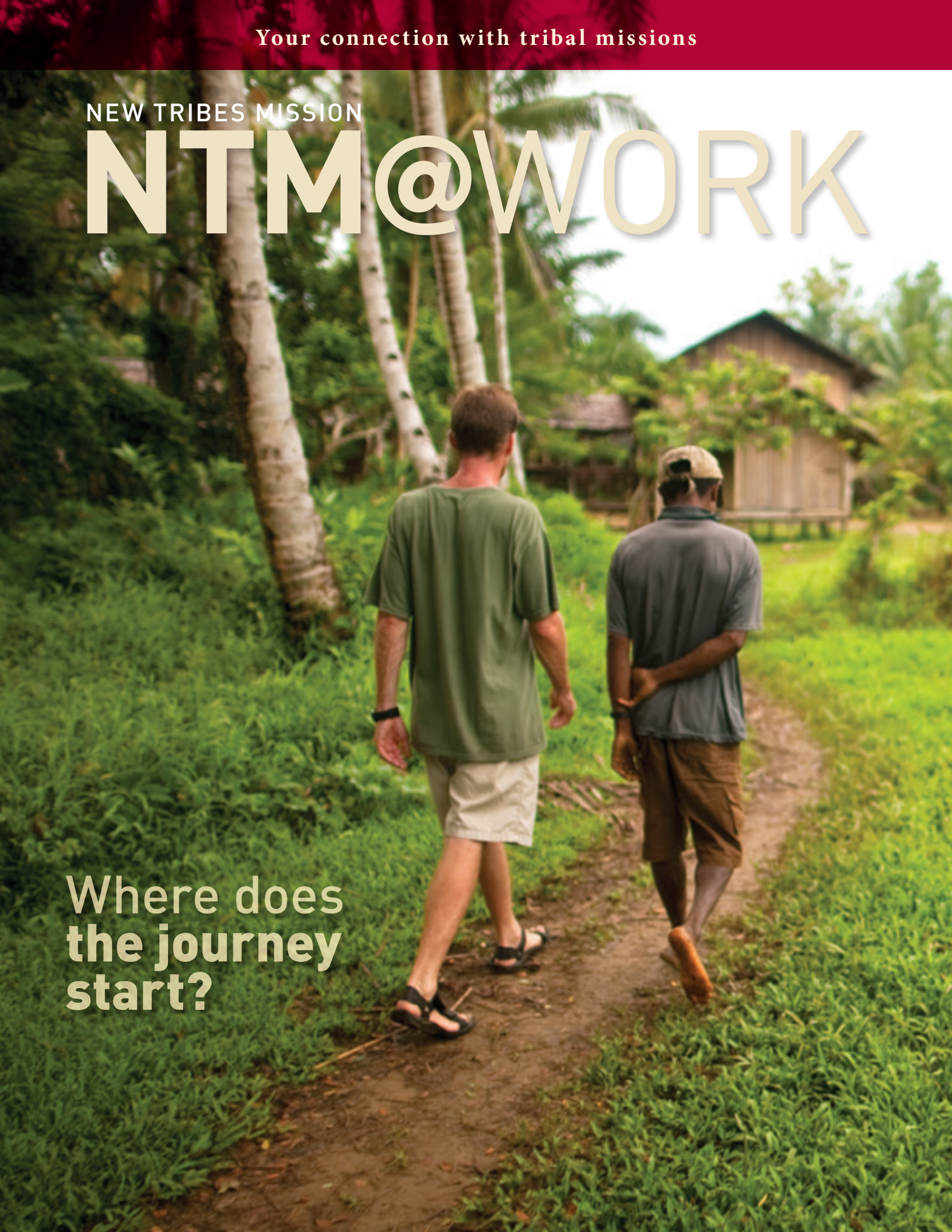


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Photos by Dale Stroud



Questions linger after victory on the mission field... **what's next?**

by **Larry Brown**, Chairman, NTM USA Executive Board

Nestled deep in the remote jungles of Papua New Guinea, a breakthrough that was 20 years in the making has altered the future of an entire people group. There is true cause to rejoice and celebrate.

