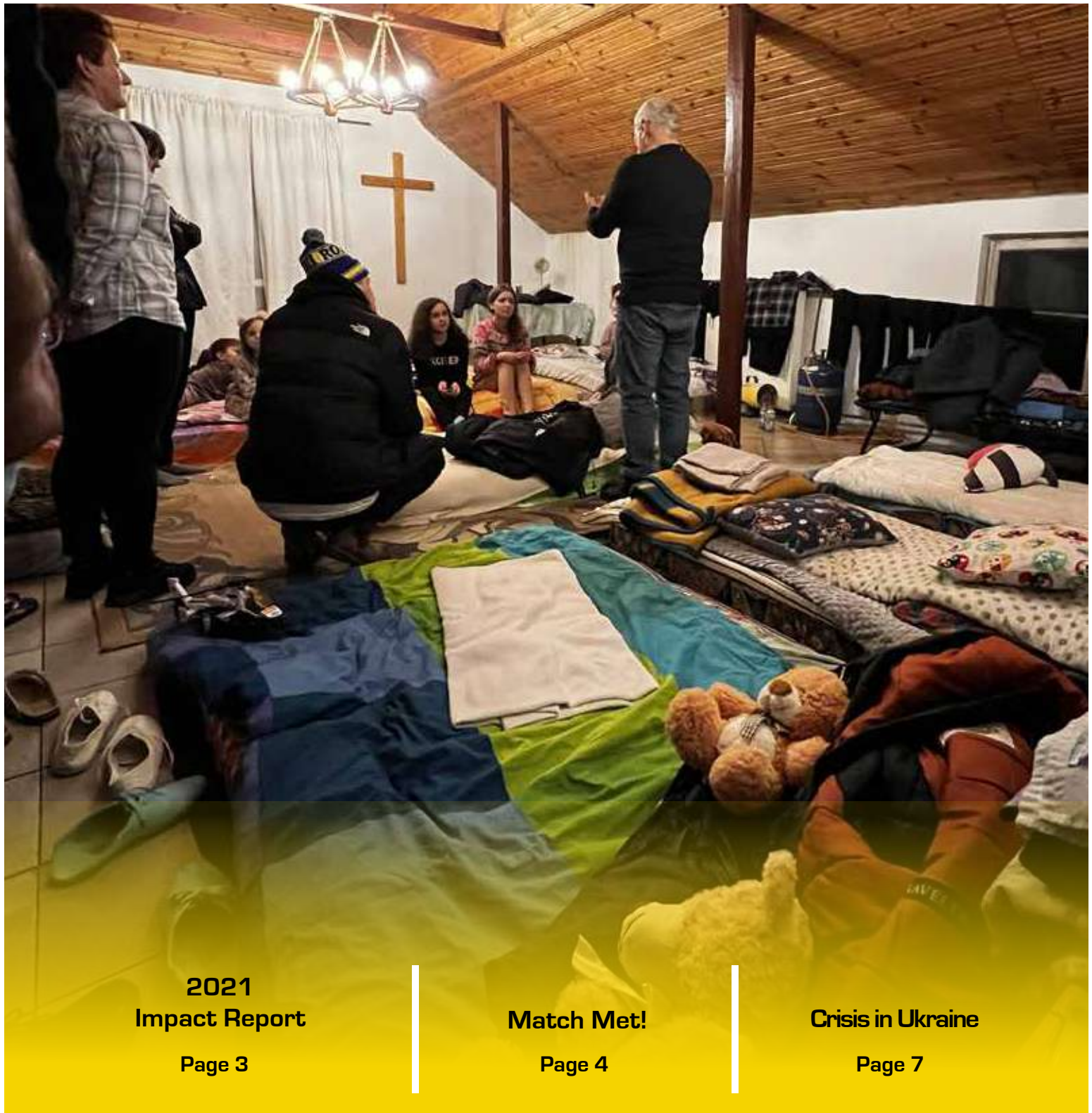


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Dear Friends,

The Bible is full of imperfect people who, despite challenges, have achieved their life goal. In the last 30 years of full-time ministry, I have learned the following timeless truths and applied them to my life.

1. God leads us His way.

We rarely see the path of life in its entirety, but when you walk faithfully, you recognize one step after the other. God opens and closes doors, but it is Him who leads us where we need to go. Proverbs 16:9

2. God gives new insights.

In some moments in life, I would have preferred to throw in the towel and give up, but I recognize how God did not point a finger of blame at me, but rather extended His hand of love! God gives new insights to resolve difficult situations and conflicts. James 1:5

3. Dependent on God alone.

We cannot make everyone happy. If you go to the right, some people will want you to go to the left. Every decision has an effect that separates us from something or someone. Mark 10:22

4. At the right time, God produces fruit.

With God, growth is a process. He knows we must grow before we can bear fruit. A farmer must plant, fertilize, weed, and water before the time of harvest comes. In the kingdom of God, you reap what you sow! John 15:5

Every successful life has challenges, setbacks, and failures. However, God is faithful, loving, and patient. Accompanied by these truths and because of Him, I have endured, as I walk faithfully the path He has given me.

If God is calling you to something special, go for it - it's worth it!



Thomas Vogelin
Founder and Director of Movida International

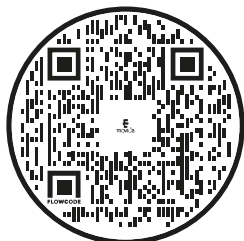


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2021 IMPACT REPORT

January 2021, over 4,000 participants from 25 countries connected to CIMA "online" and received mission training to be activated in God's mission.

