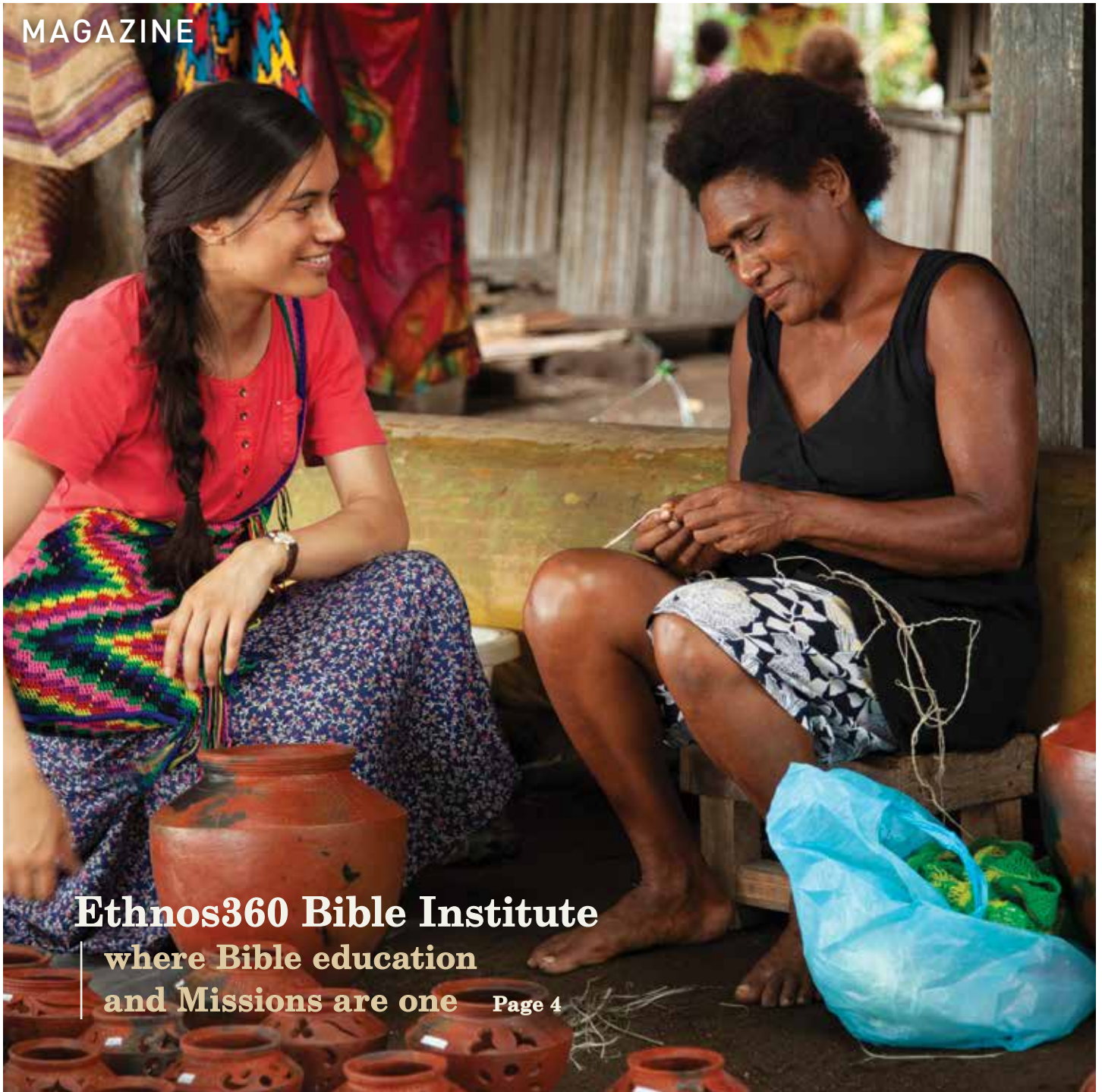


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Dear Friend,

Of the eight core values that Ethnos Canada holds to, the first is the bedrock of them all: “*We value the Word of God as our final authority.*” The Bible is where we find answers to life’s most important questions. As a leader in this organization, I find great comfort and strength in knowing that God’s Word defines how we should lead and what our priorities should be.

As we evaluate our church planting ministries, the first of the four categories that we use has to do with *access and engagement with God’s Word*. Without God’s Word as the authority for truth, we deeply handicap the church’s growth and influence.

In order for someone to effectively deliver the message of the Bible cross-culturally, they first need to know the Bible. This is why our first phase of training is intended to ground students in a clear understanding and appreciation of God’s Word. In this issue you will learn more of our commitment to this value through our Ethnos360 Bible Institute. As a graduate myself, I can personally give testimony to the impact on my life of the Bible Institute. It gave me a deep understanding of God’s Word. It’s this foundation that has given me the ability to go through many trials and challenges in ministry for 30 years.

Our motto for Ethnos360 Bible Institute is “Where Bible education and Missions are one.” The focus is Bible, missions and discipleship. How can it be any different? From Genesis to Revelation, we see God’s love for the world and His desire to bring them back into a relationship with Him!

God has given us, His Church, the greatest assignment on earth—reaching and teaching those who are still waiting for His message to them, His Word.

As you read, I know you will get excited about the opportunities we continue to have to invest in students who graduate with a strong, personal value placed on God’s Word.

