

## Thankful for 2016

As the year wraps up, I'm grateful for many blessings we experienced in 2016. I finished my Master's thesis, graduated from CIU, kept half a dozen online publications rolling, and taught missions classes in seven states—swapping lots of stories with wonderful people along the way. Expecting more of this in 2017.

In 2016 Chris was privileged to walk with many families through grief and loss as a chaplain at Providence Hospital... a ministry of both crazy encounters and holy moments. He has put in applications for hospital chaplain residencies in several states, but a new job as South Carolina State Fire Chaplain is likely to keep us here. Signs are encouraging that this volunteer role will grow towards a paid, professional position in 2017.

Daughter Haley graduated from Biola University and finished her first term of doctoral studies (!) at the Rosemead School of Psychology, while Daniel, studying at Lane Community College in Eugene, continues to grow as a jazz musician. We do our best to stay in touch across the miles but also wonder when the time will be right to return to the West.

As we all launch into 2017, we pray for God's best for you. May this year be one of peace and joy for you and those you love!

## Pioneers at a Glance

Pioneers mobilizes teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church-planting movements in partnership with local churches. I'm part of the team that works to strengthen connections with those partner churches.

While most of work has been and will continue to be in other countries, recently I interviewed a couple serving among what has been one of the world's most-resistant Muslim groups; they are building bridges of friendship with immigrants from that group in a major US city.

Another Pioneers couple is serving among Iraqi refugees in their area, making friends while helping them with tasks like doing their taxes and improving their English. Rather than recruiting a team of trained missionaries, they're carrying out their work hand-in-hand with volunteers from the local church.

## Year-end Giving

In a place where you can give to support our ministry? So far we've received just over \$1000 of the \$3000 in year-end donations needed to meet 100% of our 2016 budget. We'd be honored if you'd consider taking part, but it means taking action in the next few days.

Donations can be sent to:

Pioneers USA  
10123 William Carey Drive  
Orlando, FL 32832  
407.382.6000

Or [Pioneers.org/give](https://pioneers.org/give)  
(account #101362)

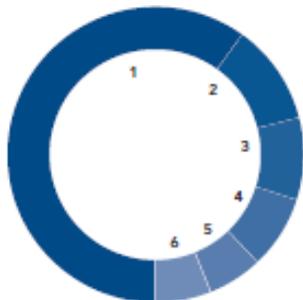
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*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

# PIONEERS

VITAL STATS ABOUT OUR GLOBAL WORK



RELIGIOUS BLOCS AMONG WHICH PIONEERS ARE WORKING

1 Muslim	60%
2 Buddhist	11%
3 Other	9%
4 Tribal/Animistic	8%
5 Hindu	6%
6 Secular/Unreligious	6%

3248

PIONEERS MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

18 OFFICES & BASES | 324 TEAMS

202

PEOPLE GROUPS WITH PIONEERS TEAMS

104 COUNTRIES | 212 LANGUAGES

AREA OF FOCUS:  
PIONEERS-INTERNATIONAL WORKFORCE  
(LAST DECADE)



## Ways to Reach Us

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## Bookshelf

One highlight of 2016 has been more time to read and reflect than I've had in recent years. The more of that I get, the more of it I want! Recently I enjoyed Gordon MacDonald's classic, *Ordering Your Private World*.

One reader says,

"MacDonald's book is one I reread every January. It puts me back on the track of ordering my life again after the chaos of the holidays. If you have a tendency to procrastinate, to overload your calendar, or you easily lose sight of how to structure your time, this book will be the greatest gift (if you take the time to read it) you ever give yourself."

MacDonald also writes in refreshing terms about spiritual disciplines and soul care, describing spiritual practices as ways we can regularly choose to enlarge the spiritual center of our lives, or "inner gardens."

"When the inner garden is under cultivation and God's Spirit is present, harvests are regular events. The fruits? Things like courage, hope, love, endurance, joy, and lots of peace."

Want more of those things? MacDonald's book, now timelier than ever, may help you put your finger on obstacles you face or changes you can make that will enlarge your harvest of courage, hope, love, endurance, joy, and peace. Highly recommended.