The Siawis, an indigenous people group, received the most precious treasure possible — a New Testament in their own language. A dedicated team worked for years to translate God's Word into the language of this isolated tribe. Yet even as the cheers of joy and accomplishment echo, the clang of uncertainty reverberates as well. Some ever-present questions remain unanswered.

What happens now? >>



Hiking to the Siawi village



Village leader from the Siawi tribe

20-year stint comes to a close

In the mid-1980s, God stirred Linda Krieg's heart to begin a new chapter in her life. A recent widow in her 40s, Linda began preparing to serve on the mission field. Because of her age, gender and lack of a husband, she was encouraged to serve somewhere other than a tribe. But Linda didn't feel that was God's plan for her. So in August 1986, after a two-hour river trip, a four-hour jungle and swamp hike, and a plane ride, she and her two teenagers arrived in a Siawi village in Papua New Guinea.

For the next 20 years, Linda combated the harsh terrain and remote location. Daily she faced the anguish and fear she saw in the eyes of the men and women she had come to serve. Without Christ, the Siawi people lived in constant turmoil.

These tribal people, like many in Papua New Guinea, were animists and fearfully worshipped the spirit world. The result was family feuds that persisted for generations. The animosity would begin whenever an illness or hardship occurred in a family. Looking for an answer, the hurting group would decide that another family must have used witchcraft to cause their suffering. To avenge their injury, the affected family attacked those they believed brought

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evil their way. This cycle of hate and vengeance continued on for years and years, creating a treacherous and often violent environment for the people and for missionaries like Linda.

How did Linda overcome the superstition, mistrust and rivalries that jeopardized the ministry? The answer is simple but powerful: God's faithfulness and teamwork.

Today, the Siawi people are equipped with Scripture in their own language and are reaching out to surrounding tribes with the light of the gospel. They are giving as they have received. Families are being restored, and a new story is being passed down — a story of hope, love and redemption.

But as Linda's 20-year stint comes to a close, an important question still looms. > >

Where do we find the next William Carey, the next David Livingstone, the next Linda Krieg?

You may have heard other missionary stories from the past, where entire regions were transformed by the love of Christ. Linda's story is now a part of that legacy.

But we are left with a challenge:

- **More than 200 tribes** in Papua New Guinea still lack Scripture in their own language.
- **700 people groups** worldwide have no known Christian witness.
- **More than 2,000 groups** have few believers and none of the outside help they need to establish a maturing church.

Making disciples of all nations can appear impossible, especially when missionaries must leave the field for one reason or another.

However, we'd like to share an amazing secret. We know just the place where future missionaries are located. ✓
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For 20 years Linda Krieg shared her heart and life with the Siawi tribe and others in the remote jungles of Papua New Guinea.



photo by B'Ann

Completing a translation marks the beginning of the next step

Completing a Bible translation for the Siawi people represents only part of the necessary work to be done. The rest involves discipling these new believers and encouraging them to spread hope from one village to the next. But where do we find people willing to take these new believers to the next level? NTM has the answer. **Check it out on the next page.** > >



New Tribes Bible Institute

Where missions begins

It is on the campuses of the New Tribes Bible Institute where tomorrow's laborers are found. In the 1950s, the leadership of NTM saw a need to better equip future missionaries. This realization led to the formation of our Bible Institute just outside Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Years later, NTBI expanded to a second campus in Jackson, Michigan. Each semester, the seats at both campuses are filled with young men and women seeking God's will and preparing for the mission field. An intentional curriculum has been designed with a specific focus on missions. While a Bible college offers general Bible classes to help prepare individuals for Christian work in the West, New Tribes Bible Institute takes the study of missions to a new level. At each NTBI campus, students dive deep into the Word of God to equip them for a lifetime of sharing the hope of Christ and making disciples.

As the first disciples in Jerusalem spread the gospel near and far, today's NTBI graduates continue sharing the good news with those in their generation.

