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Rick Love, President

To our partners in peace,

I was talking to John, a Kenyan pastor, as he shared chilling stories of the terrorist group Al Shabaab. He seemed overwhelmed by Al Shabaab's brazen, evil plans. I struggled to answer but then sensed God's guidance for him: "You are not responsible to figure out how to stop Al Shabaab, John. You are responsible to work for peace where God has placed you. God has given you a sphere of influence. Begin there."

We all have valid concerns and easily lodge complaints about the progress (or lack of progress) of peace. But it is true: **Peace begins with me. Peace begins with you. #IAmAPeaceCatalyst**

I am thrilled to share with you the Peace Catalyst International annual report for 2015! As you can see we are growing and progressing globally and locally. I am humbled and honored to serve these amazing Peace Catalysts.

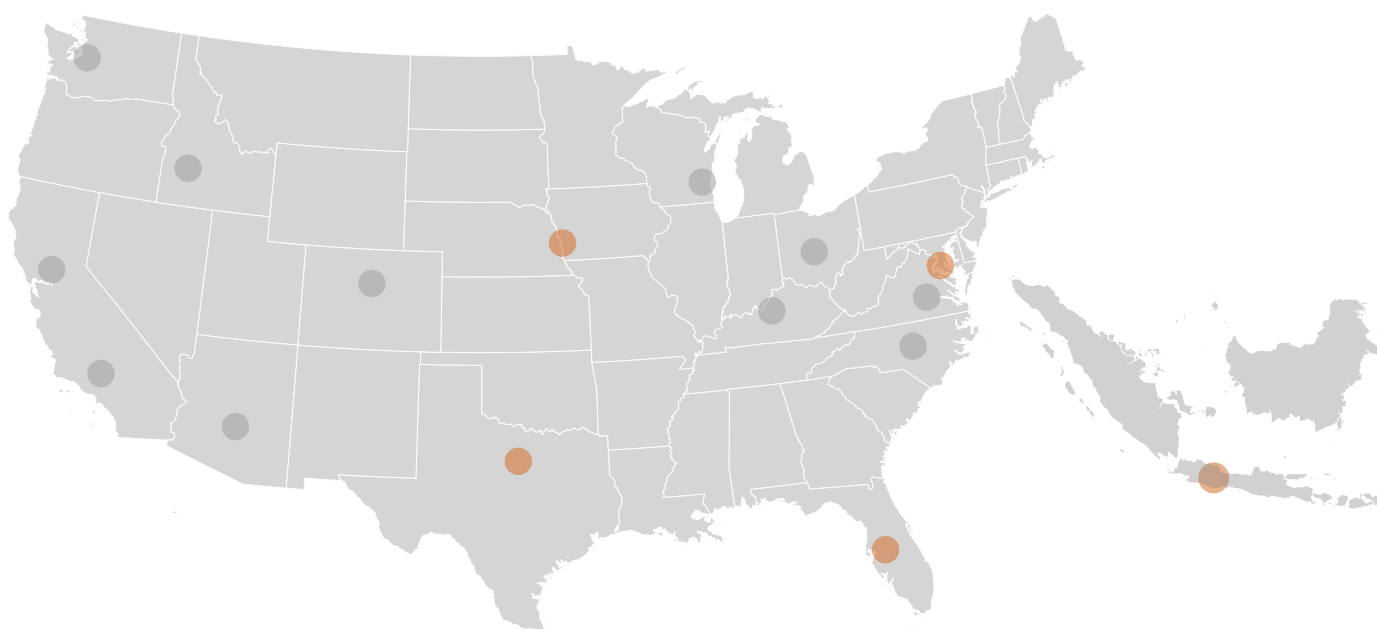
Thank you for your support and participation in the peacemaking movement.

In the following pages, you will hear from Peace Catalysts of all kinds. There are many ways to work for peace-- as many ways as there are people! So grab a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy this peacemaking journey.

Yours for the sake of the Christ of peace and the cause of peace,

Rick Love, Ph.D.
President, Peace Catalyst International

As of 2015, Peace Catalyst now works in 15 U.S. cities and one in Indonesia, making us a truly international team.



