The 2015 World Missions Congress is history. In attendance were 700 delegates from 70 countries. We experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit, formed great connections and new relationships, and also importantly, I believe the congress moved us forward and up a step toward a truly global participation and vision in the world harvest. A total of 94 countries now have a missions leader or department of some kind, and our goal was 100 by 2017. That seemed like an impossible dream in 2007 at our first World Missions Congress in Buenos Aires, so the vision is moving forward. There will be much to celebrate in 2018 at the next world congress in Europe. However, we will continue to have many challenges as the majority of those 100 countries are new senders still in the pioneer phase. What is important is that we advance the vision: “A functioning missions program in every General Council.” Thank you to the 70 countries that participated. We hope to have over 100 countries present in 2018!

-Brad Walz, Missions Commission Chairman, World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF)
“The fourth meeting of the World Missions gathering in Bangkok in February 2015 brought together Assemblies of God missionary leaders from over 80 countries. Former missionary-receiving countries are now missionary-sending countries. This event is a catalyst for encouraging all members of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship to send missionaries from their own country to the unreached peoples of this world. No one National Assemblies of God body can do this by itself. It takes all of us working together. Conferences such as we had in Bangkok provide opportunity to stimulate national churches to send missionaries, to better equip them in developing national missionary-sending structures, and to provide the opportunity for synergy among all the national Assemblies of God bodies that send workers to the mission fields of this world.”

-Dr. George Wood, WAGF Chairman

“Dr. George Wood (right) and interpreter (left)"

“The World Missions Congress hit the nail on the head about what it takes to bring the gospel to the unreached world—the activation of the knees, the hands, and the feet of the global community of Churches! The array of well-rounded speakers addressed these issues profoundly. I enjoyed the workshops; the one I attended was excellent and gave me a clearer understanding of the great challenges facing the Church in reaching the Muslim world. The highlight for me was the challenge on preparing missionaries and what kind of apostolic ministry is needed in the current hostile mission field.”

- Rey Calusay, General Superintendent, Philippines

“I have attended many conventions, conferences, and meetings in the past, but this was really special. My first experience at the World Missions Congress of the Assemblies of God will remain indelibly imprinted in my mind and, most of all, carved in my heart. God spoke in an effective manner. He spoke clearly. He spoke to everyone in every session. Every speaker and each individual participant have been a source of blessing and inspiration. Surely I came home with a broader and deeper vision of the missionary work and of what the Lord wants to accomplish in favor of unreached people in these last days. Thank God, and thanks to Brad Walz for his tireless and accurate leadership!”

- Eliseo Fragnito, Missions Director, Italy

“I was so blessed and excited just to sit and listen to the plenary speakers, great men of God who have proven themselves in the area of missions, sharing their experience on what missions is all about. The speakers at the Bangkok plenary and workshops were one of a kind, where God spoke to me very clearly about structures, partnership, and connections. From the first day until the final evening rally, I was blessed. It’s an experience that I will never forget and also wish to bring back home for the Assemblies of God of Fiji.

I was so excited to listen and obey when God spoke, and my heart was challenged. Partnership was another thing I am so thankful to God for; I was so excited for the opportunity to meet everyone. My network was strengthened by connecting with people and my eyes opened and rose up to another level of how we can work together to win the world for Jesus. I was also blessed that our missionary to Cambodia, Pastor Moses O’Connor, was able to be with me during this Congress. Thank you, Brother Brad and your team, for making this congress a success.”

- Rev. Savenaca Ratumaityale, Missions Director, Fiji Islands
“Imagine church leaders from 70 nations in one room. Imagine some are hearing the clarion call to cross-cultural missions for the first time. The Bangkok World Missions Congress was a landmark event for a number of national churches. This is one of the most effective ways of spreading the message to our leaders and our movement around the world. Over the years we have continued to see the results of people called into ministry and missions and national churches stepping up to develop their own missions programs as a result of congresses like this. Thank you to Brad Walz, for his passion and commitment to this vision.”

