

consider going

Project Beyond Catalyst is about personal participation on various levels.

Consider using the gifts and passions God has put in you. Not only will it make a difference in those you serve, it will change you! Various Catalyst teams bring together ordinary people who care deeply about others and desire to use their gifts in creative ways. Everyone is gifted to make a difference.

Maybe it's volunteering in one of the local Catalyst ministries—multi-ethnic or at Zoë's—or maybe it's taking that step of serving the poor and vulnerable in one of our international partnerships. Here are some of the international opportunities:

kenya girls' rescue center | may 28-june 12, 2010
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middle east church plant | april 23-may 8, 2010
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uganda kabasindagizi learning center | june 18-july 3, 2010
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consider giving

Year one of Project Beyond Catalyst has reminded us of the importance of our financial gifts. Our goal over these three years is \$3 million. Already hundreds of families regularly give and experience the joy of personal participation.

Pray about how you would like to participate in ways over and above regular church tithes and offerings. With a financial goal of \$3 million, raised over a three-year time frame, our church can have a profound impact on each region of the world we invest in. We are excited to see how God changes our lives, as well as countless others through the duration of this project.

Fill out a Commitment Card, if you have not already done so, expressing your desire to be a Catalyst partner over the upcoming two years.



KENYA girls' rescue center

Simple brick buildings stand in the dry savannah outside of Nairobi. Fruit trees and flowers surround broken pieces of concrete delicately placed in the form of a circle patio.

It may not sound like much, but to the 24 young Kenyan girls who call the Olooitikosh **Girls' Rescue Center home, it is a beautiful oasis where they have no more fears of being married off to older men or undergoing tribal sexual abuse.**

Mark Hagen, Director of African Development, spent much of 2009 in Kenya developing relationships and organizing the construction of the Center. Thirty-one people joined him in Kenya last summer, building two dormitories and a kitchen on the property. The project had to get local and national governmental approval, **but when the leaders heard the vision of the Girls' Rescue Center they gladly agreed to its operation.**

Yes, the reality of rescuing Kenyan girls has come for these 24, another 12 supported in boarding schools, with the goal of 48 this year.



by the numbers

- 135 people participated in mission trips to work alongside Catalyst partners.
- 3 dozen girls at the Kenya Rescue Center and orphans in Peru were sponsored.
- **Nearly 800 "Bags of Hope" were filled with food and delivered to those in need.**
- Over \$775,000 was given to Catalyst in its first year.
- \$34,000 was given toward specific projects found in the **"Ray of Hope" Christmas Gift Catalog.**

PERU church plant

Project Beyond Catalyst's involvement in the church planting efforts in Peru is part of a large network of deeply committed Christ-followers. The Christ Community team of 33 people who traveled the dusty **streets surrounding Jicamarca, a shanty town outside of Peru's capital city,** saw this in action. These short-term missionaries talked to the local people about Jesus, encouraged the pastors serving selflessly, and provided medical care and clean water for those suffering.

Even now, the work of our Peruvian friends continues—they **disciple those new to the faith through word and deed.** What's more, our partner churches have become more active in living out the gospel in their communities, and as a result, their congregations have grown.

Project Beyond Catalyst will continue to support the church planting efforts led by our Peruvian brothers and sisters. We eagerly wait to see what God will do with this ministry in the coming years!



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MIDDLE EAST church plant

The Middle East is a complex world region—it's the region where Jesus healed lepers, opened blind eyes, and brought Good News. And yet, today it's a region where being a Christian involves risking one's life.

The picture of our Project Beyond Catalyst involvement in the Middle East is a combination of seeing God work in incredible ways along with a growing danger to our partners there. Our church supports three full-time church planters—with a fourth coming soon—and training for local leaders. In the midst of threats of assassination **attempts and threats of imprisonment, our partners boldly proclaimed God's Word** and saw many come to faith in Jesus.

