



*Serving Christ in Universities Worldwide*

# CONNECT

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## Annual Report 2016

Go to all the world  
and take the Gospel  
to all the people.

Mark 16:15

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# Growing to Reach More Students

2016

101 Global Scholars  
serving in 33 nations  
reaching 20,200 students



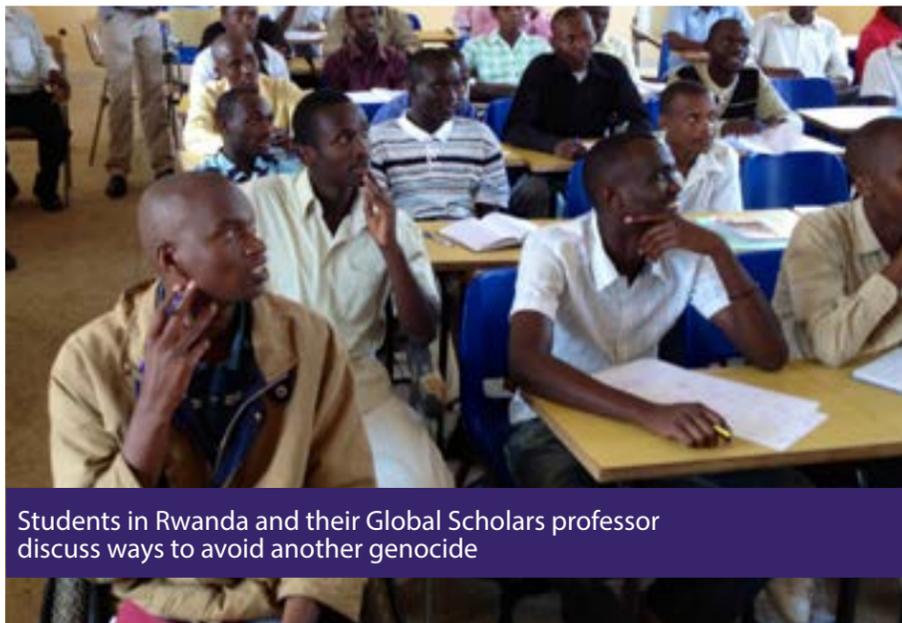
We are thrilled and thank God for the growth. Yet Global Scholars' numerical growth is only part of the story. Each of these numbers represent a Christian professor faithful to the Lord's call, a lost student reached for Christ, a student growing in his or her relationship with the Lord, and a nation with more university graduates taking the truth and grace of the gospel into their spheres of influence. We share a few of those stories on the following pages . . .

# PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We are thankful for the opportunities God gives Global Scholars professors to be His ambassadors, using their gifts and experience to make a difference in the lives of their students. Here are just a few of the many updates we have received this year, as well as ongoing prayer requests. Some names and identifying details have been changed to protect the security of individuals.

## EASTERN EUROPE

Adrianus, one of Tom's former students, and his friend Waldemar were invited to dinner at Tom's home. Adrianus observed that Tom lived "by a different set of principles" and he wanted to know more. They spent almost the entire evening talking about spiritual things. We are so glad that this began Adrianus and Waldemar's spiritual journey. We pray they continue to seek truth and eventually come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Students in Rwanda and their Global Scholars professor discuss ways to avoid another genocide

## CHINA

Spencer serves Global Scholars in China. He is teaching 420 students this semester but was supposed to only have about 200 students. Please pray that he can manage his time well and continue to effectively teach so many students and influence them for Christ.

## MIDDLE EAST

Sasha is a student from the Ukraine studying in the Middle East. During his time in a World

Civilizations class, taught by a Global Scholars professor, he moved from being a skeptical agnostic to believing there is a God.

"It's been exciting to be part of that process," shared his Global Scholars professor. "I've had a number of deep conversations with him about matters of faith and have tried to respond to his approximately two and half million questions about Christianity and the Bible."

By the end of the academic year Sasha was participating in worship services and had become a follower

of Christ. He is now beginning to publicly express his new faith.

## GERMANY

Jan is a Ph.D. student who is looking for friendship. He continues to have deep one-on-one conversations with our Global Scholar in Germany. Jan is a Swiss citizen from North Africa with Muslim roots and is now a committed Marxist. Please pray for Jan and his Global Scholar as they continue to have conversations about Marxism, comparing

Muslim and Christian views, and discussing the differences between Muhammad and Jesus.

## MIDDLE EAST

Greg, a Global Scholar serving in the Middle East, lives in a place of frequent change due to rapidly-growing refugee and homeless populations. Due to the growing desperation in the region, many students have come to him seeking spiritual solutions. Pray that Greg may be able to minister to these students in the midst of very difficult circumstances.

## LITHUANIA

Odetta is a student who came to the university after growing up in a foster home for the poor. Due to the influence of her Global Scholar, Odetta's faith and life have been transformed during her time at the university. As she graduates, Odetta told us she leaves with "a degree and a strong Christian husband... two things I was told as an orphan I could never have."

## EUROPE

Anisa is from a Muslim background. She told her Global Scholars professor that she wanted to "become a Christian" because "they are all good people." She even went as far as to say that she was "done with Islam." After reading the Bible together and her Global Scholar sharing what it really means to be a Christian including

the high cost that comes with faith in God, she said, "I believe!" We welcome Anisa into the community of faith!

## ASIA

In an undisclosed country in Asia a Global Scholars professor seeks prayers for strength and encouragement as he must find creative ways to share the Gospel message. He is not able to speak of spiritual things and is in an environment where everything he does is monitored. He looked out of his window one day and saw the most encouraging thing – a flower growing out of a rock. It was a wonderful reminder of God's ability to plant seeds in rocky places where we think nothing can survive, bringing redemption and human flourishing through the gospel.



