



# Annual Report 2017



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# From the President

Dear Ministry Partners,

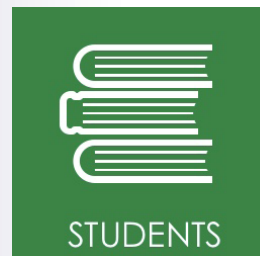
“Expanding Scope. Increasing Impact.” **This is how we are describing our current season of ministry.** These are exciting days. In 2011 we restructured Global Scholars, and since then we have experienced significant growth. **We are now taking two steps to leverage all we have learned over the past 30 years to increase our impact exponentially.** We are expanding our scope both quantitatively and qualitatively. Let me explain.

**Qualitative Growth:** Historically we have focused on reaching students worldwide with the gospel. This is of vital importance and will always be a central focus of our ministry. However, we have decided this is not enough. **God calls Christian professors to have a redemptive influence on every facet of higher education, not just their students. So we are expanding our focus to equip them for this larger task.**

We have adopted a new purpose statement: Global Scholars exists to equip missional Christian professors to have a redemptive influence among their students, colleagues, universities, and academic disciplines.

## Colleagues

We want to equip Christian academics to be salt and light among their colleagues. **Global Scholars professors may well be the only Christians their colleagues know.** Our professors have a unique opportunity to reach them with the truth and grace of the gospel. Furthermore, as their colleagues come to faith in Christ, these new believing professors will in turn influence many others for Christ! Therefore **we are committing ourselves to equipping Christian professors to be “the fragrance of Christ” among their colleagues.**



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## Universities

**Global Scholars professors often serve in leadership roles in their universities.** This may be as simple as a professor serving on a committee in their department tasked with making decisions about curriculum or program development. It may involve serving as a Department Chair, Dean, Provost or even President. No matter what the role, these are positions Global Scholars professors are called to steward well. It is a chance to “seek the peace of the university” (Jeremiah 29:7) and lead in ways that are honorable, just, and life-giving. Not only does this promote human flourishing and the common good, but also helps create more fertile soil for the gospel to take root. **We are committing ourselves to equipping Christian professors to serve well in these positions of leadership.**



## Disciplines

Global Scholars professors are also called to influence their academic disciplines for Christ. **In many fields of study the dominant ideas are grounded in worldviews contrary to biblical truth.** Physicalism (the view that all which exists is physical) permeates the hard sciences. Postmodernism (the view that there is no objective truth and so everything is relative) dominates much of the social sciences. Pantheism (the view that all is God is an impersonal force that permeates all things) is increasingly influential in a number of disciplines, including the health sciences. Marxist ideology is also widespread in professional schools, the humanities, and the social sciences. In some countries radical Islamic thought is a dominant theme across the disciplines. Christian professors are called to respond to these errors by showing how the Christian worldview better explains the data in their fields of study and offers better solutions to the problems being addressed. **We are committing ourselves to equipping Christian professors to research, publish and teach through the lens of the Christian worldview, impacting their academic disciplines for the Kingdom.**

**We will expand our scope in these ways by developing a global “learning community” in which veteran Christian professors, who are seeing success in these areas of “redemptive influence,” can train less seasoned Christian professors.**

- Conferences around the world
- Discussion forums in a secure online environment
- Webinars led by experienced Christian professors
- Online resources accessible globally
- Small groups on campuses worldwide
- Mentoring Opportunities

We believe God has led us to expand our scope qualitatively through this new purpose statement, and are excited to follow Him into this new season of ministry!

**Quantitative Growth:** We are also committed to continuing our quantitative **growth—to equip more and more Christian professors to have this type of redemptive influence worldwide.**

**Building on our past, we will continue to recruit and send Christian professors worldwide. In addition, God is calling many men and women to serve Him as professors in their own nations.** They often contact us and ask if we can provide training and resources for them to be better equipped as Ambassadors for Christ on their campuses. **In response, we are working with a team of 24 Christian professors from 18 nations to design a worldwide network of Christian professors united around this vision of having a redemptive influence in global higher education.** We believe that as we partner with missional Christian professors already teaching worldwide, we can have a much greater impact for Christ!

**Thank you so much for your partnership during the 2016-17 academic year. It is because of you that we have been able to say “yes” to many of these new opportunities. We look forward with great anticipation to how God will continue to open new doors in 2017-18 for increased influence in global higher education.**

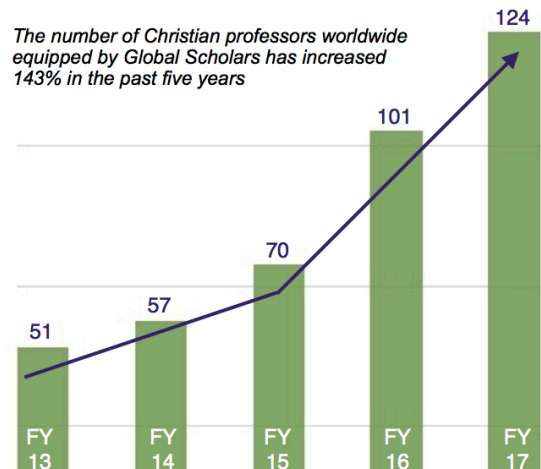
For Christ and universities worldwide,



Dr. Stan W. Wallace  
President and CEO  
Global Scholars

## Number of Global Scholars

*The number of Christian professors worldwide equipped by Global Scholars has increased 143% in the past five years*





