

Mission Trips

Thanks for your interest in Redeemer City to City Missions trips! This year ten trips helped fulfill the Great Commission by going all over the world—each with a specific theme and focus—while accomplishing various tasks and work projects. Mission trips are special endeavors that can be impactful, with Redeemer trips uniquely serving a purpose of connecting up participants with church plants who have a City to City partnership. This relationship provides for a deeper connection as we seek to serve the needs of the international church/church plants while educating Redeemerites of their ministries. Thanks for your support, encouragement, and interest in STM endeavors! The trips outlined included 91 teammates:

East Asia

South Africa: Lily of the Valley

South Africa: Makaphutu

South Africa: Johannesburg

South Africa: Cape Town

Madagascar

Chile

Japan

India



Vision

To go and serve church plants Redeemer CITY to CITY has helped fund, train, and/or otherwise maintains a relationship/partnership. We serve these international churches and their outreach programs.

Asia:

East Asia

This was the fourth year Redeemer sent a team to East Asia, and, in keeping with past years, we were able to accomplish our two goals: building relationships with the students and teaching English. In terms of building relationships, we were not only there to teach English, but incorporate within the classes the gospel-centered values of love, integrity, friendship, etc. The classroom discussions often turned into our philosophy on why we feel the way we do as Christians, and we were approached by several students after a separate Q&A panel event to discuss the Christian faith. In terms of teaching English, we were able to provide them with tools and resources to improve their reading, writing, and speaking, providing recommendations and assessments according to their English proficiency. They seemed to find the classes very helpful toward their continuing studies.



normal within the culture. It was a blessing to serve together, as two cultures can learn a lot from each other in service. The team had diverse backgrounds, yet possessed a sincere, deep desire to see Christ turn these students towards Him. We also developed a deep love, appreciation and admiration for the students as we got to know them. They have so much to offer this world, and are such beautiful children of God. We are looking forward to continuing this trip and continuing the relationships we have been developing over the past four years.

GOALS FOR 2014 For more teammates to subscribe to this impactful and effective mission trip; the goal is to draw enough people to fill two teams next year!

We also did an outreach with the University students at a local Children's Home (children who were abandoned and had special needs). Some students wanted to return to volunteer their time with these children—something not entirely



But I do not account my life of any value, nor as precious to myself, if only that I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. — Acts 20:24

South America: Chile

Nine people went on a mission trip to Santiago and Viña del Mar, Chile. Their main goal and purpose for this trip was to launch a Center for Faith & Work ministry at two CTC church plants. The churches they worked with were Cristo Mi Pastor and Iglesia Presbiteriana de Reñaca. The churches had requested for this to be the focus of the trip, because Santiago is currently experiencing an enormous economic growth, and with that comes the challenge of equipping their congregants to live Gospel-centered lives that includes their vocational life. So, the teammates worked hard in the months before the trip to prepare to facilitate multiple panel discussions on the Biblical foundation and theology of work, as well as address some of the practical ways in which one can express their faith at work. The panel discussions happened at both sites over two evenings, which drew in people of multiple vocations. There was also



a youth/college night, where the students were led to discuss their Spiritual and Vocational gifting. For a Mercy ministry, the team partnered with Cristo Mi Pastor who works with a school as an outreach, being that the school is in a tough, crime-ridden neighborhood. The team did a VBS curriculum and a sports outreach. The team invested a lot of time with the pastors, staff and congregants onsite, and developed relationships that will be further strengthened and nurtured by future trips. This trip taught the team that God's work is in motion in every sector of society, and in Chile specifically there is a movement of cross-denominational churches wanting to have their congregations be the light and salt in revitalizing the faith through their vocations.

GOALS FOR 2014 We will be partnering with more Santiago ministries, including the pastor's ministries who attended the City to City Fall Intensives.