Distinctives of NTBI

- **Instructors with mission field experience train students** in biblical understanding and practical life skills. Learning from teachers like Linda Krieg results in more effective missionaries.
- **A solid understanding of all 66 books of the Bible** gives students greater clarity in interpreting and applying Scripture in their own lives, as well as highlighting God's perspective on mission work. Students gain a new-found appreciation of His heart for the lost as they see His plan of redemption woven from Genesis to Revelation.
- **Discipleship is intentionally cultivated inside and outside the classroom** as students live among their missionary teachers and see them practice what they preach. The one-on-one relationships developed with faculty and staff help the students learn by example how to become mature followers of Christ. The culture of discipleship nurtured on campus also equips students to become better disciplers on the field.

NTBI instructors have spent years in the mission field and are well equipped to train the next generation of harvesters. They instill their students with a passion for God's Word and a deep desire to reach the lost.





NTBI students train for the mission field

- **Two-year Associates in Biblical Studies program is extremely affordable** since students basically pay for room and board. Costs are low because faculty and staff are missionaries themselves, supported by those who believe in their desire to train the next generation of missionaries.

These distinctives help ground NTBI graduates in biblical knowledge and equip them for a lifetime of discipleship on the mission field—without any debt hanging over their heads. This allows them to enter the mission field sooner, engage in life transformations sooner, see communities changed sooner, and be a part of teaching whole people groups about Jesus Christ that much sooner.



New Tribes Bible Institute — Wisconsin Campus

More NTBI students equals more missionaries

Missionaries of the next generation are sitting in the classrooms of NTBI today. Some may not even realize it yet. Others do. Or like Linda Krieg, they may recognize their own potential even when others don't. Whichever is the case, NTBI can begin the process of helping each new missionary be found.

Today about 300 students attend classes on two NTBI campuses. That translates into future missionaries all over the world. The students listening and learning today will be the ones hiking into remote jungle villages tomorrow. And there's room for more.

You can help make sure every available seat is full. √



The journey starts here

Do you want to be part of sending more missionaries to the field? Then encourage your sons, your daughters, your grandchildren, your friends and any other potential students from your church or youth group, to attend NTBI. Or decide to attend yourself. The result may be a tribe somewhere in the world coming to know Christ.

The journey starts at NTBI.
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Training
a new generation



to **REACH TRIBES**



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A man in a light grey short-sleeved shirt and brown cargo shorts stands barefoot at a wooden lectern, gesturing with his right hand while speaking. He is in a large, open hall with a high, thatched roof made of palm fronds. In the background, a group of people, including men, women, and children, are sitting on the floor, some looking towards the speaker. The floor is made of woven palm leaves. The overall atmosphere is one of a community training session in a rural setting.

TRANSFORM LIVES.

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From faithful supporters to faithful workers

After faithfully supporting mission work from home, Tim and Nancy Shelburn took the plunge themselves. They quit their jobs, sold their home, and moved their family of six to NTBI's Wisconsin campus to begin training for life on the mission field.

The Shelburns understood how instrumental their two years of Bible training at NTBI would be to the success of their ministry in South America — a ministry that has flourished for more than 13 years.



Sharing the Good News around the globe

Not only did Dwight and Diana Brown meet and fall in love at NTBI, but the school also gave them the necessary foundation to serve in some of the most remote places on earth.

After two years of Bible school, Dwight trained as a pilot and mechanic in order to help reach tribal people with the gospel. Over the years, they've served in places like Paraguay, Mozambique and Bolivia. Because NTBI gave them a clear understanding of the importance of making disciples, the couple is committed to sharing God's truth wherever they go.



NTBI gave her the foundation to persevere

Because of her time at the New Tribes Bible Institute, Joanna Jansma had a solid understanding of God's truth when she went to work with the Nagi people in the Asia-Pacific region.

Working as a translation helper and disciple-maker in the village is busy and often challenging work. At NTBI, Joanna learned to remain in the Word and focus on eternity. This perspective has helped her remain faithful during difficult times.

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You."

