



Tyndale Foundation

2020

Impact Report

**"Be strong and courageous!
Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the LORD your God
is with you wherever you go."**

JOSHUA 1:9, NLT

On February 15, 2020, as I walked through Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, I saw more people than usual wearing surgical masks. *Interesting*, I thought. *I guess people are really worried about the reports of this weird virus going around in China.* I was on my way home from a wonderful gathering of partner seminaries in Bangui, Central African Republic. The focus of the talks at the conference was health and healing in an African context. At the time, none of us knew how appropriate that focus would turn out to be.

One month later, as schools and businesses across the United States and around the world began to shut down, a new global reality was sinking in. The entire world was in the grip of a pandemic, and no one could even begin to understand all the ramifications.

As 2020 drew to a close, many organization leaders used words like *disruptive*, *unprecedented*, *challenging*, and *catastrophic* to describe the year's events. Rarely in human history have we faced a situation where every organization, every business, every church, and every government had to switch focus to the same issue at the same time.

But in the midst of disruption and chaos, I am grateful for the way the Tyndale House Foundation staff and Board responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, and I am proud of the way THF grantees and partners pivoted to address needs in their communities. The purpose of this report is to highlight some of these responses and provide an overview of the places and ministry areas where THF grants made a difference in 2020. But first I want to point out four important trends I see when I look at THF's impact this year.

When other foundations went local, THF went global. In the earliest days of the pandemic, when philanthropic organizations were just beginning to assess the likely economic damage that would accompany a global healthcare crisis, many foundations and other grantmaking organizations made the strategic decision to focus most of their giving in their local communities. At Tyndale, we took the opposite approach. Even with a grantmaking budget that was reduced due to revenue shortfalls early in the fiscal year, more than 95 percent of THF grant dollars were allocated internationally, to organizations working in over 100 countries. God's Kingdom is a global Kingdom, and THF is doing Kingdom work globally.

When most foundations reduced their giving, THF increased its capacity to respond. In March, even as the THF grantmaking budget was being reduced, the Board made the strategic decision to set aside a \$500,000 relief fund to help address COVID and other crises.



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Jeremy Taylor
President, Tyndale House Foundation

we made many of our grants unrestricted, meaning ministry organizations could change their plans as their circumstances changed.

When so many were struggling with isolation, THF increased communication. We created a dedicated email inbox for prayer requests, and THF staff members met daily by Zoom to pray for grantees. We created devotionals and other helpful resources. We stayed in regular contact with hundreds of ministry leaders. We sent out a survey to assess how organizations were being affected by the pandemic and how we could help. We fostered connections, created networks, and made ourselves available for consultation even when we couldn't give a financial grant.