Yours in Christ,

*Tim Whatley*

Tim Whatley  
Executive Director, Ethnos Canada





# NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

## Outreach in the Philippines



Jody Crain, itinerant missionary to the Tagbanwa people of the Philippines, shared about the churches planted by the Tagbanwa believers.

“By God’s grace, the growth of the Tagbanwa Church in Palawan continues, in spite of the COVID-19 virus. Yes, the virus has made some aspects of the ministry more challenging, but God is greatly glorified when obstacles become avenues for Him to show His power and provision.

“2019 to 2021 brought about the planting of three new Tagbanwa churches nearly 125 miles from the mother church—only made possible because of five new motorcycles. What appeared to be a huge problem was really God’s

provision for the gospel to make it to these faraway places.

“God has provided roads throughout the whole island of Palawan, so our evangelists and church planters are able to travel to most of the villages that are still unreached.

“Marlon and Joel are evangelists who travel every week to these far-flung places, sharing the gospel and helping the people medically and practically with their gardens. Epren, Herminio and Ringoy are local church pastors teaching, discipling and encouraging these new believers in Christ. Please pray for the health and safety of these faithful ministers!”



## CULTURE CORNER

### *Papeda* in Asia Pacific

Have you ever heard of *papeda*, a delicious food in Asia Pacific? Missionary Sarah Troyer wrote:

“*Papeda*, also known as *lem* or *glue*, ... is socially enjoyed as friends and family sit together, circling around this dish on the floor. *Papeda* is made from sago starch, which comes from the juices squeezed from the pith of a sago tree that’s then dried out to form a clay-like mound. These starch mounds are sliced into wedges. ... [Then] boiled water and sometimes a little bit of lime juice is slowly mixed with the starch to create a clear gel [with a] glue-like consistency. Usually, it is enjoyed with mackerel and yellow fish broth made with turmeric, basil, lemongrass and *salam* leaves.”



### NEW ESE EJJA CHURCH LEADERS IN BOLIVIA

Seven Ese Ejja believers graduated from a Bible and leadership training course! Michael and Cher Riepma shared: “For two years these dear believers have been preparing for future ministry in their home villages. One of the challenges they face is to take what they have learned in Spanish and communicate those truths in their heart language. Another challenge they will face is transitioning back into village life and leaving a much more structured lifestyle at the [training] center. They will have to balance ministry needs with providing for their families. There is a dire need for more mature leadership among the seven Ese Ejja churches.” Please pray for these new leaders.

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### PAÍ IN PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL

Wes Goddard, missionary to the Paí people, shared about recent ministry opportunities in Brazil. He and Paí Bible teachers have been able to visit two Brazilian communities to minister and to share teaching resources with Paí Bible teachers. He wrote, “I praise the Lord for an opportunity in Brazil at a large Paí community where Paí Bible teachers and I have gone three times to take Bibles [and] lesson materials and have also held Bible lesson teacher’s training there for a few people.”

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### AVIATION: HELICOPTERS

In September 2021, the Ethnos360 Aviation R66 helicopter in Brazil was crushed as the city hangar collapsed during a wind-storm. Praise God that the pilot was uninjured and that insurance will cover the replacement helicopter.

As a solution, aviation personnel agreed to divert to Brazil an R66 already on order for Asia Pacific. It should have arrived in Arizona by mid-February to be painted and equipped for the field. Please pray for the paperwork process and for provision of shipping and customs fees.

Praise God that another R66 is already on order for Asia Pacific, slated to arrive in Arizona in July. Pray that both helicopters will soon be serving missionaries on these fields.

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### EMBALOH BIBLE IN ASIA PACIFIC

The Embaloh Bible is getting a reprint and revision! Darcy Berglund wrote, “The Embaloh church’s final read-through team is over halfway through! They have sent us a list of revisions that they’ve found so far. Most of their requests are minor ones, and a few are being sent back for further review. They and we want to closely guard the meaning that is being communicated through the translation. There are a few terms that are old language and difficult for the younger generation to understand since the Embaloh Bible was first printed in 1997. It has been so encouraging to see the church work together to get their Bible reprinted!”

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# WHERE BIBLE EDUCATION AND MISSIONS ARE ONE

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Last year in our magazine articles, we spent a good deal of time writing and publishing what could be called “white papers,” loading you (the audience) up with many facts and statements without a story line, per se. This year we want to change it up a bit. Besides, it is our 80th year as a mission organization, and I think it would be good to



For the last 65 years, the Bible Institute has helped men and women dig deep into the Bible and prepare for missions and a life of ministry.



show you other facets of Ethnos. This month, I would like to introduce you to Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI).

### The Backstory

Obviously, the Institute didn't just take off by itself, so let me give you the how's and why's of its birth. Taking a quote from last September's article, "Paul Fleming had the desire to see the mission engage in preaching the gospel in '10 countries in 10 years.' That goal was reached in only *seven* years. What had started in Bolivia continued to grow, and by 1954, the countries in which there were missionaries included Colombia, Brazil, Malay (now Malaysia), Paraguay, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Panama, Senegal and four other countries." Men and women from all walks of life



The Bible Institute circa 1960s

and from many different countries were ready and willing to "go into all the world and preach the gospel."