-Bill Snider, Asia Pacific Area Director, U.S. Assemblies of God World Missions

“The WAGF World Missions Congress provided much-needed time for us in Africa to fellowship, discuss strategy among ourselves, and renew our collective vision to ensure we are participants in sending missionaries around the world. The meetings were spiritually refreshing as well as inspirational and informative.”

-Greg Beggs, Africa Regional Director, U.S. Assemblies of God World Missions

“One of our global workers came from his country with six pastors who were greatly encouraged by the conference. The conference provided a great opportunity for networking, and the potential to send workers to that nation was greatly enhanced. They came to serve in registration and help the conference, but to their surprise, God had something else in mind. Here is a quote from our Canadian workers: ‘Before the meetings were over, we had missionaries from other countries who wanted to serve with us: a church planting couple from New Zealand, a nurse from the Philippines, a nurse from Mexico, and one other church planting couple from Thailand.’

-Murray Cornelius, International Missions, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
"My experience at the World Missions Congress in Bangkok can best be described as a mental shift. My outlook to world missions was radically reconstructed as I was challenged to build enabling structures regarding recruiting, training, sending, and partnering. The truth that “missions never started with money but people (Luke 10:2)” was revolutionary to my mind, which always thinks in figures and numbers. I came away asking, what would a Spirit-driven missions movement in Kenya look like? But probably the most transformative truth that was shared at the congress was: the greatest task of missions is not raising national leaders, but a missionary church.”

- Patrick Kuchio, CITAM, Nairobi, Kenya

"The congress was a blessing for our delegation from Mozambique through the missionary awakening, the emphasis on doing missions and not just training, and giving vision in church mobilization for sending to the mission field. We thank the congress organizing team and appreciated the availability of Brother Brad Walz to help us. We look forward with expectation to the month of November to increase the mobilization impact of the pastors of Mozambique.”

- Mozambique Delegation (Seven Leaders)

"The Kenya delegation to the WAGF Missions Conference consisted of Peter Nuthu, Philip Kitoto, and Kevin Smith. From the speakers to group workshops, we were deeply impacted and challenged to return to our church and nation and implement lessons learned. The coaching and materials we received from the conference will enable us create structure to train, empower and send missionaries. We have already begun to focus and implement the development of strategy and structure to impact how we will do missions better in the world around us.

The Monday upon our arrival from Bangkok, we met as the KAG missions commission to discuss these multiple issues and how to implement them. In the meeting we approved our first international missionary couple. The National Executive Committee affirmed this and prayed over the missionary. The process to raise their prayer and financial support to be sent to Ethiopia’s Ogaden region started with the committee members individually pledging monthly support before we go church-wide. The Gen. Supt. challenged, encouraged, and inspired us to move ahead.

One of the greatest connections we made was with the Gen. Supt. of Cambodia, who tracked us down and shared his testimony with us: ‘The year was 1992. Cambodia was just trying to pluck itself from the tragedies of conflict from warring parties when the UNTAC (United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia) sent personnel from many nations to intervene in peacekeeping activities, establishing a roadmap to democracy and a free election. A Kenyan sergeant named Kawanda was sent there and established a relationship with Hong San, a Cambodian interpreter for the operation. Hong was a devout Buddhist, though addicted to cigarettes and enslaved to alcohol. Kawanda consistently witnessed to Hong and encouraged him to read the Bible he had given him. In discussion about the powers of Jesus, Kawanda stated, Jesus can kill your idol. He told Hong to pray that if Jesus is the true God, He would destroy the idol. Finally one day, Hong accepted the test and prayed that prayer, albeit somewhat flippantly. The idol was high on a wall outside of Hong’s bedroom, but he was awakened one night with a voice saying, Go look at your idol. Hong stirred, but did not get out of bed, and dozed off back to sleep. A second time, Hong! Go look at your idol! He stirred, wondering about the voice, but did not arise. Finally, the third time he heard the voice, he did get out of bed and went out to find the head was broken off his idol. He called his family. Jesus has destroyed our idol. He is the true God! Kawanda led him to Jesus. Hong was still addicted to cigarettes and his hands would shake in the mornings until he could get the nicotine fix. But after Kawanda prayed for him—Jesus healed him instantly! He was set free from the addiction of cigarettes and alcohol and he became a witness for Jesus. Though he has faced much persecution, today Hong is the Gen. Supt. of Cambodia which has 164 churches and over 10,000 members. He found our Kenyan delegation in the conference hall, saying, For 22 years I have looked for Kenyans to testify of God’s faithfulness to Cambodia through a faithful Kenyan servant.’