UGANDA kabasindagizi learning center

We all hear the statistics on the prevalence and devastation of HIV/AIDS. But Project Beyond Catalyst has heightened our sensitivity toward those with the disease and let us look into the eyes of the children devastated by it.

In the midst of the lush green hills, winding dirt roads, and smiling locals, one statistic haunts the people of Western Uganda—one out of every seven people is infected **with HIV/AIDS. What's worse, the availability of care for HIV/AIDS patients is among the lowest in the country.**

To address this, Project Beyond Catalyst has laid the foundation (literally) for a school and community center to meet the needs of some 128 children and their families. These children, many of whom are orphaned, have vibrant personalities, soft hearts, and deep faith. Some of them are infected with HIV/AIDS. But if you looked in their faces, you **wouldn't see the disease. You would see their joy for life and hope for the future.**

At the Community Center, people will learn how to read the Bible, care for others with HIV/AIDS, and clean their water—skills they deeply desire.

MULTI-ETHNIC ministry

Project Beyond Catalyst has provided an opportunity to minister to people of varying ethnic backgrounds within our community.

Cristo Vive, our Spanish-speaking ministry, fills the Community Room for Sunday worship, meets to study the Bible, and assists with the ESL program. Over the past year, the involvement in Spanish-speaking ministry has grown by twofold. This congregation has grown not only in numbers, but in spiritual maturity as well. One highlight of the year was to see 18 Cristo Vive attendees baptized as a public expression of their faith in Christ.

Our multi-ethnic team has also taken steps to build friendships with additional ethnic groups—Somali, Burmese, and Middle Eastern. A delightful international Thanksgiving dinner with a variety of people groups present was just a step toward connecting with both international students and various ethnic groups of our area.

The expansion of teaching English as a Second Language has been encouraging as more people have been attending and as we reach out to help with other community programs.

MULTI-SITE campus

One year ago, volunteers were scraping, demoing, painting, and remodeling the building located at 715 8th Avenue in downtown Greeley. Today, Zoë's is a vibrant cultural café where community and church groups meet to build relationships, and concerts and events are held to bring life and beauty to the downtown area.

We have been pleased to see the community response to Zoë's. Throughout an average week, some 300 patrons purchase coffee, hold work meetings, or chat with friends. We partnered with District 6 and United Way to host a Literacy Fair that drew hundreds of participants. There have been concerts and a number of community events as well.

In addition to the cultural café, Christ Community launched its first off-campus worship venue this September. The response has been amazing—attendance at these worship gatherings is consistently around 200 people!

investment in leaders

A vital part of Project Beyond Catalyst involves our work with people who lead others.

Teaching teams regularly address a variety of biblical, personal, and cultural issues. Dozens of leaders in Peru grew closer in their marriages and with each other during an exciting week in early 2009. Major cultural issues that were creating enormous pain within marriages were addressed in several conferences conducted in Africa. The response was noticeable among couples with a request for us to return. A Middle Eastern conference drew over 80 people together for a refreshing time together. In addition, Catalyst leaders have invested much time counseling, encouraging, and interacting in growing healthy lives and churches.

what's next?

- **Zoë's ministry continues to grow with the hosting of Bridges of Hope, connecting with people in need—80% of whom have little or no faith background—and providing practical expressions of Christ's love.**
- **Ongoing personal support of young girls at the Kenya Girls' Rescue Center and Peru orphanage.**
- This month, we will launch the International Training Institute (ITI). ITI will provide high-quality training for pastors and lay leaders—training that would otherwise be **unattainable. "Schools" will be conducted this spring in four countries with the potential to bring ministry skills and solid biblical curriculum to hundreds of global leaders.**
- People outside of Christ Community have expressed interest in Project Beyond Catalyst initiatives. As a result, a non-profit organization has been birthed. Network Beyond is a registered 501(c)3 that will connect individuals, organizations, businesses, **and grant funding to make a difference in people's lives and further Catalyst work.**

