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## Leader Bios

### Wayne Pederson

**Chairman of the International Day for the Unreached**

Wayne began his radio career in 1967 as an announcer on KTIS in Minneapolis. In 1997, he was promoted to Executive Vice President for Media at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, Minn. During those years Wayne also served on the board of NRB, and as Executive Director of the Christian Music Broadcasters and President of the Mission America Coalition.

In 2004, Wayne was hired by Moody Broadcasting, where he eventually became Vice President of Broadcasting. In 2008, God called Wayne to serve as President of HCJB Global, now Reach Beyond. Wayne is now serving as Global Ambassador for [Reach Beyond](#) and is also chairing the [2017 International Day for the Unreached](#).

Wayne and his wife, Willi, live in Colorado Springs, Colo., and enjoy spending time with Wayne's two daughters and nine grandchildren.



### Jeff McLinden

**Vice President of the Alliance for the Unreached**  
**Vice President of Bibles For The World**

Jeff has worked for Christian nonprofits since 1979, including senior roles in resource development, creative marketing and management for Campus Crusade for Christ, the Christian Broadcasting Network and Bible Literature International. For 20 years he was vice president of the McConkey-Johnston consulting group and helped a broad variety of ministry clients learn how to engage their partners and friends in more meaningful ways.

Jeff is the author of several popular books on marketing and fundraising and is co-founder of [Raising-Support.com](#), an online training site for missionaries who must raise funds for their work. He also serves as vice president of [Bibles For The World](#), and is responsible for communicating the ministry's impact in touching millions of lives through the power of God's Word, and for engaging partners in that ministry. Jeff and his wife live in Colorado Springs, Colo.



**Steve Johnson**  
**President of the Alliance for the Unreached**  
**Vice President of Reach Beyond**

Steve Johnson has been involved in vocational ministry for more than 30 years, beginning in 1985 with Compassion International. In 1996, he joined International Bible Society (now Biblica), where he served in a number of roles including Vice President of Development & Communication, Executive Vice President of the Americas and Global Publisher. In 2013, he joined [Reach Beyond](#) as the Executive Director of Communications.

In 2015, Steve took on the role of coordinating the activities and strategic development of the Alliance for the Unreached and now serves as President of the Alliance for 2017. Steve and his wife of 33 years live in Colorado Springs, Colo., and have four sons and four grandchildren.



**Larry D. Andrews**  
**President/CEO of Partners International**

Larry D. Andrews was appointed to serve as President / CEO of [Partners International](#) in February 2013. Since 1943, Partners International's vision has been that local, indigenous ministries in the least-reached, least resourced nations will be proclaiming the Gospel to every person and building a thriving church for every people. The mission of Partners International is building the Church in the least-reached places by partnering with indigenous ministries and connecting followers of Christ.

Previously, he served the Lord in a successful 28 year career in senior leadership with Hewlett Packard and Procter & Gamble. The Lord led him to take an early retirement from the marketplace in 2012, to seek and fulfill a deeper calling to serve the Lord's mission to "make disciples of every nation" more intentionally. Throughout his marketplace career, he served in a number of equipping and discipling ministries in churches both in the US and Asia.

He was born and raised in Sacramento, California. He studied Business Operations Mgmt. and Mgmt. Information Systems at CSU, Sacramento, and then completed his MBA at CSU Chico. He has been married to Bethanne for 32 years. They have four adult children: James, Timothy, Rebekah, and Jonathan. He serves as elder and various discipleship initiatives for the North Church in Spokane, WA, and also serves with Serve Spokane, and organization focused on serving the needs of marginalized communities.



**Dr. Marvin J. Newell**  
**Senior Vice President of Missio Nexus**

[Missio Nexus](#) is a network of evangelical mission agencies, churches and training centers in North America. Previously Marv served as a missionary in Papua, Indonesia, and as a mission administrator, professor of missions, and director of a missions association. He is the author of *A Martyr's Grace*, *Commissioned: What Jesus Wants You to Know as You Go*, *Expect Great Things: Mission Quotes that Inform and Inspire*, and *Crossing Cultures in Scriptures: Biblical Principles for Mission Practice*. Marv is also adjunct professor at Moody Theological Seminary and Western Seminary, and sits on the board of five different mission organizations. He and his wife, Peggy, have been involved in missions for 40 years.



