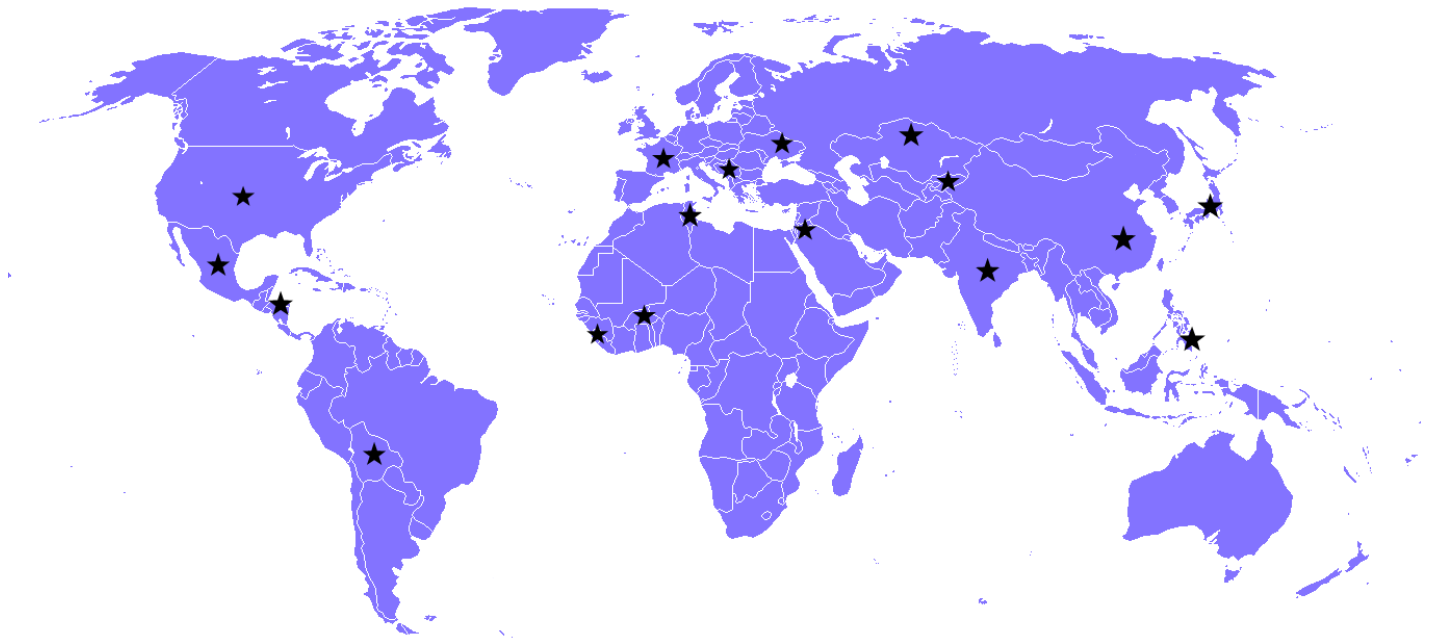




THE MINISTRY OF
Alongside

Renewing and Equipping Christian Leaders

A Global Ministry in Richland, Michigan



If you were to visit the retreat center that hosts ALONGSIDE's ministry on beautiful Gull Lake near Richland, Michigan, you wouldn't find an expansive or elaborate facility; you would find several modest, cozy cottages from which we offer ministry to pastors and missionaries. In this humble setting, lives are transformed, healing takes place, and hope is restored, both personally and professionally.

Many of those who learn of our ministry are surprised at the global impact of our work. During the first six months of 2009, we have welcomed pastors and missionaries from all over the United States—and also from 17 different countries on 5 continents! Each star on the map above represents a country from which missionaries and pastors have come to ALONGSIDE so far in 2009. We minister to people who themselves then minister to other people in countries all over the world, creating a ripple effect of ministry. By investing in those who in turn invest in others worldwide, ALONGSIDE is both a global ministry and a strategic ministry.

From the small town of Richland, Michigan, we can impact people literally all over the world. Thank you for your role in supporting this far-reaching ministry!

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Thank You!

We would like to take the opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all of the friends of Alongside for your wonderful support so far this year! In a time of worldwide economic recession, our donations have remained steady, and your faithful financial support has enabled us to continue offering scholarships to those in financial need. Also, 2009 has been one of our busiest years to date, with nearly every retreat operating near full capacity. Thank you for your support!

Testimonies from Recent Guests

"I have learned more about myself and ministry in these 3 weeks than in the past 15 years. I wish every person in any form of ministry could avail themselves of this amazing place."

"I arrived here a broken, empty nobody, and I leave here after 3 short weeks with a total new outlook on life and ministry, along with a better understanding of who I am as a person and as a pastor."

"The 2 words that best described me when I arrived at Alongside were 'bitter' and 'hurt ...'. The 2 words that best describe myself as I leave this place are 'joyful' and 'confident' - praise God!"

"I believe that Alongside has been crucial in our lives in the areas of our marriage, our family, and our ministry."

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Did You Know ...

... that over half of all pastors say that they have experienced depression or burnout to the extent that they considered leaving ministry?

... that the staff of Alongside have ministered to over **1000** pastors and missionaries since 1996?

For more information about our ministry, please visit our website at [www.alongsidecares.net!](http://www.alongsidecares.net)

While Alongside charges a fee to those who attend our intensive counseling retreats, our fees do not cover the total cost of our services. We depend upon people just like you to partner with us in this vital ministry. All contributions are tax-deductible, and we thank you in advance for your generosity! Contributions can be sent directly to our Richland address or by giving online: www.alongsidecares.net.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*