# Donor Spotlight

**Randal learned of Global Scholars more than a half dozen years ago by another donor. Then, after meeting with Dr. Stan Wallace he became involved with the organization. As Randal started understanding the vision and saw Global Scholars' opportunities, vision and commitment and was compelled to add Global Scholars to his family's planned giving portfolio. He and his wife, Debbie, have been pleased to make investments over the past five years. He and his family (photo right) recently travelled to Africa.**



## **What Does Global Scholars Mean to you?**

“Global Scholars spreads the Christian worldview by building lasting relationships in universities within many developing countries and engaging tomorrow’s leaders.” Randal told us he is excited as well that Global Scholars staff are “committed followers of Jesus, doing the work that Jesus cares about.”

## **Why Did You Choose to Invest in Global Scholars?**

“Investing in Global Scholars fulfills my giving objectives all in one organization. It’s a combination of things that involve matching my time, talent, and treasure. It’s great knowing we are impacting the next generation of leaders and knowing that God is in the workplace culture at Global Scholars. Evangelism requires the whole body of Christ. We need a team of doers, donors, planters, teachers and harvesters. We love being a small part of something far bigger than ourselves. It’s also fun to be part of a winning team. Giving parts of time, treasure talent is a part of our personal journey of being in God’s will.”

We are pleased to work in partnership with Randal and his wife Debbie and serve and be a part of going to “all the world” and take the gospel to “all the people.” We are so excited to have Randal, and so many others, growing the ministry and being a part of the Global Scholars team!



Randal Linville has over 35 years of experience and success as a commodity market trader, international business executive and corporate board leader. He brings expertise and a myriad of connections in the following sectors: agriculture, capital markets, commodity, government, infrastructure, nonprofit, private equity, professional, and transport.

Randal co-founded, led as CEO, and recently sold Agspring, a top 40 grain logistics company. It was formed in 2012 as a private equity backed consolidator of agribusiness firms to supply grains, oilseeds, and related products to growing global markets. Previously Randal was at As President, and CEO from 1999-2009, Randal led Scoular through a decade of extraordinary success from building a portfolio of diverse business operations based in North America with International reach.

While growing up on a farm in Holcomb, KS, he developed a passion for both agriculture and business that led him to Kansas State University where he earned dual degrees in Agricultural Economics and Business Finance in 1976, followed by an MS in Agricultural Economics in 1977.

Upon graduation, he began his career with Soya Co. and later joined the Pillsbury Co.

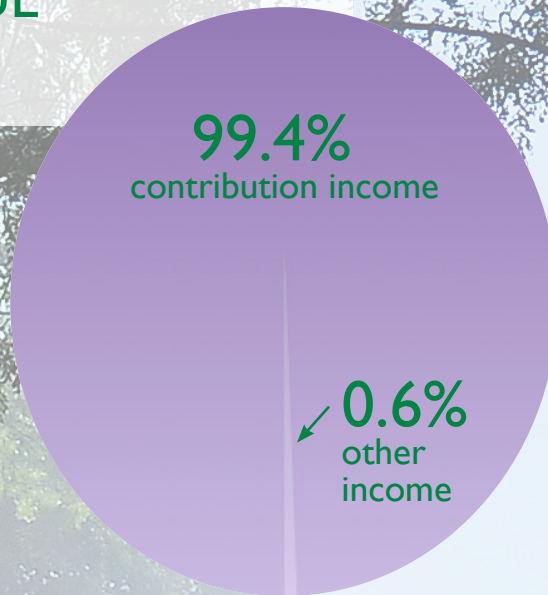
He is currently Managing Director of ClearSight Ventures. He serves as advisor, board member, entrepreneur, executive, and investor for a portfolio of marketplace and nonprofit groups. He also recently joined the Global Scholars board. He resides in Leawood, KS with his wife Debbie and children Grace and Jake. Their special interests include Exclusive Resorts family travel in USA and abroad, and Pilate’s fitness training.



