

# 2019 International Expansion Report



Disciplining the Nations



## What Are World Zones?

The Vision International Education and Training Network has divided the world into Zones. Each Zone is represented by a Zone Leader who is working to strategically raise up national leadership for expanding the Vision Network. By the hundreds, Bible Colleges are being started, leaders are being trained, and churches are being planted all over the World.

## Indigenous Mission

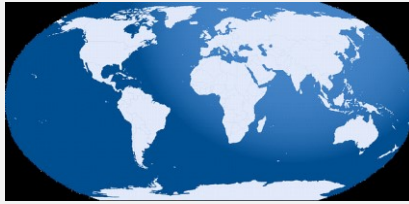
Vision International Training & Education Network is thoroughly committed to indigenous missionary endeavors. ITEN places a high level of respect on the local culture and customs of our partners around the world, allowing them to translate, contextualize, and adapt the curriculum to suit their own needs in their immediate ministry environment.

The two major themes turning heads in the missions community are the integration of Church Planting and Leadership Training. A problem exists, however, in a lack of integration of these two major streams of mission. Church planting ministries are desperate for trained workers and Leadership Training Ministries are looking for places for their graduates to minister. Through a Strategic Partnership between VITEN and churches, programs are established worldwide.

VITEN Networks focus on local church-based education and positions itself to help bring integration between leadership training and church planting.

The vision for church planting comes from hundreds of strong local churches VITEN partners with, and who have a compatible vision to plant churches. Through VITEN, church planters can be trained in their local setting. By working together, we can see churches planted around the world.





## Meet Our World Zone Leaders

The Vision International Training & Education Network has divided the world into 13 World Zones, each with a highly qualified World Zone Leader assigned to its respective geographical region. The World Zone Leaders are faculty members and coordinate the Resource Centers, Curriculum Translation Projects, and National Teaching Staff within their Zone.

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## Africa and Middle East Zone



*I met Dr. DeKoven at a mission's conference in Indiana. I was a fulltime missionary in Kenya, with a mandate to train leaders, but without a curriculum of program. Dr. Stan was looking for partners wanting to plant bible colleges and the Lord knit our hearts and missions together.*

*As of today, we have dozens of colleges in Africa, in English and French, and have had thousands of students and we continue to grow, under the leadership of our East, West and South Africa directors God*

*is good, and the Kingdom of God is advancing in Africa, as we take the whole Word to the world" - Dr. Steven Mills African and Middle East World Zone Leader*

*Steve and his wife, Kath, have been in fulltime mission work since May 1984. Steve spent 6 months in Uganda in 1984 by himself, with his family in Haiti for 8 months in 1985 and then the family moved to Kenya in June 1986 where they lived for over 17 years. In 2002 he and Kath moved back to the US to work with Global 12 Project. Steve travels extensively having ministered in more than 45 nations.*

*From 2002 until 2015 he traveled throughout the United States holding mission conferences, helping churches with their mission programs and small group ministries. The main focus of Steve's overseas ministry is church planting and leadership development in Africa, the Arabian Gulf and beyond.*

*Since 2015 Steve and Kath have lived in Kuwait where Steve is currently serving as the Senior Pastor for Crossroad International Church. He is also Vision's Vice President of International Operations and World Missions and zone leader for Africa and the Middle East.*



**Dr. Steve Mills**

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## Africa Is No Longer Considered The Dark Continent.

In 1900, less than 10 million Christians lived in Africa. Today, this figure has risen to 360 million. Africa accounts for about 14.8% of the world's human population. As of 2009, Vision has Bible College programs in approximately one third of the African nations, and our goal is to plant bible colleges in every African nation, including Muslim nations. Vision needs completed curriculum in West African French (almost completed) and Arabic (half-way done).

