



# REACHING ACROSS

Developing Christian leaders globally

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## Hopefulness and Anticipation



Executive Director  
Greg Morrow

This has been a year that will be remembered in many ways.

It began with hopefulness that the impact from COVID-19 might decrease, lessening the ache and agony that touched every nation around our world.

There was also hopefulness by many, if not most, of FLF's many partners, despite the gathering ominous clouds on the horizon due to the uncertainty surrounding geopolitical events unfolding in Eastern Europe.

The response to refugee relief and humanitarian aid shows the attack on Ukraine affected people around the world much like the pandemic.

We now find ourselves hopeful near the beginning of another year, desiring solutions to some problem nearing resolution, while knowing we face other questions without clear-cut answers. Yet, acknowledging both leaves us in a place no different than we find ourselves every day, week after week, and in any new year that follows the old.

Crises emerge that challenge us, regardless of the season. We find solutions to our problems and answers to our questions through our faith in Christ. That belief forms the foundation upon which FLF's mission rests: **to develop Christian leaders globally.**

While 2022 will be remembered for many things,

for me it will primarily be remembering the Lord's reliability, regardless of whatever challenges we might face. You'll find that reminder in the contents of this year-end newsletter:

- Page two has a summary of this year's FLF leader development efforts. As I look at this thumbnail report, I give thanks for the Lord's faithfulness as we've developed Christian leaders globally this year.
- Page three gives an overview of plans adopted by the board at its most recent meeting. To succeed will require faith, but we give thanks knowing God is able.

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- Page four includes the first details of a significant meeting to be held in Warsaw, Poland in June 2023. I believe this meeting will frame FLF's work for years to come as we interact with partners from around the world in a retreat focused on reset and renewal. Once again, we give thanks for this opportunity.

**You continue to play an important part of what God's doing through FLF.**

Please keep praying for our partners around the world and for FLF's leadership, both board and staff. And will you pray also for how the Lord would have you to give? The current needs are great; the needs to come will be greater. Still, we give thanks for God's faithfulness to meet our needs and the people through whom He works to do so.

As we conclude this year, and, shortly, start a new one, let's give thanks for God's faithfulness to us. May we remain faithful to Him by how we go and what we give.

## Did You Know?

Between February and October 31, 2022, the FLF Ukraine Relief Fund raised **\$482,313.94.**

Thank you for your generosity!



# By the Numbers: **FLF @ Work** in 2022

This has been a year affected by disease and war. A combination of technology and flexibility has enabled us to work along partners both in person and virtually. As the apostle Paul writes, *God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need.* (2 Corinthians 9:10 CEV)

## 11 COUNTRIES

Cuba	Latvia	Moldova
El Salvador	Lithuania	Poland
India	Mexico	Tanzania
Israel		Ukraine



## \$49,867

### IN PROJECT DISTRIBUTION



## 1,173

### PARTICIPANTS

## 849

### VOLUNTEER HOURS



## \$24,230

### VOLUNTEER HOUR VALUE



## 17

### PROJECTS



## FLF PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- Academic Teaching (Tanzania)**
- Emerging Leaders Initiative (India)**
- Infrastructure Investment in Leader Safety (Israel)**
- International Conference (Latvia)**
- Leader Development (El Salvador)**
- Leadership Training (Cuba)**
- Men's Retreat (Lithuania)**
- Music Leadership Initiative (Ukraine)**
- Refugee Assistance (Multiple Countries)**
- Spiritual Renewal Retreat (Poland)**



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Future Leadership Foundation (FLF) develops Christian leaders globally, collaborating with churches, ministry organizations and religious entities by addressing needs and goals that facilitate reaching people for Christ and equipping them for ministry.

#### Leadership Team:

**Executive Director:** Greg Morrow; **Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board:** Treva Swadley; **Field Services Directors:** Calvin Brown, John Claydon, Chris Cook, Steve Easterwood, Michael Graves, Mike and Robbi Haynes, John Jackson, and Heber Mena.; **Treasurer:** Gary Collins; **Communications:** Robbi Haynes and Ken Satterfield

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#### Advisory Board:

Jennifer Briner, Switzerland; and Jon Easterwood, Kirksville, Mo.