Ken Johnston was the chairman of New Tribes Mission from 1960 to 1987 and then was chairman emeritus until 2001. He penned a book titled *The Story of New Tribes Mission* on the first 40 years of the mission. Mr. Johnston had noted that so many of the new missionary candidates were quite young physically or spiritually and not well grounded in the Bible. Another of the first leaders, Lance (Doc) Latham, was one of the first teachers in the missions training classes. He was concerned because many of the candidates exhibited great lacks in basic biblical doctrines.

### The First School

There was a gentleman named George H. Ziemer who was leading the Wisconsin Tabernacle located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Just like Paul Fleming, Mr. Ziemer had been saved under Paul Rader's ministry, and with that connection, Mr. Ziemer became a friend of the fledgling mission. At the end of 1954, the mission's main publication, *Brown Gold*, announced the opening of the new Bible institute, with its classes to be held at the Wisconsin Tabernacle, thanks to Mr. Ziemer.

On March 1, 1955, the first classes of the New Tribes Bible Institute started with 10 students as the first class. The schedule was a three-semester



course containing strong missionary emphasis but geared to give the students a comprehensive understanding of God's Word while experiencing the reality of the life of Christ in their everyday lives. The mission had purchased a three-story rooming house that was modified to make a dorm with a central dining hall.

Along with the study of the Scriptures, Bible doctrines were taught. Scripture memorization resulted in the students' learning almost 600 verses by the end of the three semesters. Personal evangelism was taught in the classroom... and then put into practice on the streets of Milwaukee. The original course plan was arranged to give the students time to do the classwork and their homework and still be able to work part-time to support themselves. The first

teachers were Doc Latham, George Ziemer and Ken Johnston. A student named Paul Burkhardt went through the training and then took on the roles of dean of students in the dorm, director of the institute, one of the teachers, the school's plumber and the students' counselor.

It wasn't until the 1962-63 academic year that the Tabernacle ceased to be large enough for the



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Bible Institute. The Lord provided the funds to purchase the building that had been the upscale Resthaven Resort that was later converted to the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Once the renovations were completed in the five-story building, the Institute's classes began there in September of 1963.

### **The Second School**

It was in 1972 that it became clear that there simply wasn't enough room in Waukesha to handle all the prospective students that wanted to study the Word of God. The question of purchasing another building for a second institute or just moving to a larger facility was bandied about. The conclusion was that two smaller schools would enable the staff to have more personal contact with the students, helping with the mentoring and shaping of the students, even if it meant more expense and redundancy in staff. The old Otsego Hotel in Jackson, Michigan, was purchased and readied for classes for the fall of 1972. Paul Burkhart willingly moved from Waukesha to Jackson to take on the responsibilities as its director. Six years later, the Institute was moved to a newer building in Jackson that the mission had used as a language institute and then had vacated. The Jackson Bible Institute was housed in this building until 2020.

There is one thing that I need to make clear: There had always been only one New Tribes Bible Institute, but there had been **two** campuses. The two campuses enjoyed yearly rivalry by



“ I am still praying about where God wants to use me in the future but no matter where He leads me I know these two years spent studying the Bible will be an incredible foundation for the rest of my life. - Jessica L.

competing in sports. Over the years, both blessed their respective communities with traveling choirs. (The choir has been discontinued for a number of years.) Churches in both towns have been blessed with many of the Bible Institute students attending and ministering for the time they are in school.

### **Consolidation**

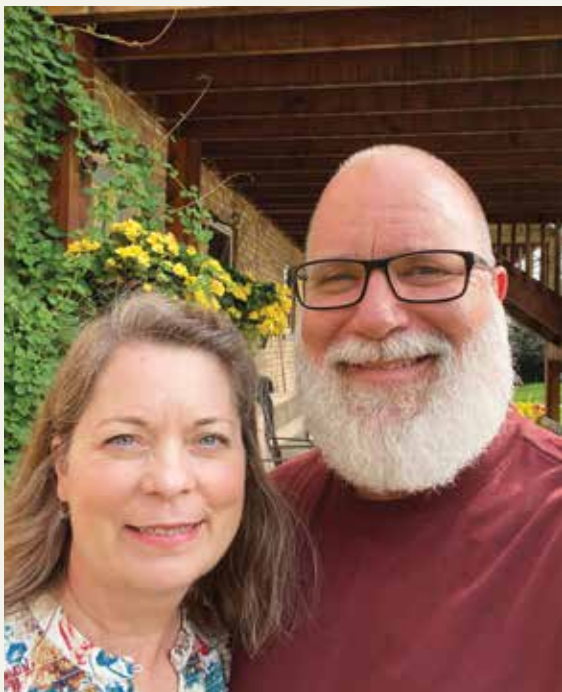
After 45 years of having one Bible Institute with two campuses, the executive board, in conjunction with the Institute's leadership team, came to the conclusion that it would be wiser and more efficient to consolidate the two campuses into one. Maintenance costs, staffing

requirements, and state and local regulations all pointed to the wisdom of consolidation. That came to pass at the end of the spring semester of classes in 2020. By God's grace, everything was in place in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to welcome the combined classes in the fall of 2020.

### **Leadership**

We recognize that God has led Ethnos from its inception as New Tribes Mission back in 1942. This year (2022) will be our 80th year of ministry. God has blessed the mission with leadership at the helm as we have gone through changes in methodology and style (see Issue 3, October 2021 Magazine). That same trust in God's direction





Ron and Carrie Lindsey



has seen many men in the position of presidents of the two Bible Institute campuses.

