

MISSION: MARANATHA

Annual Convention

September 19, 2026

Sacramento, California





Program Overview

9:45 a.m.	<i>A Decade in Kenya</i>, video feature
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Morning Program
	Children's Program, ages 4-10 (in gym classrooms)
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Repeat showing of <i>A Decade in Kenya</i>
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Program, and The Aeolians mini-concert

Announcements

If you have any questions, Maranatha staff members are wearing blue lanyards and will be happy to assist you.

Today's programs will be broadcast live on Hope Channel and 3ABN, and streamed live at watch.maranatha.org, Facebook, and YouTube. They will also be available on our app, "The Maranatha Channel" for Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple, and Android devices.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones.

Translations and Transcriptions

For guests who would be more comfortable experiencing the event translated into Spanish, you can access live translation on your phone by scanning this QR code. For those hard of hearing, you may also access a transcription in English through this same app. Use your own earbuds or borrow a set available at our registration table.





A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Happy Sabbath and welcome to Mission: Maranatha! We're so glad you're here.

As we come together for this annual convention, I'm reminded once again of the far-reaching impact of Maranatha. The work touches so many lives—from communities receiving a new church or school, to families gaining access to clean water, to church members who are better equipped to serve their communities, and, of course, the volunteers who give their time and talents.

Today, you'll hear from Adventist Church leaders representing several continents as they share the ways Maranatha is making a difference in their regions; from volunteers who have been changed by their experience in the field; and by the incredible music of The Aeolians, the award-winning choir from Oakwood University.

By the close of this Sabbath day, my prayer is that you'll get a better understanding of what God is doing through Maranatha around the world. May you see and hear how people are being reached and communities are being transformed as we look forward to the return of Jesus.

And most of all, I hope you'll be inspired to become part of this special movement—a movement of people who, since 1969, have answered the call to serve, give, and share the gospel with communities that need it most.

Thank you for being part of Maranatha and for your continued support of this important mission.

Don Noble, president
Maranatha Volunteers International



Sabbath Morning

9:45 a.m.

Children's Program drop-off, ages 4 to 10

A Decade in Kenya

Special video feature:
From One-Day Churches to schools
to water wells—how Maranatha's
mission has changed the
Seventh-day Adventist Church
in Kenya.

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Live broadcast

<i>Welcome & Prayer</i>	Don & Laura Noble
<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	The Aeolians
<i>Maranatha in Cuba</i>	Aldo Perez, interpreted by Kenneth Weiss
<i>Maranatha in Kenya</i>	Anu Kedas
<i>"Psalm 27"</i>	The Aeolians
<i>Maranatha in North America</i>	Chuck Hagele
<i>Maranatha in Brazil</i>	Hiram Kalbermatter, interpreted by Elmer Barbosa
<i>"To God Be the Glory"</i>	The Aeolians and congregation
<i>Welcome</i>	Marc Woodson
<i>Maranatha in the Dominican Republic</i>	Teófilo Silvestre, interpreted by Kenneth Weiss
<i>Maranatha in Colombia</i>	Henry Beltrán, interpreted by Kenneth Weiss
<i>A Life Shaped by Maranatha</i>	Josue Quispe
<i>Offering Appeal</i>	Julie Lee
<i>"Shall We Gather"</i>	The Aeolians
<i>Maranatha in Zambia</i>	Harrington Akombwa
<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	The Aeolians
<i>Prayer</i>	Gilberto Araujo

*Please pick up your children at the Children's Program classrooms.
Lunch will be served in the lobby as you leave the sanctuary.*



Sabbath Afternoon

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"John Saw da Numbuh" The Aeolians

Welcome & Prayer David Shull

Mythbusters: The Wealth of Service Karen Godfrey

When How Seems Impossible Delores Mishleau

Mythbusters: Maranatha & Evangelism Kyle Fiess

Everyday Grateful Brad Davis

Journey into Adulthood Emily Popa

Concert The Aeolians

*Mythbusters:
Roughing it on a Mission Trip* Lisandro Staut

Restoring Joy Catherine Adap

*Mythbusters:
Maranatha & the Seventh-day
Adventist Church* Kenneth Weiss

Passport to Missions Nathan White

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer" The Aeolians

Call to Action & Prayer Elmer Barbosa

Weekend Presenters

Musical Guest

The Aeolians

The Aeolians of Oakwood University are the university's premier touring choir, founded in 1946. Known for blending classical, sacred, gospel, spirituals, and other African American musical traditions, The Aeolians have become musical ambassadors for Oakwood University and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, performing across the United States and internationally. Their many accomplishments include winning the prestigious Choir of the World Pavarotti Trophy in Wales and performing at venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. Beyond musical excellence, The Aeolians are committed to ministry through music, using their voices to inspire, serve, and share their faith around the world.



Representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church

Harrington Akombwa, president of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Henry Beltrán, president of the South Colombian Union Conference

Hiram Kalbermatter, president of the Southeast Brazil Union Conference

Aldo Perez, president of the Cuban Union Conference

Teófilo Silvestre, president of the Dominican Union Conference

Marc Woodson, president of the Pacific Union Conference

Volunteer Speakers

Catherine Adap

Brad Davis

Chuck Hagele

Delores Mishleau

Emily Popa

Josue Quispe

Nathan White

Maranatha Volunteers International Staff Presenters

Don Noble, president

Kenneth Weiss, chief operating officer

Kyle Fiess, vice president of construction

Karen Godfrey, vice president of advancement

Julie Lee, vice president of marketing

Laura Noble, donor relations

Lisandro Staut, vice president of volunteer services

Gilberto Araujo, country director, Dominican Republic

Elmer Barbosa, director of business development

Anu Kedas, country director, Kenya

David Shull, board member



How You've Helped

Maranatha spreads the gospel throughout the world as it builds people through the construction of urgently needed buildings.

Last Year in Numbers

A look at what we worked on in 2025, thanks to God's unwavering blessings and your support.

Churches	169
Schools	15 (total worked on)
Wells drilled	289
Wells maintained	789
Other Projects	Renovations at schools and camps in North America, perimeter walls, bathrooms