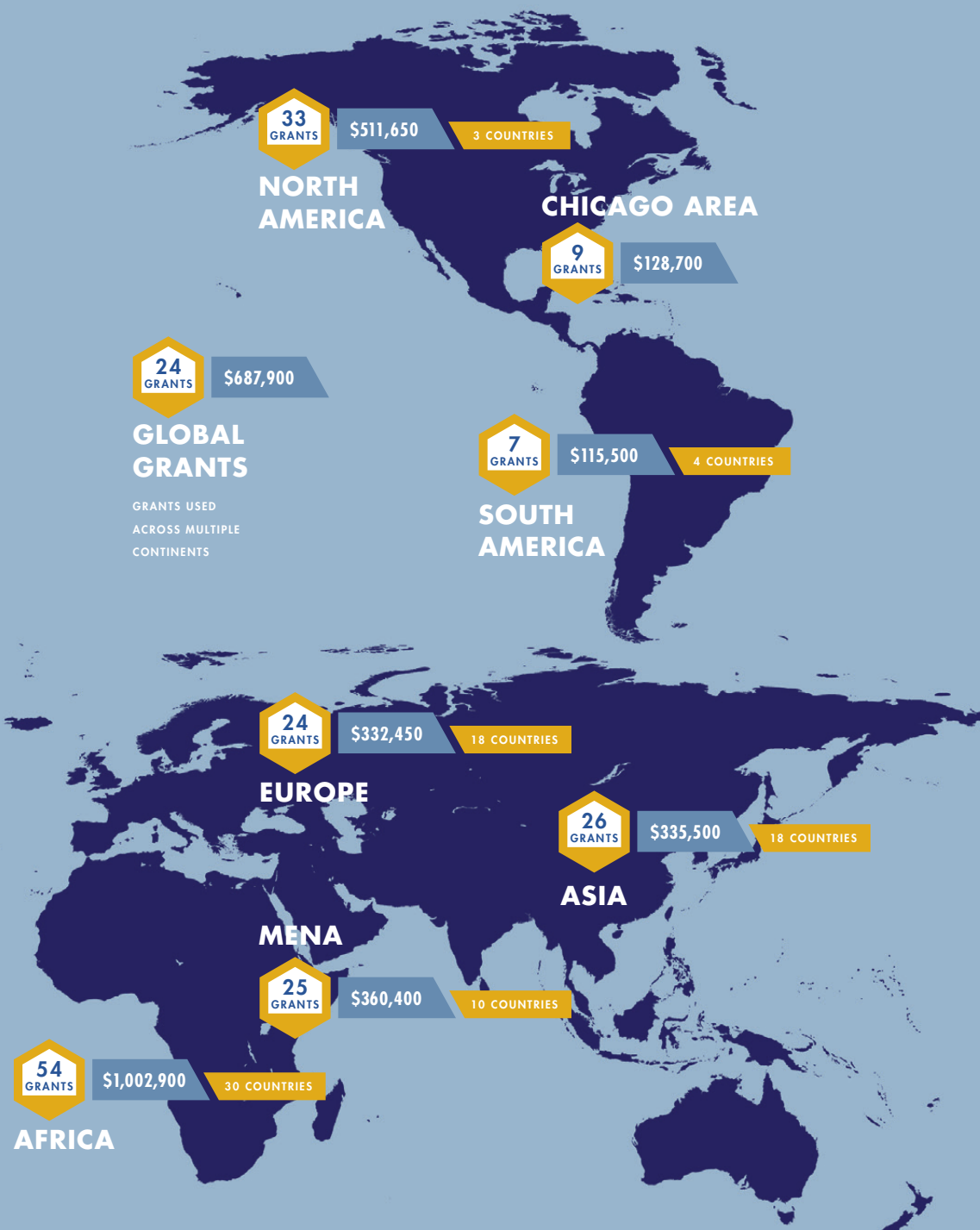
Throughout all the crazy events of 2020, our deepest desire was to wisely steward the resources God has entrusted us with and be good partners for our grantees and other organizations. Yes, this was a difficult year. But I hope you'll be encouraged as you read through this report and will rejoice with us at the impact Tyndale House Foundation has had around the world as we have done our best to remain faithful to our mission and carry forward the legacy of generosity passed on to us.

Of course, that's a tiny amount compared to the global needs, but the THF Board understood that many of our grantee organizations would face significant financial hardship, and Board members responded proactively by putting THF in a position to help even after our normal grants had been sent out.

When global needs increased, THF increased flexibility.

Through correspondence with hundreds of organizational leaders, we became convinced early on that many of our grantees would benefit from being able to use funds in ways that would allow them maximum adaptability. Grant applications were submitted before the pandemic, and when organizations' priorities changed dramatically in March and April, THF decided to change right along with them. Instead of requiring grantees to use grant money in exactly the way described in their proposals,

THE GRANTMAKING—BY THE NUMBERS



Christian Publishing & Literature Development
\$1,085,000

General Evangelical Work
\$704,500

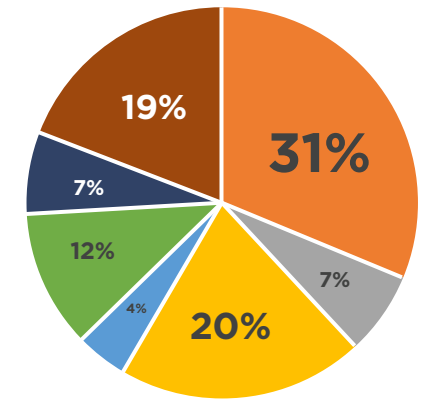
COVID-19 Disaster Relief and Response
\$664,500

Theological Education Support
\$399,000

Christian Media Outreach
\$237,000

Christian Education
\$236,000

Local Community Support
\$149,000



Christian Publishing and Literature Development
51 GRANTS: \$1,085,000

- Indigenous Literature Development **\$328,000**
- Bible Translation **\$281,000**
- Bible Publishing + Distribution **\$203,000**
- Support for Christian Publishers **\$160,000**
- Indigenous Writer Development **\$113,000**

Local Community Support
10 GRANTS: \$149,000

- Community Engagement **\$99,000**
- Community Rehabilitation **\$32,000**
- Refugee + Immigrant Support **\$18,000**

Christian Media Outreach
15 GRANTS: \$237,000

- Internet Outreach + Digital Ministry **\$121,000**
- Video/TV Ministry **\$63,000**
- Radio Ministry **\$53,000**