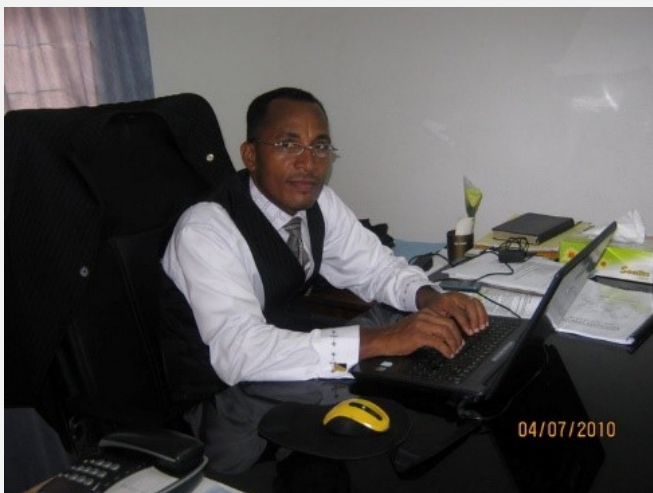
There is a great zeal for God and for evangelism, which is seeing millions come to Christ each year. However, there is a drastic shortage of trained leadership to bring these new converts to a full knowledge of their new found life in Christ. Leadership training and training materials are vital to the health and sustainability of the African Church. Vision is in a position to step into this need and make a real impact on the continent of Africa by training her leaders.



### 5,000 Churches in 16 Nations

Each Vision graduate is challenged to be a great commission leader by getting their local church involved in spreading the gospel or by planting a new church. Over the past 8 years this partnership has seen over 5,000 new churches established in 16 nations of West Africa. They are also encouraged to begin a training program so they can send out church planters of their own.

In 2004, 300 church planters were trained in Liberia using Vision materials and were sent into 300 different villages to start new churches. When the first reports came back 3 months later there were 297 active churches with over 11,000 new members. By the end of the year those 297 churches had reached over 20,000 members. Many of those churches today are now starting daughter churches in the surrounding villages. One Vision school in Kenya has been sending teams to a remote Muslim dominated area and has seen many Muslims saved and several new churches established. These students have made such an impact on the area that the local government invites them to take part in regional development meetings.



*"Vision will plant ministry training centers in 14 African nations. We are transforming the face of the African continent with properly trained, spirit-empowered leaders."*

**- Morris M. Yeedoun, West Africa Regional Director**

## Australiasia

The accredited program from Australia has opened new doors of opportunity for serious students of The Word. What a joy to take the whole Word to the whole world..." - Dr. Denis Plant, Principal, Vision International College and World Zone Leader, Australasia



Vision began in Australia under the leadership of Dr. Ken and Dr. Alison Chant, on the small island of Tasmania. From the start, the goal of taking the whole word to the world was in the heart of our founders, and it continues to be the passion of Vision worldwide. Vision has numerous Resource Centers in Australia, New Zealand, and South East Asia.

### Myanmar

Since 2002 we have been supporting several local bible colleges in the outer suburbs of Yangon and over 160 students have graduated from those colleges. Following the

devastating Cyclone in 2008 those colleges were devastated, buildings destroyed and a few of the students were killed. Most dispersed and engaged in ministry with many Buddhist priest. The International Bible College has gone to assist the ministry in reaching people in that nation. We now have two colleges, one in Yangon and one in Mandalay, Nepal. We are being encouraged to continue the translation of our materials as the need is great and the potential is tremendous. Thus, our strategy remains to translate works and plant schools, with the eventual hope of conducting leadership conferences for the underground church as the Lord opens doors.

### Papua New Guinea

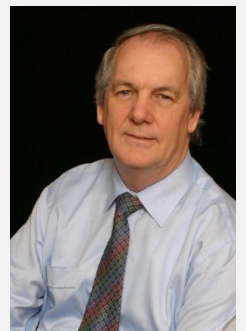
Two colleges have been established in the Port Moresby province and interest is being developed in Madang and Mount Hargan in the Central Highlands of the nation for colleges to be established in those nations.