"I wanted to share with you my thoughts on the mission to Chile...it was a "life-changing" experience for me! What God did and continues to do in my life because of this trip is beyond what any words can express." — Chile teammate Lorena Giler-Lopez

South Africa:

Lily of the Valley

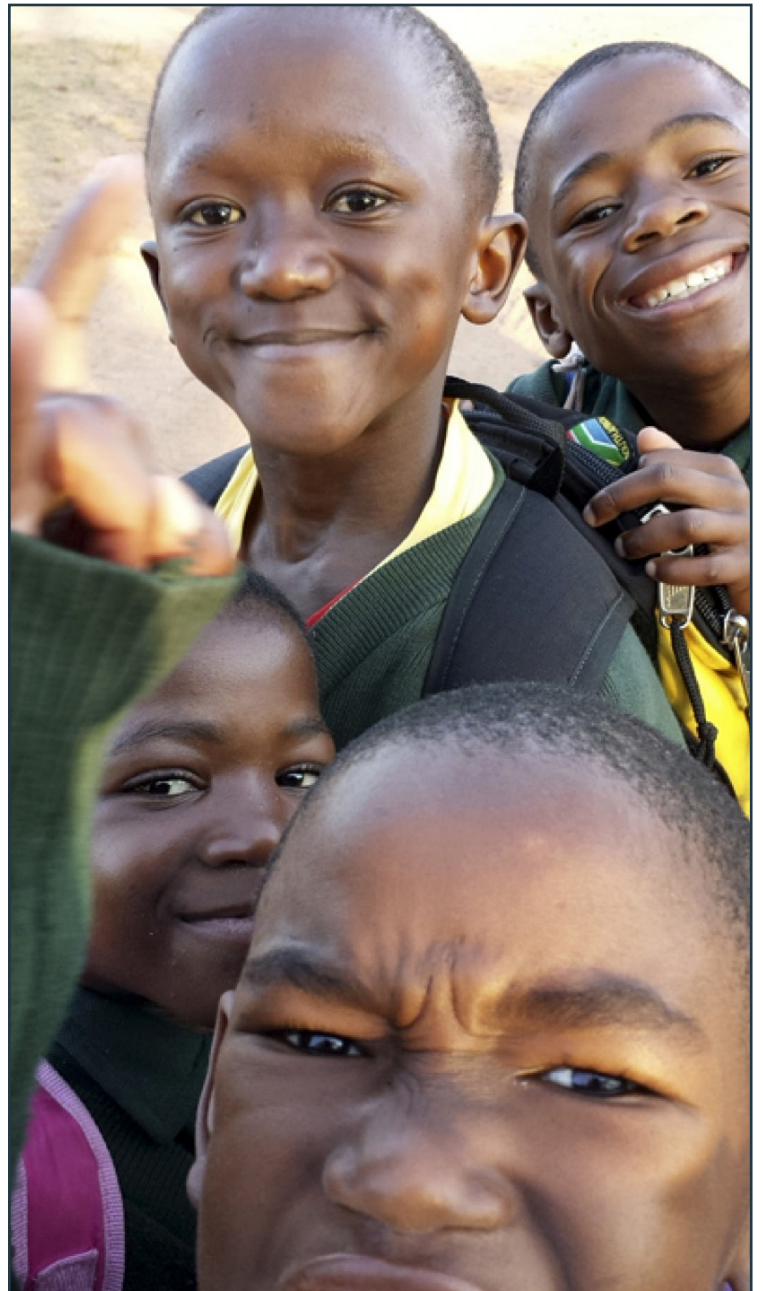
This is the fourth year Missions has partnered with Lily of the Valley, a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing, education, and medical care to orphans affected with HIV/AIDS in South Africa. This year we sent two teams to Lily due to the demand—29 teammates in all—and during our time at Lily, we served the children and staff by working on a variety of projects, such as:

MEDICAL CARE

Three physician teammates worked in Lily's Medical Clinic to conduct wellness exams. Janice Hwang traveled for her second trip to Lily doing Dentistry, with Jenny Chang assisting her. Staff, the children, and locals in the community were all included in the medical treatment of these health care providers.

SKILLS CLASSES

The teams offered several skills classes for children to take including baking, ice-cream making, fashion design, sports, yoga, music lessons, toy/ice-cream/journal-making classes and more. Many of the children took advantage of multiple classes and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills.



