



2020

ANNUAL REPORT



JON ORTLIP - PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2020 brought the world into a new era of learning how to live in a pandemic state. The impact on churches, ministries and businesses around the world caused much concern and anxiety. The unknown is always destabilizing as the future seems uncertain. However, through this time of uncertainty, we at Ambassadors Football have clearly seen the hand of God upon this mission, providing for the needs of our staff and volunteers around the world. We have also clearly seen His physical protection over the whole Ambassadors family. Additionally, the distances that have separated us have not caused us to grow apart, but in fact, have motivated us to move forward with better, more regular communication, and a greater sense of unity. Despite the pandemic, Ambassadors Football has been blessed by God in many ways.

During this time of lockdowns and restrictions we have been able to slow down the activities and spend more time planning and praying over the direction of the mission. God has helped us in a significant way to move forward so that when we do come out of the pandemic, we will be ready to move ahead with greater clarity and direction.

I am grateful to God for His faithfulness and His mercies that sustain us daily. The mission is now poised to move forward with a new strategy we are calling "Multiplication". This involves partnerships with denominations, associations of churches, schools and NGOs around the world. It is an initiative that will organize the mobilization process in such a way that Ambassadors Football will be able to impact millions of children and their families over the next decade.

Please pray for us and join us in this exciting endeavor.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ortlip', written in a cursive style.



HELPING HAND - NO SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

COVID CAMPAIGN

As the COVID-19 pandemic began to grow globally, it became evident that our workers around the world and those that they serve were going to need help. In April of 2021, we launched “Helping Hand” to raise support for all of those in need. Our faithful supporters around the world responded graciously and generously. As the support was distributed, the stories of blessing began to pour in.

Throughout this report you can read some of these impact stories. Visit our website for additional information & stories:

www.bit.ly/AFcovid-19stories



Throughout this report we have provided regional Covid impact statistics related to the regions where we conduct ministry. These numbers are total numbers for the entire region reported from December 31, 2019 through week 32 which is August 19, 2021. This data has been compiled from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

GLOBAL MINISTRY REACH

Ambassadors Football currently has offices in 28 countries and has trained associates in over 40 additional countries. Countries with established offices are indicated below by **ROYAL BLUE**. Countries with trained associates are indicated in **GRAY**.



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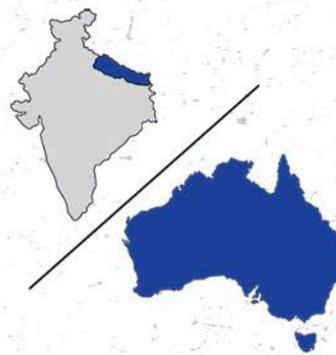
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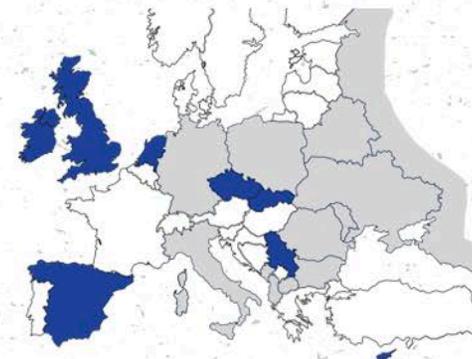
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SPAIN**

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GERMANY • ITALY • MACEDONIA • MOLDOVA •
MONTENEGRO • POLAND • ROMANIA • RUSSIA •
SLOVENIA • UKRAINE

554

WORKERS

WORKERS are full-time, part-time, interns & volunteers who work with Ambassadors Football ministries.

368

ASSOCIATES

ASSOCIATES are new coaches who attended at least one Ambassadors TREC training program in the calendar year.

148,239

LIVES IMPACTED

LIVES IMPACTED are all who were encouraged to grow spiritually or heard the Gospel of Jesus through Ambassadors Football or our associates.

581

DECISIONS

DECISIONS are commitments to trust in Jesus through the ministry of Ambassadors Football directly or the ministry of our trained associates.

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CASES:
7,292,302
DEATHS:
183,771

223
WORKERS

220
ASSOCIATES

72,438
LIVES IMPACTED

91
DECISIONS

KENYA, AFRICA

A HEART FOR CHILDREN



As the impact of the pandemic hit Kenya I felt a burden in my heart for the kids who were going for an entire day without food. I looked around my house for food but I didn't have much myself. So, I asked God to send me people that could share my burden for these children.

I started buying wheat flour and yellow beans one portion at a time for a whole month. One day I found two people and shared my goal to provide lunch for the children. They contributed what was lacking and we fed 40 kids then repeated it 4 more times!

Everyone around my community was questioning why I was doing this because I'm not wealthy enough to make an impact like this. People even tried to break-in to my house to see what I have because they thought that I must be wealthy if I can do this. People thought it was ridiculous to serve others when I had nothing. However, the Lord used this to show them that we all have everything that's needed in this world to bless others. It doesn't have to be food, money, or material things. It's the challenge of living out our faith in the community we serve.

If I can do this, then what can God accomplish through you?

Lydia is one of our many coaches in Kenya. She is passionate about football and uses that passion to tell people about her greater passion for Jesus.



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EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA TROPICAL STORM & COVID



During the pandemic we faced many challenges. The people in our community were already suffering economically, but then in May, our country was also devastated by tropical storm Amanda. We looked to God to show us what we could do.

We started by going out to the streets and assisting the homeless. This led us to start putting together bags of food for other people that were in need too. After the storm we took food to people in places where help was not going to arrive easily. So many people came to know that God loved them and was providing for them.