COVID & Disaster Relief and Response
49 GRANTS: \$664,500

- Humanitarian/COVID Response **\$136,150**

- Emergency Support for Publishers **\$179,100**
- Theological Education Support **\$97,000**
- Media Outreach **\$26,500**
- General Organizational Support **\$34,250**
- Training Initiatives **\$27,000**
- Other COVID-19/Disaster relief **\$164,500**

General Evangelical Work
40 GRANTS: \$704,500

- Leadership development **\$150,000**
- Youth discipleship **\$115,000**
- Ministry to orphans and refugees **\$150,500**
- Pastor Training + Church Planting **\$151,500**
- Other **\$137,500**

Theological Education
15 GRANTS: \$399,000

General support for theological seminaries, research funding, online education, library development

Christian Education
10 GRANTS: \$236,000

General support for Christian colleges, scholarship funds, endowed scholarships

Tyndale Foundation's staff and Board members were determined to proactively respond, rather than simply react, to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

THF's COVID-related action took four primary forms:

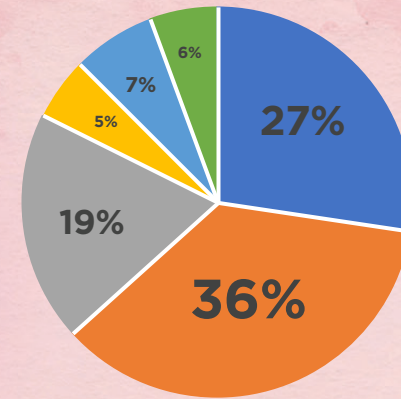
PRAYER

On March 23, one week after stay-at-home orders had been issued by the governor of Illinois, a Zoom meeting of several foundation leaders took place. One of the agenda items was the urgent and growing needs of grantees. With grantmaking budgets being reduced due to the lockdown-related economic downturn, THF staff realized the most important thing we could do for our grantees was lift them up in prayer. The next day, THF staff members committed to praying daily for grantees, and for the next six months, we met by Zoom each day to pray for international partners.



CAPACITY BUILDING

By setting aside \$500,000 as an Emergency Relief and Response Fund in the earliest days of the pandemic, THF demonstrated willingness and ability to respond to grantees' needs in real time. Crisis grants were paid out of this fund in three waves—in August, October, and December. The chart on page 7 shows how these funds were allocated.



Emergency Relief and Response Fund Allocation

Christian Publishing Support
\$179,100

Humanitarian/COVID Response
\$136,150

Theological Education Support
\$97,000

Media Outreach
\$26,500

Organizational Support
\$34,250

Training Initiatives
\$27,000

STRATEGIC PULL-BACK

Though it was difficult, the decision was made not to give to any new grantees in 2020. This was done partly in response to the reduced grantmaking budget. More important, it was done because of the Board's desire to prioritize existing strategic relationships for maximum effectiveness during the pandemic.

COVID SURVEY

On June 8, THF staff sent a survey out to 204 active grantees in an attempt to assess how organizations were being affected by the pandemic and how we could help. Over the next couple of months, responses came back from over 75 percent of the organizations surveyed.

COVID-19 Survey findings:

- Every organization was affected by COVID in some way.
- International organizations were more negatively impacted than US organizations.
- Midsize organizations took a bigger hit to programs, cash flow, and operations than large or small organizations.
- Most organizations (90 percent) experienced a decrease in charitable giving.
- Nearly all organizations shifted at least some elements of their programs online.
- Almost half had to scale down staffing levels through layoffs or furloughs.

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Tyndale House Foundation makes hundreds of grants each year in impact areas including international Christian publishing, Bible translation, theological education, disaster response, humanitarian relief, and local ministry investment. Here is a sampling of just some of the many ways THF grants have made an impact in 2020.

Impact Area

International Christian Publishing

Because of our close association with Tyndale House Publishers, Tyndale House Foundation has maintained a commitment to helping other Christian publishers around the world minister to people’s spiritual needs through literature.

FOUNT OF WISDOM

CAMBODIA // 2020 GRANTS: \$33,500

Fount of Wisdom (FOW) is a publishing company located in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Originally founded by a publishing professional from the US, the organization was transferred to Cambodian leadership in 2010 and is committed to serving the whole of the Cambodian church and society through the publication of Christian books and other resources to bless Khmer speakers in Cambodia. They publish a variety of translated and locally-authored books in the Khmer language. In 2020, FOW expedited publication of five books to address the COVID crisis, including two written by local authors.