Volunteers	2,391
Mission Trips	64
Countries	9

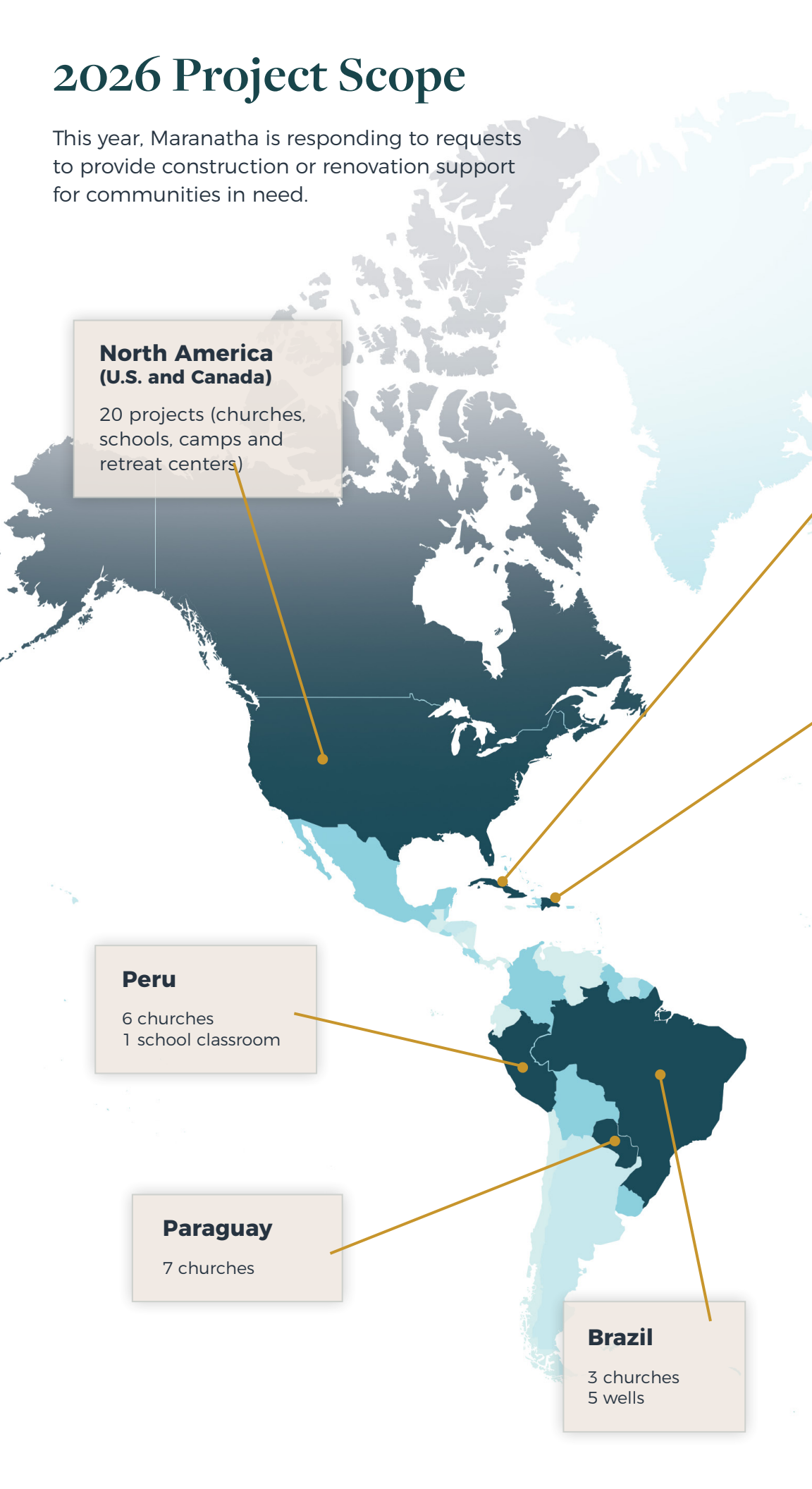
57 Years of Impact

10,236	Churches
1,385	School-related structures
3,982	Wells
3,125	Other structures, including sheds, clinics, water tanks, etc.
14,746	Total structures
15,101,047	Total square footage

Go to explore.maranatha.org to see more

2026 Project Scope

This year, Maranatha is responding to requests to provide construction or renovation support for communities in need.



A map showing project locations across four regions. Callout boxes with orange lines point to specific locations: North America (U.S. and Canada), Peru, Paraguay, and Brazil. The map uses a color scheme of dark blue for land and light blue for water.

North America (U.S. and Canada)

20 projects (churches, schools, camps and retreat centers)