Psalm 22:27



The facility at New Tribes Bible Institute, Waukesha, Wisconsin, is 100 years old. For 50 years it has been used to equip men and women to take God's Word to unreached people groups around the world. Renovations are under way so this important work can continue. Your gift will help reach tribes and transform lives.

usa.ntm.org/renovate

Teaching for God

Patrick Eggleton never expected that he would serve God in a foreign country. And yet, by God's grace and faithful working, 2005 found the Eggleton family thousands of miles away from their home and family.

Patrick serves God by teaching math at a school for missionary children while his wife, Dawn, provides guidance to homeschooling missionary parents.

Patrick and Dawn were delighted to find that they were appreciated and were welcomed as part of the team.

"We come together with many backgrounds, cultures and experiences. Somehow God uses this potpourri of people to support the sharing of His love to many tribal groups here," Patrick wrote.

Teachers have many opportunities to serve God in New Tribes Mission. Maybe, like Patrick, you never considered being a missionary teacher in another country. But maybe God wants you to check out the possibilities.

usa.ntm.org/teach-abroad



Where 30 means 150 and that means 30?

When I was at the market I asked how much the cucumber cost. "30," came the answer in the Jula language. But I've learned that doesn't mean 30 CFA, the currency in Burkina Faso. You have to multiply a price stated in Jula by five to find out how many CFA to pay for an item. So the cucumber was 150 CFA. But that still didn't mean much to me. I had to divide the price by 500 to estimate the price in American currency: 30 cents. At least the dollar amount is similar to the Jula number amount, but it's still a lot of thinking.

—Susie Locklin, Burkina Faso



CONNECT WITH ...

Mike and Jennifer Blevins

Noele, Nick & Andrew

Mexico > Community Development or Mission training
Sending Church: Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota.

Mike and Jennifer have been married for 20 years. Jennifer was saved at the age of 9 and when they married Mike was an unbeliever. "After eight years of marriage and seeing our two oldest come to know and trust in Jesus, Mike dedicated his life to the Lord," wrote Jennifer. "Our dear friends and fellow church members, Wayne and Jude Heringer, who volunteer with New Tribes Mission, shared about the reality of unreached people groups. Until this time we were unaware that many unbelievers have no access to the gospel in their language."

"The Lord used this as an opportunity to challenge us to a life of service on the mission field. After raising our required financial support with God's grace and timing, we plan to join the field of Mexico as an extension of Washburn Baptist Church and our supporters."

blogs.ntm.org/mike-blevins





Join the Flight Crew



Aircraft like the Cessna 206 are the backbone of missionary aviation worldwide.

They serve as school buses, ambulances, delivery trucks and more. But expenses can add up.

Operating cost per hour:

\$345

Cost for a typical flight (four hours, two hours each way):

\$1,380



Flights are not options but necessities.

The ground covered by a one- or two-hour flight could take a missionary family with small children a week on foot or three or four days by boat. And can you picture them carrying the supplies a Cessna 206 can?

1,500 pounds

Such as:

- 55-gallon drums of fuel
- Groceries for the next three months
- Generators and solar panels
- Building materials to construct missionary homes



You can help sponsor the flights that missionaries in remote areas rely on,

and must pay for themselves.

Join the Flight Crew:

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CONNECT WITH...

Cole and Hannah Hinderager

Philippines > Tribal Church Planting

Sending Church: Central Baptist Church, Lewistown, Montana

"We were both blessed to grow up in Christian families and trusted Christ at early ages. When Cole took a short trip to the Asia-Pacific region, he visited a tribal group who had already received the gospel. He was challenged by their strong faith, and desire to reach nearby tribal groups with the gospel. God challenged Hannah to consider missions while attending a teen conference in high school. Shortly after these two events, we met at New Tribes Bible Institute, and were married in 2012. We are excited to continue following the Lord on this journey."

blogs.ntm.org/cole_hinderager



Moving in

After years of anticipation, preparation and floods of prayers, the Easton family recently moved into a remote Ga'dang village in the Philippines. "We are experiencing lots of different emotions right now," Dennis Easton wrote: "fatigue, excitement, apprehension, relief, fear, joy..."

Living with the people is necessary so the family can build strong relationships with the Ga'dang people. It's through personal relationships that people become disciples of Christ.