LETRA VIVA

LATIN AMERICA // 2020 GRANT: \$25,000

Letra Viva is a network of evangelical Christian publishers located throughout the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America. The network’s primary objectives include distribution of resources, training for writers and publishers, and providing support to members. Christian publishing in Latin America is vitally important as the epicenter of the global church continues to shift southward. Yet tremendous obstacles exist, including significant revenue shortfalls during the COVID-19 pandemic. To help address this need, THF gave an unrestricted emergency grant to assist Letra Viva with publisher support.

MASIHI ISHAAT KHANA

LAHORE, PAKISTAN // 2020 GRANT: \$19,800

In Urdu, “Masihi Ishaat Khana” literally means “publishing Christian food,” and producing content that serves as spiritual food for people in Pakistan is exactly what this Christian publishing house does. MIK not only publishes Christian books to serve the church in Urdu-speaking Pakistan but also conducts writer-training seminars to help develop local writers to bring the message of the gospel to people in the community.



ACTS BURKINA FASO

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2020 GRANTS: \$46,000

ACTS stands for Action Chrétienne, Tout pour la Solidarité (Christian Action for Solidarity). The organization provides hope to people in the West African country of Burkina Faso through holistic programs that encourage and equip the most vulnerable people in tangible ways. ACTS provides education, healthcare, food, occupational training, biblical guidance, and printed resources. When COVID struck, Burkina Faso was already fighting terror attacks in and around the capital, and ACTS worked quickly to mobilize relief for people struggling to provide for their families during lockdowns, even as communities were ravaged by devastating floods. Meanwhile, ACTS continued developing plans for a writer-training seminar and a new book on mentoring.

Impact Area

Bible Translation

Since its inception in 1963, Tyndale House Foundation has been committed to making God’s Word understandable, accessible, and available for all people. Our founder, Ken Taylor, dedicated his life to making the Bible easy to read and understand. Today, THF remains engaged in the effort to provide all people groups a translation of Scripture in their own heart language. We give annual grants to translation organizations like Wycliffe Bible Translators and The Seed Company, and we are actively involved in a number of ongoing translation projects.

ARAMAIC BIBLE TRANSLATION

MIDDLE EAST // LANGUAGES: SURYOYO, ASSYRIAN, MARDINI, AND MA’LULI
2020 GRANT: \$19,000

Aramaic Bible Translation has been working for many years to provide people in these language groups with God’s Word in their heart language. Tyndale House Foundation has partnered with ABT since 2007, with combined grants totaling over \$250,000.

BIBLICA

IRAN // LANGUAGE: FARSI
2020 GRANT: \$32,000

Living Bibles International was an organization set up by THF founder Ken Taylor in 1968 to facilitate the translation of The Living Bible into the world’s top 100 trade languages. After making significant progress, LBI merged with the International Bible Society in 1992. At that time, the manuscripts of completed and in-process translations passed to IBS, which was later renamed Biblica. In 2020, THF gave a grant to Biblica to update and print a new revision of *The Living Bible* in Farsi, the language spoken by over 30 million people in Iran. Despite some COVID-related delays, the work continues, and the translation team is close to being able to release the final version.

“Right now, I am reading the New Testament, and I had not previously read a page of the Bible in my lifetime. I think that this is the best Good News of all the books I have ever read. While reading this book, I feel myself sitting on a fast train, leaving my city full of bad memories for another world where there is much light and peace.”





FOREIGN MISSION FOUNDATION

INDIA // LANGUAGE: GUJARATI

2020 GRANT: \$22,000

Foreign Mission Foundation has been working with a translation team in India to complete a version of the New Living Translation in the Gujarati language. Spoken by more than 55 million people worldwide, Gujarati is the world's 26th-most widely spoken language. The goal for 2020 was to complete a draft of the translated prophecy books from the Old Testament (Isaiah to Malachi). Despite the difficulties of working amid a global pandemic, this goal was fully achieved!



Get to know the person first, and then you will get to know the truth.

—Burmese proverb

GENEVA BIBLE SOCIETY

ITALY // LANGUAGE: ITALIAN

2020 GRANT: \$23,000



Tyndale House Foundation has been working in partnership with the Geneva Bible Society in Switzerland for many years to produce an Italian translation of the NLT. The translators' initial goal was to complete the entire New Testament by early 2021. The project was delayed by COVID, but the translation team believes the NT will be completed in 2022, followed by the entire Bible in 2025.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

SOUTH SUDAN // LANGUAGE: DINKA

2020 GRANT: \$63,000

The Dinka Cam are the largest and most influential tribe in South Sudan, but more than half a million Dinka speakers still do not have a full Bible in their heart language. Wycliffe Bible Translators has been working on a Dinka translation for more than 15 years, and Tyndale House Foundation has been supporting this effort since 2012. With the help of THF's 2020 grant, translators are close to completing work on the New Testament.