TEEN OUTREACH

Teammates hosted several activities geared specifically for the teens at Lily including a ‘s’mores campfire, dance party, game night, and worship. The teenagers in turn gave us Dance classes Zulu lessons, hosted a Talent Show, led morning bible studies with us, and led church on Sunday. These activities gave both the teams and the teens the opportunity to develop closer relationships.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Nathan Huang painted a mural on the wall of the Children’s home computer center, and other teammates worked on the Valley Fresh (self-sustaining farm) Initiatives.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Each night, the teams worked with the kids at Lily to complete their homework along with tutoring assistance.

Most evenings, after full days spent with the children, teams would take the opportunity to show our appreciation to the staff at Lily. Each night we would invite different members of staff to dinner in their honor, which gave us the opportunity to hear their individual stories and to express our love and admiration for all that they do. On one very special evening we treated the Lily staff to a dinner at the local Game Reserve Restaurant. We also implemented events like a Beauty Day, where we provided spa-type treatments to the House Mothers who take care of the children.



Many of our members reported that the highlight of their trip was their interaction with the kids though playing games, singing songs, and giving lots of hugs. We were blessed this year to serve Lily, and many teammates can’t wait to return to Lily next year.

GOALS FOR 2014

Lily Trip: We’re partnering with our Durban church plants to bring their congregants to serve alongside our team mates during our scheduled Lily trip. We also intend to widen the circle to serve and help the surrounding community.

“I just wanted to tell you that you have been such a blessing to our kids. I just had a conversation with some of the boys about their daily frustrations, but they said, “Bless the Redeemer people soooo much. They REALLY care and really pour themselves out for us.”

— Christine Radcliff, Staff worker at Lily of the Valley (and Redeemerite!)

South Africa:

Makaphutu

For ten days, six teammates from Redeemer journeyed to KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. There, they stayed at an orphanage called Makaphutu Children's Village, and taught business skills to current and aspiring entrepreneurs from the nearby community. After teaching each day, the teammates were able to interact with the orphanage children and staff.

ABOUT KWAZULU-NATAL

KwaZulu Natal faces significant challenges: the province has the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDs in the country (30%-40% of the population), has a high poverty rate (roughly 50%), and severely lacks higher education.

BUSINESS CLASSES

Despite the seemingly dire situation in KwaZulu Natal, the 12 entrepreneurs in our class were



extraordinarily optimistic and committed to bettering their community. We were inspired by women like Mary, who leads an event planning company. During the class, she refined her finance and management skills and developed new ideas to grow her business. We also had the privilege of coaching Pinky, a 19 year old student with tremendous design and artistic talent. Helping her develop an initial business plan brought her closer to achieving her dream of being a fashion designer.

CHILDREN AT THE ORPHANAGE

The Redeemer team was graciously hosted at the Makaphutu Children's Village. When the team wasn't preparing or teaching business lessons, the team spent lots of time with the children. Many of them captured our hearts immediately...like Sthembiso and his younger brother Kwanele who lost their mother to AIDS on Mother's Day of this year. We also witnessed a set of siblings, including a pair of baby twins, being welcomed into the loving Makaphutu family—a vivid representation of how we ourselves are brought out of despair and welcomed into God's family through the grace of Jesus Christ.



Lily and Makaphutu are outreach programs of local church plants that have a relationship with Redeemer City to City, and so an important part of this trip is connecting with them. The teammates of all three orphanage trips traveled to Durban to meet with Trinity Morningside and Christ Church

Umhlanga. They gave us a tour of Durban, hosted barbecues for our teams, accommodated us overnight, and we worshiped with them at their churches on Sundays. It was so wonderful to experience their gracious hospitality and to in general further these important relationships.

GOALS FOR 2014

To include the Durban church plant congregants in our work at the orphanages so we can serve alongside together.

*Thank you so much guys for your dedication to us. You impacted my business in a way I never thought of. I'll make sure I practice everything I learned from you. God bless you more!
— Charity Ngubane*



Thank you teachers for dedicating the time and money to come here to South Africa, it means a lot to us what you did. — Nieh Majola

South Africa:

Johannesburg

This was our second trip to Johannesburg, and the trip this year held many blessings and surprises! Our original Redeemer group of mainly healthcare professionals realized they would be limited in practicing in Jburg for various reasons, so they decided to reroute to Madagascar where they would be freer to practice their health care specialties. Happily, they were still able to stay some days in Jburg to work at two orphanages and do health screenings for the 120 children at Nokuphila School.