We rejoiced together over one mission seed planted which has reaped a great harvest!”

- Kevin Smith, Peter Nuth (Nat. Treasurer), and Philip Kitoto (Nat. Secretary), Kenya Assemblies of God (KAG)
“I recall 15 years ago when I served on a commission that had the vision to challenge national leadership in their missions vision. It seemed like a huge task to inspire them to do so. From that vantage point, the 2015 conference in Bangkok stood out in great contrast, demonstrating that God has been calling His people from every continent to fulfill the Great Commission. Here are some of the highlights for my husband and me personally:

- The dynamic sacrificial obedience to the Great Commission mandate of churches in Asia, Latin America, and Africa was inspiring and apparent. We heard it in our brothers’ and sisters’ voices, their passion, their vision, and their expertise in their particular areas of missions.
- In an increasingly globalized world with complex changing currents, the Bangkok conference provided an opportunity for us to learn from one another as brothers and sisters fulfilling God’s cross-cultural mission. Rich insights on how to share Jesus with peoples from different religious worldviews were shared by leaders working in sensitive countries with those populations. Such information and wisdom is not readily available in writing or on the Internet because of the sensitivities involved. We were privileged to glean “insider information” from great practitioners and scholars, all men and women of God.
- There is more than one way or approach to fulfilling the Great Commission, especially as we are led by the Spirit. It is human nature to believe our cultural way of doing things is best, including missions. How refreshing and liberating to learn how the Spirit of the Lord is doing His mission through His church in different cultures, through different methods.

May the seeds sown in Bangkok yield a bountiful harvest in the months and years ahead in global missions.”

-Dr. Beth Grant, Executive Presbyter, Assemblies of God (USA)

“Bangkok 2015 recently held in Thailand was an exceptional event as national churches were greatly encouraged to develop, strengthen, and expand their mission vision. More than 70 nations sent missions leaders, and approximately 800 gathered to strategize on how to reach those who have not yet been reached with the gospel. Delegations came from Mongolia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Pacific island nations, and a host of others countries that pledged to do missions more effectively. We anticipate a wonderful upsurge of missions activity coming out of Bangkok 2015.”

-Russ Turney, Asia Pacific Regional Director, U.S. Assemblies of God World Missions

“The fourth WAGF World Missions Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand, was simultaneously strategic and practical. The congress began with a missions leaders’ meeting where presenters addressed practical topics for sending and pre-sending movements. They provided a firm biblical foundation for our mission and spoke to concerns and issues that face existing and emerging missions departments.

The congress itself was inspirational, instructional in theory, and also pragmatic in tackling the issues our missionary efforts face around the world. The intentional theme of “So All Can Hear” with the subtheme of “From Every People to Every People” was global in its perspective but local in its application. It was well worth the expense and effort to attend.”

-Greg Mundis, Executive Director, U.S. Assemblies of God World Missions
“It was a privilege to attend the World Missions Congress in Bangkok. The excitement of joining with leaders from 70 nations was overwhelming. It was powerful to worship together and consider the incredible potential to advance God’s kingdom that was in that room. I am convinced that eternity will be different and heaven more populated because of what happened during those special days.”

-Chad Gilligan, Lead Pastor, Calvary Church, Maumee, Ohio, U.S.A.

“I couldn’t help but think how wonderful heaven will be as I worshiped with missions leaders from around the world at the World Missions Congress in Bangkok. The worship was inspirational, the teaching encouraging, and the preaching challenging. Most importantly, it was exciting to realize the incredible missions work taking place around the world with over 800 leaders in attendance representing 70 countries. I was privileged to be part of such a wonderful gathering.”