The Waukesha campus had the following men as leaders in maintaining the course of the Institute: Paul Burkhart, Duane Stous, Myron Gess, Noel Mayes, Marv Ketcham and Ron Lindsey.

The Jackson campus saw the following list of leaders maintain the directives given to them: Paul Burkhart, Bob Rinard, Ralph Hovland, Dave Knapp, Bob Strauss, Dave Meyers, Rex Gutwein, Rex Schaffner and Dan Falls.

### Handing Off the Baton

It has been encouraging to see how the Lord has used each of these men in their positions of responsibility. So many young lives have been challenged to follow God's leading whether

## “HEY, I KNOW THE LINDSEYS!”

I've had the privilege of knowing Ron Lindsey since I attended EBI as a student 16 years ago. As a student, I didn't know Ron well, but his story, which he shared with our class, was deeply impactful. For a young student still wrestling with the idea of leaving behind the “American dream” to take the gospel to the unreached — to hear Ron share that, through much suffering, that is what he did — was deeply moving. No one would have blamed Ron if he had walked away from missionary work, yet Ron and Carrie continued because the salvation of the Siawi people was worth it. I don't know if Ron and Carrie understand the impact that their decision has had on younger generations like mine or if they know how many of us have chosen to make a similar decision — to leave behind what might be easier or more lucrative — because seeing the unreached come to faith in Christ is worth it.

As I've continued to work with Ethnos360, from an EBI student to a church planter in Mexico to a field leader, returning to Waukesha and talking with Ron has always been a highlight. He's been quick to encourage, quick to build up, quick to share what the Lord has taught him through the years. The progression from knowing Ron as the EBI president to knowing him as a co-worker in the harvest has been a true encouragement, and I'm certain I'm not the only one he has blessed in that way. Regardless of where he continues to serve, I'm certain that he will continue to encourage and inspire others through his faithfulness to Christ that he has shown time and again.

— Peter Hypki, Chairman of Misión Pro-Indígena (Mexico)

I first remember meeting Ron and Carrie Lindsey as parents of a classmate and friend Matt at the EBI back in 2003. Soon they became much more as Ron taught many of the classes I attended. Ron had a passion for the lost to know Jesus; it was evident in how he taught and in his testimony.

Carrie was my Dean at the EBI, and though she was a quiet soul, her home was always open and a refuge. Carrie taught me that discipleship was about listening first and then leading women to the Word of truth. I remember conversations with her over hot tea, and her wisdom was a light in my years there in Waukesha.

As my husband and I moved on in ministry with the mission to missions training and on to the field of Mexico, into a remote work with the Nahuatl, and eventually into leadership, Ron and Carrie never forgot who we were or where we served. They keep in touch; they have invited us back to Waukesha both to challenge new EBI students and to share in their lives.

Through their faithfulness, Ron and Carrie communicate Christ and the vision of all nations reached with the gospel. Wherever God leads them next, I am certain that will not change. It has been a privilege to know them and to call them co-laborers.

— Liesl Hypki, wife of Peter Hypki, Mexico

into full-time cross-cultural ministries or back into a home church to be the instrument of His choosing.

Most recently, God has used Dan Falls and Ron Lindsey to lead the two Bible Institutes in the consolidation process which was completed in June 2020. With the closing of the Jackson Bible Institute, Dan and Casie Falls transitioned to a new ministry, currently serving in West Africa.

Mr. Lindsey with his wife, Carrie, has continued to serve as president of the consolidated campus in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Now, two years removed from consolidation, Mr. Lindsey believes that it is an appropriate time for a new person to succeed him as president. This is a strategy that he believes is in the best interest of the school and frees the Lindseys to return to overseas fieldwork, something that they desire to do for their remaining years of service.

The Lindseys, prior to serving at the Bible Institute, were part of a successful church planting team in Papua New Guinea. In time, a solid church was established, the New Testament translated and elders appointed, and the church continues to stand strong. Mr. Lindsey states, “Those years of church planting were formative years for us. Those experiences have shaped our overwhelming burden for the least reached.”

We thank the Lindseys for their 20 years at the Bible Institute. If you would like to follow their new ministry endeavors, please see their article, “Not Hanging Up Our Cleats,” at the end of the magazine.

### **Here's Andrew!**

Mr. Lindsey explained the process of finding a replacement for the president of a Bible institute: “Over the past months, the EBI Leadership Team has considered Andrew Royer as a replacement for me as president of EBI. After prayer and consideration, the EBI leadership team in conjunction with mission leadership believe that Andrew Royer is an ideal person to assume the president’s position beginning July 2022.”

Because his parents were overseas missionaries, Mr. Royer has spent half of his life in Brazil

and half in the USA. He is married to Sara Lynn, and together they have three teenage boys: Miles, Jackson and Jude. Sara was raised in Ohio. She graduated from Grace College (Winona Lake, Indiana) in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Mr. Royer graduated from New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha in 1998 and then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Youth Ministry from Grace College in 2000. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana, and has served as a pastor in the USA for 10 years. They have been with Ethnos360 since 2013. The Royers taught and served at the Brazilian missionary training program (Instituto Bíblico Peniel) with Ethnos Canada’s Global Partner Missão Novas Tribos do Brasil (MNTB) and has taught at Ethnos360 Bible Institute in Waukesha for the last five years. Their heart and focus are squarely set on training missionaries to reach the nations.

