

Visual Story Network accelerates the mission of the Church

- by equipping our generation to use media, story and innovation
- · to make disciples and advance religious freedom
- in least-reached nations.

"Make disciples of all nations..."

Jesus, before his ascension into heaven

VISUALSTORY

The Challenge

Reaching Those Alone and Oppressed in Places Jesus is Not Known

"You are my friends...
"ὑμεῖς φίλοι μού ἐστε..."

Jesus (John 15:14)

In this broken world, BILLIONS of people do not know the friendship and purpose Jesus offers. They live in isolation, guilt, fear and depression...often under the burden of oppressive ideologies.*

People who are hurting rarely resist the person of Jesus. When given the chance, they are drawn to the One that names, knows, sees and loves them. It has been 2000 years since Jesus called us to make followers of all nations.







SOLUTIONS

- 1. Train Leaders...
- 2. Unleash the power of global partnerships ...
- 3. Produce media & equipping resources ...

OBJECTIVES

so Christ-centered visual media is available to every person.

because the toughest places are only going to be reached as God's people work together.

to reach people in their digital world with the right message at the right time leading to right relationships. This will help them grow in Christ and become followers who lead others to Jesus.

RESULTS since 2007

17,557 trained leaders

6 global partnerships resulting in 828 projects

246 short films

54 media training resources



Train Leaders



We trained Felix (left) and Soraya (2nd from right) in our religious freedom training. **They have now trained more than 1,300 people in Nigeria.** Nigerians live with the threat of Islamic extremism in the north where Boko Haram operates.

Read more about the work in Nigeria.



Visual Story Network's training completely transformed my idea of using media in missions. It was a huge catalyst for the work we're doing now among unreached people.

Candace Mackie, Director, TWR Motion

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Click here to watch Candace's story.

Build Global Partnerships

"It's been 2000 years since Jesus called his people to make disciples of all nations. I believe ours is the generation that will take the gospel to every person. VSN is helping us and others make that vision a reality."

Josh Newell, Director, Jesus Film Project Click here to watch Josh's story.





MIDDLE EAST WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK





digital disciple making network



World Changing Partnerships

<u>Digital Disciple Making Network</u> / <u>Media to Movements</u>. In October 2018 we began to gather the top 12 global leaders from six organizations involved in training others to use social media to lead to disciple-making movements. A disciple-making movement occurs when there is rapid multiplication of new believers in a given area. Using social media to ignite these movements is a new move of God's Spirit. **Since we began the partnership in 2019 the number of known "Media to Movement" efforts has expanded from 25 to 260!**

Empower Women Media. We began this partnership in 2017 to train women to use media to accelerate their mission. In 2018, God opened up doors to become the leading global partnership and training women to be religious freedom advocates. Religious freedom research has that shown that 80% of the world has lost religious freedom in the last 10 years (including in Europe and North America). This greatly limits the environment where Christians are free to assemble, worship and share the Gospel. This partnership has trained 3,140 (mostly) women to use media as religious freedom advocates in the most restrictive parts of the world.

Produce Media & Equipping Resources

"I know of no one other than VSN who is specifically committed to encouraging and actively supporting the growing the full range of small new media – short video, smart phone, social media, etc. Understanding these media and being able to effectively integrate them is critical for any Kingdom strategy."

Phill Butler, Founder of Intercristo & visionSynergy











Introducing People to Jesus Using Your Mobile Phone

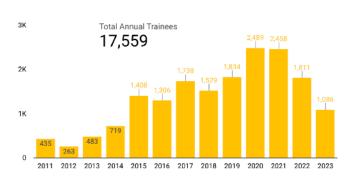


Shohrat's Story Told Throughout Central Asia

As a boy, Shohrat was terrified of the Sirat Bridge, the bridge that Islam teaches must be crossed to reach paradise. It is as thin as a razor and suspended over the fires of hell. Within three years of the fall of communism, his brother-in-law came to Christ and had Shohrat watch the JESUS Film. Through the film, Shohrat understood Jesus was the bridge to paradise. He began to share his newfound faith and planted churches in his village as well as in others. He is one of the fathers of the modern Turkmen church.

"From Darkness to Light" (Tümlükden Nura) is a 13-minute film that tells his story. It is the first-ever evangelistic film featuring Turkmen people. The film is translated into five languages and is being broadcast into Central Asia via satellite as well distributed through social media, mobile phones, a dedicated app. Turkmenistan, in Central Asia, is one of the most repressive countries in the world with only 1,500 known Christians.

