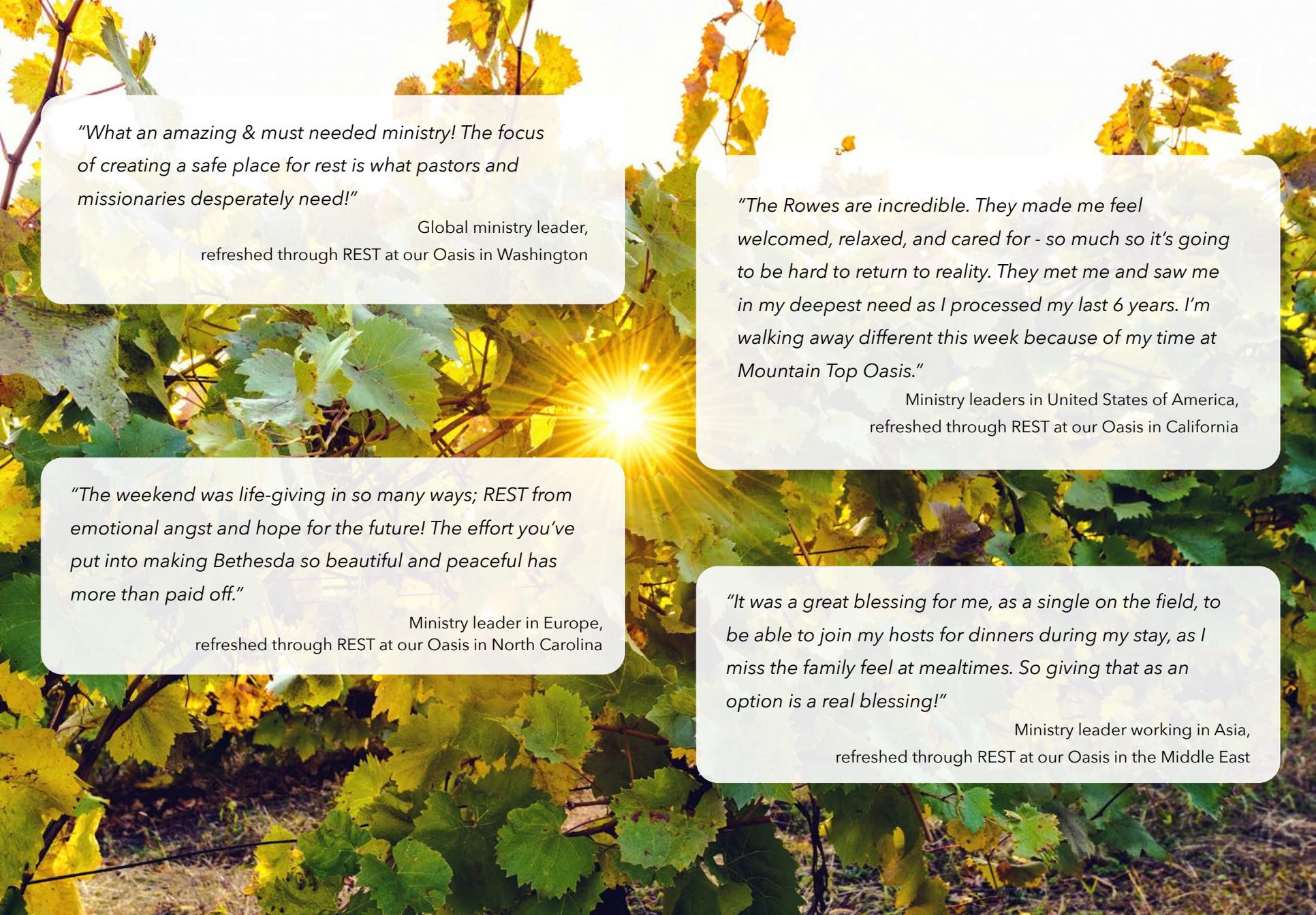
**R.E.S.** helps create **TRANSFORMATION**

- the Goal of an Oasis visit.

Through our REST program we see Christian workers leave an Oasis reenergized in their calling physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God meets them in the safe Oasis space so they leave changed in some specific area of their lives!

*"After serving for two and a half years in a 'secure' country I was very tired, emotionally and spiritually. Even though I stayed for a short time, the process of debriefing was exactly what I needed. I feel during this time I was able to go back to the Lord to be healed and restored. Thank you so much for this opportunity!"*

- Global worker stationed in the Middle East, refreshed through REST at our Oasis in Costa Rica.



