Creative arts have permeated all cultures since the beginning of time. Because art tells a story. It’s captivating. It’s interactive. It causes people to let down their guards. It gives them a safe space to think about things differently. And above all, it reflects the creativity of our Creator.

After all, we serve an artistic God who created each of us uniquely. And that’s why we believe creative arts are perfect for sharing the Gospel.

“[Art] is a good, fun way to interact with people. We get to talk about the painting, and it’s not so directly about them, even though they know it can apply to them.”

—Kennedy Paizs
TEAM missionary and painter in Thailand

WHAT KIND OF MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE FOR CREATIVE ARTISTS?
TEAM has sent missionary artists to teach music in Southeast Asia and bring their students to Christ through one-on-one relationships. We’ve sent missionaries to create handmade pens in Europe in order to raise funds and awareness for anti-trafficking efforts. And one of our missionaries has discovered how to communicate the story of Jesus to Middle Eastern women through henna tattoo designs. Whatever your artistic gifting is, we want to help you use it for His glory. Talk to a TEAM missions coach to get started!

WHERE CAN I SERVE AS A CREATIVE ARTS MISSIONARY?
One thing people have in common across all cultures is an appreciation for creative arts. No matter where God’s calling you to serve, we want to help you get there. Even if we don’t have a ministry team there, we most likely have connections to several other organizations that do. Our ultimate goal is to see you live out the calling God has placed on your life.

HOW CAN MY CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY PLAY INTO THE GOAL OF PLANTING CHURCHES?
People who would otherwise never set foot in a Christian church building might sign up for music classes. Or stop to admire a painting. Or get a tattoo.

Through creative arts ministries, missionaries have the ability to reach people who might never have listened to the Gospel if it was being preached from a pulpit. And these types of connections place missionaries in the unique position of getting to share the Good News with others in more individualized settings.