

Dear Friends,

There have been many changes in my mission. CrossWorld has a new president, our former Canadian director Dale Losch. Dale and Jerusha were our beloved co-workers in St Egreve for many years. Also, our American CrossWorld office is in the process of moving to Kansas City, as you may read in excerpts of the Joint Press release letter which was received earlier this year:

"Breaking the Mold of Missions : Creating a new model for mission agency cooperation

KANSAS CITY, Missouri – Avant Ministries and CrossWorld are breaking the mold of traditional mission agencies through an innovative model of agency cooperation: a shared services alliance. This alliance will allow each ministry to share operational and support services, while maintaining distinct agency strategies and cultures.

Resourceful stewardship is the chief principle behind this move as both organizations are independently financially stable. "We're solid [financially]," says Avant President Dr. Paul Nyquist, "but good stewardship demands that we constantly be alert for new ways to value the sacrificial donations sent to us by our faithful donor community." Both organizations are looking at this strategic alliance as an opportunity to maximize efficiencies and reduce expenses.

A greater kingdom benefit from the reduced operating costs is expected. "For years I have been asking: what will it take for Christian organizations to do a better job of sharing resources for the greater good of the Kingdom," states Dale Losch, CrossWorld's president. "Sharing facilities and administrative services will not only free up more resources for reaching the world, we hope and pray it will also be used of God to encourage many other such partnerships among Christian ministries."

The leadership of Avant and CrossWorld each agree the transformation of hearts for Christ is the true goal of their mission. "The cost savings is just a means to a greater end, and the greater end is the transformed life," said Dean Callison, vice president of development with Avant. The shared services alliance provides cooperation and camaraderie to two organizations passionate about church planting. John Berger, CrossWorld's vice president of U.S. Operations agrees: "I believe this spirit of collaboration will flow beyond the hardware, systems, and bricks and mortar. I'm counting on Avant's strengths to positively affect CrossWorld, just as I think our strengths will influence them to greater impact." Both organizations have a long history with a focus on planting churches in unreached areas of the world. Though some ministry philosophies and strategies differ, the goal is ultimately the same: communities of people passionate about their faith, changing their cities, countries and world for God.

Although strategic alliances are common in business, this is not the case in the mission agency world; Avant and CrossWorld are pioneering the path for true mission agency cooperation. "I don't know of any other mission organizations that are doing this," said Dave Rathbun, vice president of personnel development for Avant. As Dr. Larry Sharp, CrossWorld's vice president for Research and Strategy states, "'Better together' may sound trite, but in today's world of high tech communication, globalization, political and economic stress, we simply need each other, and we in Christian missions should lead the way – this partnership does just that by creating synergy, saving Kingdom dollars, and serving the missionaries better."

CrossWorld will move their current headquarters from Pennsylvania to share a campus with Avant Ministries in Kansas City, Missouri. Plans for building expansion are underway."

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Thank you for your prayers. Mid-Oct through mid-Nov we will be speaking at several churches, and from mid-Nov through mid-Dec I will be teaching Hermeneutics (How to study and Interpret the Bible) at the Geneva Bible Institute. Pray for God's work in hearts.

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