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From the President

Five Qualities of a VITAL Church

BY AARON M. KAUFFMAN



How do we engage the next generation in the life and witness of the church? That was the key question I wanted to answer six years ago in my doctoral dissertation. I focused on a number of local churches that were bursting at the seams with folks in their late teens and twenties. What were these churches doing right? Five overarching themes emerged in my interviews with six pastors and 31 young adults, which I sum up with the acronym, VITAL.

Vibrant Worship: Young adults in my study expressed a desire for “worship that is heartfelt, inspiring, and challenging.” They were not looking to be entertained or told things they already agreed with. And worship style was secondary. They wanted worship of substance with people who really believe what they are singing and proclaiming.

Intergenerational Relationships: Contrary to the trend toward segmented ministry that gathers people of the same age together, the churches in my study emphasized relationships across generations. Whether this happened formally with mentoring programs, or informally in small groups or corporate worship, young adults valued the friendship and example of those further along in the journey of faith.

Transformational Gospel: A formulaic gospel focused on the afterlife did not resonate with young adults. Rather, a life-changing encounter with Jesus was the primary way churches in my study talked about the gospel. But this wasn’t just about personal change. As one young woman put it, the gospel is “the bigger story about how God wants to redeem the world, us included.”

Authentic Evangelism: Similarly, the churches I studied avoided approaches to evangelism that were canned or confrontational. Instead, they emphasized incarnational outreach wherever people “live, work, and play.” Are we cultivating real friendships of love and trust with neighbors beyond our church circles? If those friends come with us to worship or to a small group, will they experience the hospitality of a community shaped by the God who became one of us in Jesus Christ?

Love for Young Adults: Finally, the defining characteristic of these churches was a genuine love for young adults amid the struggles of their generation. Young adults face both a turbulent life-stage and an increasingly post-Christian culture. A church that welcomes their gifts and appreciates their unique qualities while also challenging them to grow in Christ will find itself on the right track.

Skip Tobin, a veteran missionary and ministry coach, has compared young adults in the church to “apex predators” like tigers in their natural habitat. A healthy tiger population means a healthy ecosystem. But if the tigers are in trouble, the rest of the forest probably is, too.

In the same way, churches with vibrant young adult participation will be healthy in all kinds of other ways, including in their mission sending. How is the young adult presence in your church? What VITAL characteristics are present? Where does your church need to grow?

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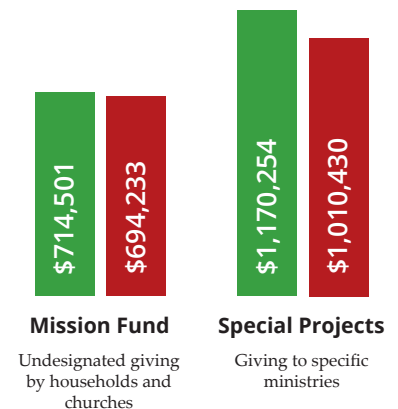
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Financial Report

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Cover image: Youth enjoy the Shenandoah Valley mountain views on a hike together at the 2025 SLAQ Newcomer Adventure Camp.

Courtesy of Ken Wettig. *See article on page 6.*

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News+Events

At the Table with Jesus: Projects Focus on Food



VMissions Project: Sharing food with others is a way to share something of ourselves.

Eating a meal together can make even strangers feel more like friends. As VMissions workers eat with their neighbors, they learn to know and care for the people they eat with. They share their lives with others and hear what people need and long for. They can also share about God's love for *everyone*. That sounds a lot like what Jesus did when he ate with people!



In Italy, the Shawn and Laura Green family shares food with neighbors through a food pantry.



In Albania, Norma Teles provides food for the Roma children she teaches, so they can focus on learning.



In Germany, David and Rebekka Stutzman share food and coffee with their neighbors at the community center 'The Villa' while children and youth play games and work in the community garden together.

Mennonite Central Committee Project: Many people around the world don't have enough food to eat. The My Coins Count project focus of Mennonite Central Committee is to make a difference in places that have food insecurity, by purchasing food, animals, stoves, and other items.



**Learn more about
My Coins Count**

([vmmissions.org/partner/
events/my-coins-count/](https://vmmissions.org/partner/events/my-coins-count/))

New Worker Training and Annual Worker Retreat

Newly-appointed VMissions workers will gather in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for orientation and training on July 23-25. This is an opportunity to learn more about the vision and operational aspects of the agency and receive helpful input for ministry.

