



PROPOSAL OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT ENDURING LOVE



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (IM)

is a global mission movement. With our partners and global servants, ***we respond to God's call*** to serve in over 70 countries. By engaging cross-culturally, we focus on discipleship and education, work for peace and justice, advocate for those caught in human trafficking and global slavery, nurture economic and community development and offer opportunities for others to participate in our work.

Global servants sustain and fuel our mission movement.

They are deciphering global needs and helping to bring about change through their sacrificial and transformative ministries. They have answered the unique call on their lives to grow and steward of God's mission.

We have been responding for

centuries. IM is the oldest Baptist international mission agency in North America. Founded in 1814, IM remains connected to its rich heritage while pursuing creative exploration and inventiveness in ministry.

OVERVIEW

In the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, for centuries there has been a void in Christian mission. Western mission societies and global workers have avoided this region in spite of its increasing openness to God's message of hope and love.

While global servants from the West play an important role, experience has shown that the most fruitful work in the Arab world is being done by the Arab people themselves in partnership with groups like Enduring Love, an official partner of IM.



Enduring Love is comprised of professionals, educators and global servants in the MENA region. Their desire is to see a growing number of disciples that are passionate about serving the needs in their communities.

As much as possible, Enduring Love aims to engage the Arab people to take the initiative and lead the way for their own people in their own country.



While the Arab world is consumed with the chaos and violence that we see highlighted in the media, IM and Enduring Love believe that it is precisely in times like these that the message of God's hope and *enduring love* is most needed and welcomed.

We are eager to embark upon an unprecedented journey in the MENA region with the message of hope and transformation. We are also seeking others like you who agree that true transformation begins with the transformation of the heart. As we are reminded in Leviticus 19:34:

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."



You are invited to review this proposal and prayerfully consider sharing in this ministry.

BACKGROUND

IM has over 200 years of experience in global ministry, and Enduring Love has been serving in the MENA region since 2014. Together, we believe that this is a unique opportunity as those in the MENA region are seeking answers to the problems in their countries and to the disruption of their peaceful family life.

Dr. Dan Chetti, adjunct professor at the Arab Baptist Seminary, notes that change comes about by influencing one person at a time. When they, in turn, influence their communities, we see transformational change! Young adults are the hope for the future, and we desire to instill in them the values of the Giver of Hope and Peace so that their lives may be transformed from the inside out. What political powers cannot accomplish, our God is able to bring about.

These are some of the ways Enduring Love's global servants are already engaged in the MENA region:

- growing the church community
- supporting displaced refugees
- building and growing home groups and mentorships
- establishing relationships with university students
- teaching and translation

Those whom Enduring Love is mentoring are growing in their knowledge of the truth. They are able to apply their theological understanding in developing businesses and microenterprises. Their community involvement allows them to influence perceptions as well as provide practical help and services such as learning support and transportation services.

In order to build a self-sustaining model, we want to train local leaders to multiply the work already begun. To do this, we also need infusions of financial support to grow business-as-mission projects and develop microenterprises. By offering opportunities to improve economic conditions and contributing to the good of society, we will be imparting hope, which is the first step toward positive change.

Gifts through IM for Project Enduring Love will enable us to identify and engage global servants in seven countries: Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Tunisia, Morocco and Lebanon.

SITUATION

In IM's *Responding to the Call* strategic plan, we have committed the next five years to further developing ministries of cross-cultural evangelism. This project will advance the work originally begun with a generous grant from Bob and Betty Lindner of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the diligence of IM's global servant Dan Chetti.

The Lindner grant and current contributions are able to sustain ministry at current levels, but this work is just beginning to blossom. The relationships Enduring Love has already established show continued promise.

Growing financial support and recurring gift pledges are necessary to enlarge this full-time effort in seven countries. A commitment of \$180,800 each year is required to fulfill the cross-cultural evangelism work.

PROPOSAL

➔ **\$900,000 over the next five years would fully fund Project Enduring Love.**

Before we can expand this work, we are seeking to raise \$275,000 by October 1, 2018. After the annual expenses of \$180,800, the project would be able to enter year two with a healthy balance.

One-time gifts and multi-year pledges would be a tremendous blessing to the global servants who carry out the ministry, and they would be even more impactful for the lives that would be changed in the Arab world. This region is ready for harvest, but the workers are few. We would be so very grateful if you could prayerfully and financially come alongside us to accomplish God's will "on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO

- \$100,000** Provide seed money for microenterprises and some operational costs for 10 partner servants in the MENA region. Their businesses create economic opportunities and allow them to share God's message of hope and love.
- \$50,000** Provide ongoing discipleship and training by Enduring Love and the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary for the 10 partner servants. Each will receive ongoing mentoring, oversight and encouragement through conferences and workshops in seven countries for the year.
- \$17,000** Provide local administrative and accounting support and meet technology needs in the seven countries we serve.



WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A GIFT?

IM global servant Dr. Dan Chetti remains committed to stewarding your gifts and will provide regular updates on this project. By combining your financial support with the passion of in-country global servants, your gift will have far greater impact than any of us could achieve from a distance.

Dan is an adjunct professor at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and director of Enduring Love, a partner of IM.



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Thank you for keeping the Arab world in your prayers and for being part of these exciting projects. God bless you.

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