



MAY 2026

## THE FUTURE OF GATEWAY

### *Praises*

- International Missions Department Staff Prayer/Planning Retreat – Roseville, California – These meetings went well as we especially focused on long-range items, which, for me of course, revolve around Gateway. And, we hosted an NAB Pop-Up Mission Event at First Baptist in Lodi, California. This was the first of its kind and went well!
- NorCal Short-Term Mission Leader Workshop – Sunrise Community Church in Fair Oaks, California – We had a small but well-represented group coming from four different churches. We even had two churches represented that attended the entire training over Zoom! We are looking at ways to make this a more normative way for people to attend the training in the future.
- Gateway Advisory & Initiative Team (GAIT) – Brookfield, Wisconsin – GAIT had our first-ever in-person meetings in April, with five of our seven team members. It was a great time and so valuable to interact in the same room with each other; some of our team members had never met each other before! GAIT will definitely be a formative part of how Gateway moves into the future as we continue to meet monthly over Zoom and in-person in the future.
- Bonfire & Mission Advisory Team (MAT) meetings – Heartland Community Church in Medina, Ohio – As I write this newsletter here in early May, we just completed these meetings, which went really well; further proof of the importance of in-person interaction for the MAT as well. It was also great to interact with many other NAB-ers meeting separately and together with various teams representing the NAB. Also as I write, we are getting ready to have another NAB Pop-Up Mission Event TONIGHT (May 8) at Cross of Hope Church in the Cleveland area.
- PRAISE from my NAB Central Europe Field Director role in Hungary/Serbia:
  - Hungary and Serbia Field Visits – In April, I was able to meet with the staff of both of our NAB partners: MEK in Hatvan, Hungary, and ZZ in Novi Sad, Serbia. Both of these visits and meetings went well as we created budgets and planned for the future with each partnering organization. For more information, please read [MEK's April Newsletter](#) and [ZZ Serbia's](#). I know many of you reading about and supporting Gateway may also be interested in reading about my other 'role' in Hungary and Serbia. Please let me know ([rschmor@nabconf.org](mailto:rschmor@nabconf.org)) if you would like to receive MEK and ZZ's newsletters directly as well on a regular basis.

### *Prayer*

- Serbia Gateway Team Training Retreat – First Baptist in Emery, South Dakota – Please pray for this training and this team's mission trip (May 31) to Serbia to work with ZZ Serbia in the Roma village of Donji Petrovci! This team is comprised of 15 students and leaders who will be serving this village and ministering to youth and children. I'm looking forward to leading this training retreat and helping prepare them for this experience!

- Argentina Field Visit –Please pray for me as I connect with two of our key leaders in Salta (Lucio Gallo and David Vargas) and their churches and accompanying ministries. I'll also be joined on this trip by Geoff Hartt and Tony Campos of Hispanics for Christ.
- Sister-Church Partnership Orientation – Christ Community Church in Puyallup, Washington – Thanks for praying for me as this church has invited me to meet with their leaders and familiarize themselves with how to develop and pursue a sister-church partnership!
- FUSE Trips – Please continue to pray for applicants to join two upcoming Gateway FUSE Teams in Cameroon and the Philippines! (See [nabonmission.org/fuse/](http://nabonmission.org/fuse/) for more info, or pass along this opportunity to a young person you know).
- For all of Gateway's ongoing sister-church partnerships in various stages of development and engagement in Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Hungary, Romania, and Cameroon.
- For more North American churches to engage in sister-church partnerships.
- From my Central Europe Field Director role in Hungary/Serbia: Please pray as NAB and MEK Hungary continue to discover our way forward with ministry in Hungary. Pray for me as well in this as I represent NAB Central Europe, Hungary/Serbia, as field director.

*I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

EPHESIANS 3:9-10 (NLT)



In my February newsletter, I highlighted our new Gateway Advisory & Initiatives Team, or GAIT, and mentioned that GAIT began meeting in September 2025 and was about to have our first in-person planning retreat together in April 2026. We did, in fact, have that retreat, and among other things, we captured a picture of where Gateway is now and a vision for Gateway's future (by 2031) as well. Let me share some of our hopes for the future!

### **Sister-Church Partnerships and Consulting**

Our primary initiative for developing long-term international, relationship-based, mutual partnerships between local churches. **Future Goals:** 50 or more sister-church partners; 15 or more triangular initiatives (sister-church partners on mission together).

### **Training**

We offer short-term mission leader workshops, instructional orientations for sister-church partnerships, training retreats for Gateway mission teams serving overseas, workshops at mission conferences, and also training/preparation for individual Volunteers In Mission serving internationally. **Future Goals:** 25 or more trainers, cultural interpreters (cross-cultural individuals who facilitate sister-church partnership Vision Trips) and short-term mission team leaders.



### **Short-Term Mission Teams, Volunteers in Mission, and Consulting**

Short-term mission teams, always at the core of Gateway's ministry, that are church- or organization-based or sent directly from Gateway (such as our FUSE Teams). **Future Goals:** 30 or more short-term mission teams per year and Volunteers In Missions active in all partner nations, half of them from outside of North America.

### **Resourcing**

Whether it's the short-term mission leader manual, our complimentary online support tools, or the numerous articles, academic papers and videos we've authored, Gateway has developed helpful resources to aid in short-term mission and sister-church partnership efforts. **Future Goals:** More video aids and teaching tools to come.

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### **Staff/Volunteers**

GAIT members, cultural interpreters, trainers, short-term mission team leaders, and admin assistance currently serve our Gateway efforts. **Future Goals:** Recruit short-term mission team leaders and trainers, an associate director, and appropriate numbers of administrative assistants.

As you read through these Future Goals, please pray for individuals to come forward for these positions and for churches and individuals to be compelled to serve and participate in our short-term mission teams and sister-church partnerships. AND, please get in touch with me/us at Gateway if you feel God is leading you to serve with us!

For the Kingdom,