### Philippines

On the Island of Mindanou a college and training center has been established. Vision has also established programs in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

*Dr. Denis has enjoyed a teaching ministry for over 40 years. Moving up through the ranks of the local church he moved on to pastor and later to pioneer several churches in NSW. Denis has taught in several bible colleges in Australia and around the world and has established two Bible Colleges, one of which is now the denominational Bible College for the Foursquare Churches in Australia.*

*Denis is now the Principal and CEO of Vision Colleges*



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## Brazil

**"We opened the Vision School of Ministries to equip leaders to lead churches and ministries. We will offer support to pastors that want to disciple their people. The Brazilian program has opened many doors to our Brazilian people so that they can take the whole word to the whole world." - Pastor Lucas Santana**

### [Vision Brazil Website](#)



The Mission of the Brazilian zone leadership shall be to:

- Recruit, mentor and conduct training seminars in the areas of his specific expertise in Brazil and other Portuguese language nations.
- Establish Vision Extension Schools within areas where Vision does not yet serve, with approval from Vision International University and Vision International Training & Network Headquarters.
- Assist in developing outreach to ethnic communities in which he serves, to include facilitating book translation
- Advise in the areas of marketing strategies for all programs

Vision International Training & Education Network and Vision International University.

Pastor Lucas Santana was appointed as the National Associate Minister and the Brazilian World Zone Coordinator of Vision International University and Vision International Training & Education of Ramona, California, U.S.A on April 4th, 2018.

Pastor Lucas Santana is married to Janinny Santana. and they have a little girl *Esther*. *Pastor Santana* is an alumni from Christ For the Nations Institute (CFNI) located in Dallas Texas and he is an ordained pastor through Fellowship of Ministers & Churches (FMC). He is an associate pastor at International Apostolic New Jerusalem Church ([www.ianj.org](http://www.ianj.org)) located in Brazil.

Lucas's ministry focus is church leadership and discipleship. His father, *Pastor Jose Santana*, has been senior pastor of the Apostolic New Jerusalem Church since 1989. They work together to equip and educate new leaders and pastors. They are called to open churches in places that no one else wants to go, and God goes before them to open the doors.

Pastor Lucas's expertise has been an invaluable asset to the work we do at Vision.



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## The Caribbean and Florida Zones

**Having traveled and ministered in several Caribbean nations, the hunger to grow in the Word of God is strong and the Vision program is helping many men and women become leaders in church and community. The best is yet to come! " - Dr. Darryl Webb Zone Leader, Caribbean and Florida**

The Caribbean is indeed a most beautiful and diverse area of the world and one of the most religious. From our center in Nassau, Bahamas, our desire is to expand Vision to every inhabited island, and plant Bible College programs in every major town and city.

### Our Goals & Needs

In spite of the seeming proliferation of churches, biblical illiteracy and syncretism (the blending of occult and native religion with Christian belief and practice) still abounds. The need for quality biblical/theological education, recognized by local governments, which is affordable and deliverable to the peoples, is essential for the development of this region for God. Our primary focus is to deliver the courses of Vision through local churches.

*In Jamaica we are laid back, man but not all of us. Vision provided me, through correspondence to complete my degree now I serve my church with both power and the Word.* Rev. William Smith

DR. DARRYL WEBB Associate with Global Market Development Global Center UN Commodities Caribbean/Pacific Asia/Asia Director Director/CEO Global Financial CEO and Founder / Business since 1976 [www.globalfs.webs.com](http://www.globalfs.webs.com)

Dr. Webb has been in full-time ministry since 1979. He is married to Kathy Webb. They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. They have been in full time ministry since 1979. They served 13 years in Japan, overseeing Global Ministries International, a network of over 300 churches, ministries, and businesses, Dr. Webb has a B.A. in Biblical Studies, an M.A. in Pastoral Ministries, a Doctorate in Theology / Counseling, and a Doctorate in Christian Leadership.

