

# January Partner Summaries

---

## North America

- Canada
  - Overwhelming response from LEAF Church outreach to Sikh, Hindu and Muslim families (over nearly 400 people total; 230 of those Sikh, Hindu and Muslim backgrounds)
  - In the month of December, Toronto Church Planting reported 47 people prayed to trust Christ, 6 people were baptized, and over 50 small groups were meeting regularly
- Midland
  - Fundacion Manitas Llenas continues to work in the Permian Basin, as well as Nicaragua and Mexico. This includes production of Ismael Villa's weekly television program.

---

## Europe

- The Mansour Family was able to spend Christmas with family and be refreshed
- Zach, Carrie and Vera Wolfe, serving with Pioneers, are planning a vision survey trip to Europe for Spring 2018. The trip will work mainly with refugees, as well as visiting several organization teams that are recruiting and to complete short surveys in the areas where Pioneers doesn't have any teams yet.
- OSCEC in Craiova, Romania had a successful English camp, where 87 participants experienced English classes, fun activities, and were able to hear the Gospel clearly presented. The staff also attended an evangelism training that taught them how to better help their students understand the Gospel more profoundly and effectively share.
- Stephanie McLaughlin has finished on 2 university campuses, was able to share alongside with 2 of her student leaders. As this new semester begins, she and her team are asking for prayers for team dynamics, strategies and focus so that they can better love their students.

---

## Asia

- The Green Family
  - The girls went to a youth camp in Australia, and Tori has started a Bible study focusing on discipleship with 3 older girls from the Loloma House.
  - Tim and Tawnya are preparing for their continued partnership with the school, especially with incorporating short term teams. Tawnya was able to attend the Thrive retreat in PNG, while Tim continues to mentor boys at the Loloma House.
- The Tower Family
  - Hosted evangelistic Christmas outreach, and had almost 100 people come.

- They are receiving new teammates, including a family, one lady and 2 college graduates. They were also able to host a short term team, and 25 people heard the Gospel in the first 3 days the team was there.
  - Berney, Kari and Kai are currently back in the States for a few weeks for Kai's citizenship and passport.
  - This year's Secret Church focus is on Malaysia, and the prayer focus is the unreached Malay people group which the Tower family focuses on. Secret Church will be on April 20, 2018. <http://www.radical.net/blog/post/why-malaysia>
- Mission India
    - India is #11 on the Open Doors USA 2018 World Watch List
    - 3 teenage girls attending a Church Planter's prayer group to learn more about Jesus. They have been threatened and beaten by relatives to not go back. One girl continues to attend to learn more and is planning on being baptized.
    - Another Church Planter was threatened for sharing the Gospel. He is under death threat and is not allowed to leave his house, even to attend Church Planter Training.
  - China Aid
    - Yunnan Christians are receiving lengthy sentences for falsified cult involvement charges.

---

## Middle East

- Lebanon
  - People are coming to Middle Eastern churches because "you (Christians) really care" and "Jesus answers (our) prayers."
  - Please pray for emotional, physical, mental and spiritual provision for the believers. That the Holy Spirit would fill them with godly compassion, wisdom and endurance. That the Lord's encouragement and favor would rest on MENA Christians.
- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary
  - January Update primarily focused on married students
  - Christmas for the students included a program, consisting of lunch, worship and gift exchange; faculty inviting over students during the break; and, the children receiving a pair of shoes, clothing and a toy.
- Elam Ministries
  - Christmas outreach efforts resulted in at least 95 people making a commitment to follow Christ.
  - Asking for prayer and support of those who are discipling new believers and ongoing outreach efforts during 2018.