

REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL  
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As the cross-cultural ministries arm of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Encompass World Partners is pleased to share an update concerning our 112<sup>th</sup> year of continual service in fulfilling our mandate to make disciples of all nations.

**OUR VISION**

*To spread the knowledge and glory of God among the least reached of our world.*

**OUR MISSION**

*To mobilize, equip, deploy and nurture multinational teams of disciple-makers  
who live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ  
through engaging in sacrificial service, intentional evangelism and whole-life discipleship,  
resulting in the creation of healthy spiritual communities (churches).*

**OUR CORE VALUES:**

*Relentless pursuit of the **Great Commission** in all of its implications  
Prayer that leads to vision that leads to **Risk-taking faith**  
Valuing individuals And empowering teams  
The glory of the **Church** as God's plan for this age  
Strive for **Excellence** in all we do*

**GENERAL STATISTICS** (as reported at Encompass Annual Board Meetings, April 30, 2012):

Cross-cultural Teams:	44
Cross-cultural Workers	
Career	74
Term	23
Int'l Ambassador	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	101
Appointees	10
National Ministry Partners	76
Interns	17
Short Term Ministries ('11-'12)	
Teams	22
Individuals	137
Ministry Presence (countries)	
Permanent staff presence	22
Itinerate ministries	<u>11</u>
TOTAL COUNTRIES	33
Church Statistics (excluding North America)	
Established Churches	3203
Points of Light	664

## MINISTRY OVERVIEW:

The most concise summaries of our current ministries can be found in two recently published booklets, available from either of our U.S. offices:

*Global Ministries Prayer Guide 2013*

*Encompass World Partners Ministry Overview*

### Relocation of Encompass Headquarters:

One of the most visible achievements of 2012 was the relocation of our headquarters from Winona Lake to the ethnically diverse NE section of Atlanta. This strategic move will facilitate two of our major priorities, which include more extensive pre-deployment training for new cross-cultural workers and ethnic minority church planting in North America. The Atlanta offices officially opened on September 4, 2012, and we are pleased to report a smooth transition to a dual office format.

Long-term Goal (by 2020): To double the number of fruitful disciple-making teams.

### Immediate Goals (by 2015):

1. Achieve a high level of organizational alignment with our vision and mission

By 2015, every aspect of the global ministries of Encompass will be evaluated with respect to its ability to advance our primary goal of more effective disciple-making teams. Unaligned activities will be phased out or released. Underperforming activities will be provided an opportunity to improve their contribution. Aligned activities will be publically celebrated and encouraged to reproduce.

2. Develop the Atlanta office as a hub of apostolic training and activity.

By 2015, our Atlanta operations will be considered a model for training a new generation of apostolic workers for deployment globally in multinational teams. Multiple ethnic minority churches will be launched throughout metro Atlanta.

3. Develop new and more effective models for US Mobilization (Pray – Give – Send)

By 2015, we will transition to an affinity/opportunity-based mobilization structure for North America that promotes partnership. Encompass will be known for adding value to the global ministry goals of local churches.

4. Develop more appropriate leadership, partnership and administrative structures for each of the five Encompass ministry regions.

By 2015, our regional leadership structures will clearly reflect our commitments to 1) collaborative partnerships, 2) gift-based leadership, 3) creating space for new leadership to emerge, and 4) leveraging economic and personnel resources. It will be evident that we are a 'young leader friendly' organization taking proactive steps to recruit, train and empower the next generation of leadership.

5. Move Charis beyond a loose fraternity of FGBC leaders to a cohesive force that promotes the health and welfare of the global FGBC movement.

By 2015 (at the conclusion of the next Charis International Leadership Encounter), 1) an organization will emerge that is capable of providing leadership for our global fraternity of churches, and 2) a network of apostolic sending agencies will employ viable leadership and funding strategies to oversee a significant increase in multinational church-planting teams.

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