ARIZONA
Phoenix

CALIFORNIA
Camarillo
Davis

COLORADO
Denver

FLORIDA *NEW
Mulberry

IDAHO
Boise

INDONESIA *NEW

KENTUCKY
Louisville

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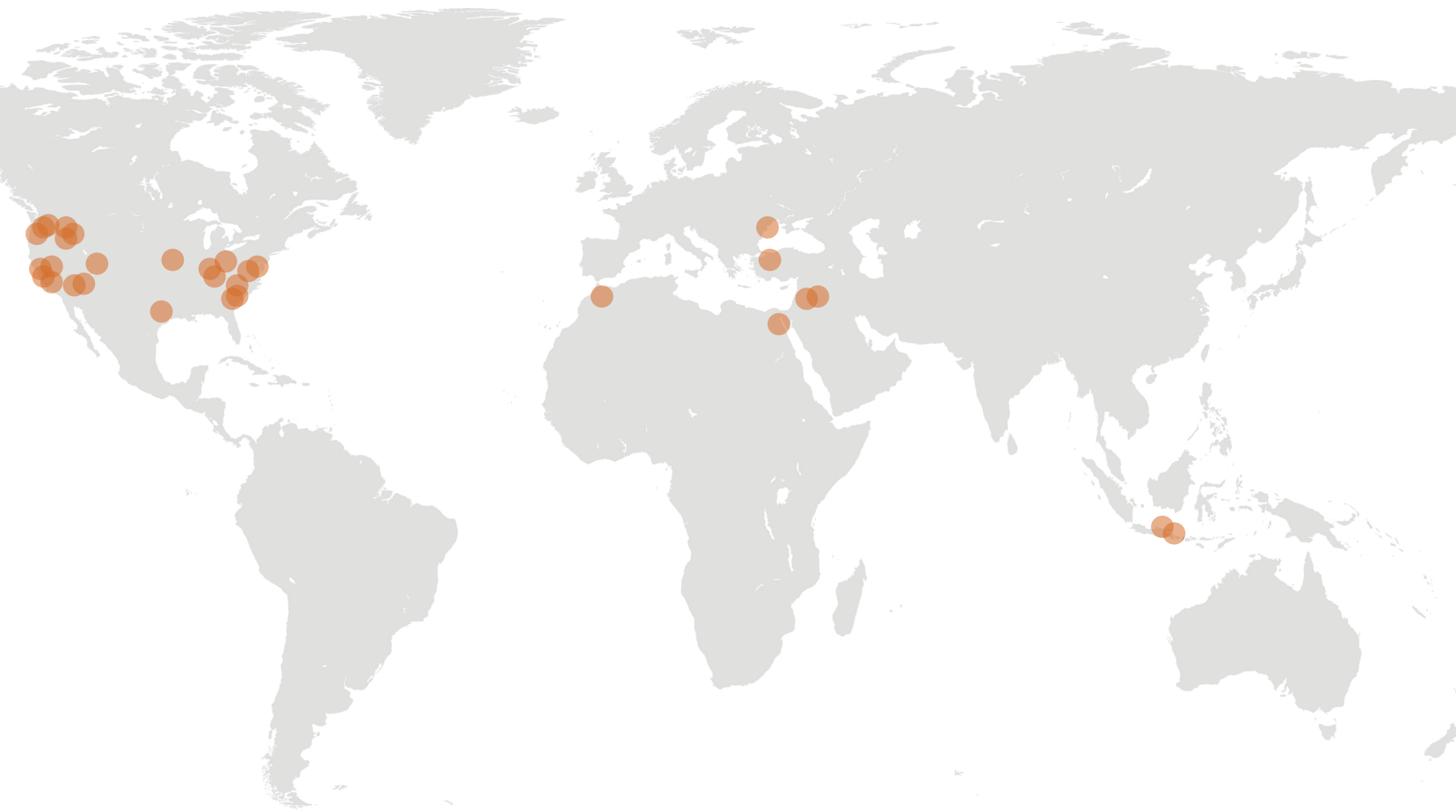
TEXAS *NEW
Dallas

VIRGINIA
Richmond

WASHINGTON
Seattle

WASHINGTON, D.C. *NEW

WISCONSIN
Milwaukee



**This year, the Peace Catalyst movement
has touched people all over the world.**



PEACE CATALYST PROGRAMS

How a Peace Catalyst follows Jesus and wages peace



Over **6000** people learned directly from Peace Catalysts in 2015. PCI staff hosted an average of 9 training or teaching events every month.

Equipping an army of **everyday peacemakers**:

- Peacemaker Training
- Grace & Truth Training
- Walking With Refugees

“

Before this presentation, I was afraid of Muslims.

”

I couldn't tell the “bad” from the “good” but now I understand that many are just like me.

- Christian PCI training participant



Waves of Haiti
Port-au-Paix HAITI
Rob



Hello
my name is
Amica

Hello
my name is
Susan
R.

#WeRefuseToBeEnemies

In 2015 Peace Catalysts held respectful Christian-Muslim encounters weekly. More than **2000** people participated.