**Greg Kelley**  
**CEO of World Mission**

Greg has served as CEO of [World Mission](#) since 1997. A Grand Rapids, Mich.-based nonprofit focused upon providing hope to those living in the most unreached and persecuted nations in the world, World Mission has 75 employees and over 200 volunteers in the US serving the international ministry and running its seven thrift stores. In addition, Greg oversees an indigenous partnership network that is active in more than 25 countries, where he visits and speaks on a regular basis.

World Mission's primary tool of ministry is a solar-powered audio Bible (The Treasure) available in 6,000 different languages. Currently more than 1.5 million illiterate and oral-learning Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists are participating in World Mission listening groups. In addition, World Mission has a thriving water ministry, Zoe Waters, focused on providing clean water to those in the most vulnerable locations of the world.

Greg's greatest passion is his family, which includes his wife, Kathy, and their five children. They reside in Byron Center, Michl. Greg is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where he was a team captain and MVP of the 1991 Bronco football team.



**John Pudaite**  
**President of Bibles For The World**

From roots in a tribe of fierce headhunters in India, John was installed as President of [Bibles For The World](#), a worldwide Bible distribution ministry, in May 2015, succeeding his parents, Dr. Rochunga and Mawii Pudaite. He previously served as BFTW's Vice President for International Ministries, living in India for ten years. Today he oversees ministry activities both in India and around the world.

An award-winning filmmaker, John is passionate about appropriating new technologies and sustainable development opportunities to advance the cause of Christ. He also serves on the Board of Reference for The Christian Film & Television Commission. John received a B.A. in Philosophy and Art History from Wheaton College. Though he calls Colorado Springs, Colo., home, he spends several months each year in India with his wife, Lawm, son Joshua and daughter Hannah.



**Steve Harling**  
**President of Reach Beyond**

Harling and his wife, Becky, spent 36 years pastoring churches of up to 4,500 members, and he expects to continue using his preaching and organizational skills to highlight the evangelistic work of [Reach Beyond](#).

The Harlings served internationally with SIM USA, pastoring the Khartoum International Church in Sudan. He also has more than 25 years' mission board experience with SIM, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Global Refuge and Bethany Home.



**Andrew Scott**  
**President/CEO of OM USA**

A native of Northern Ireland, Andrew Scott became President/CEO of [OM USA](#) in July 2010. He joined Operation Mobilization in the late 1980s and served on the ministry ship Doulos for two years. His life was dramatically changed by the experiences and training he received while onboard, leading to further theological training and graduation from Belfast Bible College.

Having travelled to more than 85 countries and experienced the needs and challenges there, he felt God leading him to become “part of the solution” through mobilizing people to go and serve in missions. In 2002, he joined OM USA to lead its Recruitment Department with a focus on college students.



Committed to being part of changing the face of missions and the reality of the unreached, in recognition of the need for new models and methods in the light of a changing world, Andrew recently completed *Scatter*, a book commissioned and published by Moody. His desire is that it will inspire a new generation to “scatter” into the hardest, furthest parts of the world, being who God created them to be, living as salt and light in the neighborhoods and marketplaces of the world. The world is changing rapidly and so must our models and methods.

**Jon Hirst**  
**President & CEO of GMI (Global Mapping International)**

Jon graduated from Judson University and has a background in missions innovation, publishing and communications. He worked with One Hope on early interactive evangelism websites for youth and children, and went on to work with major ministries on Scripture digitization and e-learning. Jon also served as the Executive Director of Communications for HCJB Global. Since then he has served with multiple ministry startups and has been CEO at [GMI](#) for four years.



Jon is passionate about using technology to improve the spread of the gospel. He is co-author (with Mindy Hirst and Dr. Paul Hiebert) of *Through the River: Understanding Your Assumptions about Truth* and co-editor (with Jim Reapsome) of *Innovation in Mission*. His most recent books are [Our Anchor in a World Adrift: 7 Stats You Need to Know to Serve the King](#) and [The Calling of the Knowledge Steward](#).

He lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Mindy, and their three children.

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