When they left, the remaining teammates were able to “fill” their slots with Lily of the Valley orphanage teenagers. The teens were



allowed to go on this “Home Mission” trip as a reward for being high academic achievers and leaders at Lily. What a treat for Redeemerites to work alongside these special teenagers, and both groups within the team were able to learn and grow and even be more effective altogether. This group accomplished the following:

We worked at three orphanages, all were outreach programs of our many Jburg church plants that maintain a relationship with CTC; Mamelodi and Boitumelo outside Pretoria, and Christ Church Care Center in Hillbrow.

We worked with two schools whose students mainly come from local townships; Nokuphila and Hillbrow School in Johannesburg.



We initiated such programs as multiple VBS's and a "Celebration Day", we hosted events such a KFC and two hot dog parties (real treats for the children), assisted with a Homework Club and Nokuphila's "Gautrain Day" (helping over 100 children take their first escalator and subway rides). Finally, we spent a day working with a non-profit organization called Kiptown (a CNN Heroes award recipient) in Soweto, where we painted various homes and in general connected up with the awesome work of this effective non-profit.

A highlight was spending quality time with our church partners there: Christ Church Midrand, Ligpunt, Christ Church Hillbrow, C4, and Valley Community Church, by attending their services and weekly programs, and through various dinners and socials. In many of the week's endeavors we partnered with and worked alongside the congregants. What a wonderful way of getting to know our Brothers and Sisters while serving together and aiding them in their local endeavors.

Overall this trip took many turns and morphed into what God wanted, which, as always, was far more wonderful than we could have imagined and planned for ourselves. It was a blessing of a trip.



GOALS FOR 2014

Initiating another Lily/Redeemer team partnership, and to include even more opportunities in which to partner with our church plants.



"It was great having the Redeemer team with us on our church outreach weekend. We together were able to bring hope to those less privileged; hope not only for the future but eternal hope that is in the gospel. It was great partnering and serving with our friends from Redeemer. We look forward to more of the same next year."

— Farai Mbirimi, Pastor of Cross Centred Community Church (C4)

South Africa:

Cape Town

August 9-19, a Redeemer team of 15 traveled to Cape Town, South Africa for a mission trip in collaboration with and hosted by Jubilee and Common Ground Churches. The team worked in partnership with these churches as well as with their affiliates: Uturn and NETwork, and “The Ark” (a childcare and after-school faith based organization) in the nearby Khayelitsha Township.

The team was involved with Jubilee and Common Ground primarily through Faith & Work morning and evening seminars and workshops. The events welcomed several hundred attendees, with team members leading core discussions and presentations in topics such as legal, non-profit & ngo’s, communication and medical.



and the team had fun playing football [US: soccer] with the 100+ children who turned out for all the fun.

Much time was spent with the staff and the congregants of the host churches, and fellowship was achieved through events such as a Braai [that is bar-b-que in South Africa] and by attending their various worship services. The team marveled at the hospitality of all they encountered in Capetown, and especially admired the collaboration of churches in the City. The various churches with different denominations and outreach programs work together for the common good in such harmony and productivity, they should be a blessing and a model for congregations in our own city.

It was a very inspirational trip, as the team strove to “Do justly, Love mercy, Walk humbly”. We look forward to this trip next year and continuing our relationships there.

The team had prepared a “Fruit of the Spirit” themed VBS for the children at The Ark. This curriculum included crafts such as origami, apple paint stamping, and design creations, and had a musical component where the children were taught various praise songs. Sports also figured in,



Africa:

Madagascar

This August, six team mates traveled to Antananarivo, Madagascar to serve in outreach projects of our Redeemer City to City church plant, Tana City Church. Four worked on a Medical Missions trip, while two others spoke at various conferences that helped in raising awareness of the church. The health care group consisted of a Pharmacist, Physician, Physical Therapist, and a Dentist. They were able to evaluate and care for locals in the community, and



the logistics were organized by Tantaraka Randrianjohary, Pastor of the Tana City Church. “Pastor Tank” was in charge of the patient scheduling, as well as converting his Downtown church into a temporary Medical Clinic. Along with treatment, the teammates were able to deliver a series of lectures and hands-on training to local Malagasy health care providers to advance their skill levels. People walked for miles with no shoes and showed up hours early in order to be seen by our

doctors, and the team saw about 150 patients with a wide range of ailments. For the seminars, each of the participants had been hand-picked and invited by the Ministry of Public Health to

attend. Classes included “Drug Interaction”, “Patient Counseling”, “Post-partum hemorrhage”, “Adult Hemiplegia” and many others. Those who attended the classes were given a certificate of participation & continuing education, issued by the Madagascar Ministry of Health. The awarding of this certificate signified professional development and will be very useful long-term to those who were present in the sessions. From the Clinic to the classes, the team provided comprehensive care, evaluations, and



training, and they felt they were able to give lasting help to locals in the community as well as the local healthcare providers.



GOALS FOR 2014

We plan to take two teams next year: one focusing on teaching Finance initiatives to locals, and the other a Medical Mission trip. We also hope to partner our teams with congregants from the American Church in Paris.

“When I was finished many asked...please come back and do more work with us next year!! We want a five day course! This type of reception is not common in Malagasy culture, as they can be distrustful of outsiders. Praise God for the beginning of a relationship that can hopefully bring openness to the gospel among the healthcare providers as well as the patients and their families.”

— Teresa Smith, Physical Therapist and Madagascar Teammate

“Thank you so much for your help and support. Thanks for your visit, your work here, and the gifts that you brought to us. Your encouragement cannot be defined in words and so overwhelming. Looking forward to seeing you again and enjoying partnerships. Again thank you!”

— Pastor Tanteraka and Jaela Randrianjohary of Tana City Church Plant, Madagascar

Japan:

Tokyo

In October, ten people went on a mission trip to Tokyo, Japan, to connect with Grace Harbor and Grace City Churches. This is our second trip to Tokyo, and this year the trip was made even more productive due to a Redeemerite, Kevin Yu, who is now working as a missionary with Grace City. Kevin was motivated to move to Tokyo and work alongside the staff at Grace City after leading the trip last year, where he fell in love with the ministry and the people of Japan. He was able to arrange for the team to more fully engage with the locals, as well as plan activities that the ministries really needed.

Throughout the week the team met and got to know many in ministry in Japan as well as spent time with church congregants. They had staff meetings with pastors and missionaries, attended nightly community groups, and hosted several parties and gatherings with Grace City/Grace Harbor attendees. There were language exchange sessions to help the Japanese church members improve English conversational skills; a children's party with singing, games and pizza to celebrate the fall season; and several ladies night/guys nights where the team members had social events with church members over wine & cheese (for the ladies) and billiards (for the men). The main event, however, was a work/life conference that took place on a Saturday



afternoon. The team members shared their testimonies followed by Q&A regarding the relationship between their faith and vocations, in the areas of business/finance, creative, and media. The conference was attended by over 60 people and was extremely encouraging to all who partook in it, especially the pastor, who included it in his sermon the next day.

GOALS FOR 2014

More integration into the churches and making sure a team is assembled, as each year teams deepen the relationship between Redeemer and Grace City/Grace Harbor.

"I think overall we saw the growth of the team not only in size but in influence as well. We were much more in on the action this time and I feel that God was able to use this team to bless the city and the church in more ways than we might think of. And of course we were blessed by Japan far beyond our expectations." — Kevin Yu

India:

Mumbai

In November, seven Redeemer ladies went to Mumbai on a mission trip that largely centered on the issue of sex trafficking—a major social justice problem in India. They partnered with *Sower of Seeds* and *International Justice Mission* organizations that have initiated projects to rescue girls from the Red Light District and place them in safe houses. The team also partnered with NLF Avatar Church, and the women were able to participate in Avatar’s outreach programs by getting to know their congregants through attending church services and community group gatherings. Lastly, the team was able to connect with Jeyakaran Emmanuel, another Redeemer City to City-related pastor, and help with a campaign he and his wife are involved with called “Dark is Beautiful”, being launched in Mumbai to combat skin-color discrimination. Altogether, the Redeemer ladies interfaced with two safe houses, two orphanages, a preschool in a slum and an elementary school in the Colaba district, attended four community groups and two



worship services, and participated with three non-profits and two different churches. The scope of the trip was large and the team served in many different capacities. Despite the breadth of the trip,

every member cherished the quality time they felt they were still able to spend with whom they interacted. They were able to meet, serve, engage with and encourage many. Finally, the team was thrilled to be able to bless a safe house and Avatar with material gifts that would long outlast their visit.