The students gravitate toward the Royers because they are relevant. Mr. Royer is easily entreated, articulate, a reasoning counselor and innovative. He has a hunger both for understanding the global realities and for contacting or visiting fields personally.

Mr. Royer will take over as president of Ethnos360 Bible Institute beginning in July of 2022.

I had the opportunity of getting some input from the Royers as they look ahead at their new responsibilities. I asked them about the challenges that they were anticipating in this role. Mr. Royer answered, “The landscape of our nation is changing. We can no longer assume incoming students will have a biblical understanding of family, ethics, morality or even the nature of truth. The world in which we serve is radically changing. The works that our mission is involved in now look different than they did in [the year 2000]. I would expect that our training might need to undergo changes to remain relevant to the task at hand.”

When I asked about any specific goals that they had, he responded, “Our program and our staff are solid. We are still going to work hard





“What helped me the most while I was here was getting to know the staff and having their input into my life. That really helped me apply who I am in Christ to my everyday actions. –Alan M.



The Royers



Photo by Dale Stroud

to show off how awesome God is and how ridiculously generous His love is for us and for the nations. By God's grace, we are going to teach the Scriptures cover to cover and operate in a currency of grace, love and humility. Our team is already working toward providing more relevant ministry exposure and experiences. I am excited to see how those practical experiences can be developed into our program.”

My request of you readers is to lift up the Royers in prayer as this new role becomes a reality for them.

### **The Changing Faces of EBI**

The Ethnos360 Bible Institute campus looks significantly different than it did in 1955, when it was founded. Over the last few years, the Waukesha campus has expanded and been renovated to accommodate the merger. The institute acquired a 26-unit apartment complex across

the street to house married students with families, added another classroom, and renovated existing classrooms, student lounges and gathering spaces. Every semester there are improvements to the campus, making it a special place to live and study.

The current reality of our culture, however, is that many people are pursuing online education. This online program will continue to emphasize our core values. Our courses both in Waukesha and online are taught by Ethnos missionaries and flavoured by our distinctives: a heavy emphasis on missions; a focus on discipleship, grace and Christian life principles; foundational teaching; and a strong emphasis on hermeneutics.

For more information about the online classes, go to:

[e360bible.org/academics/bible-online-education](https://e360bible.org/academics/bible-online-education)

“The missions focus here has been really cool because you are surrounded by people who are like-minded and are coming here with the intent of going out among the unreached. This is our ultimate goal — to plant a thriving church. -Tim and Ji



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Photo by Mahalia Lehman

### A Personal Comment

It was my privilege and honour to be an adjunct teacher at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute in the fall of 2020. I was able to see the students as they were in the different stages of the four-semester course, covering each book of the Bible while also covering principles of communication, hermeneutics, public speaking, evangelism and other electives. The classes are still arranged so that the students can work part-time and still do the required work. I was able to interact with both Andrew and Ron, watching them deal with issues in the Institute, all the while making sure that the students were learning and growing. I anticipate watching the Institute grow and continue sending out labourers into the whitened fields.

Get in contact with the Institute at [e360bible.org](https://e360bible.org) or call them at **262-542-9411** or at **855-806-2489** (admissions). You can set up a time to visit as a family or as a student.

## THE CORE VALUES OF EBI

“What excites us more than our buildings is our program! Everything we do is based on four core values: **Bible, Discipleship, Mission and Worship**. Our goal is to train students to understand the Bible for themselves. We teach the Bible from cover to cover and dive deeply into theology. Our curriculum is arranged chronologically so students learn the Bible is one story. Every student is provided with LOGOS Bible software, which includes an extensive EBI Library that is theirs to keep after graduation.

“The staff understands that all we do is connected to discipleship. The classroom is important, but so is every interaction between staff and student. We have a department dedicated to meeting with, listening to and coaching students in their journey. Most of our staff live on or near campus so we can be available to build relationships and earn the right to speak truth and wisdom as God supplies.

“Student ministries is a growing department that coordinates opportunities to reach out to the world around us. This may include serving at a sewing centre for immigrants, a soccer program for Somali children, evangelism on a university campus or inner-city Milwaukee, or trips to Muslim mosques or Hindu temples. Our students are also encouraged to take one of our mission exposure trips: Wayumi, Encounter or Interface.

“All this programming and activity only makes sense to a person wholeheartedly dedicated to God. That is our view of worship: a life surrendered fully to God. Our weekly student-led worship chapels are precious times, but they are only a small expression of a God-centered life of worship. Above all, our desire is that EBI students would learn to think like Christ, to have His heart for the world, to know His voice and to walk in His ways.” — *Andrew Royer*



Bruce Enemark was raised in Panama, the youngest of three missionary kids (MKs). He and Julie, his wife, ministered with Ethnos360 in Panama and Paraguay for 24 years before he joined Ethnos360's Advancement team as a writer, proofreader and now managing editor. Faith Baptist Church of Chetek, Wisconsin, is their sending church and has been behind the Enemarks since they started their ministry with Ethnos360.



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## Pray. GROWING RELATIONSHIPS

We have found ourselves slowly starting to settle in after almost four months of living in Dakar. We have developed routines and have slowly begun progressing in French. We have almost finished the first two phases of our language learning program! Our language ability may not be great, but we have been able to begin to have small conversations in French and build some friendships.

