

Creating jobs and churches

2012–2020

CLOSING REPORT

*A Celebration of
What God has Done*



2012

May

God gives the vision for Jesus' Economy.

July

Co-founder Kalene Barry begins volunteering full-time as an executive for Jesus' Economy.

September

Jesus' Economy is incorporated in the state of Washington.

December

JesusEconomy.org is officially live.

2013

June

Jesus' Economy partners with organizations working in Uganda and Haiti to create jobs.

July

Jesus' Economy partners with organizations working in Kenya and Zambia to create jobs.

August

John Barry travels to Bihar, India to research community development methods.

September

The Jesus' Economy Online Fair Trade Store is born.

October

Jesus' Economy Advocates Group forms.

November

The Renew Bihar, India project is launched. Jesus' Economy partners with an organization working in Rwanda to create jobs.

2014

February thru May

Jesus' Economy founders, John and Kalene Barry, travel across the US to speak in churches about Renew Bihar.

March

Jesus' Economy founder John Barry drafts the book *Jesus' Economy*, a call to take action against extreme poverty.

June

Jesus' Economy receives 501(c)(3) status, retroactive to incorporation date.

August

Jesus' Economy issues its first grant for a year's salary for two church planters and two water wells in Bihar, India.

2015

January

God gives the vision for Resurrect Church Movement, the North American division of Jesus' Economy.

May

Jesus' Economy issues its second grant for an additional year's salary for two church planters and two more water wells in Bihar, India.

2016

March

Founders John and Kalene Barry sell their home and 90% of what they own, dedicating their resources and time to spreading the gospel and empowering the impoverished.

June

Founder John Barry leaves his job in Christian publishing to go full-time with Jesus' Economy and pastoral ministry. Kalene Barry continues to serve full-time as a volunteer with Jesus' Economy, as she has since its inception.

August

Jesus' Economy partners with an organization working in Brazil and Malawi to create jobs.

December

Jesus' Economy issues its third grant for an additional year's salary for two church planters, a year's salary for two new church planters, and two bicycles for church planters.

2017

July

Jesus' Economy partners with an organization working in Nepal to create jobs.

November

To create jobs, Jesus' Economy partners with an organization working in Guatemala and establishes new partnerships with organizations working in Brazil, Rwanda, and Haiti.

2018

January

Jesus' Economy issues its fourth grant for an additional year's salary for four church planters and three more water wells in Bihar, India.

2019

January

John D. Barry's book *Jesus' Economy* is published by Whitaker House with endorsements from over 40 Christian leaders from around the world. John Barry makes multiple media appearances.

March

Jesus' Economy issues its fifth grant for an additional year's salary for four church planters and one more water well in Bihar, India. In light of church plant successes, a portion of church planter funding is now utilized for training local Christian leaders.

2020

March

Jesus' Economy issues its sixth grant for an additional year's salary for four church planters, one water well, and new empowering women (job creation) initiatives in Bihar, India. This includes funding 80 sewing machines for female business leaders in Bihar.

April

The founders, John and Kalene Barry, discern a call to chaplaincy. The executives and board of Jesus' Economy collectively and unanimously discern that it is time to close Jesus' Economy.

May

JesusEconomy.com is created to honor the legacy of Jesus' Economy (the nonprofit) and to inspire others to continue the vision.

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The Story of Jesus' Economy

Every one of our life stories has stepping off points. We turn from one page to the next. There are doors we walk through from which we cannot return. And there are ideas that change absolutely everything.

In 2012, one idea changed everything for us. *Jesus' economy is based on self-sacrifice; and Jesus' currency is love.* We imagined a world in which artisans are connected to global commerce; the gospel reaches all people; basic needs are met everywhere; and the developing world is renewed. That's *Jesus' economy*.

Jesus' Economy set out to address physical *and* spiritual poverty—creating jobs and churches in the developing world.

To make this vision real, with just the money in our bank account and the time we could volunteer, we started the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Jesus' Economy. *This* was our stepping off point. By 2016, after Kalene had been volunteering full-time for four years, we went “all in.” We walked through a door from which we could not return. We sold our house, 90% of what we owned, John left a great job in Christian publishing, and we went full-time with Jesus' Economy and pastoral ministry.

We expected these decisions to finance a year of our efforts and hoped that the domestic division of Jesus' Economy (Resurrect Church Movement) would sustain us. While we were never able to receive a salary from Jesus' Economy, by God's grace, we made it *four* years. Praise the Lord!

Now eight years into Jesus' Economy, we have reached another stepping off point. God has called us to walk through another door: full-time chaplaincy.

Since Jesus' Economy has always relied on our volunteer labor, we and the Board of Directors have unanimously agreed to dissolve the organization. Effective April 15, 2020, Jesus' Economy is no longer taking sales or donations. In line with our commitment to donors deciding where their donations go, all designated donations have been issued as final gifts from Jesus' Economy to the funds and projects chosen by the donor. We are honored to celebrate this legacy.

