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A Quick Look

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2016 has been a year packed with growth, trials and victories. Emma and Michael both invested in further education, we pioneered and developed urban ministries, trained and mobilized leaders

into international missions and had some great family adventures in between. We are also grateful that the kids are healthy and thriving. We appreciate your partnership, love and

encouragement that has made another year in missions possible for us as a family, and look forward to sharing this overview with you. Thank you for standing with us!

TRAINING & MOBILIZATION

This year we continued our work training and mobilizing young people into their ministry in the US and many nations around the world. We have deeply enjoyed teaching together on right relationships, while Michael also teaches on the father heart of God and trains in leadership development. Emma invests in young leaders as a mentor. Michael also coordinates training for YWAM's Discipleship Training School (DTS) leaders in the Central US.



Above: Teaching DTS students who are preparing for work in Asia and Europe.

Below: Michael led YWAM's Go Conference, mobilizing participants to work in 14 locations globally.



OUTREACH

We also continue to grow in our understanding and reach in bringing transformational development to communities. Our urban agriculture pilot project, Yahara Gardens, grew under new leaders we have been mentoring and working alongside. Our team also pioneered two new urban ministries to children from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

In the coming year we are extremely excited about a formal partnership we have established with a nearby elementary school, exponentially broadening our reach into the community. It has been a joy to pioneer and help young leaders take on these initiatives.

Below, clockwise from left: Yahara Gardens Market stand; urban outreach to Gambian families; Emma plowing new ground with baby Anja in tow.



YWAM MADISON

YWAM Madison turned 30 in 2016! We have continued to see phenomenal growth and reach in the past year. This year we trained and mobilized 68 students into 17 nations. Over 50 teenagers were given the opportunity to minister in four nations. Our number of full-time staff has grown to nearly 100.

YWAM Madison's long-term work in an Asian nation has persevered through adversity and continued to thrive and grow. Among other great developments, YWAM Madison's first business expression, the Ethical Trading Company (ETC) has seen a 50% growth in revenue. ETC sustainably supports livelihoods of at-risk populations around the world through their product choices and sales, while also providing opportunities to effectively share the gospel here at home.

Below, clockwise from top left: Team prepares for work in Greek refugee camp; teaching Buddhist monks in Thailand; serving Syrian refugees; reaching out in downtown Madison.



FAMILY

Our family has grown in size and in many other ways! We've enjoyed a year of adventure together, learning and loving one another. Emma completed a program to become a Master Gardener in Wisconsin. Michael completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin in Sociology focused on International Development.

Judah (12) continues to develop as an artist in writing and drawing. Linus (10) is a budding engineer, constantly building and improving contraptions around him. Claire (9) is a nurturer and maker, producing a stream of textiles and jewelry from her "studio." Dorian (5) keeps us young, constantly exploring the world around her and interacting with anyone within reach. Anja (18 mos) has become the life of the party, full of songs and laughter. We are excited to grow in our sense of calling together as a family, incorporating the gifts and dreams of ourselves and the kids.





Thank you for your support
& encouragement over this
past year!
Michael & Emma