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MISSIONS

— *and the local* —

CHURCH

Recently, I was reminded of the Old Testament story where Abraham sends his servant Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac. Eliezer responds with obedience even though he was unsure how he would accomplish his task. After praying a very specific prayer of guidance, God answered by sending Rebekah to provide water for Eliezer and his camels. What stands out in my mind is Eliezer's

statement in Genesis 24:26-27: "Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham... *I being in the way, the Lord led me.*" It was only after Eliezer *began* actively doing what Abraham asked him to do that God led him to Rebekah.



In a very real sense I believe this message is relevant for God's church today. The church is the primary sender of missionaries. While it is true that mission organizations such as Hope International Missions have a vital role to play in sending missionaries to foreign fields, they are largely facilitators. New missionaries should be called out of *churches*. Thus a local congregation should be an "in the way" kind of place where it is easy for God to lead individuals into missionary service.

Our goal in this issue is to challenge the local church to more fully embrace its responsibility to missions. We have included practical suggestions on how to accomplish this goal effectively. We pray that each of the articles will be a blessing to you and your local church as together we work to fulfill the Great Commission! 🌿

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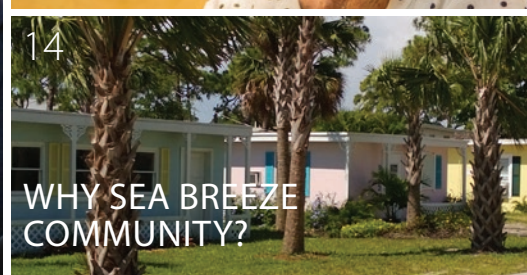
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from the PRESIDENT

SIDNEY GRANT



Sidney Grant (second from left) in the early days of the Mobile Chapel outreach.

Missions: An Eternal Investment

Investment! In reality that is exactly what ministry is. Many times it may not be easy to see immediate results from the efforts expended while “doing” ministry. But one day heaven will reveal the rewards of our work.

Biblical investment is selfless, sacrificial, and spiritually focused. The most meaningful investment any church can make is in the lives of people. Jesus said that one soul is worth more than the whole world. (Matthew 16:26)

How does this relate to missions? Before Christ returned to heaven, He clearly commissioned His followers to reach all people groups with the gospel. Two thousand years later the universal church is still responsible to complete this mandate. Thus missions should be the very DNA of the church—an intentional focus to ensure that all people around the world come to know Christ.


Over the past twenty-nine years, I have seen and experienced investment firsthand. Being the recipient of a generous four-year scholarship, I graduated from Hobe Sound Bible College with a Bachelors in Ministerial Studies. Additionally, FEA invested in me by applying and paying for my change of immigration status. I witnessed Hobe Sound Bible Church heavily invest in the early Spanish church-planting ministry by sending scores of people to join the Mobile Chapel outreach launched under the leadership of Dr. Glen Reiff. Had it not been for the interest these ministries took in my life, I would not be where I am today.

For churches wanting to intentionally invest in missions, here are some key areas of focus:

- **Ministry Tasking:** Church should be a place where it is easy for people to be called into ministry. In fact missions should be such a vital part of the church’s fabric that it would be more surprising and uncommon for people to not be called as missionaries than vice versa.
- **Missionary Training:** Ministry as a missionary is not much different than ministry in the local community. Missionaries must love people and give of themselves in service to others. Part of preparing missionaries is equipping them to live and serve productively. Make sure to provide plenty of opportunities for them to “practice” ministry before heading to the mission field.
- **Cross-Cultural Teaching:** Teaching is a key element of the Great Commission. In order for missionaries to teach effectively, cross-cultural biblical literature must be developed and made available. Local churches can help facilitate teaching by investing in writing materials, giving to underwrite the cost of producing quality literature, and even sending qualified teachers to assist on the mission field.

By making good investments churches can expect generous returns. Jesus taught this in Luke 19:13 and Matthew 25:14-30. Though we may not always see the results here on earth, heaven will show the rewards for our labors. 🙌

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How Serving within the Local Church Impacts the World

JANNA
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Honduras*



A love of Jesus, a vision for the lost, and the opportunity to serve in the local church create a difference in a world desperately in need of Jesus.

Learning to serve from within the local church is vital to ministry around the world. As an adolescent, I was blessed to be a part of a church where ministry and serving the lost was the vision. Bus ministry, music and drama ministry, world missions, serving at dinners and funerals, nursing home ministry and a host of other service opportunities were the norm. I can still remember walking into church and seeing a huge world map with prayer cards and pins showing every missionary the church supported. Riding the church bus was exhilarating and exciting as we were able to see dozens of people come to church and learn about Jesus Christ. God's presence was real in our services, and He was blessing His work. Individuals in the church were provided the opportunity to give or serve in a variety of different ways. As a result, at a young age I was able to learn vital ministry skills that I now see will benefit me greatly in a foreign country.

