



# TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The heart of Reliant has always been found in the Great Commission — Jesus' call to go and make disciples of all nations. We have missionaries serving in churches and ministries across the globe. In our 2016 Annual Ministry Report, we want to highlight Reliant Missionaries and their ministries that are focused internationally.

And increasingly, the world is coming to us. Reliant Missionaries here in the U.S. are ministering to diverse groups of international students, refugees and immigrants. Through them the Gospel makes its way across boundaries we might not have been able to otherwise cross.

As we continue to grow in our Kingdom work both here in the U.S. and abroad, we are so grateful for your continued prayer and financial support of the men and women who have answered the call to go.



TOM MAURIELLO



MISSIONARIES IN...

**19** COUNTRIES



**30** US STATES



**136** CHURCHES & MINISTRIES



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It took several years of working in churches before my wife and I realized/admitted that there were two massive themes in Scripture we were not living out: **Tell people about Jesus** who haven't heard and **help people** in need (the poor, sick, hungry, orphan, widow, etc...). We set out to fill these voids in our faith, and eventually God directed us to Africa New Life Ministries. *Thousands* of lives are being radically transformed through this ministry as children, widows, orphans, the weak, the hungry, the lonely, the sick...are all having their physical *and* spiritual needs met. And since the ministry is run by Rwandans, we can actually make a far stronger impact by staying stateside rather than moving our family across the globe. We are so humbled and honored to be a part of such an incredible organization that is truly living out the gospel!



## Jeremiah Smith

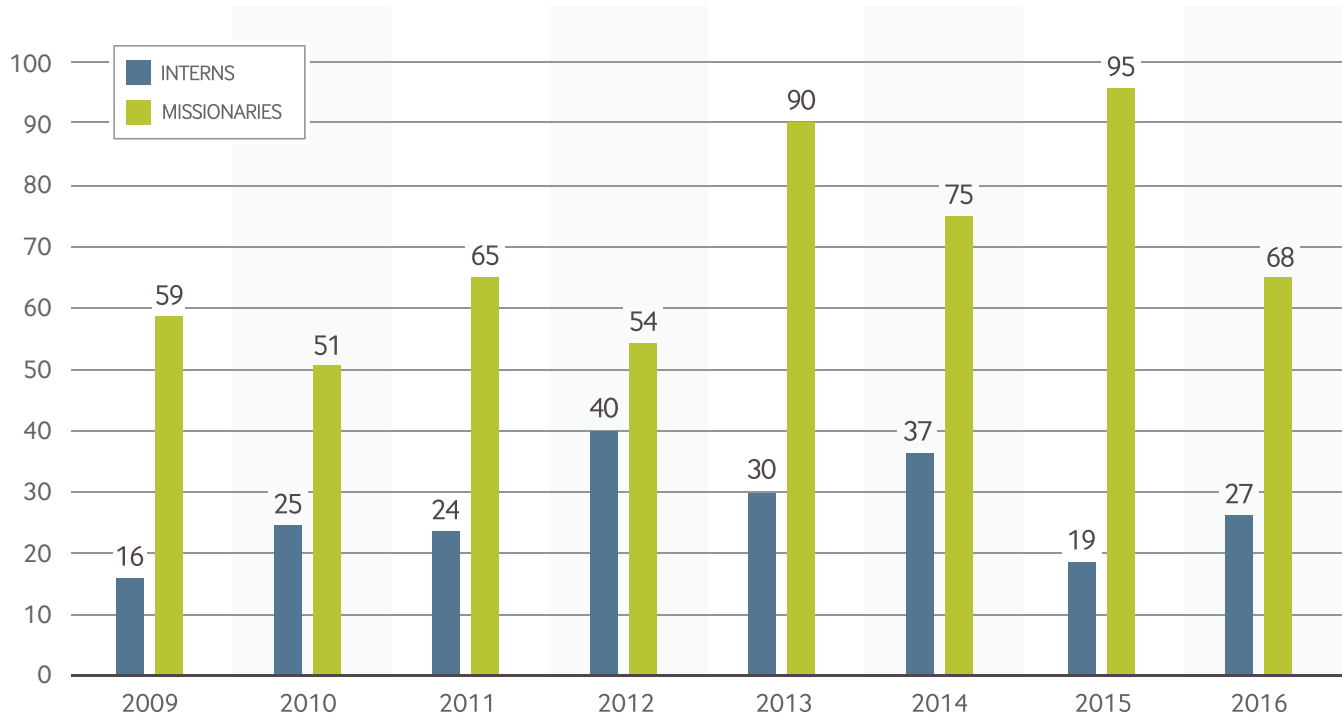
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## NEW MISSIONARIES & INTERNS TRAINED



