LONG-TERM GLOBAL PARTNERS



The Sherman Family
Blake, Cara, Thad, Remy, & Alice | Serving in Birmingham, England

First Woodway is our home church which sent us overseas in 2021 in partnership with Greater European Mission. We live in Birmingham, UK where we work as church planters serving in obedience to God's direction for us. Cara is a trained speech language pathologist, and Blake served on staff at First Woodway for over 10 years.



The Gunnel Family
Cameron, Jennifer, Claire, & Chloe | Serving in Thailand

We began partnering with First Woodway in 2019. We work with a local church planting team that plants churches in southeastern Asia and among several unreached people groups in northern Thailand. We also partner with and train Christians from several house church networks and underground training centers across southern Asia.



The Ecklund Family
Adam, Emily, Gianna, Selah, & Kaiya | Serving in Cambodia

We were members of First Woodway for about a decade before God called us to serve in East Asia in 2017. In 2021, we relocated to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, a city of over 2 million people. Adam serves as the Director of HOPE International School, an English-speaking school which serves MKs and other students from around the world.



Pastor A
Serving in South Asia

We connected through a First Woodway missionary family serving in our country several years ago. Our ministry provides primary and secondary education, theological training, tent making vocational skills for pastors, and medical services rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Andrew Piña Serving in Japan

I initially had only a vague understanding of missions and the significance of sharing the gospel until I participated in an East Asia mission trip. After several more trips, deepening my relationship with the Lord, and graduating, I began the journey to become a missionary with the IMB. God clearly directed me to Japan, where I served as a Journeyman in Tokyo. After that time, God directed my path to serve long-term in Japan on a church planting team.



South Texas Children's Home (STCH) International Ministries Serving in the Dominican Republic & El Salvador

STCH International serves as a light for the gospel to children and families in the Dominican Republic and El Salvador by ministering in a variety of ways including children's homes throughout the country. At its core STCH seeks to honor God, reach children and families with the love and truth of Christ, and enable others to join in their ministry.



Thimar Ministry Serving in Lebanon

We are a Lebanese nonprofit that seeks to strengthen the witness of the Church in the Arab World through inclusive education, community development, and church discipleship. We work alongside local schools, ministries, and churches throughout the Arab World. Through these relationships, we see God at work, even in times of war and crisis.



Unknown Nations

Serving the Rohingya People Group

The Rohingya people have been forcibly removed from their home country and now live in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. The Rohingya are primarily Muslim, with only a tiny minority (less than 1%) of the population identifying as Christian. They are considered one of the most persecuted people groups in the world. We adopted this people group in 2023 to support the work of sharing the Gospel and new church plants.



Redcar Baptist Church Serving in Redcar, England

Redcar Baptist Church ministers in a context of poverty where fewer than 2.8% of people would call themselves Christian. Our mission is to change the story of church decline in our town and to bring hope and transform lives in the name of Jesus. Through local ministries, we share the gospel on what can often be tough ground.



Reach out to International Missions Coordinator, Sherrie Anderson, at sanderson@firstwoodway.org with any questions about our global partners. Learn more about the Missions ministry and ways you can pray, give, and go at firstwoodway.org/missions.