

CREATIVE Impact ministries



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We Are Moving To Portland, Oregon!

We Began In The Middle!

After 20 years at Cornerstone Worship Center, Jim resigned as lead pastor on Aug. 31, 2012. On September 1, we became full-time missionaries. We produced a couple very large projects in what remained of 2012, then spent 2013 doing projects in Europe and Alaska.

Did you notice how we jumped into the middle of our mission? If not, here's what you forgot to read in the book, *Missions For Dummies*.

Chapter One starts with this sentence:

Before you dive into your work – and certainly before you travel abroad – you must develop a strong team of partners so that you have the prayer and financial support that you need to do your work for the long term.

Were We Dummies?

Don't answer that until you hear our defense.

We had several challenges as we began this ministry. Here's a couple that are relevant to the question of how dumb we are or aren't.

1. We had not ever heard of anyone doing what we do: As missionaries ourselves, we produce documentary style films that tell the story of other missionaries at no charge to them.
2. We had no examples of our work to show people that we actually could do what we planned to do.

So we couldn't really approach people who did not know us asking for their partnership in something neither we, nor anyone else we know of, had done.

So instead, we contacted friends and family – people who already knew and trusted us – and asked them to consider joining us in the venture.

And enough of you were willing to take the leap with us that we were able to produce a pretty nice portfolio of missionary videos. We are getting very positive feedback and encouragement from missionaries and missionary-sending churches who are beginning to see the impact that this kind of ministry can make.

Back To The Beginning

Most missionaries begin at the beginning and often spend 2 or 3 years raising their support. But because many of you trusted us with your gifts, we were able to hit the ground running – actually doing mission instead of just talking about it.

Now it's time to begin developing the partnerships we need to continue and to grow the blessing of this mission.

The simple version of our plan is this: We are moving to Portland in order to deepen existing relationships and establish new partnerships in a part of the country that is extremely committed to missions and missionaries.

2014 will be critical to the longevity of this work. On a following page we share our "mission critical" goals for this season.

Thank you for caring, for praying and for giving!

Look What You've Done!

On the right you see just a few of the films we have produced. All of the missionaries involved have testified to the very positive fruit has followed. And it's not just growth in partners back home; new missionaries and team members have joined the work!

Every one of "our" missionaries is thankful for our "co-producers" – all of **you** who have made these films possible by your prayer and financial support.

We are so thankful to you for caring, for praying and for giving.



Immanuel Mission: God With Us
from Creative Impact Ministries **PLUS** 1 year ago



Czech Mates Documentary
from Creative Impact Ministries **PLUS** 5 months ago



Klawock Carving Shed Project
from Creative Impact Ministries **PLUS** 4 months ago



Hearts For Outreach
from Creative Impact Ministries **PLUS** 6 days ago



Ireland Crossroads Documentary
from Creative Impact Ministries **PLUS** 1 week ago

A now a word to our sponsors (past, present and future) . . .

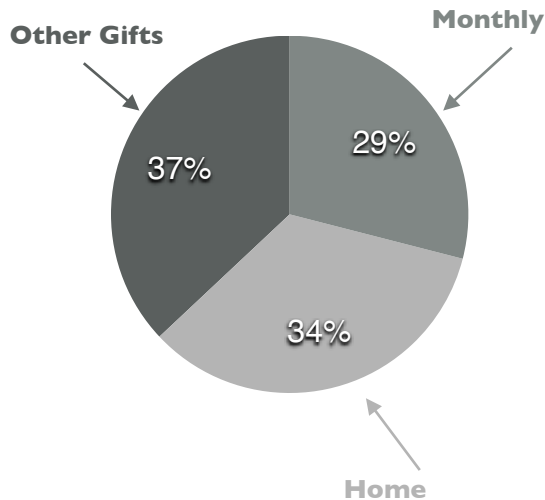
Thank you! The faithful and generous giving of our sending church and of many friends and families made it possible for us to do significant ministry this past year.

One thing we have learned over the years is that most people appreciate direct communication about the financial situation of a ministry they support. And those who are considering financial partnership often want to know specifics about the need.

If you have questions, we would love to answer them via phone, email or even better (if possible) in person.

For now, let us try to paint the picture for you by using some simple graphics that clearly portray the changes we are experiencing this year.

