

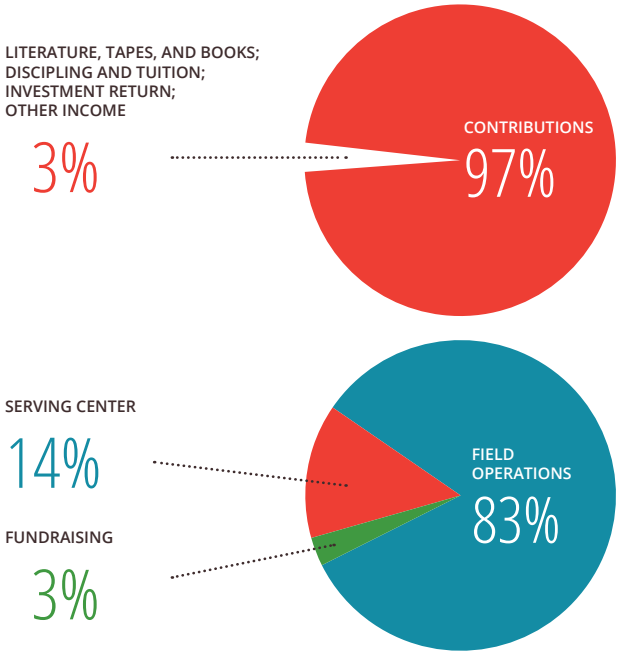
# STRANGERS NO MORE



## 12-Month Ministry Report 2017/18

### FISCAL YEAR 2018 FINANCIALS

June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018



#### 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 and project funds		8,532,633
Temporarily restricted		90,916

**Total Net Assets** \$ **9,431,637**



Enhancing Trust

#### Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

Serge is a member of the ECFA, following its strict accounting standards.

“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



## 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.

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

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# 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

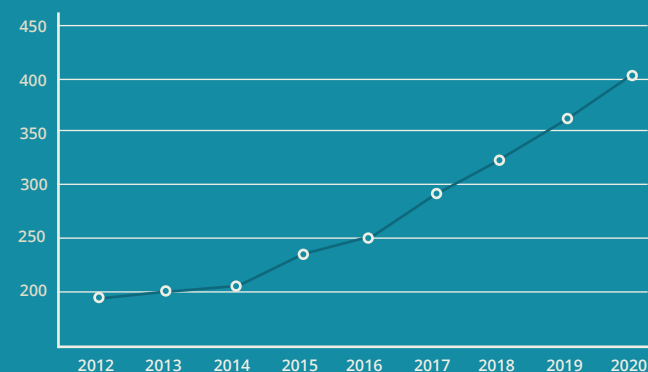
52 new missionaries | 4 new teams

## NEW FIELDS

Guatemala | Malawi

Thailand | E. Asia | Japan

Future Growth Trajectory



## CHURCH PLANTING

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.



## MEDICAL MISSIONS

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 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.





# 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.*







## RENEWAL

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.



## MISSIONARY CARE

### 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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