God's sign to a Global Scholars professor that He can bring life in the hardest of places

## UNIVERSITY UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA

Recent student protests on campuses throughout South Africa have resulted in the suspension of all academic activities. The numerous cases of intimidation and violence associated with the campus protests prompted the suspension. The primary issue leading to the protests was the call for free university education after the Education Minister of South Africa announced an 8% increase in tuition for 2017.

The next days and weeks will be a critical time in the university where a Global Scholar serves. This university is making plans to engage with students and staff in an attempt to reach a resolution and resume classes as soon as possible. Further delays will put the completion of the academic calendar in jeopardy.

It has been a stressful time for everyone and this evokes deeply rooted emotions on both sides. Vast inequalities in South Africa have contributed to these emotions and make negotiations complicated. Universities will have to make some tough decisions.

Our Global Scholars professor asks for prayers to be the light of Christ to his students in the midst of this conflict. He believes, as a servant of Christ, that he needs to be prepared to stand with others between the security officers and the students to bring peace and resolution to the protests.

It is exciting to share in these pages what God has done through Global Scholars this past year. I am encouraged and look forward with anticipation to what God has in store for the ministry of Global Scholars this coming year!

As we concluded last year, there were 101 Global Scholars serving in some of the most unreached parts of the world. What a great honor and responsibility we have to help these godly professors be salt and light in the universities of these nations. Global Scholars professors know that only the power of Christ can bring healing, redemption and direction to students who will have much responsibility in their countries but are without a moral compass, without hope and without a Lord and Savior.

We are excited about the impact these 101 Christian professors are having in desperately needy areas of the world! Yet we hope and pray for so much more—to share the message of hope, love and faith that comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ with more and more students in more and more nations.

We ultimately pray and work towards the day each and every student in the world has a Christian professor who can help them live and lead as Christ's followers in their nations. To take the next step toward fulfilling this Vision we are launching the "Global 20/20 Vision"—250 Global Scholars professors reaching 50,000 students annually by June 2020. I will share more about this in the months to come.



Jesus' command was to "go to all the world and take the Gospel to all the people." (Mark 16:15) I am encouraged by the fact that we serve a great God who works in mighty ways. It is a great honor to serve alongside you as we together seek to reach students and bring truth and shalom to so many nations needing the hope of Jesus Christ.

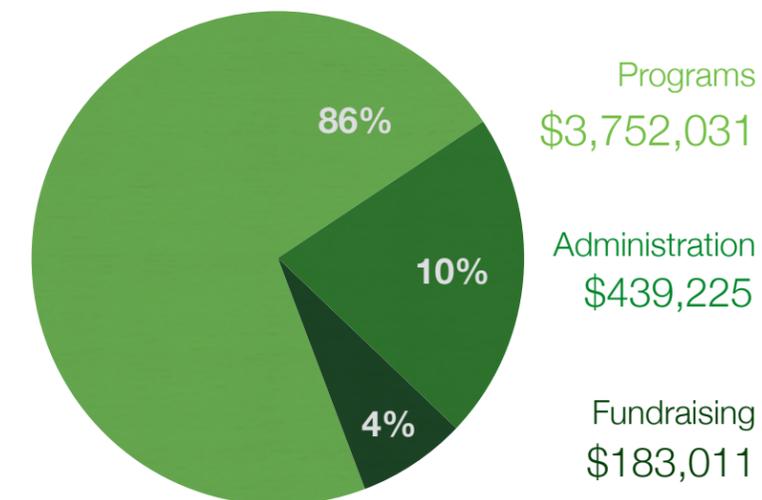
Serving Him Together,

Dr. Stan Wallace  
President and CEO

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## Yearly Expenses

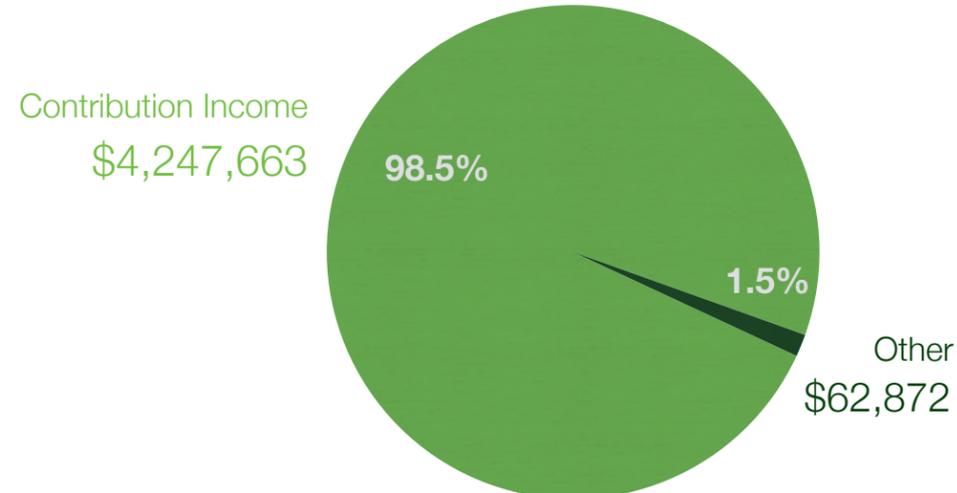
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## Yearly Revenue

\$4,310,535



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"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

- Matthew 28:18-20



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