Workers currently in the U.S. will gather at the annual VMissions Worker Retreat at Highland Retreat in Bergton, Virginia, from July 27 to 29. The theme this year is *Proclaiming the Year of the Lord's Favor*, based on Isaiah 61:1-4.



SAVE THE DATE

VMissions Community Cookout is August 23

During the Great Community Give cookout on April 16, many folks offered affirmation for that event and suggested having more times of fellowship and food as a way to connect with friends and supporters of VMissions.

Join VMissions at a cookout and open house at the Mission Training Center (Barn) on Saturday, August 23. Meet members of the VMissions board and connect with delegates from churches across Virginia Mennonite Conference as the annual VMC Assembly concludes its gathering in Harrisonburg earlier that morning. Members of the community are invited to enjoy free food and fellowship between 12:30 and 2:30 pm.

Workers Recently Appointed for Service



Steven Bolaños & Allison Yutzky, serving at a Christian camp in San Ramón, Costa Rica.



Jacobo & Karina Garcia (names changed), serving as tranSend interns on the Business for Transformation (B4T) Launch Team in Central Asia.



Katie Liskey, serving as an intern with Viva Youth in Bogotá, Colombia, through tranSend.

Worker Reappointments

Nathan Carr, continuing in his work towards launching a Christian recovery house in the Shenandoah Valley, 3/2025 to indefinite.

Andrea Hamsher, continuing in her hospitality ministry assignment through tranSend in Mannheim, Germany, 9/2025 to 8/2026.

Baker Rigg, serving as chaplain at the Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail, Virginia, 4/2025 to 3/2027.

Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, jointly appointed with EMM to continue the development of the Isaan Doorways program in Thailand, 9/2025 to 8/2027.

Paulo & Ana Silva (names changed), continuing their work with the Central Asia Launch Team, 3/2025 to 5/2026.

Jay & Em (names changed), serving as Central Asia Launch Team co-leaders, 1/2025 (retroactive) to indefinite.

Engaging the Next Generation

With a growing number of partnerships, VMissions helps young people grow in discipleship and explore their missional calling.

BY MARTIN RHODES



For the past 20 years, the VMissions tranSend program has provided a robust missional internship structure to place people discerning their call to mission with long-term workers

and partners in the U.S. and overseas. These placements have combined on-field mentoring and VMissions coaching to help believers grow into their great commission calling.

Thought leaders and practitioners of global missions are finding that this method of mentored ministry is now more relevant than ever as the next generation is joining the work of missions. In recent surveys, organizations like The Missions Academy are finding the primary learning characteristics of Generation Z and Alpha are *experiential, participatory, and connected*. Unlike previous generations of mission practitioners, the recent generation does not prefer to receive verbal instruction and then go and do. Rather, they are looking to go and do alongside older, wiser mentors who help them succeed, even through experimentation and failure.

And doesn't this model look a lot like Jesus' own model of discipleship? Jesus invited 12 ordinary human beings (some of them likely quite young) to walk alongside him and learn from him as he taught and healed and loved people into the Kingdom. Jesus saw in his followers the potential to become fishers of people under his loving instruction.

Through robust partnerships with our constituency churches and the SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) program, VMissions is seeing a healthy influx of mission applications from teenagers who desire to follow Jesus in mentored ministry with coaching support from experienced practitioners.

The partnership between VMissions, SLAQ, and local congregations has borne much fruit. Each time I get to share about SLAQ with friends and colleagues, I hear "Wow, tell me more," and "This is exactly what our youth and parents need to grow in gospel confidence." And from our young people, it has been transformative and birthed in them a desire to serve the world in mission. One hundred percent of our SLAQ graduates have continued to serve. Some have stayed with the program as "Serving Leaders" to assist Ken and VMissions in seeing more young people join the missional adventure. Others have applied to participate in missional gap year programs through the tranSend program of VMissions.

These high school youth have been discipled in their congregations and in the SLAQ program to see life with Jesus as an adventure, learning and maturing in a loving community that provides both invitation and challenge. We are blessed to partner in this work of training and equipping these young people into God's mission.

