



Introducing IGOworldwide

“Supporting Ministry in the 21st Century”

Who we are and what we are about

IGOworldwide is the partnership of dedicated Missionaries and their loyal supporters that embraces these underlying objectives:

- To glorify God and to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission,
- To promote greater interest in Missions
- To foster long and short-term careers in Missionary Service
- To advocate prayer for and financial support of IGOww ministries and projects
- To encourage frequent and meaningful communication between our Missionary Team and their home churches, supporters and prayer warriors.

IGOww is a team of gifted, creative followers of Christ who serve on the "front line" and in support roles with the purpose of making disciples among the nations by any means consistent with Scripture.

The IGOww “front-line” team consists of women and men who have demonstrated their love for the Lord, their commitment to the Great Commission and their heart for people in many different, creative ways. Presently, the IGOww team is deployed to reach people on four continents.

The “front-line” team is supported by a cohort of family and friends and church groups who faithfully pray for and generously give to IGOww’s constituent mission enterprises.

In between stands a dedicated corps of people who serve to provide responsible governance for the organization. The women and men who make up the IGOww board of directors are involved in a variety of local churches and ministries on the “home front.”

Grace and peace,

Gordon Druvenga
Chairman of the Board of IGOworldwide



Historical Highlights

IGOworldwide emerged out of a church-planting ministry in England, begun in 1971, by a young American couple, Bruce and Bonnie Robinson. Two growing churches, in Milton Keynes and Buckingham, are but two major achievements resulting from their ministry, spanning over a quarter century.

God demonstrated His grace, through them, in other noteworthy ways. First of all, He gave them four mature and motivated children. All have heard God's voice and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. All four with their spouses have been engaged in full-time Christian service.

Second, God introduced Bruce and Bonnie to scores of other Christian workers toiling around the world. This informal network bonds together many missionaries, some isolated from the comfort of other believers and family. God uses the Robinsons to minister to these co-laborers in the Lord's work who may need prayer, fellowship and support.

Finally, God placed in their pathway loyal friends in North America, who share their compassion for the lost. Many give sacrificially of their finances, time and skills on behalf of world missions. *IGOworldwide* is a reflection of these meaningful glimpses from the Robinson's' lifework, relationships and Christian testimony. It is also the result of their belief that the cause of Christ could be better served if seasoned missionaries, like themselves, would partner together in a formal alliance with their home churches, supporters and prayer warriors.

IGOww is the realization of this vision for missions. It is a nonprofit corporation, registered in the State of Minnesota on June 20, 1996. The Internal Revenue Service granted it tax-exempt status in April of the next year. Contributions to the organization are deductible from income taxes.

IGOww embraces essential, scriptural principles and employs sound business practices. As a result, donors have the confidence that their investment in worldwide missions is managed efficiently and effectively by an attentive Board of Directors and a committed Global Partner in the field.



Our Mission

IGOworldwide exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ through proclaiming the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by any means consistent with it.

IGOworldwide values the experience, talent and heart of persons led to serve Jesus Christ, as well as the variety of effective, ethical ministry expressions suited to impact today's world; therefore, IGOww provides opportunity for people to pursue Kingdom values and results as they are enabled and equipped.

IGOworldwide prayerfully strives to see every member flourish with his/her opportunity and role for the glory of God, therefore IGOww works as a team of missionaries, supporters, churches and board members.

Our Beliefs

IGOww believes...

- the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, that it is His holy and inspired Word preserved for mankind's benefit in each generation, and that it is the only, supreme and final authority for all of life;
- in one God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- that God created the universe and all that is in it, including the human race, out of nothing, and that He maintains its ongoing existence and operation by His sovereign providence;
- that Jesus Christ was conceived without inherent sin by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, led a sinless life, took on Himself all our sins, died and rose again, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father as our mediator and advocate;
- that Christ rose bodily from the dead, physically ascended into heaven and is similarly returning soon to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords;
- that all men everywhere are alienated from God in their sinful nature, face the judgment of God and need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by repentance from sin and faith in Christ's shed blood on the cross;
- that the Holy Spirit's work of regeneration is necessary for spiritual life, that His indwelling presence is necessary for victory over temptation and sin, and that His filling is necessary for effective service in the Kingdom of God;

- that the Holy Spirit's ministry includes convicting mankind of sin, comforting Christians as they serve the Lord, and guiding believers in the truth;
- that every Christian should identify with, serve in and be taught by a Biblical, local church as the visible expression of the Body of Christ;
- in the responsibility of Christians and local churches, in particular, to spread the Gospel and disciple a new generation of believers to Christian maturity;
- in using every ethical and biblically legitimate means to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide and apply it relative to specific cultures;
- in holy Christian living, and that we must have concern for the hurts and social needs of our fellowmen as well as the salvation of souls;
- and that we must dedicate ourselves anew to the service of our Lord and to His authority over our lives.



Our Board of Directors

The IGOWw Board of Directors is comprised of a cross-section of Christian men and women — the professional person, the homemaker, the business owner, the retired — who have their own stake in worldwide missions. The Lord has brought together a group of down-to-earth people with a God/World perspective. Their blend of abilities and grace set the tone from its inception. IGOWw is dedicated to keep that distinctive even as missionary opportunities increase.

The board, serving without compensation, is responsible for establishing broad corporate policy. They are an active body, meeting at least twice each year. In addition, each member serves on one of three Standing Committees (Committee on Directors, Committee on Administration & Finance, and Audit Committees).

Each person serving in some administrative role or strategic ministry must abide by our statement of faith. The statement of faith is historically fundamental, thoroughly conservative and unashamedly evangelical. All must comply with our overall objective, that of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that people are converted and disciplined in the Scriptures.

Directors:

Tom Cardle, Private Bank Minnesota, Vice-President

Greg Clanton, Retired, General Mills

Gordon Druvenga, GracePoint Church, Business Administrator

Paul Wm. Heath, Barbour Publishing

Scott Kaihoi, Bethel University, Research Librarian

Ronn Kreps, Retired Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

Ann McGowan, Secretary

Steve McGowan, North American Membership Group

Jill Odens, Homemaker

Jim Odens, Pastor (retired)



Our Basic Functions

- **Maintain meaningful communication with the IGOww Field Administrator and Missionaries:**
 - Exchange needed information and comments, effectively.
 - Observe missionary activities firsthand and monitor compliance with IGOww contract.
 - Provide necessary aid, comfort or assistance, utilizing all resources available.

- **Maintain faithful commitments with our Financial Supporters and Prayer Partners:**
 - Uphold Our Core Beliefs, which are essential to the Christian faith.
 - Demonstrate competence and ethical conduct in all corporate matters.
 - Certify qualified individuals to serve on the mission field.

- **Maintain strict compliance with Federal and State laws & regulations:**
 - Preserve legal status as a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.
 - Conform to established accounting and business practices.
 - File accurate reports with governmental agencies, in a timely manner.