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FOR THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE CHURCH IN PERU AND BEYOND





obert "Bob" and Mary Anderson believed that at the heart of God's strategy for fulfilling the Great Commission is the multiplication of the church—communities of the redeemed being salt and light to the world.

In 1955, with the call to "go to the nations" billowing their sails, Bob and Mary embarked on a missionary journey to Peru with South America Mission (SAM). Bob's mother, Hazel, was among the very first missionaries sent out by SAM in the 1920s. The Andersons were building on a rich heritage by going. They went with a desire for the indigenous peoples of Peru to hear the good news of the gospel of grace. Bob and Mary were evangelists. They were disciple makers.

When the Andersons went, they went to stay. For more than 25 years they pitched their tent wide and strengthened their stakes in the jungles of Peru's eastern Amazon among the Shipibo people. Hundreds of Shipibo met Christ because of the presence of this missionary couple and their children. Indigenous churches

formed up and down the headwaters of the Amazon River, in the Ucayali River region near Pucallpa. God used the Andersons as his redemptive agents to bring together a coalition of Shipibo churches. These churches eventually formed a national association whose influence and impact continue today.

The Anderson's call to service extended beyond the mission field of Peru. In 1983, Bob became only the third General Director in the history of South America Mission. Until their retirement in 1993, God sustained their leadership and care of SAM's missionary community by their vision to see lives redeemed and communities transformed through the multiplication of the church of Jesus Christ.

Reverend Bob Anderson had his home going on March 31, 2015. He is survived by Mary, seven children and 26 grandchildren. Granddaughter Carrie Lorenz Himes and her husband Chris are missionaries with South America Mission in Brazil. The Anderson legacy of going to proclaim the good news, to make disciples, and to see the Bride of Christ shining brilliantly continues, 92 years after Hazel, 60 years after Bob and Mary.



In honor of Robert and Mary Andersons' legacy and the family and partners who have walked alongside them, South America Mission announces:

The Anderson Fund Proclaim, Be, Multiply,

The Fund will fuel SAM's efforts to develop and sustain strategic initiatives in the core ministries that the Andersons embodied.

They shared the gospel in word, believing in the **power of proclamation** to redeem lives. They **practiced presence**—being with people—as a means of pointing others to Jesus; they knew this is how disciples and leaders are made. And they saw the church in the middle of God's redemptive plan for the world—with more than 25 years of ministry in **Peru and 10 as SAM's General Director**, they gave their lives to **seeing the church multiplied**.

The Anderson Fund will be weighted towards powering Peru-based initiatives. South America Mission is poised for significant growth in Peru as the team there grows and expands its focus to church plants in the cities of Lima, Huanta and Ayacucho, as well as in the jungle region of Pucallpa and along the coast in and around Puerto Supe. And, to honor and perpetuate the Anderson legacy of leadership, the Fund will enhance SAM's organizational leadership efforts today to expand and launch new initiatives in core ministry areas and to mobilize more missionaries like the Andersons to participate in God's redemptive work in Peru and beyond.

\$25,000 Matching Campaign: A generous donor has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar all donations to The Anderson Fund up to \$25,000. The match is for donations received beginning in 2017. Please respond today with a one-time gift or a monthly commitment for two years in order for us to receive the generous \$25,000 match.

The Anderson Fund Prospectus

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Target

Half of Fund monies will be directed to <u>Peru-based ministry initiatives</u> in the <u>areas of evangelism</u>, disciple-making and church planting. Fueling SAM's

evangelistic outreach in the regions of Ayacucho and Lima, as major church multiplication efforts are underway there, is a funding priority. We will also invest in expanding indigenous training ministries among the Shipibo and Ashaninka people of the eastern Amazon jungle region. Investments in infrastructure and personnel for new church-plants (facilities, Peruvian leadership, etc.) will also take priority.

Half of Fund monies will be directed to <u>SAM's organizational</u> <u>leadership efforts</u>. Specifically, funding will support the leadership collaboration necessary to shape strategy and implement ministry initiatives that embody the Andersons' passions, reflected in SAM's core areas of missional emphasis: evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and church planting. Funding will also sustain leadership efforts to

engage local churches to connect missionaries with SAM ministries in Peru and beyond.



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