Creating **safe spaces**:

- Peace Feast
- Love Your Neighbor Dinner
- Quick to Listen
- Jesus Dialogue
- Communities of Reconciliation
- Community Service
- Visual and Performance Peacemaking

“

We can't just fight back and harm people when they hurt us. We have to produce something beneficial, to be peacemakers as Jesus taught.

- Muslim PCI program participant

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In 2015 Peace Catalysts influenced over **76** leaders and impacted over **30** cities around the world.

Leveraging **global influence**:

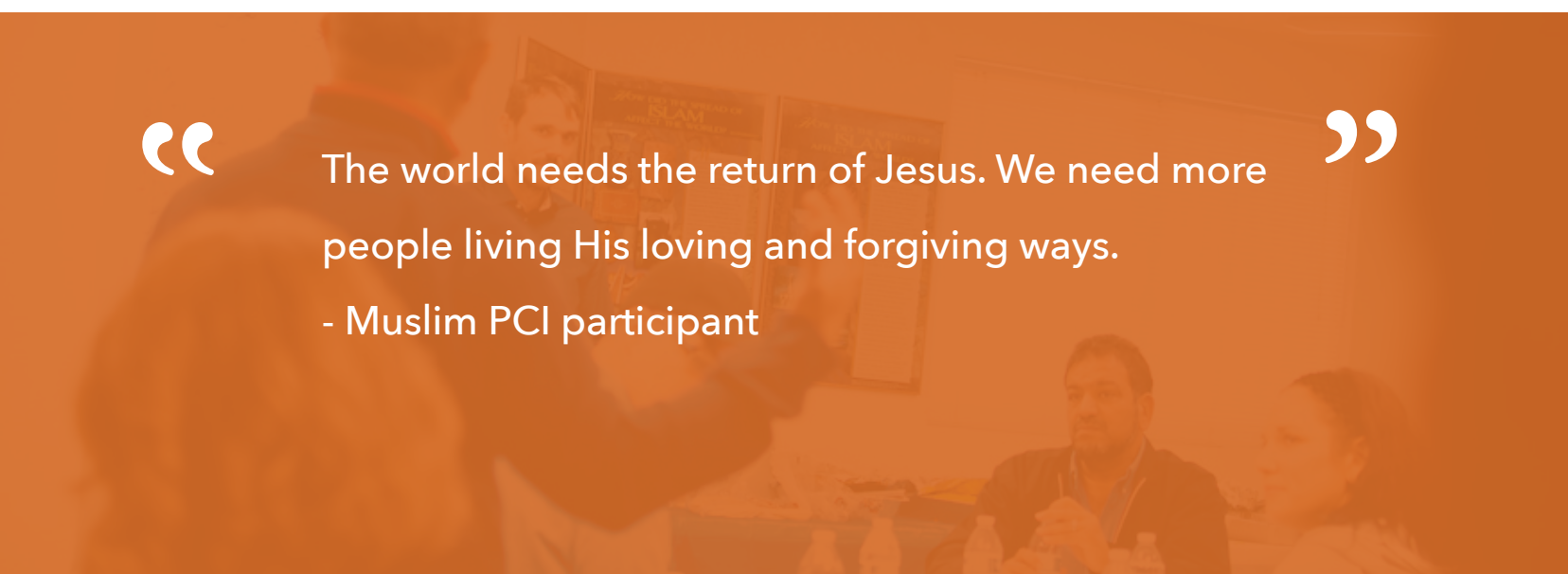
- Local and high-level leadership capacity building
- Writing and media production
- Networks for peace

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The world needs the return of Jesus. We need more people living His loving and forgiving ways.

- Muslim PCI participant

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PEACE CATALYST AROUND THE WORLD

Indonesia

Jaime Harris opened the Peace Cafe in Indonesia, a space where Muslim and Christian customers are welcomed into a new way of doing life together. Jaime is training thousands of Indonesian youth in the Peace Generation curriculum to ensure that when jihad recruiters come knocking at their doors they're not easily convinced because they've experienced the blessings of peace.

Morocco

Sheikh Abdullah Bin Bayyah, a brilliant Islamic scholar and gracious peacemaker, convened 300 people from 120 countries in Marrakesh, Morocco. The goal was to address freedom of religion for minorities in Muslim majority countries. Rick Love was invited to attend as a Peace Catalyst International representative.

Israel & Palestine

Andy Larsen used Visual Peacemaking to release the Blessed are the Peacemakers Documentary, tracing his journey to Israel and the West Bank. One pastor says, "In a culture where it's far too easy and tempting to vilify and demonize the 'other,' Larsen and Yeager engage in the honorable work in humanizing this conflict."



