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We serve a mighty God who is doing great things through our shared ministry. Thank you for your faithful partnership as we continue to lean into the vision He has put before us!

To God be the glory!

Tammy



today’s changing world. Kara says:

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**Sankofa 2019**

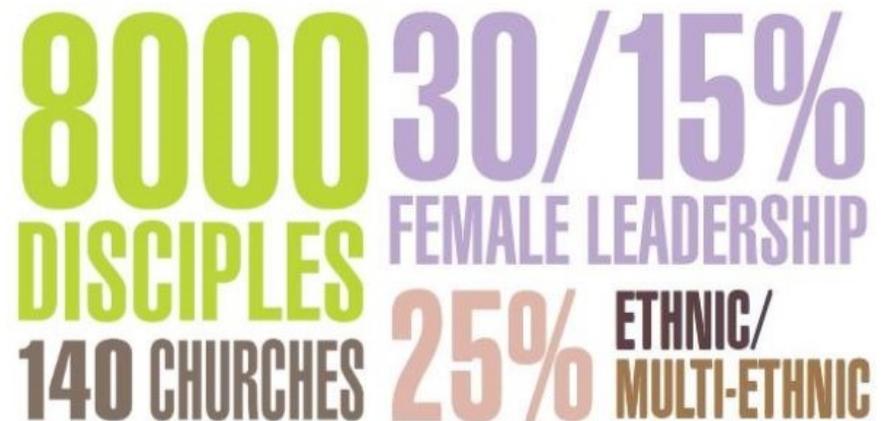
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