I have been slowly working on growing relationships with a couple of the women that I interact with, specifically the lady I buy peanuts and dates from and the tailor. I have been trying to stop by their stall and shop without

needing anything, just to talk (which is a completely normal thing to do here). The more I have stopped by, the more they have talked to me, and each time I stop by, they seem happier to see me. Our conversations are limited, but the time is good, and I have enjoyed starting to build those [relationships] up.

Please pray that I can be a light to these women even before I can effectively communicate Jesus and that they would see the light of Him in my life and the way I interact.

*Adam and Rachel minister among the people in Dakar, Senegal.*





# ANSWER *The Call*

I have the incredible privilege of serving with Ethnos Canada on the campus of Nipawin Bible College (NBC) in Saskatchewan. As I go about that which God has for me each day — preparing, praying, teaching, coaching, encouraging, discipling, scheduling, planning, taking my turn at picking up garbage or washing dishes in the dinning hall, bowling, eating pizza, preaching, or whatever — my goal is to create and promote a “culture of missions.”

I am not alone as there are other missionaries serving at Bible colleges across Canada. It is from one of these friends that I am borrowing the phrase “culture of missions.”

Our school's theme is, “Developing passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve.” It is with firm conviction of the authority of the Word of God and the necessity of understanding it through responsible interpretation, I have all the support I need!

Passionate pursuit of Jesus will inevitably lead to missions. The closer a person gets to God, the more evident His heart for missions becomes. The more familiar a person becomes with God's Word the more obvious is His unfolding plan and purpose to include all peoples of the earth in the blessing He has provided through the Saviour promised to Adam, Abraham and the prophets.

It's really not difficult to promote missions from the Bible — it's pervasive, unavoidable! But it is difficult to get people to recognize their personal responsibility and to respond amid



the din of competing interests — cultural, personal, familial, even church interests that muffle the clarion call. “Call?” you may ask, “And where does one hear the call of God today?” Why, in His Word, of course! In fact, all through His Word!

At NBC, our theme for the school year has been, “the Call.” Hear it. Recognize it. Understand it. Answer it. Personally!

I spoke in chapel on the morning of our Christmas Cantata. After the cantata, one of the students came to me and shared, “Mr. Harkness, ever since you spoke in chapel, I can't help seeing missions in every song we sing!” Missions really is there and the call is clear (Matthew 28:18-20).

A Bible College that believes and teaches the Word of God is a great place for young people to establish a firm foundation

of faith for life, hear the voice of God and consider what constitutes a life well spent, deserving of “Well done, good and faithful servant.”



Doug Harkness was born in Hamilton, Ontario, surrendered his life to Christ in 1977, and graduated from London Baptist Bible College (BTh) in 1984. After graduation, he and his wife Debi raised two sons in Simcoe, Ontario, working in the grocery business while serving the Lord at Grace Baptist Church. Doug served as Pastor of Village Baptist church in Bobcaygeon for 14 years and was challenged during a trip to Wayumi in Pennsylvania to become a representative for Ethnos Canada.

## Praise. UPS AND DOWNS

My co-worker, David Maynard, and I were trying to get to the village to deliver blankets for the kids and supplies for the Christmas program and to get firsthand information regarding our ability to return to the village. For three days we went up in the helicopter, saw that all the mountain ridges were impassible and returned to the hangar. There were a lot of ups and downs.

[This] was our last chance because the pilot needed to go to a different region to do some scheduled flying there.

And we made it! I was very happy that our friends received the special food for their Christmas program (spaghetti) and that all the kids would get a gift bag with a blanket and some other goodies in it.

While we were there, Brian took the helicopter to a northern Isnag village to get the Hinderager family and take them out to town for a break. On his second trip, he picked up Cole and



*Brian Schaad, pilot, and Cole Hinderager seek safe passage through heavy skies surrounding the mountain ridges.*

then came to get David and me. By that time the weather had deteriorated again. I really thought we would be spending the night and maybe a few days in the village, but Brian thought it would be good to go up and have a look. At first it didn't look very good at all, but behold, there was a way through, and we made it back to town in time for dinner.

Praise for the safety we had in our many takeoffs and landings

and that we made it in and out of the village and that the Hinderager family also got out to town. Praise also that the supplies and gifts arrived in the village in time for the Christmas program.

*—Jonathan and Heidi Bamford are involved in Bible translation, teaching and small group studies among the Isnag-speaking people of northern Luzon, Philippines.*

## Praise. A CONFERENCE OF BELIEVERS



The believers of the Itutang, Iski, Tanguat and Kaje had their very first conference together. These are people groups that each have their own language and are very different from each other. They spoke the trade language to understand each other.

Every group was responsible for a night of teaching and singing. Everyone had a different method according to how they had

learned this from each of their missionaries.

They slept in their tribal groups, neatly next to one another, on the ground on pitpit mats. They have learned so much from each other, were encouraged and just enjoyed the others.

*—Koen and Anne-Laure Verdonck, Papua New Guinea*





## Discipleship Resource Available for Free

Did you know that Ethnos Canada has a webstore? Yep, we do. And it's filled with discipleship resources, missionary stories, devotionals and Bible teaching helps.

The main resource available is *Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ*. This proven, biblical approach leads you through the Scriptures chronologically, building layer upon layer from Creation up to the death, burial and resurrection of our Saviour. Ethnos

missionaries around the world teach this way. What better way to teach people in our own country in these days of increasing biblical illiteracy!