Dr. Webb has been on numerous television programs, including the 700 Club and Atlanta Live as well as TBN in Augusta, Georgia and Portland, Oregon. He hosted his own radio program called Harvest Time. He now hosts two weekly TV programs called The Light House with Dr Darryl Webb and Outward Bound with Dr Darryl Webb

Please see his website for more information: [www.lighthouseminintl.webs.com](http://www.lighthouseminintl.webs.com)



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## Central Asia

**"Every day, early in the morning, we pray...we see the Silk Road filled with worshiping believers in Jesus. From China to Jerusalem... churches will happen... we believe." - Dr. Kim Sam Seong**

Dr. Kim Sam Seong, a modern-day Paul the apostle, from South Korea, has been used by God, in Kazakhstan, to plant numerous churches, along with bible colleges and training centers throughout this region. Central Asia consists of the five former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Other areas are often included such as Afghanistan, northeastern Iran and western parts of the People's Republic of China such as Xinjiang, Mongolia, Kashmir, northern Pakistan, southwestern and middle China such as Tibet, Qinghai, Gansu and Inner Mongolia, and southern parts of Siberia may also be included in Central Asia.



Dr Kim and his team have planted Bible Colleges in all the Stan's, and in Mongolia and Turkey. Dr Kim shares, "God spoke to me several years ago that I must plant churches along the Silk Road, all the way back to Jerusalem. To do this I needed many workers; they had to be trained, but I did not know how. God brought Vision with Dr. Tim Dailey and others to help me; we are doing our best to raise up workers for Christ and to plant 5,000 churches by 2015...In spite of many difficulties, God is helping us."

A requirement of Dr. Sam-Seong for these pastor students is that they are not allowed to begin Bible School until they have planted three cells, and each cell must have at least three new believers in it. So, the would-be students have to lead at least nine people to accept Christ and to join a cell before they can attend Bible School. This reveals leadership possibilities and also trains students toward future leadership.

### **A student in Central Asia Shares**

"I was both scared and excited when I heard about Vision coming to Central Asia. Though I had already started 12 home cell churches, I did not feel worthy to study, but with Dr. Kim's encouragement, I did. Now I oversee 60 home cell churches and will soon have my bachelor's degree...the first person in my family to earn this. I hope to be really used by God someday."

## China and South East Asia Zone

**"Come help us...we are hungry to know the word of God, and correct doctrine for our people." -  
Underground church leader to Vision International World Zone Leader**

It is estimated that up to 8% of the population of mainland China is born again, with most believers worshipping in house churches not approved by the government. The need for training and literature is great,



and the key to reaching this nation hungry for spiritual reality and strong education are programs such as those offered by Vision International. In addition, Taiwan's influential Christian population has a heart for the mainland.

Presently Vision has only a few church-based programs in China, but the number is growing. We have been in dialog with numerous underground church leaders, including teams in Taiwan with a heart for missions. We continue to translate our materials as the need is great and the potential is tremendous.

Bob Nolan, Missionary Teacher to China and Taiwan states "The hunger for teaching is amazing. The passion for God is humbling...the willingness to suffer for Christ is awe inspiring. We must help, and our key leaders in Taiwan are willing to help reach the Mainland. The work is great, but God is able if we all pull together."

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### **Dr. Paul Ai and his wife Ruth**

**Dr. Paul Ai** is a Vision International Zone leader. He is the President (Bishop Overseer) at Vietnamese Harvest network International and Bishop Overseer at Paul Ai Ministries - Vietnamese Outreach International. He has a powerful testimony of conversion from witchcraft, been imprisoned on more than one occasion, and has led many to Christ.