Jesus' economy lives on in the hundreds of artisans whose jobs have been sustained through the Jesus' Economy Fair Trade Shop. And Jesus' currency of love is seen in the dozens of women who will be empowered through business training and the gift of sewing machines; the thousands who have access to the gospel through church



planting; and the thousands who now have access to clean water in Bihar, India. The self-sacrifice of the many volunteers is a lasting gift: over 20,000 hours of labor have been contributed. The ideas of Jesus' Economy are now in the book, *Jesus' Economy: A Biblical View of Poverty, the Currency of Love, and a Pattern for Lasting Change*. The legacy will continue on JesusEconomy.com, which replaces JesusEconomy.org as of May 1, 2020.

We sought to create a new physical and spiritual economy for those who need it most. By the grace of God, we accomplished that effort.

May the story of Jesus' economy live on. May Jesus' currency of love guide all, always.

Rev. John D. Barry
FOUNDER

Kalene Barry
FOUNDER

Board of Directors of Jesus' Economy

Rev. John D. Barry (CEO & President), Kalene Barry (Chief Projects Officer, Senior VP, & Secretary), Jeffery Chan (Treasurer), Michael Freyberger (Chief Technology Officer & VP), Pastor John Bornschein, Ryan J. Pemberton, Pastor Nathan R. Byrd, Rev. Dr. Eric Costanzo, Dr. Sunday Bobai Agang.*

*All positions are volunteer.

ABOUT JESUS' ECONOMY

Dedicated to creating jobs, planting churches,
and meeting needs.





HOLISTIC MINISTRY

We empowered developing world leaders to renew their communities, both spiritually and physically. In each community, we offered church grants, provided business training, and met basic needs. We focused on regions where people had not heard Jesus' name.



FAIR TRADE SHOP

We also sold handmade products created in the developing world. Each purchase helped the artisan who made the product, the organization they worked through, and helped pay our administrative bills. Every person involved made fair wages.



100% TO DEVELOPING WORLD

Every single dollar people donated went exactly where the donor designated. For example, if a donor gave \$100 to providing clean water, the full \$100 went to the developing world and was used only for drilling water. We raised our U.S. costs separately.

Jesus' Economy operated as a financially transparent, 501(c)(3), nonprofit charitable organization.

And we had a vision: Entrepreneurs connected to global commerce. The gospel reaching all people. Basic needs met everywhere. The developing world renewed.

That's Jesus' Economy.

CREATING JOBS, PLANTING CHURCHES, MEETING BASIC NEEDS

The Story of Renew Bihar, India

In northeast India, in a state called Bihar, there is unimaginable physical and spiritual poverty. Millions live in extreme poverty. Many lack access to clean water. Most women have little hope of sustainable jobs. Few people have heard how much Jesus loves them.

Jesus' Economy partnered with a well-established nonprofit in India to plant churches, create jobs via business training for impoverished women, and meet basic needs through water wells. Together, we desired to spiritually and physically transform Bihar through local indigenous leadership.



Jesus' Economy asked our donors to join us in creating jobs, planting churches, and meeting basic needs. We invited them to renew hope, hearts, and homes—to renew Bihar, India. 100% went to the developing world.

For seven years, through grants to our partner nonprofit, Transformation India Movement, Jesus' Economy invested in the people of Bihar. During this time, four church planters were sponsored, including an investment in their training as church planters and administrative support. The churches were so

successful that two of the church planters were even able to use a portion of their funding to train new church leaders. These planters have brought the gospel to over 100 villages, where people had previously not heard the name of Jesus. And two of the planters did so on bicycles funded by Jesus' Economy.

Jesus' Economy also sponsored nine water wells that were drilled in the villages the church planters were serving. Thousands now have access to clean water and have subsequently been told about the 'living water,' Jesus.

New business training initiatives for empowering women will be launched through the final grant to the Renew Bihar, India Project. In the villages where Jesus' Economy church planters are working, 80 women will receive training in seamstress and tailoring skills, how to run their own businesses, and fair trade business ethics. After the six-month,



part-time training program, each of the 80 women will be gifted sewing machines. They will be equipped to launch seamstress and tailoring businesses in their local communities. These empowered women will be able to lift their entire families out of poverty.*

While the needs in Bihar are still great, the efforts of Jesus' Economy created dozens of jobs, provided thousands with access to the gospel, and brought water to the thirsty.

**Reporting for the final grant from Jesus' Economy to Transformation India Movement will be reviewed by previous Jesus' Economy Board Member, Rev. Dr. Eric Costanzo (at South Tulsa Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma).*

CREATING JOBS FOR THE IMPOVERISHED

The Story of the Jesus' Economy Fair Trade Shop

Developing world entrepreneurs need sustainable access to revenue for their businesses to grow. We developed our model around the idea that, for an impoverished economy to change, entrepreneurs need access to funds from developed economies. This means access to global customers, specifically through ecommerce.