2013 Income Sources



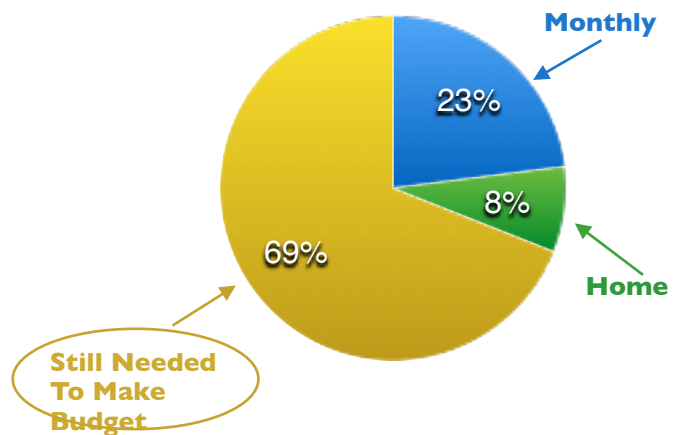
2013

Monthly Partners – The regular giving of these monthly supporters help us to plan for the future. Last year we had 23 monthly partners. (Total Monthly Partnership averaged \$1357/month.)

Other Gifts – In addition to our monthly partners, many friends and family sent one-time or occasional gifts. (Total “Other Gifts” averaged \$1683/month.)

Home Church – Cornerstone Worship Center (our “sending church”) put us in their budget, sacrificially giving to help us get started. This percentage doesn’t include the rent-free parsonage they let us use for more than a year! (The regular support from Cornerstone Worship Center was \$1575/month.)

2014 Income Budget



What changed in 2014?

With our Church Council's approval, we increased our budget for 2014. We did this for two main reasons: 1) We no longer have the free parsonage; and 2) We are building for the future when we hope to add new members to our mission team.

Monthly Pledges – No change yet from last year. This is where we must experience solid growth so we can continue to serve our heroic missionaries.

Other Gifts – We have no way to plan for these, so they don’t show up in this pie.

Home Church – Cornerstone’s budget still includes generous support for Creative Impact, but in January they made a significant, pre-planned reduction in our support.

Still Needed – This is the year for adding new partners (individuals and churches). Our move to Portland will give us opportunity to present our mission to many more individuals and churches. We’d love to have you join us!

Q & A

Q. “How can I contact you by phone?”

- A. We have been advised to not put our phone numbers on the internet. But in this newsletter, we feel safe, so...
- Lynn 208-412-1621
 - Jim 208-412-1622

Q. “Are you having fun making these videos?”

- A. That’s a harder question than you might think. So for now, the simple answer is “Yes and no.” (If you’d like more on this topic, our phone numbers are listed above.)

Q. “Ok, then: Is it rewarding to make these videos?”

- A. After all the hard work and long hours, we get to share a film that shows how God is doing extraordinary things through very ordinary people. And that is a very, very *satisfying* thing. We cry for joy when we finally finish all the work and sit back to just watch it play.

And... to know that we have the support of so many faithful partners is an amazingly *satisfying* feeling.



One more thing:

MacBook Pros are great for use in the field. But when editing long-form documentaries with lots of layers and color-grading, everything slows down dramatically. Jim has spent way too much time in front of the small laptop screen waiting for renders or for recovery from stalls, freezes and crashes. **We are praying for a “future proof” Mac Pro editing system.** For those who care about such things, here are the specs:

3.0GHz 8-core with 25MB of L3 cache, 32GB of 1866MHz DDR3 ECC, 512GB PCIe-based flash storage, Dual AMD FirePro D700 GPUs with 6GB of GDDR5 VRAM each, Magic Trackpad, Apple Wireless Keyboard, Apple 27-inch Thunderbolt Display.

This editing system is **not** in our budget. We are praying for a special gift (or gifts) to make this possible.

The cost of the above system is \$7,936.00. (Note: All equipment belongs to the ministry, not to the Adams.)

Will you pray that we’ll be able to acquire this valuable tool to help reduce editing time and serve more missionaries?



Q. “How can I pray for you?”

- A. We are so glad you asked! After we get to Portland, we will send brief weekly prayer bulletin emails to anyone who wants to receive them.

To receive the weekly Prayer Bulletin, send us an email asking to be included. Send your request to:
lynn@creativeimpactministries.org

Q. “How do I make tax-deductible contributions to Creative Impact Ministries?”

- A. There are several ways you can do this. Go to our website and click on the “Financial Partnership” at the top of the page.

By the way, many people are confused about PayPal.

You do not need a PayPal account to make contributions online. Credit cards are accepted at PayPal. And you can set up automatic monthly gifts from PayPal!

If you prefer to write a check without going online, make it out to Creative Impact Ministries and send it to:

Cornerstone Worship Center
1007 3rd St. S.
Nampa, ID 83651

All of our finances are overseen by our home church and you will receive an accounting for tax purposes.