From March through June 2022, Ethnos Canada is making the *Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ* adult teaching set available as a *free* download. Visit the Ethnos Canada webstore at [go.ethnos.ca/firm-foundations](http://go.ethnos.ca/firm-foundations) and locate the free download.

*Pray.* AS MATERIALS ARE DEVELOPED

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# CONNECT with new missionaries



## BRANDT & LANIE-JOY WHATLEY

**JAXON, BOAZ & RILLA-MAY**

Enroute to Northern Canada

Sent by Brussels Community Bible Chapel, Brussels, Ontario

**Connect with the Whatleys**  
[ethnos.ca/brandt-and-lanie-joy](https://ethnos.ca/brandt-and-lanie-joy)

We love sledding, snowmobiling, and a hot double-double from Tim Horton's. We love ethnic foods and thought-provoking books. We love challenging board games, and we can get a little too competitive when we play Settlers of Catan. But, most importantly, we love Christ Jesus because He first loved us.

We're Brandt and Lanie-Joy Whatley, and by God's grace, our team will take Christ's unconditional love to the indigenous peoples of the Far North.

When we graduated from Bible School in 2016, we knew we

wanted to become church planters with Ethnos Canada. We planned to go to Asia-Pacific where Brandt grew up, and we began saving money to attend Emanate. The path has not always been what we imagined. Throughout training, God has asked us to wait on Him in financial difficulty, health issues, Brandt's injuries after a motorcycle accident, and more. But He has also added unexpected joys and relationships to our lives. Our most treasured gifts from Him are our three beautiful children: Jaxon, Boaz, and Rilla-May.

God has also made it clear that we are not headed to the field of Asia-Pacific like we first thought.

Instead, we will begin a new work in Nunavut, where there is no established church or Bible translation.

The Lord has been faithful to reveal to us our neediness and His great provision. As we continue to take one step of faith at a time we are trusting the Lord with His future plans for us. We believe His grace will continue to carry us and He will work in and through us among the Inuit. He loves the Inuit people and longs for them to know His love. We can't wait to watch Him work.

—Brandt & Lanie-Joy Whatley



"May the peoples  
praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples  
praise you.  
May the nations  
be glad and sing for joy."  
Psalm 67:3-4a



## SHARMYN ABRAHAMSON

Planning to serve in  
the Philippines

Sent by Emmanuel  
Baptist Church,  
Nipawin, Saskatchewan

**Connect with Sharmyn**  
[ethnos.ca/sharmyn](http://ethnos.ca/sharmyn)

**D**uring my years at Nipawin Bible College, God began to change my life. First He brought me to a place where I recognized that I had been trying to gain approval from both man and God through my "good Christian" behaviour. As I saw my need, He grew in me a love for Him and I wanted others to have the same joy and relationship with the Lord. Shortly after, I began to learn that not only is God missional, but from the beginning of time, His heart has been

for the nations to know Him.

In 2 Corinthians 5:19-20a we see that "God was reconciling the world to Himself...And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation." There are people who have never heard that there is a God who loves them! I joined Ethnos because I saw from God's Word that He has called us to be messengers of His grace and love. This love and joy He has put in my heart, He wants to give to every people group.

Reaching the unreached with the gospel is no easy task. I am in no way qualified for the job. However, I believe that God has invited us to be a part in bringing His gospel to the nations. God does not call the equipped. He equips the called. It is His work. My job is to step out in faith, obeying Him in what He has asked of me.

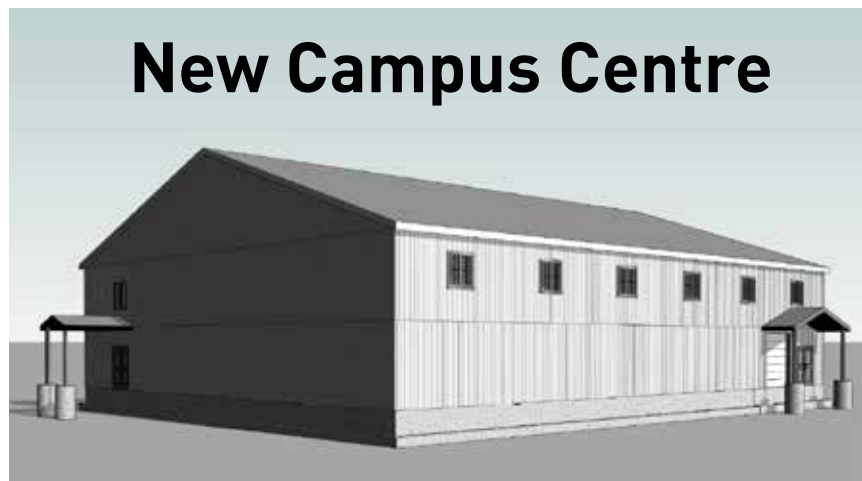
—*Sharmyn Abrahamson*

## Skilled Builders Needed

**The Ethnos campus** in Durham, Ontario, has been used to mobilize, equip and support missionaries since 1968.

For almost 50 years, a rustic pole structure has served many purposes, including conference centre and gymnasium. It is no longer cost-effective to maintain nor operate, so a replacement building is needed.