And yet, there has been a gap in our programming. Teenagers often desire the support and camaraderie of peers in a team environment as they are finding their way to independence and greater maturity in the faith. We have typically sent tranSend participants into mentored ministry who are ready to join a mature team of adult mentors. So the question for us became, how can we help use the strength of our



Malakai Wettig (left) served at Viva Youth in Bogotá, Colombia, during a gap year mission experience. Courtesy of Malakai Wettig



A youth team from Enciende Una Luz, Harrisonburg, Va., participated in Border Perspective, an E³ Collective learning and service tour at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2024. Photo: Tomasa Castañeda



An E³ Collective team from Virginia traveled to Albania to provide programming for children of workers at the European Worker Retreat in May 2025. Their impact was deeply enriching for the children and their parents. Photo: Karen Yoder

tranSend program to facilitate missional teams of young people learning and serving together?

Within the past year, I have had the joy of calling up colleagues at sister mission agencies and asking for them to partner with VMissions in sending gap year students into team ministry assignments. Eastern Mennonite Missions, Rosedale International, and VidaNet all have robust gap year programs for youth and young adults that combine three to four months of intentional discipleship training and service with an additional five to six months of overseas ministry.

Each of these organizations has agreed to partner with us in jointly appointing youth in our constituency to serve in their short-term gap year programs. These like-minded Anabaptist agencies have welcomed this partnership to strengthen our ties to each other for the good of raising up young servant leaders for the church and mission.

Our sister mission agencies and their constituent churches have also expressed a desire to learn how to replicate VMissions' programs like SLAQ in partnership with their constituency churches as well. Next spring, Ken Wettig and VMissions will begin the process of training leaders how to replicate facets of the SLAQ program so that we can continue to equip the church to make disciples near and far. In a culture where competition is enshrined as a virtue, VMissions and our partners are leaning into collaboration to bring each of our strengths into mutually beneficial partnerships. I am excited to continue these partnerships long into the future.

I am deeply grateful that *partnership* is a strategic priority for VMissions. SLAQ began as a partnership between a local pastor with a vision for youth formation and missions, and other churches, pastors, and families who desire to see youth cohorts shaped by commitment to the way of Jesus and in service to the world. Through these conversations, SLAQ joined VMissions as a program.

Nurturing relationships with young people pushed us to develop new partnerships. We've found sister organizations who share the goal of shaping servant leaders willing to be sent into the world as bearers and messengers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we walk with the next generation of missional leaders through mentoring and coaching relationships, we are providing an experiential and relational context for discipleship and Kingdom growth.

The writer of Hebrews encourages us to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" (10:24). This is a wonderful descriptor of the call to partnership and collaboration in the Kingdom. To "stir up" is a call to action; to mix it up with one another in an adventure of life with God. We are called to use all our strength to encourage each other to love and growth in obedience as we follow our Lord Jesus.

I pray that VMissions will continue to follow the Spirit's invitation to build partnerships where all are stirred up to follow Jesus in mission.

Martin Rhodes is Director of Training and Short-term Missions for VMissions.

For a Generation to Come

The mission of the SLAQ program is to raise up youth as serving leaders through practices of adventure, service, and wisdom.



BY KEN WETTIG



As the pandemic was in full swing in the spring of 2020, parents, pastors, and mentors around the globe wondered what kind of world the next generation was going to inherit. For parents especially, the sudden and drastic pivot towards virtual solutions for education, worship, and social connection was overwhelming. A subconscious question was emerging in the hearts of many of us.

What impact will virtualism have on initiating the next generation towards faith-filled maturity in this new, ever-changing, ever-evolving digital landscape?

Since the pandemic, five of the last six advisories from the U.S. Surgeons General have been aimed at the intersection of social isolation, parental exhaustion, and the youth mental health crises. Now is the time for the church to remove the question mark from the end of the above question, and develop a new sentence, a new vision of spiritual formation for the next generation—preferably one that ends with an exclamation mark.

It has been said that *when the church finds a chasm, she builds a bridge*. So, what is the bridge God wants to build for this generation?

Without question, the church is nurturing creative responses to the current challenges facing Gen Z and Gen Alpha. In my own context I think of the innovative work of The Soil and The Seed Project to combine gifts of liturgy and art as a powerful formative experience within families.

I want to share specifically about the role SLAQ is playing in providing a next-generation program for counter-cultural, mission-driven, holy resistance.

SLAQ's vision is the next generation fully alive for the glory of God and the good of our communities. That vision works its way into reality through our mission: *To raise up, among the next generation, diverse cohorts of serving leaders in the way of Jesus through real-life: adventure, service, and wisdom.*

That mission becomes embodied through a yearly rhythm built into our program in which our high-school-aged participants (whom we call SLAQers) will engage in our three real-life practices.