I AM A **PEACE CATALYST**

Hear directly from Peace Catalysts about their everyday peacemaking in 2015



I AM A PEACE CATALYST



I AM CREATIVE

Bill and Julie Clark in Seattle found a surprising and powerful link between Bosnian Muslims and Jazz. "In our early days here we became close to the Bosnian Imam and many of the young adults. In casual conversation we heard about an annual Jazz Festival in Sarajevo. About that time, one of my closest Muslim friends invited us to his birthday party at Jazz Alley, a well-known local jazz club. Listening to the music that night I thought, "Why don't we put on a Jazz concert with our Muslim friends?" In 2015 we put on four concerts and raised money for a common social justice issue"



I AM **MUSLIM**

Iyad Hindi is a Muslim participant of an ongoing Community of Reconciliation in North Carolina. He shared with us, "Peace Catalyst has had a wonderful impact on me and my family. The friendships my wife and I were able to create and enhance with our Christian friends reinforced our conviction that people who worship God, of all faiths, can make this a better world for all."

I AM **A COMMUNITY SERVANT**

In Phoenix, Josh Prather coordinated a blood drive with his church and their Muslim neighbors. "A vision of peace that impacts all areas of life must go past the relationship between Muslims and Christians," Josh shares. "We can partner together to bring healing in our communities through simple acts of love. This blood drive allowed us to pursue peace outside the walls of the mosque or the church."

A group of people, including men and women, are seated around a table in what appears to be a meeting or discussion. The image is dimly lit and serves as a background for the text.

I AM **HOSPITABLE**

Nick and Laura organized a 16-church initiative focused on welcoming Muslim refugees. "Mutual hospitality is the beginning of peacemaking. All refugees are made in the image of God, and God loves all refugees. Once we experience hospitality on a personal level it becomes increasingly difficult to see the 'the other' as fundamentally different."

I AM **BUSY**

Ben and Sarah Long have full-time jobs and are raising two children. "A persecuted mosque in small-town Texas invited us to stand alongside Muslims to denounce a hate-filled rhetoric. We spoke of how the teachings of Jesus motivate us to stand up for human rights, freedom of religion, and the flourishing of all peoples. We don't see the commission set before us by the Lord as an additional task but rather a holistic approach to how we do life."

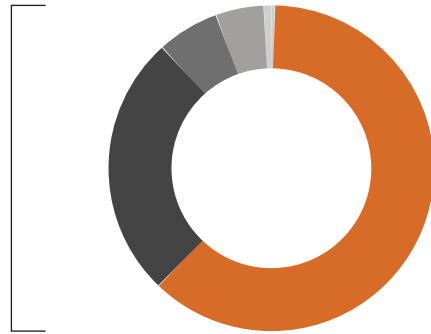
I AM A **PEACE CATALYST**






I AM **GIVING**

“As a lifelong Christian who has spent half of my life living in a post 9/11 world, I constantly find myself frustrated and confounded by the lack of tools we (Christians and churches) have for making peace. My personal arsenal for making peace has been empty for too long, so as I stumbled upon Peace Catalyst I was thrilled! My wife and I have been blessed to partner with and support the work of Peace Catalyst and we are excited to have creative tools to begin responding to the violence.”

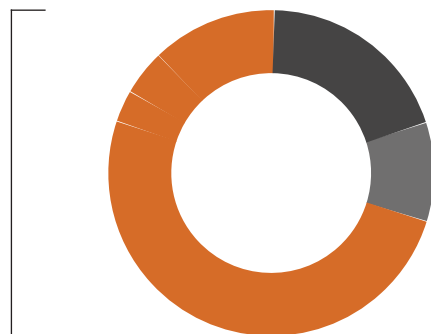
Caleb Lind




REVENUE
\$509,235



-  **INDIVIDUALS:** 65%
-  **CHURCHES:** 25%
-  **FOUNDATIONS:** 5%
-  **CONFERENCES:** 4%
-  **OTHER INCOME:** 1%

EXPENSES
\$507,986



-  **PEACEMAKERS*:** 69%
-  **ADMIN & FUNDRAISING:**** 20%
-  **OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES:** 11%

*Peacemakers are our most powerful weapon for Waging Peace. We are effective because we are relational. We are also committed to wise, frugal stewardship—that’s one reason our program expenses are so low!

**In addition to our six new program cities, we hired additional support staff. Because of this we are better positioned for continued programmatic growth.

ARE **YOU** READY TO BE A **PEACE CATALYST?**



GIVE

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city

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