*"What an amazing & must needed ministry! The focus of creating a safe place for rest is what pastors and missionaries desperately need!"*

Global ministry leader,  
refreshed through REST at our Oasis in Washington

*"The Rows are incredible. They made me feel welcomed, relaxed, and cared for - so much so it's going to be hard to return to reality. They met me and saw me in my deepest need as I processed my last 6 years. I'm walking away different this week because of my time at Mountain Top Oasis."*

Ministry leaders in United States of America,  
refreshed through REST at our Oasis in California

*"The weekend was life-giving in so many ways; REST from emotional angst and hope for the future! The effort you've put into making Bethesda so beautiful and peaceful has more than paid off."*

Ministry leader in Europe,  
refreshed through REST at our Oasis in North Carolina

*"It was a great blessing for me, as a single on the field, to be able to join my hosts for dinners during my stay, as I miss the family feel at mealtimes. So giving that as an option is a real blessing!"*

Ministry leader working in Asia,  
refreshed through REST at our Oasis in the Middle East

# Rest is Accomplished Through Our Competent & Caring Staff

Hosting Oases Around the Globe



**Celeste Allen**  
The Oaks Oasis  
Umbria, Italy



**Craig & Theresa Bowen**  
Every Generation  
Farm Oasis  
South Carolina, USA



**Britt Burbridge**  
Oasis of Peace  
Colorado, USA



**John & Barbara Baker**  
Casa La Paz Oasis  
Arizona, USA



**Mark & Jayne Brewster**  
Shepherd's Rest Oasis  
Washington, USA



**Sam Button**  
Still Waters Oasis  
Oregon, USA



**Ben & Krista Balke**  
Oasis Nuevas Fuerzas  
Grecia, Costa Rica



**Alan Brown**  
Aegean Oasis  
Athens, Greece



**David & Karen Carlson**  
Oregon, USA

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**Dan & Diana Czech**  
Great Lakes Oasis  
Wisconsin, USA



**Tom & Karen Friedrichs**  
Broom Tree Landing Oasis  
Virginia, USA



**Aaron & Bobbie Howley**  
Sacred Space Oasis  
South Carolina, USA



**Sheri Dugan**  
Oasis of Peace  
Colorado, USA



**Barry & Maritza**  
Laurel House Oasis  
Oregon, USA



**David & Theresa Knauss**  
Virginia, USA



**Daniel & Jenny Eisenhut**  
Where Eagles Soar Oasis  
Washington, USA



**Tim & Ericka Harris**  
Oregon, USA



**Kelly & Judy Moore**  
The Haven and Shepherd's  
Loft Oasis  
Colorado, USA

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**Jim & Marilou Nightingale**  
Wellspring Oasis  
BC, Canada



**Amber Stark**  
Good Book Oasis  
Vrbovce, Slovakia



**Undisclosed**  
Middle East



**Harold & Kimmy Otterlei**  
Kerith Springs Oasis  
Oregon, USA



**Mark & Pam Taft**  
Bethesda House Oasis  
North Carolina, USA



**Jon & Candice Rowe**  
Mountain Top Oasis  
California, USA



**Carlos & Liliana Torres**  
Argentina

# Oasis Locations & Countries Served



## OASES MINISTERING

**17**

In **7 Countries:** USA, Canada, Slovakia, Greece, Italy, Middle East, and Costa Rica

## MINISTRY LEADERS SERVED FROM

**80**

Countries

## PEOPLE CARED FOR

**Ministry Leaders** 841  
**Children** 185

**OUR TOTAL STAFF** 42

**Hosts** 32  
**Onboarding** 6  
**Operations** 4

## CARE HOURS

**In Oases** 2,421  
**Via Zoom** 2,885  
**In Churches** 69  
**At Conferences** 219

## Your Investment Made REST Possible for So Many in 2021

Life Impact had the privilege of hiring 5 new staff (including an Operations Director) and opening 1 new Oasis in 2021. Our financial position has grown, thanks to the continued engagement from individuals, churches, foundations and our board members.

### TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE

**\$1,853,051**

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

**\$1,606,137**

### INCREASE IN REVENUE

**\$445,695**

### EXPENDITURES

	2020	2021
Ministry	90.5%	89.5%
Administration	8.5%	10.3%
Development	1.0%	0.2%

*"It is not a small investment to provide an Oasis for Kingdom-laborers, those battling to reach the least reached in tough places... Getaways are critical. You are providing a real retreat for people that need it... Only the Lord gives the growth, but [Oases] make us better sowers and waterers in difficult lands (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)."*

## In 2022, Life Impact Continues Progress in Our Mission to Provide

every major Christian leader on every major continent with access and opportunity to be refreshed through REST: Retreat. Encouragement. Safety. Transformation

Here's what we envision in 2022...**Becoming the BEST @ REST**

- Increase Life Impact's number of leaders served through REST by identifying strategic people and strategic places for new Oases which will provide greater access and opportunity
- Release dedicated staff to encourage, resource and refresh our own hosts as they refresh others
- Become THE premier resource for REST for pastors, missionaries and Christian leaders
- Strengthen our financial situation by discovering more Anchor Donors to support REST



Board members, leadership, hosts, and their families at annual dinner

## PROFILES OF LEADERSHIP

Our Board members, committed to the mission of Life Impact, donate their time, energy and resources to ensure the organization functions at its highest level of integrity.