Adventure: The Newcomer Adventure Camp invites immigrant and refugee middle school youth for three days of outdoor fun. Each was gifted a bicycle donated by Wyse Cycles and a helmet donated by Mole Hill Bikes. Courtesy of Ken Wettig

Adventure

Depending on their own gifts and motivations, SLAQers are invited to embrace the challenge of engaging anywhere from 50 to 400 miles of real-life adventure over the course of a year. These miles may be biked, hiked, or paddled depending on the various opportunities in a given year.

While the literal experience of adventure has a ton of value in its own right, a major part of our reason for engaging outdoor adventure is to discover the patterns of adventure within life itself. That is the invitation: to embrace challenge within the promise that, in the end, it will have been more than



Wisdom: SLAQers engage in a Crucial Conversation on Faith and Mission in 2024, which featured input from VMissions President Aaron Kauffman. Photos courtesy of Ken Wettig



Service: SLAQers make and sell food at the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale in October 2024.

worth the hardships endured. While developing the structure for these adventures is no doubt a lot of work, once the vans are rented, the gear loaded, and the itinerary set, it is a beautiful thing to simply sit back and watch as the Spirit uses the adventure itself as a teacher. At the end of last year's Faith Adventure, without being prompted, one youth said simply, "I have never felt more alive than I was on the Faith Adventure."

Service

Each year SLAQ provides the opportunity for over 40 hours of community service work and outreach. Over the years, this has taken many different forms, from hosting trivia nights at a local retirement community, to developing a three-day Adventure Camp for middle-school-aged newcomers (recent immigrants and refugees).

One of the highlights of the more than four years of offering SLAQ was, without a doubt, our recent cross-cultural E³ Collective trip to Bogotá, Colombia to serve alongside Viva Youth. Because our own culture is one of entitlement, nothing quite shakes us out of the self-entitlement malaise like experiencing another culture. Once we are out of the rat race for a while, the importance of service starts to shimmer again in our hearts and minds.

Wisdom

For SLAQ, the practical outworking of wisdom occurs through our 20-30 teachings and conversations throughout the year, where together we both entrust and exchange biblical wisdom.

Each SLAQ Day throughout the year begins with a teaching and conversation around a serving leadership principle on display in biblical characters. Together we explore the gift and dangers of leadership as a key part of God's mission in the world. Through our Crucial Conversations (CruCon) practice, SLAQers tackle conversations at the intersection of faith and culture alongside their parents, pastors, or mentors. One participant said "CruCon is like a theological battle royale." Most recently, the SLAQ cohort engaged in a twelve-week CruCon series on faith and sexuality.

Why do we do this? A quote by the Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl is one of many that reaffirms our goals and practices. Reflecting on what built resilience among prisoners amidst the despair of the concentration camps, he wrote, "We had to learn ourselves, and furthermore we had to teach the despairing men around us that it did not really matter what we expected from life, but rather what life expected from us."

In our day, SLAQ wants to create a context where the next generation can step out of the comfort-driven streams of culture, and listen to what life expects of them. To embrace reality as the primary tool through which God has invited us to join in God's cross-generational mission: that we all might "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

Ken Wettig is a VMissions worker serving as the founder and director of SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest), based in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

God is Still Saving This Generation

BY JOYEL ALLEN



Serving in college ministry for the past few years has deepened my conviction that the Great Commission is as relevant and urgent as ever. Jesus' call to go and make disciples doesn't get old—and it's especially meaningful for a generation that's wrestling with deep confusion, fear, and spiritual brokenness. I've encountered students who outright reject the gospel, not because it's irrelevant, but because they misunderstand it. Many are afraid of what surrender might cost them, or they carry wounds that make trust feel impossible. But I am encouraged, because these are the exact people that Jesus is committed to moving and saving.

I've also seen the miracle of transformation. I've watched skeptical, standoffish students come to know Jesus. I've seen people go from distaste for our campus ministry to choosing baptism. These are not just emotional moments; they are evidence that God is still saving this generation. And it's an honor to be part of it.

Through this work, God is growing me as a leader. I've learned to carry faith not just for myself, but for the students and teams I walk with. I'm being stretched to love and lead more like Christ—with humility, intentionality, and boldness. There have been moments when I've felt the limits of my own strength, but those have become the very places where I've seen God show up the most. The responsibility has shaped me deeply, especially in learning how to stay spiritually balanced and Christ-centered when things get busy or messy.

