# STRANGERS NO MORE



## **FISCAL YEAR 2018 FINANCIALS**

June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018





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#### **REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT**

Contributions	\$ 17,541,205
Discipling and tuition	83,620
Literature, tapes, and books	27,824
Investment return	255,111
Other income	129,182
Total Income	\$ 18,036,942
EXPENSES	
Field operations	\$ 13,484,724
Serving center	2,188,031
Fundraising	504,996
Total Expenses	\$ 16,177,751
ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ 808,088
Board-designated missionary	0 500 600
and project funds	8,532,633
	90,916



**Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability** Serge is a member of the ECFA, following its strict accounting standards.



## Friends,

When I think about the picture on the cover of this report, I think about all of our Serge missionary kids. I think of how their parents

brought them to a new land, and they began to form close friendships that never would've been possible – if not for Jesus.

These four boys are brothers. Not because they share parents – but because they are all adopted sons of our heavenly Father.

As I reflect on this past year, I'm amazed at how God has continued to grow Serge and weave together the stories of His children. Not just these boys, but all of us. He has connected you, his sons and daughters, through your love and generosity, to those across the world that you've never met.

Because you chose to reach out in love – you are strangers no more.

Cover Image by Bethany Robbins



## "And not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad." -John 11:52

As you read through these pages, my hope is that you will see the powerful impact you are having in the stories of your new brothers and sisters.

This year, your faithful partnership has allowed us to continue growing, reaching even more people in even deeper ways with the gospel.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to spreading the gospel to the far corners of the globe. I am humbled by your kindness and love to would-be strangers - and am encouraged by your desire to see grace transform their lives, and the world.

I look forward to what God will write next.

For the world's good and God's glory,

Bob Osborne **Executive Director** 

# YOUR GROWING GOSPEL IMPACT

This has been another year of exceptional growth! Today, there are more than 300 missionaries serving with Serge around the world spreading the gospel in creative and innovative ways.

Throughout the rest of this report, you'll see themes of faith, hope and love through spiritual, physical, and emotional restoration, as we endeavor to apply the gospel in all of life.

As of June 2017, take a look at what this growth has looked like on the field...

## **PEOPLE SENT**

52 new missionaries | 4 new teams

### **NEW FIELDS**

Guatemala | Malawi Thailand | E. Asia | Japan







Starting grace-based churches, through direct and mentored church plants; Helping national pastors personally get ahold of grace and guide them to carry the work forward on their own

» In Czech Republic, we are sending mentored church planter Mark Carey to the university town of Brno, one of the largest cities outside of Prague, where many locals have graduated from seminary, have been discipled through Sonship, and are interested in starting grace-based churches.

» In Barcelona, Steve Phillips is now moving outward to mentor a growing network of new church planters. As a result of his work and relationships with national pastors, new grace-based churches are getting started, and many young people are becoming Christians in one of Spain's most unchurched cities.

» In Granada, our established church has doubled in the last two years. They need a new worship space with more room. They also have a huge youth ministry, which is really rare in Spain.



### Proclaiming the Gospel Through Medicine

» In Kenya, all three teams have united to train Family Medicine Doctors for Kenya in the region. This year's trainees include a graduate of Christ School Bundibugyo and a former Hope Africa University Medical student from Burundi! This synergy will accelerate the impact of Kingdom work across East and Central Africa, as these men and women receive medical training and Biblical discipleship.

» At Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi, Dr. Alyssa Pfister, Dr. Eric McLaughlin, Dr. Logan Banks, and many others are discipling medical students to engage their patients with the gospel and teaching a Christian Philosophy of Medicine course.

» In Kenya, Anesthesiologist Dr. Rodger Barnette is making surgeries safer and more successful now and in the future through his skill and training of medical students.

## **BUSINESS FOR Filler** TRANSFORMATION

#### **Opening Doors for the Gospel in Closed Countries**

» Your giving this year has helped recruit, evaluate and train 7 new business missionaries for the field!

» After one of the five charity shop locations in the UK burnt down from an electrical fire, they were able to rebuild and celebrate a re-opening! They've returned to being a "third place" for belonging and spiritual inquiry among the S. Asian population.

» You've made it possible to open a second location of the Freedom Bakery - which means more women freed from the red light district and given hope, both economically and spiritually.



# MEDICAL MISSIONS



# YOUR GLOBAL IMPACT

Movements of Grace, Reaching all people, Renewing all believers, Restoring all things, For the world's good and God's glory

We are excited to share these snapshots of what Serge missionaries have been doing around the world this year.

Each of these dots represent the incredible gospel impact you have had in the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities.

\*Not all locations are listed due to missionaries serving in fields where great sensitivity is required.

#### U.S.A.

The Renewal Team launched a new Sergeled weekend retreat called "Missing Jesus" to help people rediscover grace in the midst of busy lives. They released two new books. 131 Christian leaders completed Mentored Sonship and 70 completed Discipler Training.

#### Nicaragua

After evacuating recently due to conflict in the region, the Serge team is returning soon to continue expanding the new bilingual Christian school they founded in Pantanal, a poor but growing neighborhood, on the outskirts of town.

#### U.K. -----

The teams in Dublin and Cork

work to plant new churches and

disciple believers in grace. And

launching next summer in Belfast

following new relationships and

a new North Ireland team is

openness to Serge.

Ireland

After only a year on the ground, the team in Tower Hamlets (1 of 5 in London) has seen so much spiritual interest from the S. Asian community that two new missionaries are on their way to partner with them and help grow the church.