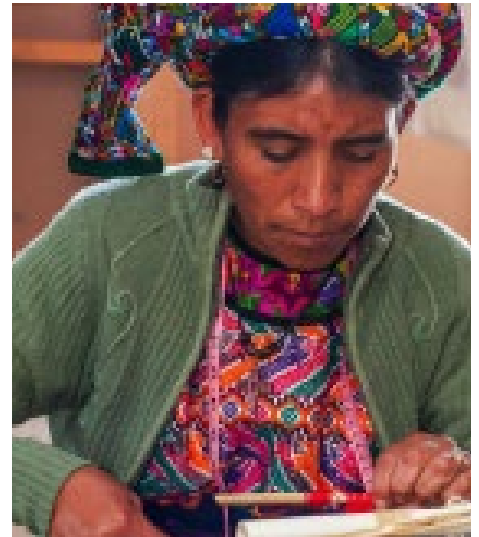


One of our slogans became: *Make it so that not only when I give, but also when I shop, I can help others.*

The JesusEconomy.org Fair Trade Shop was launched in September 2013. On JesusEconomy.org, people could buy products and donate to the cause of their choice in the same transaction. The Fair Trade Shop represented artisans from around the world. Over the years, JesusEconomy.org featured products from Haiti, Kenya, Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Brazil, Guatemala, and Nepal. We told the stories of artisans lifting their families out of poverty—stories of craft, culture, and commerce changing lives.

The Jesus' Economy Fair Trade Shop created and sustained jobs for developing world artisans and helped their U.S.-based partner organizations. Jesus' Economy then reinvested any profit remaining from product sales into our Operations Fund. This economic cycle represents a new way of doing nonprofit work. We hope this is just the beginning of innovation in this space for the sake of the impoverished.

In India, where Jesus' Economy issued grants for holistic ministry, we hoped to initiate a related idea: the guaranteed purchase of products at the end of a microloan and business training initiative, followed by the sale of those products through our ecommerce platform. That chapter will have to be written by another nonprofit.



JESUS' ECONOMY PROGRAMS



**Holistic Project:
Renew Bihar, India**
Creating Jobs,
Planting Churches, &
Meeting Basic Needs
in an Extremely
Poor Region, Where
Few Have Heard the
Name of Jesus



**Fair Trade Shop at
JesusEconomy.org**
Creating Jobs
for Artisans
Overcoming Poverty
from the Developing
World



**Jesus' Economy
Operations**
The U.S. "Behind
the Scenes" Efforts
that Fueled the
Movement of Jesus'
Economy



**Resurrect Church
Movement**
Equipping U.S.
Churches through
Content, Consulting,
Speeches, & Training

IMPACT OF JESUS' ECONOMY

5,941 Estimated People Impacted by Efforts

10 Developing Countries Represented: Haiti, Kenya, Zambia, Uganda, Brazil, Malawi, Rwanda, India, Guatemala, Nepal

9 Villages in Bihar, India Renewed by Creating Jobs, Planting Churches, & Meeting Basic Needs

34 New House Churches Planted where People Had Never Heard Jesus' Name

100s of Jobs Created/Sustained through the Jesus' Economy Fair Trade Shop & Entrepreneur Training

4,000+ People Had Basic Needs Met through Clean Water & Literacy Training in Bihar, India

1,000s Inspired to Live Jesus' Economy by Jesus' Economy Book, Blog, VLOG, & Podcast

20,000+ Hours Volunteered by Jesus' Economy Staff & Other Volunteers

CREATING JOBS



17

Fair Trade
Partnerships
Sustained through
JesusEconomy.org



50+

Artisan Guilds
Supported



80

Women
Empowered to
Start Their Own
Businesses via
6-Month Training



80

Sewing Machines
Donated to Female
Entrepreneurs

PLANTING CHURCHES



139

Villages Have Access
to the Gospel



4

Church Planters
Sponsored



2

Bicycles Donated for
Church Planters



1,282

People Said, "I
Believe"



532

People Said,
"Baptize Me"

MEETING BASIC NEEDS



9

Water Wells Drilled



4,080

People Have Access
to Clean Water



700+

People Received
Literacy Training

The story continues...

at JesusEconomy.com

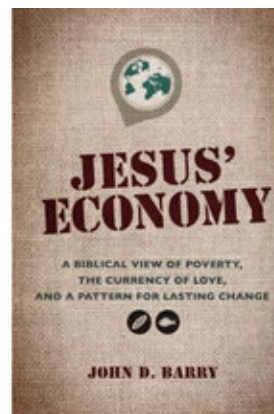


THE STORY OF JESUS' ECONOMY



And in the book ...

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