

NEIGHBORS ACROSS NATIONS

CELEBRATING 2017 MISSIONS+OUTREACH



B4ADVENT

Merlo Station, Beaverton ◀ Siliguri, West Bengal, India

Well drilling goes hand-in-hand with church planting in Papua New Guinea where B4 Advent funding has helped plant more than a dozen churches.

WHO'S OUR NEIGHBOR?

When Jesus told his followers to love their neighbors, he was immediately asked by an expert in the Law, "Who is my neighbor?"


His answer was stunning: Anyone you see who is in need. Love them. And help them to the best of your ability.

Beaverton Foursquare has been blessed with this ability to help many neighbors, both across the street and around the world, through your generous giving. For example, we've raised drilling rigs in more than a dozen Papua New Guinea villages, digging wells for clean water, eliminating water-borne disease among children, and planting a new church with each well.

We've also raised a basketball hoop at Merlo Station just down the road. That simple act of kindness is part to a basketball club outreach run by a church volunteer. Kids from the club served with us in soccer camp. Some also formed the core of a new youth group within our Hispanic church plant, Centro Victoria.

Those who have invested in B4 Advent might ask, "How do you know where to go and what to do?" It's simple, really. The Holy Spirit directs us.



A photograph of a basketball hoop and backboard, viewed from a low angle looking up. The hoop is dark, and the backboard is light-colored. The sky in the background is a pale, overcast blue. The hoop is slightly tilted to the right.

As Missions + Outreach pastor, Mark Nicklas, remarks, “We always lead with relationship. Partnering with local leaders, we discern where the Holy Spirit is doing Kingdom work.”

Some of those place are very near. Others are halfway around the globe. Regardless, we go where we sense the breath of the Spirit at our backs. And we take the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, with us.

On the inside of this pamphlet, you can see some of what we did last year. This work is not credited solely to the few who traveled to distant places, nor only to those directly involved in local outreach. God used all of us. Those who went, those who gave, those who prayed, and those who did all three.

ENSURING A FRUITFUL 2018

Would you prayerfully consider how you might participate in the coming year? A simple way would be to give a special one-time gift to B4 Advent when we receive those on the 12th and the 19th, or at any time during the Advent season. Please select “B4 Advent” if you give online or on your phone. You can also put a note “B4 Advent” on the memo line of your check, if you choose to give that way.

From soccer to hoops: Our outreach to our local community began with Soccer Camp and continues this year through an after-school hoops camp spun out of the relationships that began at the camp.

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Numbers never tell the whole story, but they help. Below you'll find some fun facts about what we've been able to do in 2017, both globally and locally, though the annual B4 Advent offering. There's another important number, too: 100 percent of money received goes to direct ministry. And 60 percent of all resources remain in the local community. What we do invest globally is leveraged through Spirit-led partnerships that multiple its effectiveness. We were able to do much together in the past year. That's reason to celebrate. And with your help, we can continue this Kingdom work in 2018.



Educational Outreach and Evangelism in India
Church Planting and Pastoral Training in South Central Asia
Hospitality Outreach to, and Support of, Chinese Pilots
Well Drilling, Pastoral Training, and Church Planting in Papua New Guinea
Bible Translation and Church Planting among the Choco People in Panama
Cultural Restoration and Church Planting among First Nations People in S.E. Alaska

After-school Programs: Barnes Early Release Days and a Basketball Club at Meadow Park
Barnes Elementary Volunteer Reading Program, SHINE Enrichment, and Food Backpacks
Planting churches in S. E. Portland, and a Spanish Speaking Congregation in Beaverton
Thanksgiving Food Boxes Community Outreach for Families in Need
Annual Support for First Image (Pregnancy Resource Center)
Annual Compassion Clinic Outreach for Families in Need
English Corner Outreach to Non-native English Speakers
Transportation Teams for Soccer Camp Outreach
Merlo Station Community Outreach



1.8 TONS

of wild salmon caught, processed, and distributed to First Nations people in Alaska through the B4 Advent-supported missionaries and volunteer teams.

- 31,311 board feet of red and yellow cedar used in local village's reconstruction projects.
- 6,372 cubic feet of concrete poured for those same projects.
- 120 cases of beach asparagus harvested and canned by B4 volunteer teams for food distribution through Foursquare missionaries.
- 30 cords of firewood split and readied for distribution among indigenous villagers.
- 2 The number of villages now working with leaders to plant Foursquare churches.



3,000 lbs

of turkey distributed to families in need through our Thanksgiving Food Box Outreach.

- 220 families served, 40% of them from Barnes Elementary School.
- 200 volunteers sort, pack, and deliver food boxes that contain a turkey plus a dozen eggs, dinner rolls, butter, and 5 lbs of potatoes.
- 54 of the recipient families are refugees from the Iraqi and Bhutanese communities.
- 1 invitation to attend services at our church comes with each box.

