

World Missions has been at the heart of the Assemblies of God since its inception. The missions of Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) is: *Establishing the church among all peoples everywhere by reaching, planting, training, and serving.*

The AGWM theme for 2023 is Christ Among Us. "For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." (2 Cor 2:15, NIV)

This theme verse instructs us to be a "pleasing aroma" to all the world. Like Christ on the Earth and the Holy Spirit in the Church, our *presence* brings encouragement to followers of Christ and attracts those who do not yet follow Him. Christ calls us, and the Holy Spirit empowers, us to live and minister among the whole world. In this way, we can be "Christ Among Us" to those who need Him.

In the Assemblies of God Kansas (AGK) we have 17 missionary units (singles and married couples) serving around the world to fulfill this mission. They sacrifice daily to serve in the country of their calling, and to see the Kingdom of God built, one life at a time. They work diligently to be Christ Among Us to a lost world who needs a Savior.

This effort is made possible by the partnership of each AGK church and credential holder. In 2022, the AGK gave \$3,595,117.54 to Assemblies of God World Missions. Total giving for AGWM in 2022 was \$232,700,00! What an amazing year for world missions giving in Kansas. Evangel Wichita, led by Pastors Marc and Crystal Cauthon, were our largest world missions giving church in 2022.

These funds were given through various missions works and projects: Speed the Light, BGMC, LFTL, missions trips and teams. This combined effort helped AGWM see a person make a decision for Christ every 54 seconds in 2022.

I want to challenge each AGK church and pastor to invite our missionaries to your churches. Give them a window or the entire service to share all the amazing things the Lord is doing through them and their ministry. Also, pastors, provide opportunities for your people to pray and seek the Lord about their calling and service to missions. The AGK needs more World Missionaries to go and be Christ Among Us.

Blessings, Andy Parks World Missions Director