

Introducing theRIVER Gardeners Team

Name: Felix Gerber

Position: Online Gardener

Advisor:

Primary: Jan Bouwman

Secondary: Chinua Ford

Main Responsibilities:

- Taking care of online presence of theRIVER
- Facebook monitoring
- Making videos for theRIVER
- Taking care of the website
- Branding for theRIVER

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

I could help with branding, depending on task and time to spend. I think website and branding are a topic that goes hand in hand

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

At the moment I'm living in Germany near Dortmund. I got connected to theRiver at the Oasis Trails Hostel in Spain, by Jan. But I know Jan already since December 2014 (Australia). I think there my journey started. My first conference was now Thailand. Planing to travel next year again and go to more River-Communities.

Name: Danielle Stavi

Position: Mobile Communities and Pilgrimage Gardener

Advisor:

Primary: Chinua Ford

Secondary: Shallyn Hanson

Main Responsibilities:

- Mobile communities training and development, advice, support, guidance
- Pilgrimage advice, support, guidance

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

- Data-base for training and ideas during the traveling time
- Facebook group for looking for traveling partners and creating mobile communities

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

I am from Tel Aviv, Israel. In the last 5 years I led groups of Israeli to India (and Peru) every year to share Jesus with Israelis travelers in those countries ("Massah" project). I also volunteered in the Shelter City Amsterdam, and that's how I heard about theRIVER later on.

Name: Margarethe Penner

Position: Story Teller Gardener

Advisor: Shallyn Hanson

Main Responsibilities:

- Collecting stories from the communities
- Running the blog on the website
- Doing the newsletter with highlight stories

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

- Collecting stories from the communities,
- Posting them on the blog and on facebook
- Sharing the stories in a newsletter (twice a year)
- Starting a prayer letter within the communities and gardeners (monthly)

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

I got connected at the last gathering in Thailand, and will hopefully be volunteering in some of theRIVER communities in the following year. I live currently in Germany.

Name: Chase Neff

Position: Regional Gardener: Europe

Advisor: Jan Bouwman

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicate to communities in Europe after each meeting; summarising what was discussed, how it impacts the communities, and asking for feedback.
- Connecting new communities in Europe and perhaps training them
- Connecting theRIVER to other projects, networks, organisations in Europe when necessary

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

I will be working at the Shelter Jordan in Amsterdam as a Night Receptionist and spreading word about all that God is doing in the traveler's scene through the communities of theRIVER. I will also be helping out with other small projects in support of theRIVER and however else I can help

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

Hello! I'm from Missouri, USA and 5 years ago I volunteered at the Shelter Jordan for 3 months after university. While there I met my wife (she's Dutch, which is why I am now living in The Netherlands) and many other life long friends. I also learned about theRIVER while here and have always followed the progress and partnered in prayer and friendship. Now I have an opportunity to be involved with one of the Communities and also be more involved in theRIVER. God is doing amazing things in the world and through the communities that are part of theRIVER and I'm so excited to be part of what God is doing.

Name: Katelyn Melz

Position: Regional Gardener: the Americas

Advisor: Shallyn Hanson and/or Chinua Ford (still to be decided)

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicate to communities in the Americas after each meeting; summarising what was discussed, how it impacts the communities, and asking for feedback.
- Connecting new communities in the Americas and perhaps training them
- Connecting theRIVER to other projects, networks, organisations in the Americas when necessary

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

Reaching out to communities and connections to get to know them, research/connect with others to find more people sharing Jesus in the traveler scene.

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

I am (sort of) currently living in Boston, MA. I volunteered at the Shelter Jordan, where I attended the conference that birthed theRIVER. Later I was at the Light House hostel in Edinburgh and I did a pilgrimage to connect with communities and connections in AUS, TH, NZ. I plan to start a community for travelers in the Boston area or scout for other locations in North America.

Name: Nicki Smith

Position: Regional Gardener: Australasia

Advisor: Steve Campbell

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicate to communities in Australasia after each meeting; summarising what was discussed, how it impacts the communities, and asking for feedback.
- Connecting new communities in Australasia and perhaps training them
- Connecting theRIVER to other projects, networks, organisations in Australasia when necessary

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

1. I am hosting Israelis & other travellers in my home. I will encourage backpackers to visit other RIVER communities as they travel.
2. I will look for new & communicate with existing communities/ individuals in New Zealand who share Jesus with travelers to see how I can support them and connect them with theRIVER.
3. Sometime early next year, I will start the process of communicating & planning a regional gathering for Australasia.

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

Hi, I'm from Aloha, Oregon USA. I've volunteered with YWAM in New Zealand for the last 10 years. Specifically, I've been a part of the Backpackers DTS which focuses on sharing Jesus with travellers. I heard about theRIVER through a friend, George Probek. Three years ago, I started a full-time hospitality place for backpacker in a small tourist town in Kaikoura, New Zealand. I was finally able to connect face-to-face with theRIVER at the 2018 Thailand Gathering.

Name: Gabriel Pellegrino Austregesilo

Position: Coordinator Gardener

Advisor: Steve Campbell

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicating with the CCCC and Advisors Team as a whole and making sure that there's harmony with the Gardeners Team
- Filling in the Gaps on all that needs to be done and making sure that everything that needs to happen is happening
- Taking care of the finances of theRIVER
- Support and train Gardeners

Some more details on what he/she will be doing:

I will be making sure that all that needs to be done, in order for theRIVER to reach it's dream and vision, is being done. Within that, I will be working to further develop this new structure. My goal is that it will be organic, helpful and not burdensome to everyone who joins theRIVER.

Besides that, in the meantime that we dont have a full team, I will also be covering for the positions and projects for which we dont have anyone yet.

Furthermore, I will be working on establishing good, healthy and helpful communication among the Gardeners, Advisors and Communities/ Connections.

Last but not least, I want to make sure that we as Gardeners become truthfully one team and that all Gardeners feel supported.

About who he/ she is and how he/she got connected to theRIVER:

I've been working for theRIVER for 4 years now. I met Christ through the Shelter Amsterdam 5 years ago. Upon Heather Hanville's invitation, I decided to help more places that share Jesus with travellers get started and also to connect already existing ones. I know how much potential there is in what we are all doing and together we can empower each other even more.

I am gonna be moving to Eilat to work at the Shelter Eilat for at least a year in February.

If you would like to contact us, please write to: therivercommunities@gmail.com

We are still looking for:

Position: Regional Gardener: Asia

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicate to communities in Asia after each meeting; summarising what was discussed, how it impacts the communities, and asking for feedback.
- Connecting new communities in Asia and perhaps training them
- Connecting theRIVER to other projects, networks, organisations in Asia when necessary

Position: Regional Gardener: Africa

Main Responsibilities:

- Communicate to communities in Africa after each meeting; summarising what was discussed, how it impacts the communities, and asking for feedback.
- Connecting new communities in Africa and perhaps training them
- Connecting theRIVER to other projects, networks, organisations in Africa when necessary

Position: Event Gardener

Main Responsibilities:

- Planning and thinking ahead about RIVER Gatherings and RIVER Events

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