For more of Dr. Paul Ai's testimony and ministry go to:

<https://www.paulaiministries.com/home>





## Eastern Europe and Russia Zone

**"Where communism is no longer a threat to religious freedom, orthodoxy often is."**

Since the fall of the former Soviet Union, the initial openness to the gospel has changed to suspicion of the West and a rejection of Evangelical churches in many areas. Where communism is no longer a threat to religious

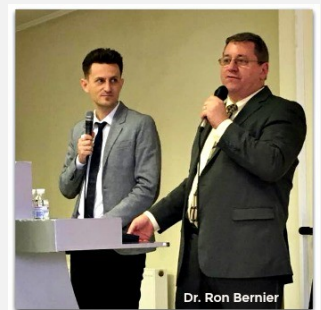
freedom, orthodoxy often is. Eastern Europe consists of the following ten countries: Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

**Rapid Expansion in Ukraine --** Under the leadership of our sister ministry, Ministry to Educate and Equip ([www.mtee.org](http://www.mtee.org)), presently lead by Dr. Ronald L. Bernier, Vision has over 800 students through this region, and into Bulgaria. The greatest majority of students reside in the Ukraine, where greater religious freedom allows for our unique program. Dr. Paul Shotsberger, who was a missionary in Ukraine for a number of years, helped to build a firm foundation for Theological education to flourish in Ukraine and beyond. In addition, with our recent networking with one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Europe (Ostrog Academy National University in Ukraine) our students can achieve government recognized awards, allowing for marketplace ministry, government jobs, etc.

**Eastern European Expansion in Russia--** Dr. Paul Shotsberger, director of the MTEE mission in Ukraine, helped establish a regional training center with one of our Bible colleges in Kaluga, Russia. Through this program, pastors of local churches are brought in for an extended period, taught the course material and then return to their local churches to teach a bible college in their own church. This enables us to expand the bible college network in a more efficient manner. One of our graduates started a school in Khabarovsk, Russia, near the Chinese border. Additionally, a new school is scheduled to begin in Vladivostok.

### **More About Dr. Bernier**

- President of the Board of Directors, Ministry to Education and Equip (MTEE)
- Team member, Barnabas Ministries equipping pastors on the African continent (Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe) Field training alumni for Vision International University teaching Masters and Doctoral students in Ukraine and Belarus
- Founder of MBILD (Master Builder Institute for Leadership Development), working in conjunction with Vision to train Pastors and leaders in various languages including Portuguese.
  - Certified Leader for the Antioch School of Church Planting, Leadership, and Development.



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## Western Europe

**Christianity was exported to the world from Western Europe. We are convinced the best times for the church in Europe are yet to be seen."** Dr. Gail Stathis, Western Europe World Zone Leader

Our curriculum and accreditation are especially fitted for the United Kingdom, and our goal is to establish a series of strong schools in the UK. We have made inroads into Northern Ireland and Scotland but need an actual headquarters. We have begun the process of translating materials into German. We have most of our curriculum translated into French, but it is West African French, so complete editing is needed. We will begin to



reach France with West Africans who have planted strong churches in France and Belgium as an initial strategy, while continuing to translate and or edit materials for the rest of the population.

Western & Eastern Europe, with multiple languages and vastly different cultures, present many challenges, including a general (perceived) lack of hunger for spiritual things. Once the hotbed of the Reformation, Western Europe is considered to be as cold as Stonehenge. Yet, in spite of the skeptical intellectualism of much of Europe, we are convinced that a great awakening is about to begin, and we want to be positioned to reap the harvest to come.



Dr. Gail Stathis, Vision International World Zone Leader for Western Europe provides some perspective; *"I have met with many leaders in Western Europe and they all agree that the long frost over Europe is beginning to melt. Partially driven by the Muslim invasion, and partially by the many ethnic churches being established, especially by African immigrants, there is much stirring of spiritual activity. Now is the time for Vision to establish Learning Centers and make a significant difference in Europe."*

While serving in her role as pastor and administrator, Dr. Gail is heavily invested in developing leaders for ministry and continuing ministry expansion. She continues to travel as a much-sought after conference speaker, and as a fundraiser and recruiter on behalf of EME Ministries. She serves as primary leadership to EME missionaries in the field.

