

DEAR MINISTRY PARTNERS



December 23, 2024

Our dearest friends,

Ann and I have long been passionate about training up church leaders/planters. For the past five years, God has honored this passion by allowing me to serve North American Missions, UPCI as the Director of Education. I've used our life experiences and the best church planting practices in our movement to oversee, develop, and enhance church planter training: Launch (the premiere church-planting solution), a Church Planting Minor for UPCI endorsed Bible colleges, and church planting training on Ministry Central.

Now after building a training infrastructure, we are ready to take our experiences and research back out into the field.

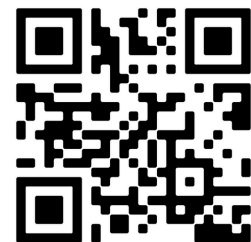
Ann and I are being sent by the Missouri District, received by the Rocky Mountain District (RMD), and have been appointed by North American Missions and the UPCI as Forward Missionaries to the RMD. Our goal is to start multiple churches via the circuit riding model within the under-evangelized area of southwest Montana, release these churches to qualified and equipped leadership teams, assist the RMD with church planting training, and journal our process for enhanced results in future generations.

In this letter, I pray you would allow us to share more about our burden and to explain how you can support us on the journey.

To the mountains we go, in Jesus' name!

Sincerely,

Galen & Ann Thompson





OUR DNA

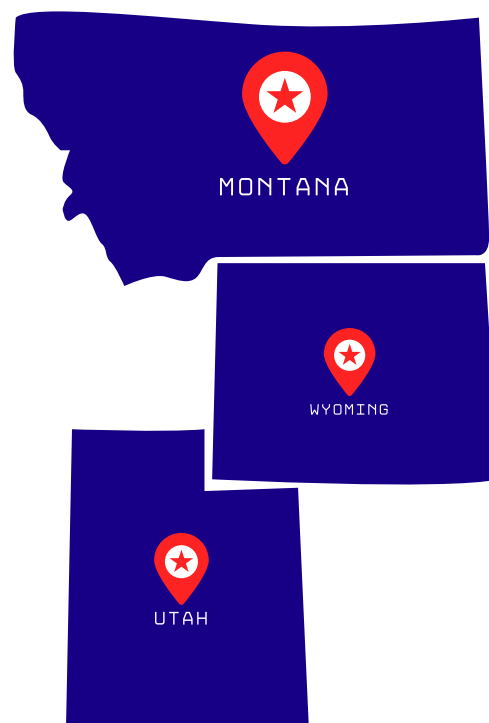
In over 40 years of ministry, my wife Ann and I have given our lives to planting churches, pastoring, mentoring, and training. Church planting was infused into my spiritual DNA by my parents who left the comfort of an established church to be a founding family in a new church plant. They taught home Bible studies, and on Sundays filled our station wagon with people to bring to church. By our late teens, my siblings and I started a bus ministry outreach on Saturdays. On Sundays, we filled the bus with children for Sunday School. After Bible College, I got involved in a new church plant and I married Ann, my gift from God and marvelous co-adventurer! Together we taught Bible studies, beheld miracles, and saw conversions. Bible studies turned into a group, and the group turned into a church. The rest is history.

WHAT IS A FORWARD MISSIONARY?

Just as in Metro Missions, where an extraordinary effort is required to reach urban areas, Forward Missions is an extraordinary effort to reach uber-rural areas. What does Forward Missions look like? It looks like the funding of an experienced church planter, with a full-time focus, to establish multiple churches throughout a region.

WHY THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH)?

- There are 38 churches, in three states, covering 330,000 square miles (10%+ of the continental USA) with a population of 5.2 Million.
- This region is targeted by North American Missions as under-evangelized.





WHY SOUTHWEST MONTANA?

- This region is 3x's the size of the State of Connecticut with one established church and one NAM church.
- SW Montana has a large population concentration.
- SW Montana is experiencing rapid growth.



WHY FORWARD MISSIONS (CIRCUIT RIDING MODEL)?

- It is a Biblical method:
 - “Jesus went about the villages in a circuit, teaching” (Mark 6:6 NKJV).
 - Paul’s method in the Book of Acts.
 - John’s seven churches circuit of Asia (Revelation 1-3).
- The Second Great Awakening was also marked by circuit riders.

WITH YOUR HELP, THESE REGIONS CAN BE REACHED

We are experienced church planters in both rural and urban areas. Our mentors and advisors have been with us every step of the way.

Opposition awaits. We are headed into the Wild West, where people are self-made and have a spirit of independence. The cities of Butte and Anaconda have dark pasts. Bozeman boasts eclectic prosperity, while West Yellowstone faces isolation. We will stand on Jesus' assertion in Matthew 16:18-19. With God, you, and us, the Kingdom will be expanded!

Our Plan:

- Utilize personal prayer and fasting.
- Establish prayer partners.
- Consult spiritual advisors.
- Obtain financial supporters.
- Pray up, build, and train a team(s).
- Frequently attend places within the seven targeted communities to make connections > develop friendships > teach Home Bible Studies > see conversions > continue to disciple > develop leaders > appoint leaders, and release leaders into ministry.
- Journal all processes experienced for future circuit riders.

Our Priority:

- Follow the Spirit through open doors.
- Focus on County Seats (influential government centers): Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Livingston.

HOW YOU CAN GIVE

Three giving tiers are available for the support our mission financially.



GIVING TIERS

Forward Missionaries to Rocky Mountain District – **Project #490968**

TIER 1: Partners in Missions

*Please see PIM form via QR code

- \$35 - \$100 monthly

TIER 2: Participants in Missions

- \$135 - \$399 monthly

Participant level benefits:

- Receive quarterly journaling notes from Galen and Ann Thompson, RMD Forward Missions.
- Contribute feedback to potentially shape book writing and future circuit rider training.
- Participant can contribute to the mission by:
 - donating need-specific funding,
 - donating human resources (i.e., time, skill, labor, need-specific projects, etc).

TIER 3: Champions in Missions

- \$400+ monthly

Champion level benefits:

- Receive all benefits from the “Participants in Missions Tier 2.”
- Receive resources and coaching from Galen and Ann Thompson, as needed/able.



**SCAN CODE
TO GIVE NOW**





“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.”

MATTHEW 16:18-19