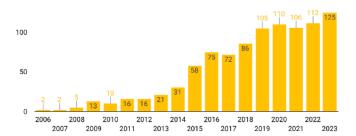
VSN Impact



PPP Cumulative 965

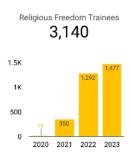
Project (an event such as a course or training)
Product (an article, curriculum, film, etc)
Partnership (when two ore more parties begin to collaborate)

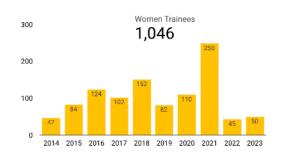
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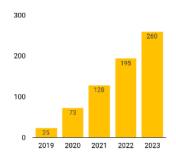
2023

The totals are cumulative. The bars in each graph are annual.

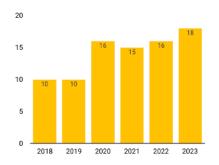




Digital Discipline Making Teams 260



Religious Freedom Films 85



2023 - 2025 Goals



- Train 7,000 new leaders to use media, story and innovation to make disciples of least-reached nations.
 - 1.500 in 2023

Result: 1,086 trained.

- 2,500 in 2024
- 3,000 in 2025
- Lead a cutting-edge coalition to expand the number of teams among partner organizations using media for disciple-making movements from 195 to 400 worldwide.
 - 50 new teams in 2023

Result: 65 teams.

- 70 new teams in 2024
- 90 new teams in 2025
- Increase religious freedom in oppressive countries by training 5,000 religious freedom advocates.
 - 1,000 in 2023

Result: 1,477 trained.

- 1,500 in 2024
- 2,500 in 2025

These leaders will reach tens of millions of people with the Good News of Christ. The advocates will be champions of religious freedom in their countries.

Will You Impact More Lives By Being a 2025 LEAD PARTNER?

You are among a select group of partners invited to resource a \$20,000 Lead Partner fund.

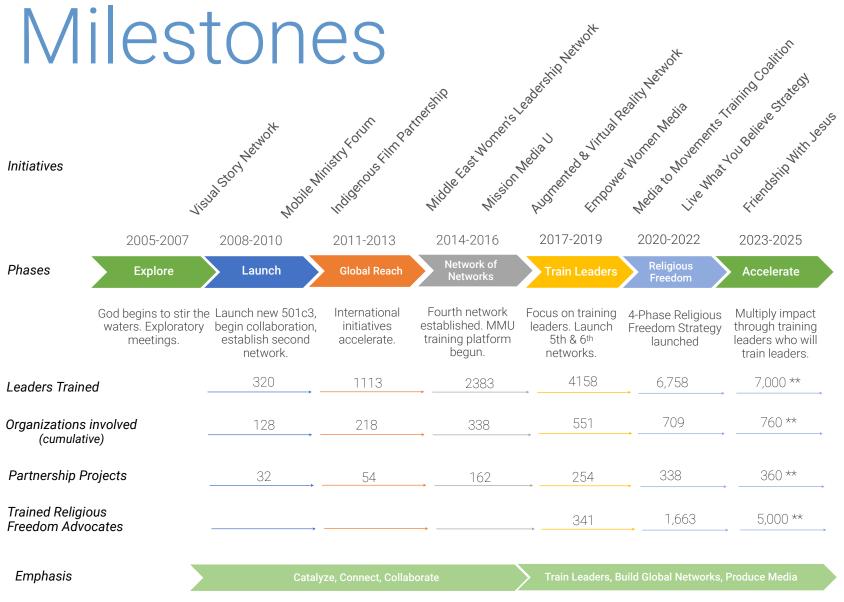
We are trusting God for \$360,000 for the 2025 Strategy above regular giving?

- \$300,000 through foundation and partner grants
- \$30,000 from Matching Fund partners.
- \$20,000 from Lead Partner gifts (to be doubled by the matching fund)
- \$10,000 in Finishing Partner gifts (to be doubled by the matching fund)

At this time, will you prayerfully consider a strategic investment in our \$20,000 Lead Partner fund to train leaders to use media, story and innovation to make disciples of all nations?







Budget

Partners Include...

Budgeted Expenses	2023	2024	2025
Train Leaders in Media			
Mission Media U	25,000	5,000	10,000
Middle East Women	25,000	20,000	0
Mobile Ministry Forum	20,000	5,000	5,000
Augmented & Virtual Reality	10,000	10,000	10,000
Expand Teams Using Media Among Least-Reached			
Digital Disciple Making / Media to Movements	125,000	160,000	180,000
Train Religious Freedom Advocates			
Religious Freedom Events	40,000	65,000	55,000
Empower Women Media / Live What You Believe	90,000	55,000	50,000
Operations			
Staff	215,000	250,000	280,000
Administration	35,000	45,000	50,000
Total Expenses	\$585,000	\$615,000	\$640,000





















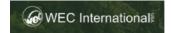
















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