

Dear WorldVenture,

After 38 years of faithful service with WorldVenture, including the past 14 years as President, the WorldVenture Board of Directors is announcing Jeff Denlinger's retirement transition from the role of President to be effective in early 2027.

Jeff's leadership has helped guide WorldVenture through seasons of growth, challenges, and opportunity. His unwavering commitment to Christ, passion for the nations, and dedication to our mission have left a lasting impact on the organization, our Global Workers and Staff, our partners, and the countless lives touched through the gospel around the world.

As we look to this transition, we do so with gratitude for Jeff's remarkable legacy and with confidence in God's continued faithfulness. This moment represents the passing of the baton to the next wave of leadership, a strategic step that reflects our commitment to the missional purpose of WorldVenture via long-term vitality and future effectiveness.

Throughout its history, WorldVenture has been strengthened by leaders who have faithfully stewarded the mission from one generation to the next. Jeff's transition continues that heritage, creating space for emerging leaders to build upon the strong foundation that has been established and continues today, while pursuing new opportunities to advance the gospel among the nations.

WorldVenture remains missionally focused, doctrinally and financially sound, and firmly committed to its calling, with a dedicated team of Global Workers, Staff, and leaders serving faithfully around the world. This leadership transition is not a sign of uncertainty, but rather a reflection of thoughtful succession planning and confidence in the organization's future as we continue to pursue God's mission together.

We invite you to join us in thanking Jeff for his decades of service and in praying for him, his family, and the leadership transition process ahead. We are excited about what God has in store for WorldVenture as we continue our shared mission of making disciples and multiplying churches among the least-reached peoples of the world.

A Presidential Search Team (PST) has been formed and has already met. It is made up of board members and Global Workers.

The PST will work with a search company, but it will be your prayers and our dependence upon the Lord that ultimately will secure the next president for WorldVenture.

We will strive to keep you informed as we shepherd this leadership change. There will be regular updates on the website, including a FAQ page. A new addition of "Conversations with Jeff" and Pat Cottrell, PST Chair, will be aired soon, talking about the transition.

Thank you for joining us in prayer,

The WorldVenture Board of Directors