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dental cleanings for under-served people in our community, donated to our Compassion Clinic by docs from B4.

- 112 people served.
- 53 extractions and fillings performed.
- 33 professional dental providers volunteering their time and expertise.
- 16 bi-lingual volunteer translators reported approximately 12,867 smiles exchanged.

S.E. ALASKA

PDX AREA

HIMALAYAS

INDIA

CHINA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



44 Beaverton School District children served on early release days who would likely otherwise be "latch key kids."

- 1200 feet is the distance students from Barnes are bussed by the district to ensure their safety while crossing Walker Road.
- 48 pumpkins painted during the first week's activities.
- 30 The weekly number of volunteers who serve the students, one team per week.
- 2 months: how long we had to plan, train teams, and be ready to serve when the school asked for our help.

6,230



The approximate number of books read to kindergarten students at Barnes Elementary School by church volunteers.

- 1,465 total volunteer hours in service of Barnes School, including the SHINE program, our own B4 After School program, student reading support, and meals for teachers during parent-teacher conference days.
- 70 food back packs going home each week with students whose families need assistance.
- 8 years of building trust through loving service, spanning the administrations of three principals.
- 3 The number of current Foursquare missionaries who served at Barnes Elementary School.

128



face-to-face hours with campers while volunteer teams transported them to and from Soccer Camp.

- 64 campers driven daily to the outreach camp by teams of drivers and bus hosts.
- 2 awesome buses.
- 1 The number of after-school basketball clubs started by a volunteer bus host.

3,996



pairs of socks donated to Portland Rescue Mission after a marathon basketball fund-raiser planned by students in the after-school basketball club of Merlo Station and Meadow Park School.

- 6 The number of hours club members played to raise money for the socks—final score: 535 to 519.
- 1 The number of youth groups in our Spanish-speaking church plant, Centro Victoria, started with some of these same students.

60



happy volunteers excited to serve foster children each month through our church's participation in Foster Parent's Night Out, a respite care outreach for foster families.

- 30 The total number of children served each month through FPNO.
- 60 The typical number of parents who are really glad we do this.

11,929'

above sea level is the elevation of the most recent church plant we supported, which probably makes it the highest Foursquare church in the world.

- 5 churches planted in total throughout the Himalayan region by B4 pastors and volunteers.
- 65 indigenous church leaders trained by our pastors and volunteers.
- 1 The number of Rooted groups now gathering in this area.

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-passenger church van transports participants to our English Corner outreach from pick-up points along an eight mile route.

- 21 Average weekly attendance by speakers of other languages who want to improve their conversational English.
- 12 is the number of volunteers from B4 who want to help with English, build relationships, and share the love of Christ.

94



The percentage of women with unplanned pregnancies who choose to carry their child to term after receiving services at First Image/PRC, an annual recipient of B4 Advent funding.

- 3700 The number of women served last year.
- 1100 ultrasounds performed last year.

102



showers are taken daily by students at the Bright Hope English School after the improvements we were able to make in their water system.

- 100 local girls receive a Gospel-centered English education at the school.
- 72 of 100 students have come to faith in Christ through the school and are now impacting their families and communities.
- 2 Rooted groups of Bright Hope English School students are using materials translated into Nepali by B4 volunteers.



1,000

Chinese pilots, who have trained at the Hillsboro flight school, have been served since the inception of our hospitality outreach.

- 25 friendship circles with Christian families where pilots are loved, mentored, and supported by volunteers.
- 12 Chinese cities visited by follow-up teams from B4 Church, racking up 241,200 collective miles of air travel.
- 6 Chinese commercial airlines represented by the hosted pilots.
- 1 The number of times a volunteer took pilots to the outlet stores at 4 a.m. on Black Friday.

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fresh-water wells dug in the poor villages outside Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea—where a new church is planted with each well—one new well, one new church.

- 540 filters for remote villages awaiting their new well and church.
- 45 people served per filter with a daily amount of clean water.
- 23 pastor/drillers were trained for the ministry by B4 Advent-funded teams.
- 0 The number of typhoid and cholera cases among children in the villages served.

137,000

cumulative air miles traveled by team members and family during an exchange program with Haidian Church in Beijing.

- 2000 The number of people who attended an outreach musical concert hosted by Haidian Church.
- 250 The family members of Haidian Church soccer camp kids who attend a celebration and Gospel presentation (in Chinese) by Haidian pastors.
- 200+ people are involved in ongoing discipleship because of mentoring and small group training at Haidian Church.
- 5 The number of Americans living in China for six months.