



Global Lift Collective



Imagine a world where every person could reach their God-given potential.

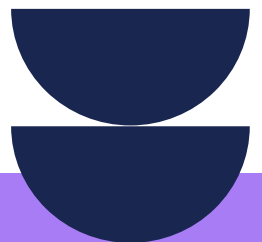
Today, extreme material poverty holds millions back from reaching that potential. Jesus said He came that we may have life and have it abundantly. For many, barriers and forces of injustice suffocate the possibility of abundant life.

Together, we can change this.

By linking arms as the global Church to champion change in some of our world's most vulnerable regions, we have the opportunity to unleash human potential in ways the world has never seen.

Together, we can see local churches lift up their communities with a clear strategy of holistic transformation, painting a bigger picture of justice — and of the Kingdom at work on earth.

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Who We Are

Global Lift Collective is a group of Kingdom-minded partners from around the world, learning from each other and working to do something together that we know we can't do alone.

We champion churches in strategically chosen regions of our world to abolish extreme poverty and unleash the God-given potential of all people. We're committed to seeing communities set free from poverty, made safe from violence, and liberated from injustice.

Our dream is for every church that wants to play a key role in transforming its community to have the resources, know-how, and network of relationships needed to do so.



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How Global Lift Collective Started

In 2017, a group of partners began to discuss how we could work together to make a bigger impact on global poverty. Individually, we were already at work in and around Malawi, so as a group, we decided to streamline our efforts and experiment with new ways of resourcing churches there by working together.



Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries, but the Malawian church has deep roots. Global Lift Collective partners are active in the country and have the flexibility to try new approaches and coordinate their work, so it was an ideal place to learn new ways to learn and work together.



The Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador were selected as a second strategic focus in 2020 for Global Lift Collective because of the violence and economic instability experienced in the area and how those issues impact migration to the United States.

In 2020, we created a Malawi Collaborative Fund and a Central America Collaborative Fund to resource the coordinated plans, integrated programs, and new ideas the partners in each region pursue each year. Both funds have continued to grow as more partners have become involved.

Over the years, our group—now known as Global Lift Collective—grew and learned more about what it looks like to partner in new and effective ways. Today, Global Lift Collective is made up of the following organizations and churches:

- Organizations: HOPE International, World Relief, Tearfund, ENLACE, and Living Water International
- Churches: Willow Creek Community Church, Northridge Church, and Life.Church, along with a growing list of church partners





What Makes Global Lift Collective Unique

Over the years, we've learned how to empower local churches to play a catalytic role in lifting their communities out of poverty, creating opportunities that make it more possible for people to thrive. And we've seen how getting involved in this work has transformed our own churches and communities, expanding the hearts and minds of everyone involved.

We pray that by collaborating with Global Lift Collective, communities (including our own) would be rid of poverty, violence, and injustice. We pray that friendships would be forged, dignity would be restored, and that the faith of the global Church would be strengthened. It's a holistic transformation that leads to a tangible expression of God's Kingdom on earth.

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To make a real, lasting impact in some of our world's most vulnerable regions, we believe that "together" is the only way forward. Global Lift Collective strives to live up to our name, with every partner and every person committed to learning from each other and taking ground as a collective.

Our commitment to collaboration helps us avoid the potholes of tunnel vision and duplicated efforts and ultimately builds trust. Combining the best practices of impactful churches and NGOs (with a lot of trial, error, and learning along the way), we make the most of our complementary capacities.

In a time of polarization, inside and outside the Church, this is an opportunity to be part of something that's about unity, collaboration, and the collective good. We don't have it all figured out, but if you share a commitment to real solutions, there's a seat at the table for you. Imagine what we could do together!

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What We Do

We invest time in deepening relationships and trust—between ourselves and those we serve. We do this by meeting often by video, traveling together to Central America and Malawi each year, and maintaining ongoing friendships.

We maintain and pursue country-specific goals set by Country/Regional Leads.

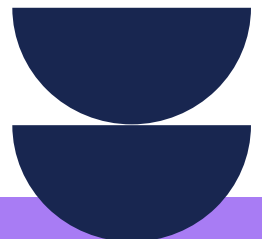
- Country/Regional Leads in Malawi and Central America set and pursue mid- to long-range goals that allow for coordinating plans, integrating programs, and co-creating new ideas.
- Country Leads in the U.S./U.K. set and pursue goals including adding Church Partners, growing the collaborative fund, applying what we learn from our Malawi and Central America partners, and advocating for new ways to work together.



We seek to aggressively expand the Malawi Collaborative Fund and the Central America Collaborative Fund, working to continuously increase the funding available to partners.

We invite churches, individuals, and foundations to help us increase both funds.

We seek to understand and scale our successes. Our goal is to serve more churches more effectively. We self-assess, expand what is working, and redirect what is not. We openly share our learnings with anyone.





How We Resource Our Work

The local and national leadership of Global Life Collective partners in Malawi and Central America have developed multi-year goals oriented around serving more churches more effectively. Based on those multi-year goals, these partners create specific plans and associated budgets to coordinate their growth, integrate their programs as appropriate, and co-create new ways of serving new churches.

Global Lift Collective church partners, led by Life.Church, Willow Creek, and Northridge Church, make commitments to partners for funding based on what is projected to be available in the Malawi Collaborative Grant Fund and the Central America Collaborative Grant Fund.





How You Can Get Involved

As you're reading through this, what are you thinking about? What are you feeling? Do the values of Global Lift Collective stir you? Is the idea of helping to shape the future of Global Lift Collective exciting to you?

We are seeking more Church Partners and individual contributors to join us and help shape and resource the future of the collective. Becoming a part of Global Lift Collective means joining a community of like-minded churches and leaders who want to learn and innovate together as we unleash human potential in ways the world has never seen.

Interested in learning more? We'd love to hear from you! If someone from Global Lift Collective team sent you this PDF, contact them to continue the conversation. Otherwise, you can **email Krisa Jenkins at krisa.jenkins@life.church**—she'll be able to answer any questions you have. We're so excited to talk to you and tell you more about Global Lift Collective!