586 of the 4,000 participants extended their mission training by taking an online Movida course called "Sigue".

July 2021, the first "CIMA Day" in the U.S. (a weekend mission training course) was held in Houston, TX.

Over 80 Movida led, mission focused, Sunday morning church services were held around the world.

1 American, 1 Austrian, and 1 German are serving in our short-term program in Latin America. We expect the numbers to increase as COVID restrictions are removed.

Students are currently receiving extensive theoretical and practical training at our Movida Mission School, PRIMSA, in Europe. Our Missions training school has reopened after European COVID restrictions closed our campus in 2021.

CIMA Conferences in 2022



MATCH MET

In December 2021, a fundraiser was held for Movida projects.



Thanks to you and a generous \$10,000 match, \$23,000 was raised! Surpassing the goal by \$3,000 also helped provide scholarships to young Latin American adults in financial need, so they could attend CIMA mission conferences held in Latin America in January 2022. Your donations and God's faithfulness has resulted in hundreds of lives being impacted with the gospel and mission training! We continue to count on your financial support so even more lives can be impacted!

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TESTIMONY FROM CIMA 2022



I loved seeing how God moved during CIMA 2022. A week before the conference, a friend asked if I would help as a volunteer by taking photos during the CIMA event in Costa Rica. I was happy to help and was surprised how much I profited as God worked in my own heart! During the conference, I was informed of a need for a photographer at CIMA in Panama the following week because their volunteer photographer couldn't attend. I wanted to go but had no money to pay for the bus ticket and other travel expenses. I prayed and said, "if this is going to happen, God please provide the finances." I woke up the next morning to a bank notification on my phone, I had a deposit in my account for the exact amount needed to serve at CIMA in Panama.

I still don't know who donated the money and I am overwhelmed by God's faithfulness!



Dr. Prince Samuel
USA



EXPERIENCE: Great is Thy Love



In January 2022, I participated in part two of the CIMA Brazil conference called "Experience."

"Experience" is a short-term mission trip. I helped in a local church serving a poverty-stricken community. God used this time to teach me that it is possible to love in the midst of pain, it is possible to worship in the middle of difficulties, and it is possible to joyfully serve Him in chaos. CIMA taught me I have a role to play in God's Mission and provided me with opportunities to learn how God prepares me for what He has called me to do.

During the trip, we visited an extremely poverty-stricken family. It was obvious they had a relationship with Jesus. Jesus' influence in their life resulted in them expressing how thankful and fulfilled they were. Together we shared in a time of worship, and it impacted me to see how despite their need, they were not discouraged. In that moment, I learned how God's power and love is transformational in all situations.

The trip convinced me to dedicate myself to God and His mission, by serving in my local church, evangelizing, and making disciples.



Jamires Gonçalves de Freitas
Brazil



SHORT-TERM

Everyone needs to know Him

I am an Austrian serving in Movida's Short-Term program in Paraguay and in Ecuador. My biggest challenge has been seeing how families fight poverty, unemployment, and a lack of health care. I'm learning that God is faithful in all circumstances.

During Movida's Short-Term program, I've discovered more about my God given talents and how I can use them in missions. I recognize how as my passion for God's mission grows, so does my understanding that everyone needs to know Him in His power and majesty.

This Short-Term Program has formed my character in a positive way, and I've grown in my faith. When I left Austria, I didn't know what I was going to do with my future, but shortly after arriving in Paraguay, I started to understand that serving in missions with kids and a local church is something I want for my future. I'm grateful that God gave me this opportunity to discover His plan for my life. I hope more young people participate in Movida's Short-Term Program so they too, can discover His plans for their life. Making the decision to go to Latin America was one of the best decisions I've made, and I'm thankful for everything God is doing through me while I am here.



Ellen Warth
Austria



SHORT-TERM PROGRAM

A three to twelve month program in which young Europeans and North Americans can live out a short-term, intercultural, missional, experience in Latin America. Participants learn a new language while they serve in two different countries.

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CRISIS IN UKRAINE

November 2021, a group of PRISMA students went to Poland for a mission trip to help in a local church. At that time, no one imagined the students were preparing the way for the next Movidia Team who would build on their connections, to serve Ukrainian refugees, four months later.

March 7th, a five-person Movidia Team traveled with needed supplies, from Walzenhausen, Switzerland to Lublin, Poland. The team served refugees with food, words of encouragement, and helped drive people directly from the border to a safe place. Numerous times during the day tears were shed as stories were told of loved ones being left behind, not knowing if they will ever be united again. Although the situation is dire, the selflessness and generosity of so many people provides hope in the hearts of many Ukrainian refugees.

While serving on the border, the team regularly heard statements like: I will never see my family again. I no longer have a home. Where am I going to sleep? How am I going to raise my children alone? Why is this happening?

Will you join us in praying for those affected by the war?



Scott Langemeier
Movidia USA Missionary



SUPPORT REFUGEES

To help Ukrainian refugees and show the love of God, we are raising funds. Your generous donations will help cover the costs of future teams serving on the Poland/Ukraine border, will provide supplies for those in need, and assist with room and board for refugees living on the Movida campus in Walzenhausen. Will you help us so we can help those in need?

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