This journey has changed the way I think about my future. I plan differently—not based on worldly security, but on how to be available for God's mission. I think about missions overseas. I think about owning a home one day, not just for myself, but to host and disciple others. I'm even learning to cook in bulk because meals have become ministry.

Being close in age to the students I serve brings both challenges and blessings. The benefit is that I don't have to work hard to stay relevant; I live in

their world. They teach me, and I get to teach them. The challenge is in learning how to lead well while still being relatable. I've found that stepping into a "big sister" or mentor role helps me maintain trust and model Christ-like boundaries.

Some of the biggest challenges in faith development come from personal wounds—whether it's peer pressure, "church hurt," or trauma. Students are often searching for a deep, authentic community, but aren't sure how to find it or create it. That's where discipleship steps in, not as a program but as a way of life.



Mary Baldwin University students join in prayer at a gathering organized by the author.

Photo courtesy of Joyel Allen

VMMissions has played a key role in my growth. Through coaching, classes like Perspectives, and a supportive community, I've been equipped and encouraged in ways I couldn't have imagined. I am still honored that God chose me to serve the Kingdom in this way. I could be doing anything, but I get to reach the next generation with the gospel. And for that, I'm deeply grateful.

Joyel Allen serves in college ministry in partnership with Every Nation Campus at Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, Va.

An Unexpected Path to Mission

BY ANDREA HAMSHER

Serving in missions work overseas isn't something that I ever imagined myself doing, but through the process of moving to and serving in Germany, it's become evident to me that even when I didn't even know what I was doing, God did.

One example of God's providence for me was in learning German before I planned on serving here. In high school, I had the option to either take Spanish or German classes. I opted to begin taking German classes because my ancestors came from Germany and I thought that it would be cool to learn the language.

During college, I once again needed to take foreign language classes to meet a graduation requirement, and since German was an option as one of the languages I could take, I thought it would just be easiest to continue on with German. I thought that I would only take the classes needed to meet the foreign language requirement, but I enjoyed the classes so much that I just kept taking them. In the end, I actually ended up adding German as a second major! I'm grateful for the teachers and professors who gave me encouragement along the way and went above and beyond so that I could continue to study the language.

After graduating college, I was really unsure what the next right step was for me. One of my German professors from college told me about a program to spend a year in Germany. After spending time thinking and praying about it, I decided that particular program wasn't the right one for me, but I felt that God was definitely calling me to serve in Germany.

As I was looking for a program with the right fit for me, I heard that VMissions workers Dave and Rebekka Stutzman, who my family had been neighbors with almost 20 years ago, were looking for a volunteer to come and serve with them at The Villa, a community center in Mannheim, Germany. I got in touch with Dave and Rebekka, and through them, got in touch with VMissions and made the decision to serve in Germany through the tranSend program.

Looking back now, I see how God was preparing me for my time in service, although I was never aware of it at the time. It was definitely a challenging decision to make, since it required me to put a lot of trust in God to be able to raise funds and move to a new country where I hardly knew anyone.

However, I now recognize all the ways God was preparing me for this assignment which made my transition into serving in Germany much easier, since I was familiar with the language and culture, as well as the people who I was coming to serve with. My transition was also made easier by the financial and structural support from VMissions as well as my two German partner organizations. It's amazing to me how God has used something that I thought that I was just doing for fun into an opportunity to serve.

Andrea Hamsher serves in Mannheim, Germany, through the tranSend internship program of VMissions.



Andrea Hamsher (left) and Rebekka Stutzman serve a Friday breakfast at The Villa in Mannheim, Germany.

Photos courtesy of author



Neighborhood kids join Andrea in cutting potatoes to make fries for The Villa's weekly gardening workshop.

Call to Prayer: Praying and Fasting

BY LYDIA SHOWALTER

My first Wednesday in Costa Rica, we woke up later than normal and my stomach was already growling. It was the first week of our discipleship training and my first day of fasting. I grew up seeing the example of my parents fasting as well as reading about many biblical examples, but I had never fasted.