One of the translation team members is a 75-year-old woman who had to walk five miles each way to get to the project office each day this year. She is motivated to continue by her desire to see her people able to fully read and understand the Bible. She says, "My aim is to have the Word of God in people's hands and for them to communicate with God in their mother tongue."

Impact Area

Theological Education

BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE

WEST BANK, PALESTINE

2020 GRANT: \$14,000

Bethlehem Bible College (BethBC) is an evangelical Bible college located in the heart of Bethlehem that prepares Christian leaders to serve the church and society in Palestine and Israel. BethBC says, "We have seen growth in the Arab church arising from the Online Program, both in the spread of the church and depth in believers. We are receiving positive feedback from our students about how the program is reviving and strengthening their personal spiritual growth and energizing their ministry." The online program is growing rapidly just as the church

in the Middle East is also growing. Many Arabs are coming to Christ despite the persecution and adversities that they must face because of it. BethBC is especially seeing a growth in new believers from non-Christian backgrounds. BethBC continues, "However, many of these believers lack proper theological training. At the same time, most are not able to leave their work, ministry, and family to pursue formal Biblical training, and one cannot always find Biblical training in one's home country, since Bible colleges are not found in most of the Arab world. In addition, persecution of Christians in many parts of the region make it more difficult for Arab pastors and church leaders to pursue classroom-based Biblical training." Bethlehem Bible College is seeking to fulfil that need by providing solid, online Christian education to believers all over the Middle East & North Africa & wherever Arabic speakers are found.

BEULAH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MYANMAR // 2020 GRANT: \$11,000

Despite facing COVID-19 restrictions that caused several of their outreach events to be canceled, Beulah Theological Seminary is still committed to training leaders in relational evangelism. According to academic dean Solomon Mang, "There is a Burmese saying: 'Get to know the person first, and then you will get to know the truth.' It's more effective to bring the gospel to the unbelievers when we get to know each other personally. When we become friends, we are privileged to openly share the gospel and invite them to the place where the gospel is preached. In other words, the more people we get to know personally, the better the chances that more people will receive the gospel message."



Impact Area

Non-COVID Disaster Response

LEBANESE SOCIETY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

EMERGENCY GRANT: \$21,300

Need: On August 4, a massive explosion ripped through the port of Beirut, Lebanon, killing over 200 people, injuring another 5,000, and displacing more than 300,000. The huge amount of physical damage compounded a financial crisis that already existed in Lebanon.

Response: The Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) responded by opening the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary guest house to accommodate families displaced by the explosion. Staff members also participated in distributing food, water, and clothing to survivors.

WORLD RELIEF

EMERGENCY GRANT: \$20,000

Need: In early November, the Ethiopian government ordered a military operation in the northern part of the country following violence by local opposition forces. The fighting added to an existing humanitarian crisis from recent flooding and locust swarms, leading to food shortages. Before the fighting began, 100,000 people had already fled their homes, and the conflict led to another 46,000 refugees entering Sudan from Ethiopia. In all, more than a million people have been displaced by these crises.

Response: World Relief has been ministering to Ethiopian refugees in Sudan, providing food and COVID-prevention supplies to people in desperate need.



GREATER EUROPE MISSION

EMERGENCY GRANT: \$11,850

Need: On September 9, a fire broke out in the Moria migrant camp on the Greek island of Moria. The camp, which was designed to house 3,000 people but ended up holding more than four times that number, was completely destroyed. Some 13,000 people were left without shelter.

Response: For many years, Greater Europe Mission has played a key role in providing care for camp residents, but after the fire, GEM personnel had to relocate along with thousands of newly homeless refugees.

Impact Area

Aid to Refugees

By the middle of 2020, the UN Refugee Agency estimated that more than 80 million people had been forcibly displaced worldwide—more people than at any other point in history. More than two-thirds of displaced people originated from just five countries. More than one-third of them are children.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES

2020 GRANT: \$20,000

Opportunity: IAFR is dedicated to helping people survive and recover from forced displacement. The organization began in 2009, working in a refugee camp in Malawi. Today, IAFR works with refugees, asylum-seekers, and internally-displaced people in Africa, Europe, and the United States.

Response: In 2020, THF gave a grant to IAFR for relief and discipleship work among refugees in East Africa. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced IAFR to change some of their plans, THF unrestricted the grant, allowing IAFR to use some of the funds for a relief facility in Minneapolis, which is home to well over 100,000 refugees.

“The ministry faced a specific challenge this year related to fundraising due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the approval to reallocate the Tyndale funds was a huge blessing in helping us overcome this challenge.”