Dr. Gail has a tremendous heart for prayer initiatives. She has led prayer trekking journeys, especially through the countries of North Africa, for the past ten years. Finally, she has added to her list of duties those of the Western European Zone Leader for Vision International Training and Education Network. She is the co-author of a Leadership and Management curriculum for the University, as well as other books and music.

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## India Subcontinent Zone

**Just the Tamil Language alone will touch millions...India is ripe for Vision, and Vision is perfect for India." - Pastor Robert Nesan, Tamil Language Director, India and the World**

As you can see, this nearly 1.5 billion people are a large target group, and eventually we hope to have many additional directors over these various areas, perhaps broken down by language group.

As of today, Vision has bible schools in Southern India. In Pakistan we have some schools as well, with the limited amount of Urdu language materials we have. We also have a school in Nepal. We are actively translating materials into Tamil, which reaches Southern India and Sri Lanka, where we have some schools established.



Dr. Yvette Dsouza

Dr. Yvette is Pastor and Bible College Director at National Evangelical Church in Kuwait. She was formerly from Mumbai, Maharashtra and is our zone leader for the subcontinent of India.



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## Latin America Zone



### Latin America Zone Leader: open

In Latin America, the average age is 26 years. It is estimated that 8,000-12,000 people are coming to Christ every day, so the chief challenge has been to properly disciple these converts to maturity, and to prepare leaders to serve the expanding church. New church plants are needed, and most local churches are being led by sincere, gifted and anointed young men and women who have minimal training or education.

In the light of the great need for leadership development, our primary goal is to finalize the translation of the Vision curriculum into Spanish, which will then be compiled into our patented Bible College in a Box for

distribution. We presently have Bible college programs in Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador, Argentina and Cuba.



Latin America Zone

**Here is an example of finding a key leader with the gifting to run with the vision of Vision.**

Roberto Islas, a pastor in Mexico City, completed two years of college in Mexico, and then became a Vision student. After completing his Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate over several years, he

became our Director for Mexico, has written several books, planted a local church, and established several Resource Centers for Vision throughout Mexico, with an eye on Guatemala. Hundreds of men and women have been trained in Mexico under Dr. Islas, resulting in numerous churches being planted throughout Mexico.

## Malaysia

**According to national statistics, approximately 10% of the Muslim nation of Malaysia is Christian. According to Christians living in Malaysia, the percentage may be as much as 20% and growing."**



Malaysia

The same statistics are used in Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world, though actual percentage is estimated at between 30-40% and growing significantly. There are certain government restrictions placed on the church in these nations, but mainly on the direct posterization of Muslims.

Singapore is becoming more Christian, now approaching 20 % of the population. Here are a couple of quotes from Christians:

### ***Singapore: Facts and Details***

- In August 2008, the Earth Times reported: Christianity is increasingly attracting followers of the Chinese religion Taoism, with young Christian converts finding an extended family at church, hip music, and opportunities to socialize, a published study said.
- Christianity has seen its flock grow to 14.6 percent in 2000 from 12.7 percent in 1990, said the breakdown in the Straits Times. "There's a leakage from traditional Chinese religions, which don't seem to have the same appeal to younger people," National University of Singapore sociologist Alexius Pereira was quoted as saying. Of the 112 Christians in the newspaper study, more than half had converted from their birth religion. Half of the conversions came in their teens and 20s. [Source: Earth Times, August 9, 2008] In April 2009, AFP reported: Singapore has seen a boom in recent years in born-again Christian movements, which experts said people perceive as modern institutions reflecting their personal aspirations.
- While Taoism and Buddhism are the traditional belief systems in Singapore, most people adopt them as a matter of birthright, rather than choosing to follow them as spiritual life codes. "Those who have converted (to Christianity) were probably not very entrenched in their original faith," said Mathew Mathews, a sociologist at the National University of Singapore. "People want to move out from traditional concepts of religion to a more 'classy' image with things which mirror our popular culture and are congruent to their own works and expectations," he said. New converts are encouraged to bring in more recruits, helping boost the number of Christians in Singapore." {Source: Agence France Presse, April 10, 2009