One of the things I soon came to appreciate about the Vida220 training is that it provides a place where the students can build foundations for spiritual disciplines *in community*. We prayed together, worshiped together, had silent retreats together, and fasted together. Slowly the spiritual disciplines seeped into my daily life and started to become life-giving habits for me. The Wednesday 24-hour fasts on the Vida220 campus soon became a regular routine. Through these fasts and in my classes, I learned a number of things.

I learned that one aspect of fasting is that it's a physical representation of a spiritual reality. The Bible is steeped with objects, rituals, and places that remind us of who God is, our dependence on him, and our human brokenness and redemption through him. Psalms 125:2 says, "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore."

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God looking at me, and feeling
deep joy in his presence.**

Whenever I catch a glimpse of the mountains peeking out between buildings, it reminds me of God's faithfulness and presence with his people. Fasting, in the same representative way, can be a reminder of our dependence on and spiritual hunger for God and God's word. I also learned that fasting is inextricably linked with prayer from the examples of the Early Church in Acts.



An Easter Sunday painting of some of the symbolic things in our faith (focusing on Old and New Covenants). Painting by Lydia Showalter

Even with all this information, I still felt like there was a disconnect between head and heart, between knowledge and true understanding. It wasn't until I did a 72-hour fast that I began to truly understand what fasting meant. I woke up the second day and prayed to God for patience and perseverance. I realized how much I had been relying on my own strength to get through the Wednesday fasts. I was also struck by a story that our teacher told about a priest who asked an old man what he did when he sat in the church pew every morning. The old man replied, "I look at Him, He looks at me, and we are happy."

The next morning during quiet time, I went out to my usual spot at the edge of a field. I lay on the logs, watching the clouds float by, and for the first time in those three months, I spent time truly abiding with Jesus. I felt myself looking at God, God looking at me, and feeling deep joy in his presence. Fasting along with prayer does the mysterious work of drawing us close to God so that our desires and perspectives align with his. I realized that all of my *doing* needs to flow from that place of abiding and spending time talking with him, praying, with words or without.

Lydia Showalter serves with Vida220. She finished her outreach as an intern with Viva Youth in Bogotá, Colombia, and is now back in Costa Rica at the base.

Worker Profile:

Marcello Arrostuto & Marianna Vaglica (Elia)

Service program: tranSend
Serving since: 2024

Assignment:

We are located in a small neighborhood community in Palermo, Italy, and we work hard to serve where there is need. Marianna serves with the Sunday kindergarten class, in the choir, and with the women's group. Marcello's main roles are preaching from the Bible during church services and leading the evangelization committee. He also sings in the choir.

First and foremost, we take care of what needs to be done in every aspect of our community, including cleaning. In addition, we are working to create "leisure" groups as a way of community-building, followed later by sharing the gospel and discipleship.

The groups have been good, and they work really well, because you can be together and talk about everything. Eventually you confide in and advise each other.

Biggest challenge:

Our biggest challenge is to find the right balance of time. We want to be generous in spending free time with people. In addition, we find ourselves wanting to study more and more of our culture and the ways people respond to the gospel here. It's less effective to evangelize directly; you must first make a lot of friends and create connections to share your faith, or people often get scared off and tend not to trust the messenger.

Biggest joy:

Being able to serve in God's mission in this way brings an indescribable joy to our hearts. It is so nice to see how, through our service, God acts and works. We especially notice this when people who showed no interest before ask you for help in knowing more about Jesus. It's a miracle to witness and a joy to encounter hearts that are opening to the Lord.



A typical day:

On a typical day, we study. There is often preparation and work on the next sermon message. We keep in touch with the people that we are discipling or following up with.

We rehearse for the Sunday service and make some visits to friends and brothers and sisters. In addition, we often prepare Christian gadgets to donate after our meetings.

Our goal is to create groups of people who deeply love and follow Jesus, and we want to make this love known to as many people as possible.



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VMMissions will use its My Coins Count share to help mission workers invite more people to the table. Sharing food with others is a great way to share something of ourselves. Eating a meal together can make even strangers feel more like friends.

As workers eat with their neighbors, they learn to know and care for them. They share their lives with others and hear what people need and long for. They can also share about God's love for everyone around the table—a lot like what Jesus did!

FOOD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT HOME

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will use its My Coins Count share to buy food to share with families who have had to move due to fighting or because of a disaster like a flood or drought. Having to move makes it much harder for families to get enough food.

By helping people feed their families, we show that we love God by following Jesus' teaching to give food to the hungry.

VMMissions and MCC split the proceeds of My Coins Count 50/50.