With your support of this project, more believers will be challenged to engage in the Great Commission at recruitment events, more missionary candidates will be equipped for cross-cultural church planting, and more missionaries on the front-lines will be provided the support they need.



### New Campus Centre

**We are looking for skilled  
builders to help this summer.**

**For more information, visit:**  
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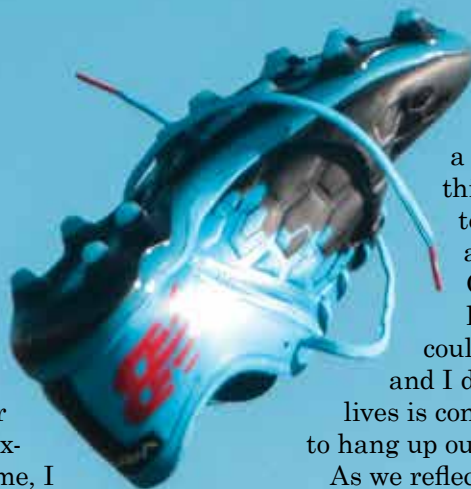
## NOT HANGING UP OUR CLEATS YET

I came across an old picture on Facebook from nearly 10 years ago. I was 52 years old and headed out for the annual Ethnos360 Bible Institute Student vs. Staff Turkey Bowl. Most had higher aspirations than I did, and I expect they wanted to win. For me, I only wanted to finish the game upright without snapping my hamstring! The game ended as usual, with the students obliterating the staff. However, individually, I was a winner because I completed the game with my body intact.

On that day, I hung up my cleats, never to play again. In wisdom, I knew my sporting career was over, and it was time to move on to the next chapter of my life. Now at sporting events, I cheer from the grandstands and occasionally watch the staff pull off an underdog win.

### **A New Chapter**

As you have read in earlier pages of this magazine, I will be succeeded at the Bible Institute by



a very qualified man. And although this was my decision and in the best interest of the school, it has left Carrie and me wondering what is next for us. Once again, we face a new chapter in life. Though just 60, early retirement could be an option but not what Carrie and I desire. And while this chapter of our lives is concluding, we certainly are NOT ready to hang up our ministry cleats.

As we reflect on the past, we have loved our ministries with Ethnos360. Our 18 years in Papua New Guinea, initially as church planters, shaped so much of who we are. And our 20 years of training missionary candidates at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute has also been rewarding. But now, as we look forward, Carrie and I have a desire to return to overseas fieldwork again. It is a big prayer, and it will take a big God. Will you please pray with us?

### **THOUGHTS REGARDING MID-LIFE MINISTRY CHANGE** *Our Focus*

One of the blessings of getting a little older is that our focus changes. Carrie and I find that we focus on fewer things—the more imperative things. We spend more time focused on our relationship with



the Lord and our spouse, praying for our kids' relationships with the Lord and for our granddaughter, and knowing God's plan for us. We remember that our days are finite and [that] we have a shrinking number of days to serve the Lord. Thus, our prayer and hope are that God will guide us to our next ministry and that He will use us for His purposes wherever that may be.

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
WE WILL KEEP OUR "MINISTRY CLEATS" LACED UP.**

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### **Crazy People**

Carrie and I recently attended a Casting Crowns concert where they debuted one of their new releases, "Crazy People." The song has a catchy jingle that goes something like this, "Here's the church, here's the steeple, but where are God's crazy people?"

This song challenged us as we thought of all the "no-names" that God has used over the ages to accomplish His mighty deeds. This song resonated with us because we also are just simple people who desire to be used by the Lord. As we pray for our new ministry and consider going overseas, it seems a little crazy, but as the song says, we want to be two of God's crazy people!

### **Bartolo Colon's Impossible Home Run**

I am a baseball enthusiast and have learned over the years that in baseball crazy things can happen, and Bartolo Colon's home run might top the list.

Bartolo effectively pitched in the major leagues for 21 years. While he was a good pitcher, his hitting was non-existent, and in his 21 years of pitching, he had only 25 hits! That is essentially just one hit per year. And to top it off, Bartolo only hit one home run in 21 years, and that [happened] at the ripe old age of 43. When Bartolo hit the home run and began running the bases, the commentators, teammates and crowd were all yelling, "Bartolo has hit the Impossible Home Run."

As Carrie and I pray about our next ministry, we aren't praying that we can hit the impossible home run but for God to give us a ministry beyond our wildest dreams!

Carrie and I have enjoyed serving at the Bible Institute but now look forward to serving in a

different capacity. We desire to return to overseas fieldwork, ministering to the unreached, the neglected and the seemingly invisible people of this world who are too frequently passed [over].

Please do not be mistaken: our bodies and minds are not what they once were, but we wonder if there might not be one more language to learn within us. We may not get to be church planters again, but by the grace of God, we will keep our "ministry cleats" laced up. We plan to venture down out of the proverbial grandstands, get up on the sideline of ministry and cheer boisterously for those on the field while begging God to let us be players still.

"Oh, God, if you will grant us but one moment to lace up our cleats and join you on your mission field, we will be blessed."

And to you, my readers, Ethnos has ministry opportunities for all ages. If they have space for us, they certainly have space for you! We would love to have you join the team. And if I bump into you, I'll buy you a pair of cleats.

*\*If you are interested in how God leads Carrie and me in the months ahead, please email me at: ron\_lindsey@ntm.org.*



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