Pray for the Eastons to adapt well to village life, to build good, solid relationships, and to learn the culture and language so they can communicate effectively.



Discover a New Perspective on Mission Work

Larry Brown has a unique perspective on the work New Tribes Mission does around the world. Because of his personal experience on the mission field, and his current role as the NTM USA's Chief Executive Officer, his free quarterly letter, *Partner to Partner*, delivers fresh insight.

Partner to Partner helps you see how God is working around the world through your involvement with NTM. In addition to encouraging stories of transformed lives, each letter presents ways for you to help accelerate God's work among the unreached people of the world.

Here's What's in the Next Issue

April's *Partner to Partner* highlights how planned giving can impact the mission field while providing tax benefits or an income stream to you. This represents just one of the many topics the newsletter covers. Each edition is informative and different.

The Value of Making a Plan

What is planned giving? It's a type of gift to a ministry that's typically more involved than a general donation and requires more counsel than other forms of giving. For example,

planned giving could include a gift that is deferred until a later date.

Next month's *Partner to Partner* will show how planned giving can be used to reach tribes and transform lives. The letter will discuss supporting your missionary, or NTM in general, through giving stocks and mutual funds, the creation of a will, or the use of a trust. It will explain gift-in-kind donations, which could include jewelry, stamp collections, a car, or even building materials.

The issue will also cover charitable gift annuities and how they offer the donor a lifetime cash flow, while giving the ministry an immediate gift. This might be a good fit if you're

looking for a way to help fund God's work but also need your investment to provide income.

Sign up to receive your free subscription

To receive the April issue of *Partner to Partner*, and to discover new ways to make an eternal impact on the lost world, check the box, "Send me *Partner to Partner*" on the enclosed reply card, and return it in the provided envelope.

You can also subscribe online.

Scan the code, or go to
usa.ntm.org/p2p



"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

HOW MUCH TRAINING IS ENOUGH?

Two to four years lay the groundwork for effective cross-cultural ministry.

Being a pastor isn't easy.

So it makes sense that many pastoral positions require a master of divinity degree, which takes two to four years of study after a four-year degree. Yet people are often surprised that NTM's missionary training takes so long — two to four years.

Consider this:

- **A pastor works with an existing church.** A missionary establishes a church from scratch and nurtures it to maturity.
- **A pastor works among people with the same worldview and outlook as his.** A missionary invests time to study and comprehend an utterly foreign way of thinking.
- **A pastor does not need to learn another language to speak to his flock.** A missionary must learn a language that few outside the people group know — then has to figure out how to write it down and teach people to read it.
- **A pastor's flock has access to a variety of study tools and a multitude of Bible versions.** A missionary must translate the Bible.

This by no means sums up a pastor's work. However, it demonstrates that being a missionary is demanding, complex work that requires proper preparation.

Training isn't complete **after classes are done.**



If anything, this comparison raises the question, “Why is NTM’s training so short?” If the task is so complex, how can two to four years suffice?

There are two simple answers to that.

First, the training is specialized. NTM USA is not training people for a wide variety of possible different ministries. The training focuses on the specific skills missionaries need for cross-cultural church planting among people groups with little or no access to the gospel.

///NTM TRAINING///

New Tribes Bible Institute

Two years studying all 66 books of the Bible chronologically with a missions emphasis

Missionary Training Center

Two years preparing for cross-cultural ministry, including culture analysis, language learning and Bible translation

[People with a Bible education can go directly into the Missionary Training Center, but in many cases are encouraged to consider NTBI for a thorough grounding in God’s Word.]

More information: ntm.org/train

Second, the training isn’t complete after classes are done. When a missionary arrives overseas, they’re served by a team of experienced NTM specialists. These specialists assist and train the missionaries as they grasp a culture, learn an unwritten language and formulate a writing system for it, translate the Bible, disciple people, train leaders and more.

Are you interested in establishing maturing churches among people groups with little or no access to the gospel? Do you know someone who is interested? Find out how you can be well prepared to do that with NTM’s specialized training:

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NTM’s training is focused on the specific things missionaries need to know for cross-cultural church planting.



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