-Bill McGinnis, Missions and Assistant Pastor, Calvary Church, Maumee, Ohio, U.S.A.

“Thank you for pushing us forward as this “sleeping giant” is awakening. We started to talk about what we heard and learned in Bangkok and started praying for laborers. There is a student from our Bible College who has a calling to be a missionary, and some workers from our local churches do too. We are working on it now. This “sleeping giant” has just awakened from her sleep.”

-Arif Multi, Pastor and Member of WAGF Missions Commission, Indonesia

“The World Missions Congress was absolutely amazing and a huge answer to prayer for my country’s Assemblies of God leadership. I was able to bring the general superintendent, the church planting director, and the national youth director. They soaked in every session and felt greatly encouraged and challenged. Over the past year the general superintendent has shared with me his burden for wanting to send out cross-cultural missionaries. They have never done it and have not known were to start. We recently introduced the first ever cross-cultural missions course at the Bible school, and now this conference has really given them some much-needed direction for moving forward in this process.”

-Anonymous Delegation
“First, I would like to thank Almighty God for enabling me to attend the 4th World Missions Congress of the WAGF in Bangkok. The theme of the conference itself, “From Every People to Every People,” was impressive and inspiring. All of the speakers focused on the theme and brought challenges that have impacted my life, and I believe others felt the same. I believe the congress has taken us to a higher level, with new insight to reach the entire world with the powerful gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope and pray that in the next few years, the mission board can also think and pray about raising the youth and children as ambassadors of Jesus Christ through missions conferences for the young generation’s leaders, because they are the potential group for today’s and tomorrow’s mission, and without them, I think we may not be able to reach and win the world. This must be our commitment, that we shall not rest until we reach and win the world for Jesus Christ before He comes.”

Reverend Moses Murry, General Superintendent, The Assemblies of God of East India

“The congress was truly inspirational and such a revelation on how Macau can also send missionaries. It moved me to share vision with local Assemblies of God ministers and missionaries to form such a platform, uniting them to start taking our work in the city to a whole other level toward having a united Assemblies of God body representing Macau, eventually also supporting, accommodating, and facilitating the church’s growth here and elsewhere. We are praying about this!”

- Bebo Bebeto, Pastor, Macau

“ Twelve pastors from the Tamil District Council of the South India Assemblies of God travelled as one team to take part in the congress. All of us are in some way or other directly involved in cross-cultural missions within India. The World Missions Congress was very useful to me in the following ways:

- The missions case study of Romania motivated me to a great extent to do exploits for God in India. I learned how they are organized and functioning as a missions board.
- The workshop on “Missions Sending Structure” really made us think of having a structure for our nation and every district. The session was very informative, with meaningful interactions that helped everyone to understand more.
- The Day 2 morning message delivered by Dr. George Wood from the life of Esther, “The Responsibility, The Risk, and The Reward,” was challenging and motivating.
- The challenge from Reverend Asa Kain to minister to the Muslim world was a powerful testimony of God’s power.
- The call for reaching out to the nation of (confidential) is still ringing in my heart.

As a member of the board, I will share the things I learned from the congress and cooperate to take missions to the next level. As part of the missions council of Tamil District, I will give my best to strengthen our missions structure and thereby increase its effectiveness.”

John Vincely, District Missions Director, Southern India
“The conference was wisely designed, carefully organized, and masterfully conducted. But all this would have not been worth anything without the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit we enjoyed in every single meeting. How precious was the inspiration and anointing from on high. I am sure all of us have been instructed and sensitized to keep on fulfilling the Great Commission. It’s amazing what God is doing through the new senders. The Assemblies of God in Italy is a new entry in the field of foreign missions, but our desire is to play an active and important role in the achievement of men and women with the precious message of the gospel. Surely God will grant it.”

