## **Our Story**

#### Early in the spring of 1986, when Lareau and Evie Lindquist were in a remote area of a jungle

in Colombia, South America the concept of Barnabas International was born. The Lord was moving in their hearts to consider a ministry of encouragement to God's servants overseas. After much prayer, Barnabas International became a reality on July 7, 1986. Barnabas is named after a first-century disciple in Acts 4:36. It is the hope of each Barnabas staff member that we, like this disciple, might be people of encouragement.



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# Shepherding the hearts of

#### We are ...

Pastors and counselors Bible teachers and conference speakers Leaders, coaches, and mentors Member care trainers and providers

#### We provide ...

Advice on ministry models and focuses Ministry to families, couples, and singles SYIS training (Strengthening Your Interpersonal Skills) Peace Makers (conflict resolution) Team building retreats Debriefings Men's and women's ministries TCK (Third Culture Kids) and MK care Mu Kappa (ministry to MKs in college)

Barnabas International is focused on the spiritual and emotional health of God's global servants. Although the ministries of our staff are diverse, each one has a passion for walking alongside and encouraging those who are serving the Lord in full-time ministry in cross-cultural situations. We are committed to providing encouragement to those in ministry worldwide in the following ways:



#### Going

We travel to the fields of service to provide an "on site" ministry presence.

#### Listening

We ask questions, taking time to listen to the servant's story.

#### Speaking

We minister the Word of God through preaching and teaching as pastoral care providers.

#### Giving

We believe that encouragement is fundamentally a gift of grace.

### Thrive where you are planted

#### **Barnabas** International exists to edify, encourage, enrich, and strengthen servants in ministry.

We creatively seek ways to fulfill our purpose through a variety of ministry models

We are pastoral care providers, shepherding the hearts and souls of God's people.

Our ministry priorities are targeted toward global servants, pastors, national church leaders, and their families