HORIZONS INTERNATIONAL

2020 GRANTS: \$21,850



Opportunity: Horizons International ministers to people in the Middle East, creating and translating resources for leadership training and discipleship.

Response: This year THF gave a grant to Horizons to help with video production and translation of literature related to the “Engage” course, which trains indigenous workers for work among refugee populations. We also contributed to a food-distribution program run by Horizons in Beirut, Lebanon.

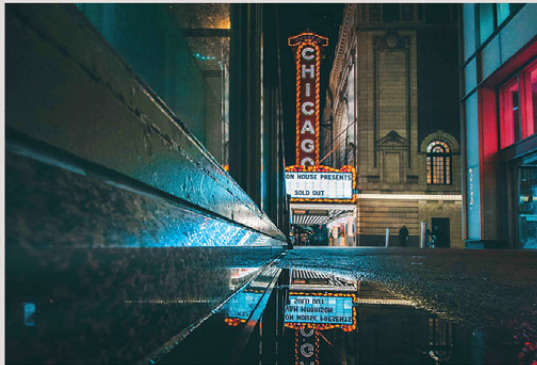
“God has been doing amazing things among Syrian refugees, and that is evident to Lebanese churches and is transforming some of the churches. We are seeing so vividly the need to support the churches to ensure that they will remain through the present storm and be a refuge to the needy throughout Lebanon. Your gift is helping us to do just that.”



Impact Area

Local Investment

Though the majority of Tyndale House Foundation funds are directed internationally, we also strive to be good neighbors by giving a small percentage of our grants each year to organizations working locally in the Chicago area.



NAOMI'S HOUSE

2020 GRANT: \$15,000



Opportunity: Approximately 24,000 women and girls are sexually trafficked each year in Chicagoland. When victims of sex trafficking come out of that life, they are often faced with significant emotional and systemic challenges that make it difficult to start over. Naomi's House is a faith-based organization in Chicago that ministers to women who have escaped sex trafficking, providing them with the means to heal from the trauma they've endured. Over the course of a one-year program, women receive 24-hour care and support as they seek Christ-centered healing and recovery.

Response: THF supported ten women entering the program in 2020. The grant contributed to residential housing, health-care services, individual and collective Christian counseling services, and basic needs such as food and personal items.

"We see God move every single day. We believe in the healing power of the Gospel. Being able to engage Christian, trauma-informed therapists is essential to the work of healing for our women. These pieces, woven with the Gospel, provide a safe space for women to surrender their healing to the Lord individually and collectively."

OUTREACH COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

2020 GRANT: \$51,000



Opportunity: Nearly 215,000 people in DuPage County live with incomes below or barely above the federal poverty level. Families struggling to make ends meet face increasing challenges that place them at higher risk for personal and family instability. Children growing up in these circumstances are particularly vulnerable, as they live with multiple stress factors including unstable housing, family conflicts, personal or family substance abuse, unplanned pregnancies, and chronic unemployment. These challenges jeopardize their mental health and ability to succeed in school and life.

Response: Outreach Community Ministries was founded with the goal of helping children and families thrive. Through after-school and summer programs, tutoring, mentoring, and help with qualifying and applying for college, OCM is changing the future of DuPage-area youth and helping to rebuild families by equipping them to succeed.



"OCM's services are needed now more than ever as families struggle financially, emotionally, and socially under the unrelenting pressure of the pandemic. We are grateful that the Center was in position to provide immediate support to the community when the pandemic started, and we pray for God's provision so we can continue to minister to people as the pandemic persists."



Cami Grimwood
Software Manager

More reviews
conducted; reports
written; organizations
prayed for; and
recommendations
made.



In 2020, Tyndale House Foundation made a big migration to a new grant-making software platform called Fluxx. Our data was exported from the old system, cleaned up, and imported into the new platform. We were able to successfully implement new processes and workflows to increase productivity and data integrity. Below are four ways that we were able to improve our productivity this year.

Grant Workflow

We receive 250 or more proposals every grant cycle, so it's an annual challenge to review them all without confusion and without creating a lot of manual work. We needed a reliable and simple process by which we could digitally move each proposal through a series of workflow stages. Every proposal is thoroughly reviewed by THF staff before the board's review. Using Fluxx, we implemented a web-based dashboard system containing virtual data cards representing the various stages each proposal had reached. Proposals were moved from one workflow state to the next as reviews were conducted, reports were written, organizations were prayed for, and recommendations were made.

LOI Process

An LOI (Letter of Intent) allows staff members to get to know new organizations by asking a few questions about their mission and purpose before a full proposal is submitted. Just as important, applicants have the opportunity to get to know THF as well. While every organization does important work, not every project aligns well with the mission of THF and funding priorities. Every year, we receive more proposals than we can fund, so it's helpful for us to know as much about each applying organization as possible by the time we begin receiving and reviewing proposals.