-Angelano Gargarno, Missions Director, Italy

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-Daniel Pelozo, Missions Director, Costa Rica

“I was blessed to be part of the Bangkok Missions Congress. Superintendent Wirachai Kowae and the Thailand Assemblies of God did an outstanding job of hosting the congress. It was humbling to be a recipient of their wonderful hospitality and amazing spirit of servant hood. It was also great to meet so many of our Assemblies of God missionaries from other nations and to see what God is doing through our Assemblies of God global family. It was a blessing to meet with missionaries, missions directors, superintendents, and others, all who love God and possess a passion for the lost and carry God’s heart for the nations of the world. Some of our people are living and serving God in nations that are hostile to the gospel, and my own heart was moved afresh to hear their stories, their visions, and their hearts. We take our hats off to them and are grateful to God for their lives and sacrifices.

All of us can contribute something of our own individual strength and from our own individual resources, but when we unite globally, it is a dynamic that is amazing, challenging, and contagious. Learning from others and hearing how they are doing missions, praying with our global family and seeing the results of prayers answered—the possibilities are endless when we pool together our hearts, our resources, our research, and our outreach. Above all, we are confident about what will continue to be made possible by the constant awareness of, acknowledgement of, and reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit.

According to our missions director, Pat Lamborn: I look back on this a watershed moment for me and our movement. I was deeply impacted by the size, scope, and passion of our global fellowship in reaching the unreached. Inspiring messages, practical workshops, the forming of new friendships and partnerships—all surrounded in an atmosphere of prayer and praise—made this a time of great empowerment. I look forward to the next!”

-Ps. Iliafi Esera, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God of New Zealand
“The congress was a huge blessing for us. I plan to preach the message given by Reverend Mohan, “To Every People.” It confirmed something we have been teaching: It is the responsibility to give the gift of salvation to everyone—a supreme responsibility, a supreme urgency, and a supreme need. It was a confirmation of what the Holy Spirit has been speaking to us this past year. To hear it from this servant from so far away and in a land so distinct made an impact. In so many churches they are jumping and dancing and being comfortable, thinking they are doing the work of God, yet they do little to take away territory from the enemy. Greg Mundis’s message on the importance of the Holy Spirit in missions and the heart of a missionary also impacted me—to be conquerors of our flesh, because going into difficult places requires forgiveness, humility, and lack of prejudice. If not, we are an easy target for the enemy.”

-Lidia Masalyka, Co Pastor, Centro Cristiano, Cordoba Argentina

“It was a great blessing to attend the World Missions Congress in Bangkok. I have been involved in the missions department of my country for 12 years now, and I realize we must grow to the next level of maturity as a missions agency; the workshop on sending structures helped me to discover that. I thank God for the advance of missions in Latin America in spite of what we still lack and that we can make a contribution to other continents. It was a joy to see the church of Jesus Christ in the world, because we have many spiritual elements, people, and finances to finish the Great Commission; we only lack the commitment and effort to make it a priority.”

-Cesar Casillas, Missions Director, Mexico

“Our personnel had great time networking with other national churches at Bangkok 2015. It was wonderful to hear firsthand accounts of how God is stirring up pastors, leaders and workers for the Great Commission from all over the world. In our area, we have seen a developing partnership with multi-national teams from Europe and Latin America. Through events like Bangkok 2015 relationships and networks are fostered. I am excited to see what God has in store for Southern Asia as we come together from various nations as community of God’s people to impact a nation.”

-Southern Asia Area Director, AGWM, U.S.A.

“Thank you for bringing us to such an inspiring and informative event. Each speaker challenged our hearts and encouraged us to move forward in sending workers. The speakers were such a blessing to us. That message cut to the heart like a knife. This was exactly what I needed. I am so challenged. This congress really changed the way I think about missions. I’m so glad that we went. We have people who are ‘called to go’ we must find a way to train them and send them. The information was so useful and will help us to form our own Mission’s Commission.”