Missions 2013

Blessings for *all* mission trips include: **No one getting hurt, sick, or a related distraction** which would have taken team members away from their tasks. The teams were able to **raise extra funds** and accrued material donations that were left to our hosts for use in their ministries.

2013 saw another **outpouring of material donations** for all trips. The team member who works for Fisher Price was able to obtain a large amount of toys, as the company was in the midst of changing office buildings. A Redeemerite who works for the Champion label had bags of new clothing and shoes donated, and a dental office underwrote the cost of dental supplies

and instruments for our missionary Dentist, Janice Hwang, to use in her work (Janice went on three mission trips this Summer). **Relationships with the hosts were strengthened**, as first-time trips were invited back and older trips asked to expand.



Many of our trips featured beneficial cross-overs: Lily teenagers joined our Johannesburg trip to serve with us as teammates, Madagascar teammates joined our Johannesburg trip and worked in outreach programs there before moving on to Madagascar, Makaphutu teammates visited Lily orphanage during their mission trip and vice versa. Many Redeemer teammates participated in multiple mission trips and so encountered many different experiences, while the trips as a result had more laborers for their projects.





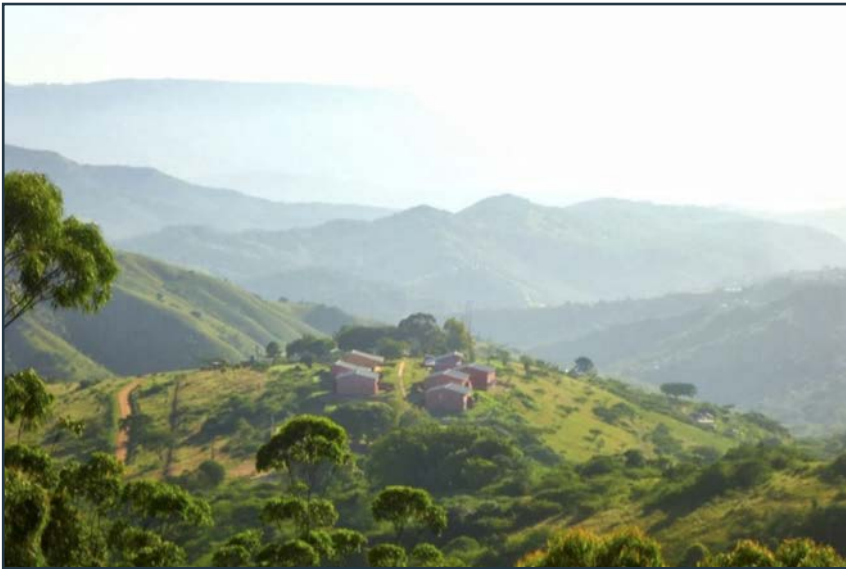
We incorporated more church plants than before; the end of the year we counted having visited, served, and served alongside with over 20 church plants.

We included more organizations and

non-profits than ever before and had a wider radius of who we looped in (we spread our work to local schools, for instance); the end of the year we counted having worked with about 25 local non-profit organizations.



Teammates enjoyed engaging Redeemer Church during the preparation phase—from teaching the Redeemer children about Missions during Sunday School, Prayer Commissionings with the Prayer ministry, and preparing for



their trips under the tutelage of departments like CFW, Redeemer's Center for Faith and Work. Fundraisers created more of a connection between team mates and Redeemer, and brought renewed awareness of the ministry to the average Redeemerite. **Teammates were blessed through team devotions, and achieved a real closeness to each other and to God.**



Thank you for taking the time to read this Missions report. Our hope is that in 2014 more Redeemerites will sign up for these trips, and experience the multiple blessings they bring.