

7,400⁺ unreached people groups
comprising **3.34 billion** people
without access to the Gospel



Engaging 40 unreached groups is a daunting goal for a mission as small as Global Teams.

**HOW CAN WE
GET THERE?**

40
NEW UP³GS BY
'24!

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GT'S Strategic Advantage: PROXIMATE SENDING

PROXIMATE MEANS: closest in relationship, nearby. In the last one hundred years, the Spirit of God has moved powerfully so that today 80% of all believers are non-Western! This means that millions of Christ followers are in proximity to the least reached. GT equips and sends field partners who are close to the unreached in distance, in language and culture, and in socio-economic status. Therefore we have possibilities for sending that many others do not.



PROXIMATE IN DISTANCE

Lilian's cultural background differs from Nairobi's Somali Community, but she lives near them. Read her story on page 4.



PROXIMATE IN CULTURE

The Nogai in Dagestan live a thousand miles from Karakalpaks in Nukus, but the language and culture are surprisingly similar.



PROXIMATE + DISTANCE

A North American field partner with a background in engineering trains Himalayan leaders to share water purification methods.

PROXIMATE SENDING is also a great advantage when combined with distance sending. When our field partners from North and Latin America come alongside national field partners in Asia and Africa, everyone benefits. National field partners teach Americans about local customs and language, and they gain the training resources of an international organization.

PROXIMATE SENDING also means your gifts go further and have an immediate impact on the field.

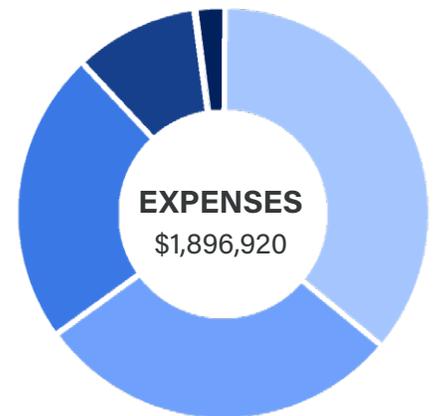


2022 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

We take stewardship of our God-given resources seriously. In the last five years we have reduced our administration and fundraising expenses from 27% to 12%.



Individuals:	\$1,501,176	76%
Churches	\$379,154	19%
Foundations	\$95,742	5%



Ministry & Training	\$686,563	36%
Missionaries	\$554,492	29%
Designated Projects	\$434,184	23%
Administration	\$191,445	10%
Fundraising	\$30,236	2%

There are many ways to give to GT including planned giving, stocks, IRA distributions and workplace giving. If you'd like to explore ways to increase your financial impact, please write us at contactGT@global-teams.org.

BEADS

will open the door for GT field partners to build relationships with fellow Turkana living across the border in Ethiopia.

Using the results from an initial scouting trip, GT's Turkana Team in Kenya will send an advance team in March to begin engaging the Turkana of Ethiopia. While the Kenyan and Ethiopian Turkana share a common language and many traditions, the communities on each side of the border differ greatly. The team of three men will pay attention to these contrasts and look for bridges for the Gospel. They will also devote significant time to prayer as they travel the area, breaking strongholds and asking God to prepare the way.



Read more about the GT Turkana Team:
<https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/8927796/PDFs/June2021IntUptWeb.pdf>

Global Teams promotes “co-vocational” ministry models where field partners use an access ministry – like a small business, community service, or education – to provide an understandable identity, opportunities to meet locals and to provide family support as they enter new communities. In this case, the men will sell sought after beads to open doors into the Ethiopian Turkana community. Just as Jesus sent out the 72, commanding them to trust God for provision, they will depend on God to provide a good portion of their living expenses through the sale of beads.

As the team is looking for where the Holy Spirit is already at work, they will be deciding where they or other GT field partners should locate this year. They will live conspicuously spiritual lifestyles and watch for a “person of peace.”

Since this advance team is forging a way into an area that has been under the enemy's control, they need prayer partners willing to stand with them.

Please pray for the Turkana Advance Team:

- Safety and protection. It may not look far on a map, but the travel through remote terrain is arduous.
- Unity between the three men.
- Discernment and perseverance to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.
- Identification of women and men of peace to establish relationships with.
- For God to prosper their bead business.

TAKE ACTION!

GIVE toward a training for new field partners. We have need for trainings in India, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and Mozambique. Approximately \$250/student. Give at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/fptraining>

MAKE time to review your giving with your family. Does your giving reflect the priorities the Lord has given you? Make adjustments accordingly considering monthly giving, gifts for special projects, and planned giving.

HELP your church adopt an unreached people group! Visit <https://www.global-teams.org/adopt-a-group> to learn more.

GO to Italy with GT and minister to Muslim refugees May 20-29, 2023. For more information email jkottke@global-teams.org.



PROXIMATE SENDING HIGHLIGHT

Sick, hardly able to walk and slowly starving, Lillian cried out to the God she had heard about but had never known, and He answered, sending an uncle to rescue her. While recovering at her father's house, she sought prayer at a church where the pastor's wife powerfully shared the love of God with her. From the moment of salvation, she was delivered from horrible nightmares with great peace filling her heart. Lillian was also filled with a passion to share the transforming love of Christ with those who had never heard of Him.



As she engaged in ministry to those suffering with AIDS, she became aware of the large Somali community in Nairobi. However, her church had a negative attitude toward the Muslim Somalis and warned her to stay away from them. But the Spirit challenged her, "You were also once without God. How will the Somalis learn of Christ unless someone lives among them and demonstrates the love of God?"

Following up on a previous introduction to Global Teams, Lillian took the Horizons course. The training gave her a new perspective on how to reach and live among unreached people groups that filled her with faith. She began praying and researching diligently and God opened up relationships with devout Somali Muslim women. But they lived in a different part of the city and she was busy with her job and with caring for her three children.

Global Teams
empowered
Lillian to engage
with the Muslims
around her.

At the challenge of Francis, GT's Africa Director, Lillian stepped out in faith in 2021 and quit her job to mobilize a team of women to reach out to Somalis. Through the generosity of partners, Global Teams helped Lillian start a small business among Somalis that opened up further opportunities to build relationships. Bold faith pleases God! The team has expanded to 12 people and currently there are two discovery Bible studies being started among Somali women.



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