Website Improvements

A top priority for us is to have a website for applicants and grantees to use that is user-friendly and intuitive and that facilitates collaboration between THF staff members and applicants' grant teams. Each user in the Fluxx system has a unique login with permission to view and edit their organization and proposals. This year we also implemented new proposal questions and follow-up requirements based on extensive research and feedback, making the whole process easier for grantees.

Board Review

All proposals are reviewed by THF Board members and then go through a formal approval or declination process. We developed a website for our Board that includes functionality to facilitate detailed review of each proposal along with personal notes and recommendations from each Board member. A workflow helps reviewers stay up to date and know what action is needed next for each proposal.

Despite the difficulties of 2020, this has been an exciting year of working through these processes and getting to know our new system better. I am personally thankful for our THF team's energy and teamwork as we have worked together this year to process grants that have blessed organizations around the world.

Lynn Sidler Nupanga

Assistant to the President

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In February 2020, we boarded a plane headed to Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR). It's hard to remember what life was like before COVID-19, but at that time the coronavirus was barely a blip in our minds. We were on our way to attend an academic conference hosted at Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Bangui (FATEB). Tyndale House Foundation has been involved in a five-year collaborative project called Engagement de l'Afrique (EA).

The project was an opportunity to partner with three theological schools in Francophone Africa—FATEB, Université de l'Alliance Chrétienne d'Abidjan (UACA), and Université Shalom de Bunia (USB). These three schools along with THF and several other Western organizations united with the goal to build the capacity of each school in key areas such as internet infrastructure, library development, doctoral programs, and the facilitation of an annual joint academic conference.

FATEB hosted the 2020 academic conference in February. The topic was "Health, Sickness, Healing: A Healthy Spirit in a Healthy Body for the Hope of Africa." Faculty members from each school presented papers on this topic.

Health and healing are incredibly important to the church in Africa but have a decidedly different context in the West. When someone is sick in the US, they normally go to a doctor as a first step. If doctors and medicine do not work, then they might seek natural or homeopathic treatments, and if that also fails, then they turn to prayer as a last resort. In Africa, it is the opposite. When someone is sick, first they pray. Only then might they turn to a local traditional healer, and if that also fails, then they will seek a medical professional as a last resort.

Conference speakers presented a biblical understanding of healing where prayer and reliance on God are primary but doctors and medical care also play an important role. Only African Christian leaders can properly address this topic for the African church, as Western ideas are often completely different. These concepts are especially relevant now. It was God's divine timing that this conference happened only a month before the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

During the five years of the EA program, all three schools have made significant strides in improving their infrastructure, just as we hoped. They are implementing stable, campus-wide internet connectivity, upgrading their libraries' cataloguing systems, and seeking further training for library staff. In addition, several faculty members from each school have been mentored by world-class theological scholars to prepare them to be better doctoral advisors.

One of the most exciting aspects of the program has been watching the schools build stronger relationships with each other—one of the primary EA goals. The three schools have formed a strong alliance that will allow them to continue working together in the future and be able to offer support to other schools in Francophone Africa who wish to join the network.

2020 marked the end of THF's original five-year commitment to the EA program, but we look forward to continuing to walk alongside our partners. There is still much work to be done in Francophone Africa, but we are excited to see FATEB, UACA, and USB leading the way.

Karen Perlman
Special Projects Associate

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No one could have imagined what the year 2020 was going to hold. I've heard it referenced by many different names, but the one I find to be the most fitting is "the Year of the *Twilight Zone*"—the one where an entire globe full of people faced unusual and extraordinary circumstances, thereby entering the *Twilight Zone*.

As we pressed on each day, wondering when this unfamiliar world might start to look normal again, THF made several adjustments to ensure we responded well. Like most organizations, we began working from home, increased virtual meetings, and adopted flexible hours to accommodate personal and family-related needs during the pandemic.

We also renewed our commitment to our core values. Our work at the foundation is so much more than reading applications and mailing checks. It is built around the principles of generosity, partnership, and prayer—all of which are embedded in the way we operate. When the pandemic hit, Tyndale's leaders were determined not to throw our principles to the wayside. Rather, they chose to trust that God would bless our efforts to remain true to the values that have been central to the Foundation from the very beginning—values of generosity, partnership, and prayer.