Some numbers have been updated from previous Annual Ministry Reports.



Throughout undergrad, I was frustrated by the way international students were grouped together, labeled, and forgotten by most of campus. I pray for the Church to not reflect that same attitude, but embrace international students as friends, brothers and sisters, and perhaps the most strategic population of disciples in Christ's kingdom: suffice it to say, my Chinese friends can explain the Gospel in Mandarin a whole lot better than I can!



## Sarah Weldy

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Jesus tells us to pray:

**“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”**

He has entrusted to us, His people, the incredible responsibility of discipling *all* nations.

40% of the world still has not had an opportunity to hear the **Good News**.

The Harvest is plentiful. The laborers are few. There are more people that need to be brought in. We operate in His authority and He promises to be with us every step.

*This is what compels us to do what we do.* ”

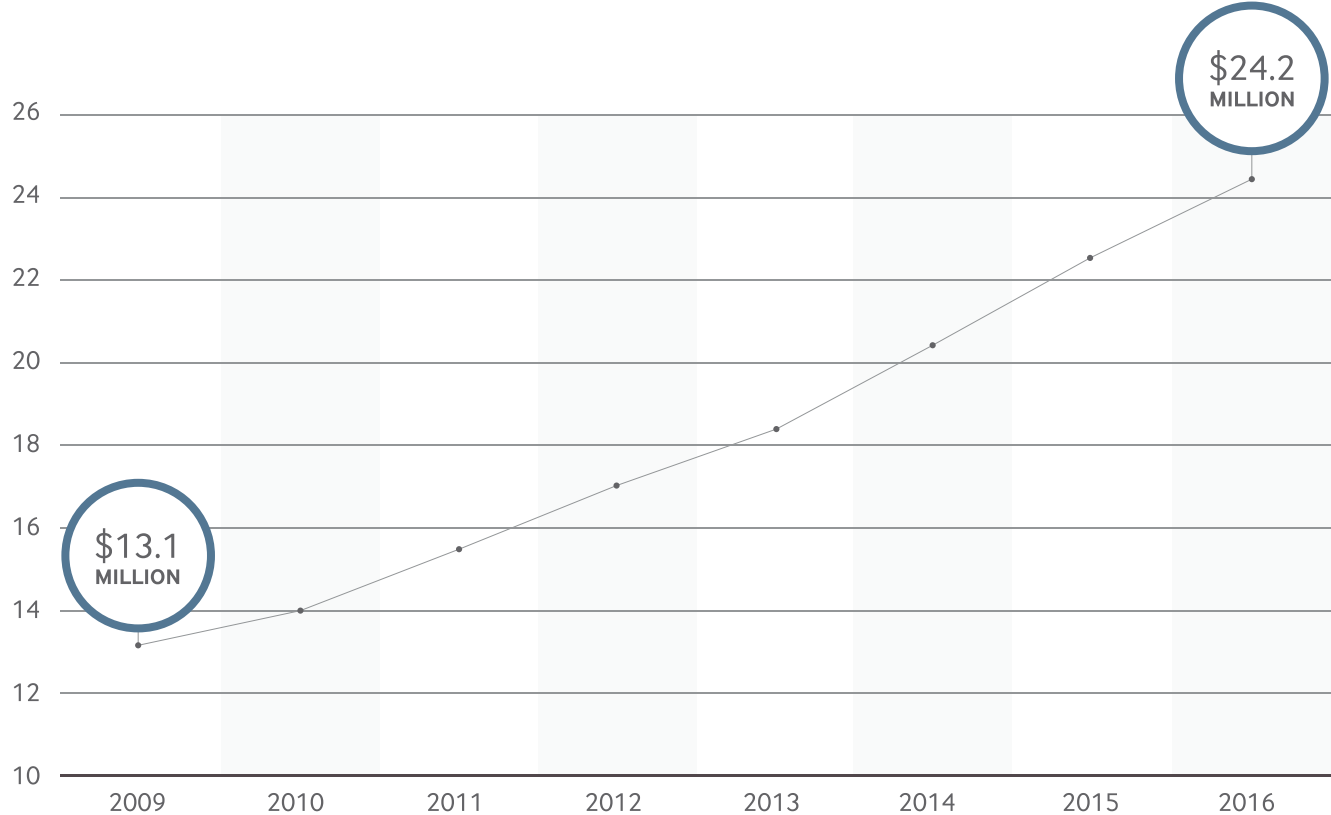
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# GIVING TOWARD THE MINISTRIES OF MISSIONARIES





