

DOVE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY CONNECTION

APRIL 2023



MOZAMBIQUE & KENYA



SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA



BARBADOS



BRAZIL



USA

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

Every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before the throne.



THREE NATIONS in south central Asia are unnamed so we do not place our brothers and sisters in Christ there in harm's way. One of these nations has more than 600 DOVE churches!

RIGHT USA A Christmas service and a joyful baptism celebration!



ZAMBIA Vulnerable children are cared for.

Scripture clearly describes the day when every nation, tribe, people, and language will stand before the throne of God, giving Him worship and honor (Revelation 7:9). We look forward to being there, and want to take as many people as we can with us.

DOVE International is a global family of churches and ministries on six continents. We are committed to building authentic relationships with Christ and one another as we lead people to Christ, make disciples, and plant churches, extending the Kingdom of God in many locations around the globe.

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DOVE Family 24/7 Prayer



Larry Kreider
Leadership Podcast



VENEZUELA The church reaches out to neighborhood children with God's love.

BELOW THE PHILIPPINES The church continues to grow.



Our mission is to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord, obey His Word, and to encourage and equip each believer for the work of ministry. We engage in this mission in humility, with dependence on God, and in cooperation with all brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, working for unity in all that we do.

This mission will be accomplished by the threefold mandate God has given us: prayer, discipleship, and evangelism.

BELOW TANZANIA A Bible study meets.



Prayer

As we worship God in prayer, we bring our needs and the needs of the world to Him. In the place of prayer, we allow the Holy Spirit to transform us, empower us, and reveal to us His specific strategies for transforming our world into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship

In ongoing discipleship, we build relationship with and care for one another, training each other in godliness and good works. Those who have been trained, in turn, train and disciple others. The goal is to bring the body of Christ to a place of maturity—a bride ready for the Lord's return.

Evangelism

Through evangelism we seek to make known the glory of God and the name of Christ through verbal proclamation, publishing, the arts, and acts of compassion and service. We desire to see children, youth, and adults come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as churches are planted in all nations.

As an international family of churches, we are called by God to be actively involved in what the Lord is doing in the world today. This involves empowering, training, and releasing God's people to fulfill His purposes. We are called to prepare people throughout the nations for the day when those from every nation, tribe, people, and language will stand before the throne of God as described in Revelation 7:9.

May our generation, as well as the generations to come, be well represented in that wonderful crowd!



SOUTH AFRICA Thousands gave their hearts to Jesus when churches worked together.



BULGARIA The church reaches out with aid to their community.

CUBA A small group meets together.

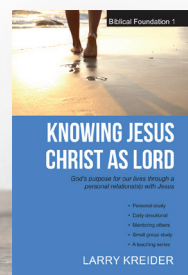


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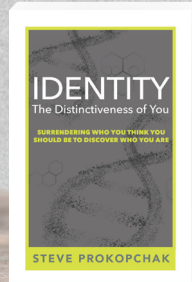
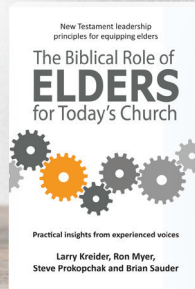
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Now in Spanish!



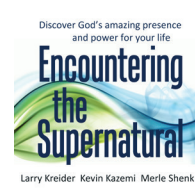
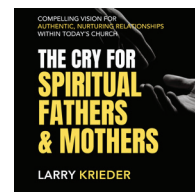
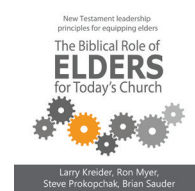
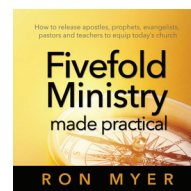
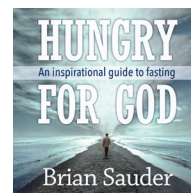
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FOUNDER SUCCESSION UPDATE



DOVE's first chapter

Hundreds of young people submitted their lives to Christ and were baptized with the Holy Spirit in a Pennsylvania youth movement in the late 70s and early 80s. Out of this movement, a new church was born: DOVE Christian Fellowship.

Over the next fifteen years, DOVE grew to become a multi-site church of more than two thousand people meeting in 130 small groups. This was DOVE's first "chapter."

The second chapter

In 1996, the second "chapter" of DOVE started when the church in Pennsylvania decentralized to become eight autonomous churches. Churches that were planted in Kenya, Uganda,

and New Zealand also joined this new movement. Since that time, by God's grace, the DOVE global family has grown from eleven churches to over 1,100 churches in twenty-five nations. Larry Kreider, supported by his wife, LaVerne, has been honored to serve as the international director of this growing family of churches.

In 2016, Larry and LaVerne felt impressed by the Lord to start the process of identifying the next international director for the DOVE

Larry and Merle met in **GUATEMALA**
with leaders Julio and Jodi Rodriguez



Larry and Merle met in **KENYA** with next-generation leaders from four African nations



family. The decision that God was calling Merle Shenk into this role was announced in 2022, and a two-year period of training and practical steps to implement the succession began.

Merle and Cheree Shenk's early years in ministry took them to many cities and nations. They spent eleven years in South Africa where they planted a multi-cultural church. In 2013, they felt God instructing them to hand over leadership of that church and prepare to return to the USA. In 2016 they moved to

Pennsylvania, and were called to lead Newport Church, a Pennsylvania DOVE partner church.