#### Peru -----

Serge workers in Cusco continue to provide healthcare and to reach youth through a growing Young Life ministry. In Lima, Serge will be partnering with City to City Latin America to provide grace-oriented discipleship materials for pastors and church planters.

#### Chile .....

As Serge's partner church in Quillota continues to grow, Serge staff are now training elders and deacons in the concepts of team ministry, healthy church government, servant leadership, and outreach

#### Netherlands

The Serge team has been developing new leadership training materials for all Serge teams across the globe and leading workshops on evangelism and reaching culture through art to help develop deeper roots across the whole mission.

#### Romania

Our work in Cluj has formed a sister course to Sonship called 'Kinship' to encourage and disciple believers. And now the team is growing with new workers and opportunities for outreach.

#### North Africa

The Art Business is now reaching over 70-100 people at their monthly open house, leading to many questions, spiritual conversations, and even Bible studies.

Spain .....

With churches in Granada and Barcelona, the Serge team is moving beyond the immigrant population to reach Spaniards with the gospel and believers with renewal in new locations.

#### D.R. Congo

Serge has a new and growing medical team in DRC reaching out with mercy and the gospel in the face of Ebola outbreaks, armed groups, and limited access to electricity and internet.

#### South Sudan

Although our team of missionaries had to evacuate due to ongoing civil unrest, we are sponsoring six South Sudanese students for theological education; outreach, and youth events in refugee camps in Uganda.

#### Kenya

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The Serge team opened two new rooftop soccer fields in Nairobi to enable young people from city slums to safely play soccer. Coaching brings the gospel into the lives of children who often lack an earthly father.

#### Uganda

In Uganda, there have been between 50 and 60 malnourished children coming each week to receive nutrition supplements, one packet of soy flour, and one packet of peanut paste that provide about 500 calories each day.

#### Burundi

Our medical teams in Burundi are pioneering the country's first oncology service! Children with eye cancer, a disease that's nearly 100% curable in the US (and 100% fatal in Burundi) are now receiving life-saving chemotherapy.



#### Czech Republic

Austria

With an established international church and a newly planted nationally-focused church in Prague, Serge is now reaching deeper into Czech communities with the gospel and looks forward to planting a fully Czech church in the future.

Serge church plant New City Wien hired an Assistant Pastor, fully supported by the church, who will be arriving Fall 2018. And the Serge team continues supporting two different ministries that work with women in and coming out of forced prostitution.

#### South Asia

A new Serge medical missionary is headed to a tribal area to do clinical medicine for an unreached people group. And we're raising up a new team who will be starting a Christian Counseling and Mental Healthcare Center.

and facilitating trauma healing workshops, evangelistic

#### East Asia

Serge now has Business for Transformation teams and education works in various closed areas in East Asia. These teams are building real businesses to launch new churches and offer resources for believers in difficult regions.

#### Japan

Based in Nagoya, just outside of Tokyo, the team serves at a church plant and is now mentoring a network of church planters in starting new churches all around Japan.





Through mentoring, discipleship, and resources, people are coming spiritually alive and engaging their families, work and communities with gospel grace.

» In Japan, you've helped create an awe-inspiring, cross-denominational explosion of the gospel with grace-centered discipleship training for Japanese missionaries and church planters.

» In America, you've helped launched webinars that have introduced new people to a gospel paradigm and have connected them with Serge resources.

» All around the world, the original Sonship material that you know and love continues to renew the hearts of people hungry for the gospel through many different forms-including one-on-one mentoring, intensive discipler training courses, and new gospel-centered publications.



#### Equipping and Empowering Missionaries for Greater Gospel Impact

» We've developed a new in-depth crisis training program for team leaders to guide their teams through crisis situations on the ground. And an intensive debriefing program which will provide critical support for missionaries as they recover from traumatic experiences and prepare to return to engaging others with the gospel of grace.

» Your support helped us provide hands-on, gospel-centered reconciliation in order to de-escalate a team conflict during a stressful season, resulting in missionaries continuing their work together, and opening the door to gospel conversations in the community around them.

» You've helped provide whole family missionary care through a specialist that offers an emotional support system for missionary kids during hard transitions, from culture shock to education. Ensuring that missionary kids and families thrive means missionaries stay on the field longer, having even greater gospel impact.



## **INTERNS AND** APPRENTICES

#### Inspiring the Next Generation of Missionaries - abroad and at home

» You've sent 40 Interns and 7 Apprentices enabling new generations to become the next Christ-centered ministry leaders, entrepreneurs, educators and more.

» As short-term missionaries engage in cross-culture ministry work, they are discipled by long-term missionaries, and play a key role in outreach programs, like English camps. Their help gives long-term teams opportunities to establish meaningful contact with people in the community.

» Since 2009, 6.8% of Serge interns (not including apprentices) returned to the field for long-term service with Serge. The other 95.2% returned to the States forever changed, and equipped to engage their communities with the gospel.

# **Thank You!**

Without you, none of this work would be possible.

Through your generous support, God is nourishing the spiritually and physically hungry – healing body, soul and mind, and drawing into the fold, his children from every tribe and tongue.

We're so grateful to you!

## Here's what we're looking forward to in 2018:

» The launch of *a new Church Leadership Development Program* designed to help church leaders integrate gospel principles into every area of ministry, so that their organizations can become missionally engaged.

» Building an *internal leadership development program* to support our workers with sustainable depth and build up the next generation of mission leaders within Serge.

» Creating *The Gospel-Centered Life Bible Series*, a collection of small group bible studies designed for teens and adults to help them read and understand individual books of the bible.





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