It sounds awfully simple, but I do what I do (international missions) because God told me to. On my first mission trip to San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, I felt a nudge that I needed to turn my worldly life towards Christ and follow Him, even all the way to El Salvador. I wasn't sure what would come of it, but I pursued that nudge, and what started as a feeling became an absolute — I needed to get to El Salvador. I wasn't exactly sure what my work here would be, but I knew I needed to get here. Now that I have been here a year, I know why I needed to get here and why I stay — because people need Jesus, and they need love. **If I can give people a little bit of my love, they see a whole lot of Jesus.**

Sure, people back home in Ohio definitely need Jesus and love too, but God gifted me with the ability to show love to people no matter the difference — language, age or race. Nothing stops Jesus from covering people with His love!



## Ashley Arend

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY

📍 San Salvador, El Salvador

🌐 Iglesia Gran Comision de San Salvador

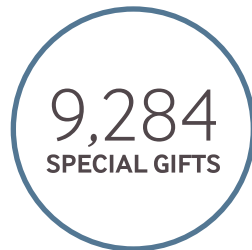
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## CHARITABLE GIVING

	2016	2015
Recurring Gifts	\$20,479,360	\$19,392,322
Special Gifts	\$3,818,701	\$3,702,301
<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>\$24,298,061</b>	<b>\$23,094,623</b>





## INTERNAL REVENUES & EXPENSES

### Revenues

	2016	2015	CHANGE
Contributions	\$24,297,394	\$23,093,049	5%
Conference & Program Fees	\$330,393	\$308,071	7%
Investment Income (Loss)	\$90,850	\$55,115	65%
Other Revenues	\$14,427	\$17,901	-19%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$24,733,064</b>	<b>\$23,474,136</b>	<b>5%</b>

### Expenses

	2016	2015	CHANGE
U.S. Staff & Ministries	\$18,399,522	\$16,876,773	9%
International Staff & Ministries	\$2,993,643	\$3,222,014	-7%
Conferences & Events	\$271,966	\$281,174	-3%
<b>Total Ministries &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$21,665,131</b>	<b>\$20,379,961</b>	<b>6%</b>
Management & General	\$2,567,808	\$2,550,876	1%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,232,939</b>	<b>\$22,930,837</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Excess over Expenses</b>	<b>\$500,125</b>	<b>\$543,299</b>	



Of each dollar, **89.2%** goes toward missionary accounts and **10.8%** goes towards running the support system.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS & TREASURER

We are honored by gracious donors who have trusted Reliant Mission with their charitable contributions. We value each and every gift that makes this ministry possible.

Reliant is committed to the highest standards of integrity, both financially and in governance.

Our Christian board of directors, along with our audit review committee, provides strong leadership and accountability for Reliant management. Since 1992, we have been a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, which represents our commitments to transparency, careful oversight and honoring charitable expectations.

Reliant continues to provide exceptional missionary administrative support that keeps our missionaries well-supported in the field. We are proud of our efficiency and effectiveness in this important area.

As always, our 2016 financial records were audited by Capin Crouse, LLP, a national leader in nonprofit accounting. Their 2016 audit report is always available upon request.



DAVID MELDRUM-GREEN, CPA



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