### **Dan Cox, Board Chairman**

Business entrepreneur with counseling experience focusing on life coaching

### **Brian Sunderland, Vice President**

Attorney, founder and executive director of a not-for-profit that helps thousands of individuals each year who struggle with financial adversity

### **Brianna Cadwell, Secretary**

Business owner and entrepreneur with management, leadership and counseling experience

### **Preston Byrd, Treasurer**

CPA with expertise into financial oversight

### **Nathan LaGrange, Executive Director**

Pastor for 25 years both locally and globally

### **Alan Starr**

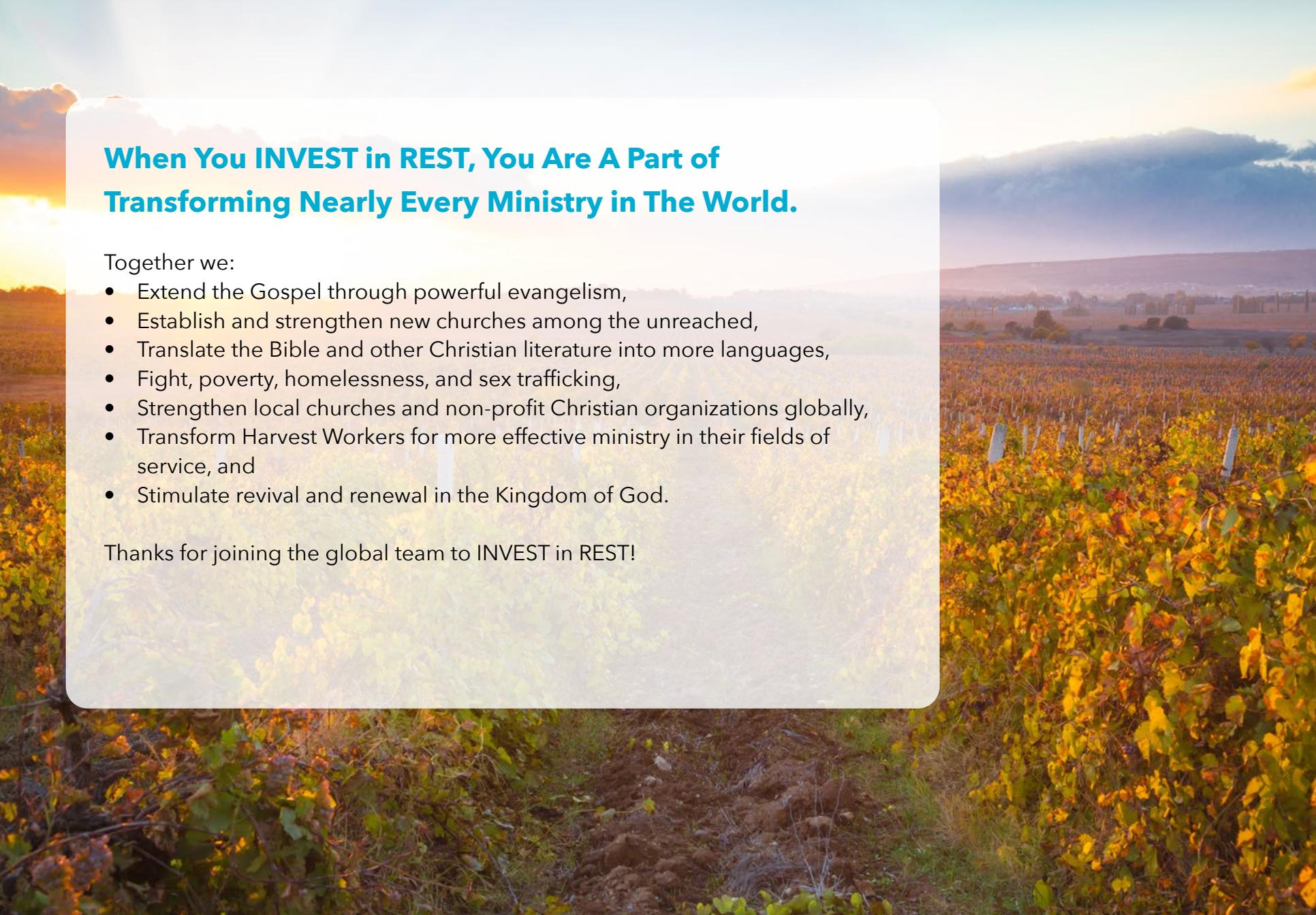
Career missionary with first-hand experience concerning the needs of foreign missionaries

### **John Um**

Attorney with technical skills and desire to see restorative experiences for Christian leaders

### **Shannon Johnson**

Fundraising professional for Christian higher education with ministry and counseling background



## **When You INVEST in REST, You Are A Part of Transforming Nearly Every Ministry in The World.**

Together we:

- Extend the Gospel through powerful evangelism,
- Establish and strengthen new churches among the unreached,
- Translate the Bible and other Christian literature into more languages,
- Fight, poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking,
- Strengthen local churches and non-profit Christian organizations globally,
- Transform Harvest Workers for more effective ministry in their fields of service, and
- Stimulate revival and renewal in the Kingdom of God.

Thanks for joining the global team to INVEST in REST!



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*Proverbs 11:25*



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