During this transition season, Larry and Merle are traveling to many nations in five continents in preparation for Merle to assume leadership of the DOVE International family. This will take place at the International Leadership Conference in April 2024.

Larry and LaVerne plan to step off the International Apostolic Council at that time. They look forward to serving as spiritual father and mother to leaders in the DOVE family and beyond, ministering as a founder and representative of the DOVE movement.

Third chapter

Larry states, "We all thank God for the past forty-three years and are excited about the future of the DOVE global family as we enter our 'third chapter.' It is God's time for us to encourage and release the next generation of leaders throughout the world."

LEARN MORE about the leadership succession process at dcfi.org/succession-plan



DOVE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY of CHURCHES



Recently commissioned as DOVE Europe Apostolic team leaders, Dirk and Hanneke Develing are from **THE NETHERLANDS**.



PERU

A microchurch in a house church network in the city of Lima gathers for a meal, to study the Bible, and are encouraged to make disciples.

Learn
from DOVE
family leaders
around the
world!

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LARRY KREIDER LEADERSHIP PODCAST



We are a church-planting movement!

We believe planting new churches is the most effective way to reach our world for Christ. Church planting needs be a long-term goal of every DOVE International congregation and house church. We support others who are working to see new churches planted throughout the world.

We are called to plant three types of churches: community churches, microchurches, and larger megachurches.

TOP CANADA A church plant gathers. Lunch together after the celebration is a hit with everyone, especially the children!

RIGHT ZAMBIA Many churches have been planted, including some in unreached people groups.

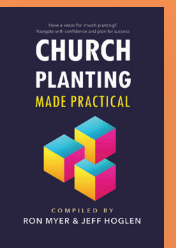


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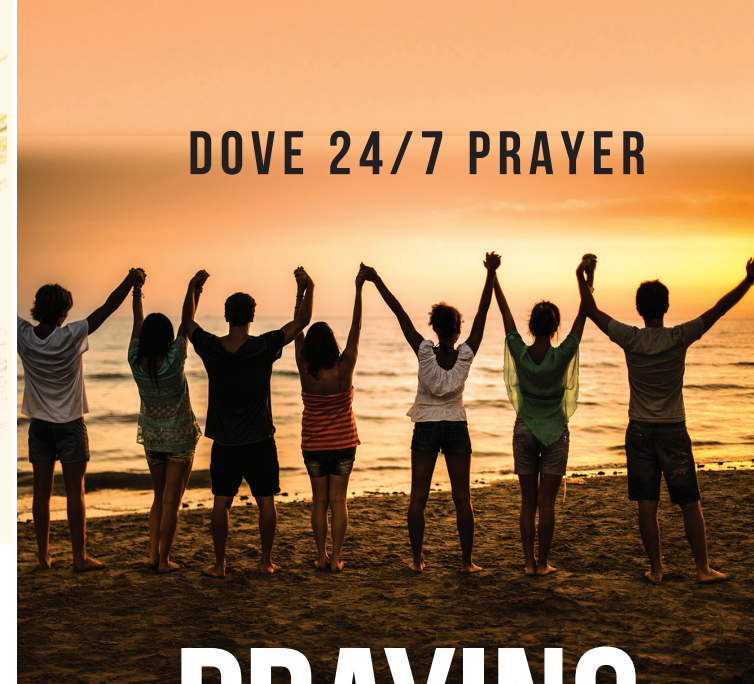
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Philippians 1:4-5



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Prayer Watch Online includes prayer requests from each DOVE church.

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RWANDA, DR CONGO, and KENYA
Leaders met to pray and strategize for future Kingdom expansion.



COLOMBIA Leaders meet together with Merle Shenk and Larry Kreider.

UGANDA Ephriam Tumusiime, founder of DOVE Uganda, reads the Word of God.





DOVE Missionaries Make a Difference

Missionaries help with Bible translation

Dan and Katrina Harper serve in the Himalayas helping with translating the Bible into languages that don't have access to Scripture. They help with recording native speakers reading the Bible in their language. The audio files are then distributed to the communities that speak that language.

PRAY for this team and many other DOVE Mission International missionaries.

God heals many in an unreached people group

During their three years of prayer in the African village, Nelson and Winnie have seen God heal many—including healing asthma and a chronic eye condition. One man stated that he knows his religion is not the truth and asked for an audio Bible. A lady who did a tailoring course in the ministry's vocational training center also asked to be taught the Bible.

PRAY for this family and many other DOVE Africa missionaries.



Medical missions international partnership

A DOVE USA medical missions team recently served alongside DOVE Missions Africa and local doctors. This was a concerted outreach to care for patients in northeastern Kenya. Over 900 people in three villages received medical care that week. A doctor from the USA serving on the team wrote,

"While preparing for this trip, I was told that it was typical to care for around 160 people in a day. That was overwhelming! I questioned my abilities and prayed that the team of doctors would actually be able to see 160 people in one day.

"God decided to show us just how amazing He truly is. On day one of the medical camps, we saw double the estimate: over

320 people! God cared about the community members so much that He removed all limitations."

Interested in medical outreach opportunities? Contact DMI@dcfi.org



How can I be involved in missions?

- **PRAY** for missionaries
- **DONATE** to support mission works
- **CONSIDER** long-term missions service
- **PARTICIPATE** in a short-term team
- **BECOME** a missions intern

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