# Looking Forward with Hope in 2023

God blesses us with opportunities to share our abilities, gifts, experiences, and resources with others. As Future Leadership Foundation develops leaders globally, the places below are where we want to echo the Psalmist in saying, *O taste and see that the LORD is good...* (Psalm 34:8)



## CUBA

Leadership training for Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention



## EL SALVADOR

Theological education and leadership development



## ESTONIA

Training program for equipping young leaders (17-24)



## INDIA

Emerging Leaders Initiative conference



## ISRAEL

Planning for leadership development with Yuval Ministries



## LATVIA

Working with leaders to support the Baltic Training Institute for pastors and church planters



## LITHUANIA

Women's conference to enhance leadership in ministry and service



## MOLDOVA

Leadership training for pastors and wives  
Reconnection and encouragement of leaders through Moldova Baptist Union



## POLAND

Leadership Forum for marketplace leaders in partnership with Golden Apple Institute  
Spiritual Renewal Retreat in partnership with Golden Apple Institute  
Creating Partnership Conference bringing together FLF international partners



## ROMANIA

Leadership training for pastors and wives, relationship building and partnership development with Christian leaders



## TANZANIA

Assistance in establishing a college/university  
Online teaching of students at the college in collaboration with Baptist Union of Poland and African Inland Church



## UKRAINE

Macedonia Project for raising funds in support of the Church Planting Department of Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary  
House of Mercy leader development project

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Want to call partner with Future Leadership Foundation to develop Christian leaders. Here's what I'd like to do:

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Did You Know?

Over 90% of the operating expenses for FLF are covered by FLF Board and Staff. Nearly all of what you donate goes to projects and partners!



## International Conference **Scheduled** in 2023

Imagine a time where Christian leaders from throughout the world can gather to worship, network, and plan with one another.

Imagine a place where participants find ways to combine their individual strengths to make a difference that can last, not for a few days, but for months, even years into the future.

Imagine if the resources of Future Leadership Foundation could be utilized to make such a meeting not just a dream, but a *possibility*.

Global leaders are beginning to put into place plans for a conference called ***Celebrating Partners, Creating Partnerships: Sowing Sustainable Seeds***, to be held June 2023 in Warsaw, Poland. As the title implies, the goal is to sow sustainable seeds for the future. Existing and possible new partners would participate alongside other Christian leaders.

Who would participate?

- **FLF Family, staff and Field Service Directors**, with travel and in-country costs to be covered. (Board member would pay their own expenses.)
- **Those that may become 'New' Partners.** For these participants the conference itself will be free, though not travel and other costs. The possibility of scholarships may be available on a case-by-case basis.
- **Invitees**, who may be church leaders and others who have expressed interest in the FLF mission. These would be responsible for their own travel and in-country costs.



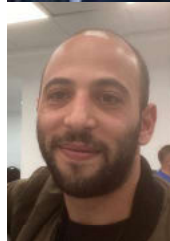
This dream is built on past successes. In 2017, FLF invited leaders from eight countries to a summit in Ukraine, introducing FLF leaders to our international partners while building relationships and dreaming of the future. This initial meeting resulted in much of the work FLF is doing today.



A similar conference initially planned for this year was postponed due to COVID and the uncertainty of international conflict.



**FLF believes the time is right to re-engage with our international partners in our common cause to develop Christian leaders globally.**



A benefit of this meeting in Warsaw makes it more centrally located for many of our partners, making travel more feasible.

When you support the work of Future Leadership Foundation through your prayers and financial support, you do more than help support students, leadership, worship training, and more. You also make dreams become reality, possibilities become opportunities, and seeds planted now become *more than we could ever ask for or imagine* (Ephesians 3:20).



We ask for your prayers as we celebrate partners and create partnerships. **A response card and envelope** are included for your support for this and other ongoing endeavors today through your tax-deductible gift. Or go online at [www.flfmissions.org](http://www.flfmissions.org) and give securely.

*Thank you for your continuing support!*