# Financial Summary

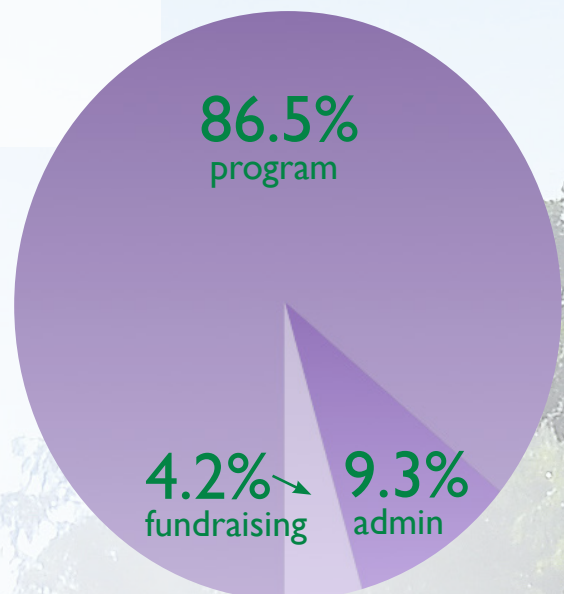
## 2016-17 REVENUE

**\$4,374,506**



## 2016-17 EXPENSES

**\$4,344,882**



Global Scholars is committed to maintaining the highest standards of financial accountability and integrity. These standards make it possible to put more of our donor's resources to work impacting the lives of students worldwide. Global Scholars is a member in good standing of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and Charity Navigator. RubinBrown LLP, an independent accounting agency, performed our 2016-17 Global Scholars audit. We adhere to strict reporting requirements on all the activities of Global Scholars.





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## REACHING STUDENTS IN IRAQ

Thirteen Iraqi students gathered on a Tuesday afternoon to study the book of Jonah with Jeff and Marie, a Global Scholars professor and his wife. Nineveh is not far from them—known today as Mosul.

As they read the story of Jonah together they learned that God is a God who will do whatever it takes to bring redemption to people everywhere—even in Iraq. They saw how much God loves Iraqis, even when His messengers, such as Jonah, fail to show His love. They also caught a glimpse of the joy their ancestors experienced when they turned from their idols and followed the one true God.

Some students wanted to continue learning about what the Bible has to say about the One True God. Many follow-up conversations continue with these

**As Jeff and Marie share with their students, "The word of God does not return void." (Isaiah 55:11)**

## INFLUENCING COLLEAGUES IN WESTERN EUROPE

Ahmad is a nominal Muslim professor who teaches from a postmodern Marxist perspective in a university in Germany. Kyle, a Global Scholars professor in his department, has befriended Ahmad. He may be the only Christian professor Ahmad knows. They have become good friends, and often their conversations turn to spiritual things. Kyle is often able to share a biblical perspective on the issues they discuss and the gospel.

Vahreed is an Egyptian Christian sharing an office with Kyle. She and Kyle have had important conversations about how he integrates his faith and scholarship. She has come to respect Kyle a great deal and loves to spend time in the kitchen with Kyle's wife, Sara. Vahreed had not been attending church, so Kyle and Sara invited her to go to church with them. She now regularly attends with them. Kyle and Sara continue to encourage her as she grows in her faith and starts fellowshiping with other believers.

**Doors continue to open for Kyle to have a redemptive influence among his his colleagues.**

**"Global Scholars is one of the most extraordinary mission movements in the of unimaginable significance. I couldn't be more supportive."**



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## FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN AN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

The Psychology Department at a prominent university in Africa was imploding. Accusations of corruption and conflict between faculty members had rendered the Department non-functional. Classes were not being held and students' education was suffering.

The university's Vice-Chancellor knew Kayla, a Global Scholars professor, was a person committed to honesty, integrity, and hard work. He asked her to serve as Department Chair in order to turn the department around.

For three years she served in this role. Thanks to God's guidance and wisdom, the Department has been transformed. Many of the conflicts between faculty were peacefully resolved, and the faculty are more committed to preparing students well to be the next generation of African counselors and psychologists. Students, faculty and the Vice-Chancellor are all very pleased with these changes.

Through her leadership Kayla has a redemptive influence in her department.

## TEACHING BUSINESS IN ASIA

Luke is a business professor in an Asian country. This semester he is teaching a course on leadership to 150 students.

His teachings on leadership include: how to be servant leaders, how to be persons of integrity, how to love others in the business context, and the importance of sacrifice and humility. These are themes not often discussed in this culture or on this campus, and certainly not as related to what society views as "excellence in business."

He is often asked where he gets these new and interesting ideas on leadership. Luke explains these ideas come from the life and teaching of Jesus. Many of his students are interested and want to hear more. This year two of his students placed their faith in Christ as a result. Luke is influencing, teaching and serving his academic field with integrity through the lens of a Christian Worldview.

Luke is influencing future business leaders to think about their work through the lens of a Christian Worldview.



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Declare His  
glory among  
the nations, His  
marvelous deeds  
among all the  
peoples.

Psalms 96:3

## WAYS TO GIVE

### **Cash**

Cash gifts can be made via credit and debit card as well as eChecks and direct withdrawals from checking and savings accounts directly on our website.

### **Assets**

Donated assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate may provide you with an income tax deduction based on the fair market value of the gift and eliminate all capital gains taxes.

### **Wills or Living Trusts**

A bequest to Global Scholars is as simple as adding an amendment to your will stating to give a specific amount or percentage of your estate to Global Scholars. This is the most common planned gift and it may provide you with valuable estate tax savings.

### **Vehicles**

You can donate your car, RV, motorcycle, boat, or ATV on our website (via iDonate). Simply enter the information, include the make, model, and year and an iDonate representative will contact you and organize the details of your gift.

### **Gift Cards**

Do you know you can donate your unused gift cards to Global Scholars? Gift cards include: AMC Theatres, Bed Bath and Beyond, Home Depot, Starbucks, Walmart, and many more. For a full listing of accepted gift cards visit our website.

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