[http://factsanddetails.com/southeast-asia/Singapore/sub5\\_7a/entry-3721.html](http://factsanddetails.com/southeast-asia/Singapore/sub5_7a/entry-3721.html)



As with many Asian nations, it is essential that the gospel be contextualized for the people, that language barriers be overcome (though English is widely read and spoken in all three of these nations) and discipleship is essential. Vision, though its Bible College in a Box is impacting this region, under the leadership of Apostle

Dr. John Ezekiel, and the growth potential is enormous. The need for laborers for the harvest will continue as the Gospel continues to be preached with power in this region. John Ezekiel is Indian Malaysian, born and raised in Malaysia. He is known as a Pastor to Pastors with a true apostolic grace on his life.

He traveled as an evangelist and church planter for many years, focusing on miracle evangelism. Now, with his wife Hepsi, Dr. John has founded and leads New Life Global Outreach, a vibrant local church in Johor Baru Malaysia.



**Dr. John and Hepsibah Ezekiel**

John completed his studies from Bethany School of World Missions, Singapore Bible College and Vision International University. Dr. John gives leadership to churches and church plants in Malaysia, Singapore India and Indonesia, and provides leadership for the Vision Network in this vital region of the world.



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## Mediterranean Zone

**"A key to revival in our region is to see leaders in Orthodox church set on fire for Christ, and our Arab brothers and sisters empowered to win one another for the Lord." - Dr. Brian van Deventer, World Zone Leader**



Mediterranean Sea

Twenty-one modern states have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea. As one can see, this is a vast area, some of which overlaps into Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Our World Zone Leader for the Mediterranean has responsibility for this vast area with multiple languages, in cooperation with our Western European and African Leaders. Our need is to find key leaders who can catch the vision of Vision in these nations.

*"As a refugee from my beloved Iran, my life was hard in my adopted nation of Greece...but I am grateful for my new life here. I believe God is preparing me,*

*through church here in Glyfada and Vision to return someday to Iran, to open schools of ministry and to help plant churches...by His grace we will do it." - (Name withheld for safety reasons)*

Brian traveled to Greece upon completion of University to serve within an existing ministry, headed by Gail Stathis and others. Brian served that ministry in various capacities, and in 1996, helped to co-found this new mission effort, EME Ministries. He now serves as the General Director for the ministry, which has its base in Glyfada, Greece (a suburb of Athens).

In the time that Brian has been engaged in cross cultural work, he has served as a Senior Pastor and Co-Pastor in the Glyfada Christian Center, where he still retains that leadership post. His primary responsibilities now include the general oversight of EME Ministries, including project oversight, fundraising and recruiting, personnel management, etc. He continues to travel in ministry throughout the countries of South Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa as a speaker, and as point person with projects supported by EME Ministries.

Brian also serves as the Mediterranean Zone Leader of Vision International Training and Education Network. With this role, he spends time interacting and assisting other local churches to develop education and training programs of their own.



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## North America

*"In North America we continue to have a two-pronged approach. First, we believe strongly that the church in the locality is where training for Christian service and leadership should occur. With that in mind, we continue to help local churches start Schools of Ministry using our dynamic curriculum.*



*Secondly, we offer a hybrid program consisting of online learning in partnership with local church mentoring. We are seeing incremental growth, but solid growth as more and more communities grasp the responsibility and privilege of training their own in their own community, in partnership with Vision."-- Dr Stan DeKoven*

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