Peru

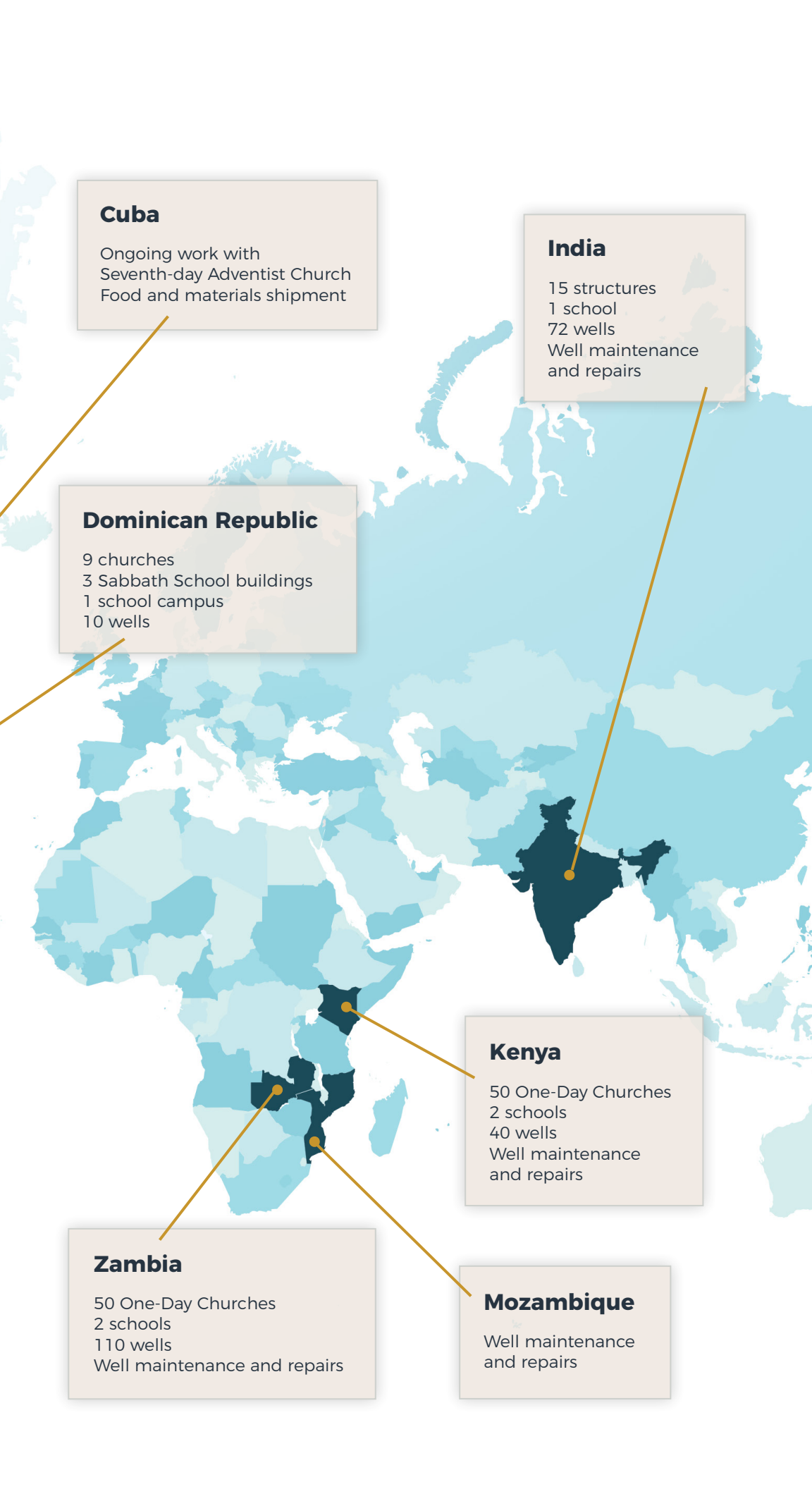
6 churches
1 school classroom

Paraguay

7 churches

Brazil

3 churches
5 wells



Cuba

Ongoing work with
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Food and materials shipment

India

15 structures
1 school
72 wells
Well maintenance
and repairs

Dominican Republic

9 churches
3 Sabbath School buildings
1 school campus
10 wells

Kenya

50 One-Day Churches
2 schools
40 wells
Well maintenance
and repairs

Zambia

50 One-Day Churches
2 schools
110 wells
Well maintenance and repairs

Mozambique

Well maintenance
and repairs

You Can Support the Mission

As a non-profit organization, Maranatha relies on the support of volunteers and donors to fulfill our mission to provide urgently needed buildings around the world. Here are some ways you can help Maranatha. Make a donation using the envelope provided or scan the QR code to give online. Or go to maranatha.org/2026offering



The \$10 Church

This simple program invites you to give just \$10 a month. Combined with the \$10 gifts of thousands of donors, the program helps to build a selected church. Join this group of special donors in funding urgently needed churches!

The One-Day Church

The One-Day Church program provides a steel roof and frame, leaving the congregation to complete the walls with local materials. One share is \$1,500; complete sponsorship starts at \$7,500 (depending on location).

Churches & Schools

Maranatha offers several church designs that include floors, windows, doors, roofs, and sometimes additional rooms. The cost, size, and style will depend on the location. Church pricing starts at \$30,000 for churches. Call (916) 774-7700 to learn more about sponsoring a full classroom or campus.

Water Wells & Wellspring

Providing clean water is a significant part of Maranatha's mission, and we have drilled more than 3,000 wells in our history. Full sponsorship of a water well starts at \$10,000. Or give to our Wellspring program, which asks people to commit to a monthly gift to go toward drilling new and maintaining existing wells.

Volunteer

People interested in service can volunteer with Maranatha in two ways. The first is by joining a project that Maranatha organizes in full. The second way is by recruiting your own team and having Maranatha help with the details. We'll match you with a project site, help line up lodging and food, and share our in-country staff as a resource during the trip.





Stay Connected

To sign up or learn more, scan the QR code, go to maranatha.org/connect, or fill out an interest card at the Marketing table in the lobby.



Weekly Email Newsletter: Maranatha Matters

Sign up to receive weekly email updates about what's happening in the mission field, upcoming volunteer opportunities, and other stories about Maranatha.

Join Mailing List

Receive our quarterly magazine, *The Volunteer*, to read feature stories on our work in the mission field and ways you can help.

Explore Your Projects

Travel the world to search for specific Maranatha projects, including ones you helped to build, on our interactive map at explore.maranatha.org.

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The Maranatha Channel App

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watch.maranatha.org

View all episodes and other video content online.

Maranatha Mission Stories

Our inspiring half-hour television program on the work of Maranatha.

Broadcast Channels (all times Pacific)

Hope Channel

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

3ABN

Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.



Listen to the Mission!

Our podcast offers an in-depth look at the people, cultures, and countries where Maranatha is working. Learn more about the mission from people who live it, from Maranatha staff to volunteers. From inspiring stories from the mission field, to behind the scenes of our work, you'll get a unique perspective on Maranatha that you won't find anywhere else.

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