Generosity. One of the things I admire most about Tyndale is the organization's commitment to being generous through the work of the Foundation. We were just weeks away from our annual grantmaking meeting when the first stay-at-home orders were issued. You know that spot between a rock and a hard place where you have to choose either to boldly stand in faith despite the pressure or get crushed? For us, that spot was deciding how grantmaking funds should be used given the global crisis that was significantly affecting our revenue. We prioritized our commitment to generosity by not only carrying on with our grantmaking to Christian organizations around the world but enabling grantees to use the funds as they saw best to respond to the needs in their contexts.

Partnership. THF has always believed in partnerships. The grants we make are never just a transactional business deal. They are relational investments in organizations and people whom we've spent significant time getting to know, ensuring that their mission aligns with ours, and walking and praying alongside them. This is our strategy for achieving maximum impact. In 2020, we've leaned into partnerships in new ways through increasing our interactions with grantees, collaborating on new types of projects, and building new relationships with strategic partners in the field.

Prayer. Recognizing our dependence on God through prayer has always been a top priority, but in the early days of lockdown, this value rose to the top in new ways during our daily virtual staff meetings. We started out praying about the pandemic and asking the Lord to guide our team in the work set before us. Soon we set up a new email address dedicated to prayer requests. Each day during the months of quarantine, we prayed for multiple requests as a staff, and this practice continues today. What a privilege it has been to stand with our partners in this way!

Applying these principles together as a team allowed us to see and experience our work in a greater light. We saw darkness pushed back with the light and hope of Jesus. We saw the church on a global scale encourage and spur one another on and call out to God together to do what only He could do.

Even though our present-day still looks bleak, we know the one in whom hope is found. I greatly look forward to this next year—partnering with him through Tyndale House Foundation and ministry partnerships all over the world to watch the light of Jesus touch the darkest places and the most desolate hearts. That all might know Him.

ABOUT TYNDALE HOUSE FOUNDATION

In 1962, Ken Taylor founded Tyndale House Publishers as a way of publishing his book *Living Letters*—a paraphrase of the New Testament Epistles written in everyday, easy-to-understand English. Thanks to early partnership from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the book became a runaway bestseller. In 1963, Ken and his wife, Margaret, started Tyndale House Foundation so that they could give away royalty money from the rapidly increasing sales. Since *Living Letters* was God’s Word, any royalty income should be considered God’s money, they decided. Through Tyndale House Foundation, all royalties from *Living Letters*, *The Living Bible* (published in 1971), and the New Living Translation (launched in 1996) have been distributed to mission organizations operating all around the world. ■ In 2001, Ken and Margaret transferred ownership of Tyndale House Publishers to the Foundation, adding millions of dollars in annual dividend payments to the Foundation’s ability to create and strengthen partnerships through grantmaking. In 2019, Tyndale House Publishers and Tyndale House Foundation merged into a single organization and operate today as sister divisions of Tyndale House Ministries. Today, Tyndale House Foundation remains totally committed to the legacy of radical generosity passed down to us from our founder. ■ Current THF president Jeremy Taylor represents the third generation of Taylor family leadership of the Foundation, and he continues to oversee several million dollars in grants paid to other Christian ministries and mission organizations each year. The Foundation is governed by a Board of mission professionals who ensure that the Foundation’s resources are stewarded and allocated wisely. Since 1963, Tyndale House Foundation has distributed over \$110 million (equal to \$234 million in today’s dollars) through grants and program spending, all to the glory of God.

Tyndale House Foundation makes grants to Christian organizations all over the world. Our funding priorities are intentionally broad, but we prioritize international projects, and we tend to gravitate toward projects that are related to Christian literature, including Christian publishing initiatives. Other funding areas include:

- THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
- CHRISTIAN MEDIA
- HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- CHURCH PLANTING AND PASTOR TRAINING
- BIBLE TRANSLATION
- LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT

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It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7, NLT

Strategic International Kingdom Investment

It is often said that it is harder to give money away wisely than it is to make it. Tyndale House Foundation is a wonderful option for Christian givers interested in having their money carefully and wisely distributed to worthy mission organization. We are not a donor-advised fund, but we are able to accept donations from individuals, businesses, or philanthropic organizations with an interest in seeing their funds allocated under the oversight of an experienced and involved board and dedicated staff. Since Tyndale House Foundation has strategic partnerships with hundreds of international ministry organizations, every gift to THF helps advance God's Kingdom and the Foundation's mission to meet people's physical and spiritual needs through grants to other Christian organizations. All grants are carefully vetted and given in a context of partnership with an attitude of prayer.

**Our work is so much more than
reading applications and mailing checks.
It is built around the principles of
generosity, partnership, and prayer—
all of which have been embedded
in the way we operate.**

To request a meeting, please contact us at grants@tyndale.foundation.
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