



FieldPartner
International

CASE FOR SUPPORT

Join us in equipping cross-cultural missionaries to be obedient to God's call on their life, and to be effective in their ministry.

AT A GLANCE

CHALLENGES

- Cross cultural mission workers face great challenges and attrition.
- New sending nations lack resources to send effectively.

SOLUTIONS

- Practical resources to address the gaps.
- Accessibility to new sending nations.
- Community for the isolated.

NEED

- Funding for third phase, to build on proof of concept and platform development.



FieldPartner was founded by Ross and Christine Paterson; lifelong missionaries, mobilizers and trainers. FieldPartner represents the synthesis of their experience. Their vision is to pass it onto the next generation so we can dynamically serve the developing needs of the missions community.

THE NEED

The Great Commission is not yet fulfilled. Even with the generations up till now, over 7300 unreached people groups remain¹ - millions who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus. Furthermore, many workers who are sent to the unreached lack sufficient training and support to be effective long-term, and there is a high attrition rate of workers leaving the field.

Our objective is to equip thousands of the 425,000+² cross-cultural workers globally. From our decades of combined experience, and our own research, we know the challenges faced by those on the front line. Our survey³ of almost 140 workers showed that nearly 60% faced significant unanticipated personal challenges and felt unsupported, yet only 18% had adequate training for their work outside their passport culture.

Our findings align with wider trends in the cross-cultural mission space. Large sending agencies also identify the problem and highlight a lack of relational support as a major factor to this trend⁴. We must do better.

Watch our video at fieldpartner.org/about-us/why-we-exist

A SPACE FOR SUPPORT

During a webinar on Third Culture Kids, one participant, a dedicated missionary, openly shared about the challenges his children faced in finding a sense of community, and his own struggles and concerns.

As he finished speaking, the virtual room fell silent for a moment. Then, in a beautiful display of solidarity, several other participants immediately responded, sharing their own experiences, offering words of encouragement, and providing practical advice. The atmosphere was filled with empathy and support, creating a powerful moment of connection.

It underscored the need for continued support, community and resources for families navigating the complexities of cross-cultural life.

[1] Global Frontier Missions: globalfrontiermissions.org/missions-101/the-unreached-peoples-and-their-role-in-the-great-commission

[2] Global Missions Group: globalmissions.org/counting-missionaries/

[3] Crossing Cultures for the Gospel: learn.fieldpartner.org/survey-report-crossing-cultures-for-the-gospel

[4] e.g. OMF: omf.org/us/missionaries-get-lonely-too-its-contributing-to-missionary-attrition/

[5] Dr Richmond Wandera: inspired.captivate.fm/episode/compassion-works-richmond-wandera



ADDRESSING PAIN

During a recent online cohort, a remarkable group of South Africans came together with a shared passion for reaching out to other nations. This cohort quickly developed a profound sense of connection.

Participants opened up about their experiences with abuse, racism, and discrimination. Yet, amidst these stories of hardship, there was a powerful undercurrent of transformation.

The group found encouragement in one another's journeys. They learnt lessons in forgiveness and connecting with others respectfully and meaningfully. This highlighted the importance of our work in fostering such transformative connections.

WHAT WE DO AND WHY

Our vision is that anybody who goes to the mission field should be properly trained, well-resourced and wholeheartedly supported. Operating in both English and Chinese languages, we provide community, resources, and courses to cross cultures effectively together. We seek to address two gaps.

Gaps in the traditional system

Firstly, well-resourced workers, who may not be adequately trained for the practicalities of crossing cultures, can feel isolated on the front line of the mission field and face various challenges. So, we offer a growing online network of cross-cultural workers who can connect, share, and learn together.

Equipping the new generation

Secondly, the global trend is that "what was once the mission field is now becoming the mission force."⁵ Nations that once received missionaries are becoming senders. Although their passion is fervent, they often lack resources, training, and support. That's why we ensure our material is accessible to these people.

We believe that through our work, cross-cultural workers will remain on the field and thrive in their ministry instead of falling into discouragement or attrition.

OUR NEED

As we move into Phase 3, we aim to build on current momentum by working with new sending nations, as well as churches and agencies in the West. We hope to create more content, offer our resources in more languages, and adapt existing material for different applications. We plan to host events, both in-person and online for mission workers, collaborating with others to ensure that cross-cultural training is available and relevant to those that need it most.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our annual operational costs are approximately \$130,000 per year⁷. Your funding will go directly into supporting the third phase of this work as together we strive to fulfill the Great Commission and enable workers to effectively reach the nations with the good news of Jesus. Furthermore, if you can introduce our work to other interested parties, we would be most grateful.

Join us in equipping cross-cultural missionaries to be obedient to God's call on their life, and to be effective in their ministry, with match funding for all donations made in 2024.

FORGING NEW PATHS

One cohort gathered passionate believers from Burundi and Ethiopia, two new sending nations. Conversations were rich and inspiring as they reflected on missionaries of past generations, and their desire to build on this legacy.

They openly discussed issues from cultural barriers to personal hardships, and how they navigated these with faith and resilience. They encouraged one another with wisdom, kindness, and stories of perseverance and hope.

Their journey demonstrates how our work equips and empowers believers to spread the gospel across nations.

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[7] We would be happy to provide a breakdown of these costs.