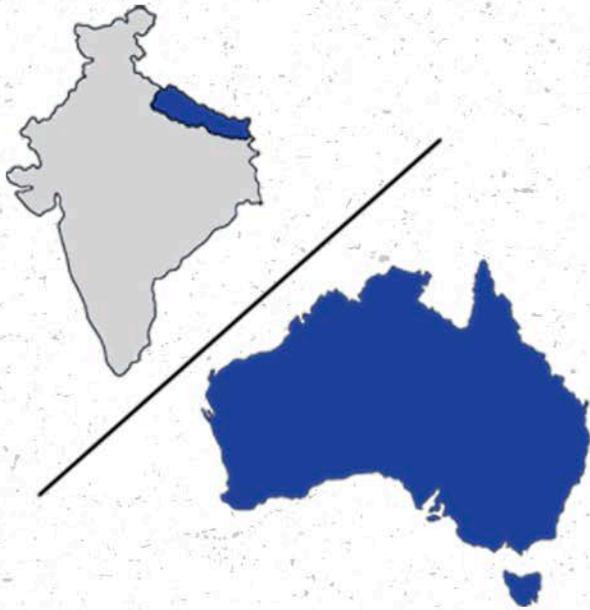
One special story is that of Ms. Maria, an older woman whom we met. When I first met her, she was crying and so afraid of Covid. She was living in great fear and she couldn't walk. Each time we went to visit with her we could see positive changes in her. Little by little she was changing. She was less worried and trusting the Lord more. The last time we went to visit with Maria, she was not sitting in front of her house as usual. She came *WALKING* toward us with a face filled with joy to receive the food, the prayers, and fellowship with the Lord. We were so excited to see the change that the Lord had made in Maria. From a woman filled with fear and not able to walk, to a woman seeking after the Lord and trusting Him in all things.

Jonathan Maltez is the Director of Ambassadors Football El Salvador. Their ministry was disrupted by Covid and Tropical Storm Amanda.



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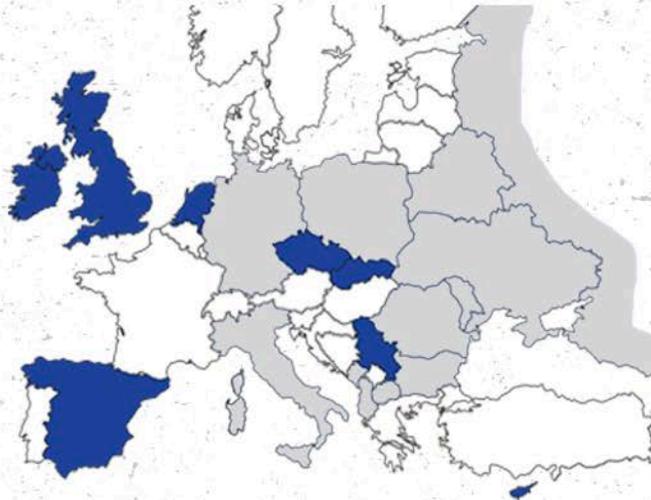
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SERBIA, EUROPE

GOOD NEWS IN SERBIA



In 2020 the pandemic changed a lot in our ministry plans. The government took drastic quarantine measures but despite all that, we were able to spread the Good News.

From March to mid-May, we could not gather for football training or youth meetings. Then on May 16 the government approved gatherings again and I don't think we have ever had more children attend. We were all so happy to be together again and the messages we spoke from God's Word that night were so powerful, We'll never forget it.

The pandemic actually made it easier for us to share with the children who were fearful of the unknown, who Jesus was and what He did for us. In a village called Seleus there are 14 young people who regularly come to our gathering. In July, 6 of them decided to follow Jesus and be baptized. It was such a great thing because in Serbia it is not popular to follow Christ and give your life to Him.

We see Jesus changing their lives and they are hungry to grow and hear more about Him. It is the most beautiful feeling when you see the joy and happiness of the Lord on the children's faces. Our goal for the children in Serbia is not to become the best football players they can, but instead to get to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Rale is the Director of Ambassadors Football Serbia. He and his wife Dragana lead a ministry focused primarily on children in the villages around their home.





GLOBAL FINANCE REPORT

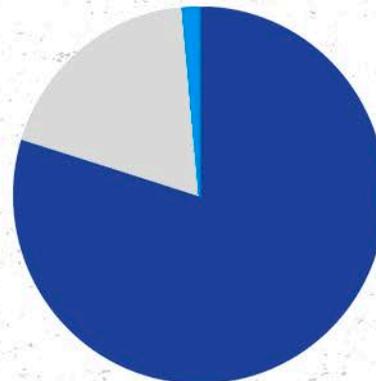
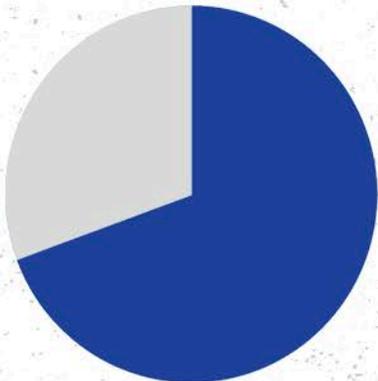
Thank you to all of those who contributed to the work of Ambassadors Football in 2020. We praise God for the thousands of donors who have joined us in our mission to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ through football.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$2,094,536

CONTRIBUTIONS: \$1,453,002
MINISTRY ACTIVITIES: \$641,534

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,067,154

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES: \$1,667,853
ADMINISTRATION: \$392,332
DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING: \$6,969





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