-Restricted Nation
“The World AG Missions Congress was a wonderful time of inspiration, challenges, networking and fellowship! God visited all of us that were present in Bangkok and His Spirit re-confirmed His heart for souls around the world. The church, of a growing number of nations, were represented and committed themselves to the unfinished task, to work together in obeying the Lord’s commission to preach Jesus in all the world. It was a powerful time to hear not only from nations with established missions departments but to hear from those that were more recently assuming their responsibility to work together as an AG World Fellowship. We will do all we can to continue to encourage each of our partnering countries in Latin America & Caribbean to join the mission!”

-David Ellis, Latin America Regional Director, AGWM

“Brad Walz and Alan Johnson along with some of the staff from the PenAsia office worked very hard to put together the AGWF Missions Congress in Bangkok February 4-6. It met all our expectations and more. It was attended by some 700 people from 70 different nations. It inspired several conversations between new sending nations and PenAsia, as at least 3 nations will be sending missionaries to us over the next year or so. Mexico plans to send missionaries to Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. Romania is coming to Thailand and possibly Cambodia. And Bulgaria plans to send someone. PTL that the missions DNA is working in AG general councils throughout the world!”

-Mark Durene, Area Director for Peninsular Asia

“As I heard Dr. George Wood explain how the Assemblies of God in 1939, 10 years after the Great Depression, had doubled their membership, it had 350 missionaries, and increased the number of churches, and he said, ‘It was because we understood that the great depression had not cancelled out the Great Commission and we never lowered our commitment to missions.’ That helped me realize that we have not grown in missions because we still don’t have every pastor, every church and every member affirming their commitment to the Great Commission.”

-Aricela Morel, Missions Director, Dominican Republic
I love seeing all of the people from all of the different countries of the world focused passionately on reaching the world with the gospel.”

From Puerto Rico:
“...to connect with all the people who are working in all the countries and to know and hear how we can work together as one Body, the body of Christ, to preach the gospel where they have never heard this gospel yet.”

From Sri Lanka:
“This conference has been an extraordinary one. I learned many important little things. One very special thing was what one speaker said, ‘You know we preach a crucified Christ, and it is crucified people who can preach a crucified Christ.’ That impacted me so much.”

From South Africa:
“This conference has benefited me in a very big way. We have been encouraged regarding doing missionary work all over the world to reach the unreached. There is a freshness of vision. Vision has been...

From Thailand:
“This conference has been a real blessing and a real challenge for us to finish the Great Commission. This has shown Thai people that we should look outward more and has challenged us to expand our vision and mission for within the region and beyond. I’m very blessed by this conference.”
“This was my second time attending a congress, and I was really inspired to pray. I would like to really dedicate myself to pray more for missions and to give more from my own church. Thank you very much. God bless you.”
From Papua New Guinea:
“This conference has very quickly impacted me for missions. When I go back, I am to reorganize our missions department and our finances and have us all go out for missions.”

From England:
“I’m really excited to be in this conference. I want to reach the people of Thailand even more than ever before. It’s just wonderful to work together and to listen to the vision that God has to reach the nations.”

From a Restricted Country:
“I’m a pastor and a Bible school teacher. I’m very happy to be here because the conference is very good and so encouraging. I was especially encouraged about making disciples. When I go back to my country, I will try to make disciples more than just planting the church.”

From India:
“This has given me a new insight of and vision of missions. I’m really inspired. I will enlarge my vision for missions in days to come. I’ll give more, I’ll pray more, and I’ll work hard for missions.”

From Colombia:
“This conference has impacted my life and touched my heart for all the people that need to hear about the gospel and the task that we have to do as a church.”
## Events Calendar

### San Jose 2015
A consultation on the national church and unreached people  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
April 13–17, 2015

### Latin America Missions Leaders Summit
San Jose, Costa Rica  
April 18–19, 2015

### Pentecostal European Mission Consultation
November 16-19, 2015  
Milan, Italy

### 6th Latin American Missions Congress
March 3-6, 2016  
Dallas, United States

### PWF World Congress
Pre-congress missions focus  
September 7-10, 2016  
Sao Paulo, Brasil

### PWF African Missions Congress
November 29–December 2, 2016  
Location TBD

### WAGF Congress
March 28-31, 2017  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### 5th WAGF Missions Congress
Sept 2018  
Location TBD

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