A love of Jesus, a vision for the lost, and the opportunity to serve in the local church create a difference in a world desperately in need of Jesus. This begins with local church families giving of their time and talents and teaching their children to do the same. The church as the body of Christ is where ministry should start. In turn lost people all around the world can be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your ministry at home does matter!

Ways to *IMPACT* the World through Ministry

- **Involve your family in ministry.** Learning to serve at a young age makes lifelong servants. Short mission trips will also increase your world vision.
- **Maintain a spirit of willingness.** No task is too small if God asks you to do it.
- **Pray faithfully for the local church and missionaries around the world.** Pray that their plans and desires are God-given and that ultimately His kingdom

is increased. Pray specifically for spiritual, physical and emotional health, and safety for the missionaries and local leaders. Also pray for missionaries to be encouraged and strengthened.

- **Ask God** how you can serve in ministry. Finding creative ways to share Christ's love will make a difference in today's world.

- **Connect** with or adopt a missionary family. Let them know you care by communicating with them

on a consistent basis. Remember that birthdays, anniversaries and holidays are very special, and they are away from their family during these times. Additionally, consistent monthly financial support is very beneficial in helping the missionaries stay on the field.

- **Teamwork** is the key to unlocking the field of ministry. Working together in unity to advance God's kingdom is vital. ☺

Serving as Senders: How To Adequately Care For Your Missionary

With well over three billion souls unreached with the gospel of Christ and many millions more unsaved, the urgent need for missionaries is greater than ever before! Hope International Missions (HIM) is diligently working to help as many people get to heaven as possible. However, there is much more to be done. We are praying that God will continue calling missionaries to serve in His harvest fields.

Missions is about **"Those Who Go"** and **"Those Who Send."** The apostle Paul, one of the greatest missionaries who ever lived, made this clear in Romans 10:13-15.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ***And how shall they preach except they be sent?***"

As an ordinary human being interested in missions yet called to stay at home, how can you fulfill your responsibility in the task of world evangelization? **You can serve as a sender!** Those who go and those who serve as senders are like two units on the same cross-cultural outreach team. Both are equally important. Both are dynamically integrated. Both are moving toward the same goal of fulfilling the Great Commission.

HIM takes seriously the responsibility of ensuring our missionaries are well cared for. We understand, however, that missionary care is a shared responsibility between the mission agency and the individual missionary's church.

Neal Pirolo, author of the book *Serving as Senders* says, "Today, no cross-cultural worker should leave home without a strong, integrated, educated, knowledgeable, excited-as-he is, active team of people who

have committed themselves to the work of serving as senders."

The Body of Christ exercises a diversity of gifts. As each ministers to his or her fullest capacity, the needs of missionaries are met. God wants to work through your individual personality to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Steps toward Serving as a Sender:

1. Pray to determine what specific gifts you have and how you can most effectively fit into a Sending Team.
2. Ensure your interest in Serving as a Sender is not just a passing whim. This decision needs to be a serious commitment.
3. Work with other members of your church family to make this team an active ministry of your local congregation.
4. Pray that God builds the passion in your heart for this ministry.

The member care department of HIM is partnering with local churches to form Sending Teams which cover the following six areas of missionary support:

1. Moral Support
2. Logistics Support
3. Financial Support
4. Prayer Support
5. Communications Support
6. Re-Entry Support

In order to understand each of these six areas more thoroughly, please feel free to contact us at info@feaministries.org. We will be happy to send you further information.

Thank you for your interest in working together as the body of Christ. May God direct you as you consider your involvement in Serving as a Sender. ☺



JOHN PARKER

The Role of the Local Church in Missions



Missions is not the 'ministry of choice' for a few hyperactive Christians in the church. Missions is the purpose of the church.
—Unknown

The mission of the church is missions.

— Oswald J. Smith

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.

— Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia

All the money needed to send and support an army of self-sacrificing, joy-spreading ambassadors is already in the church.

— John Piper

Only as the church fulfills her missionary obligation does she justify her existence.

— Unknown

The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.

— Mike Stachura

The average pastor views his church as a local church with a missions program; while he ought to realize that if he is in fact pastoring a church, it is to be a global church with a missions purpose.

— Unknown

The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.

— Unknown

The church must send or the church will end.

— Mendell Taylor

The purpose of the church's existence is to go into all the world with the gospel, making disciples of every people on earth. This begins at home and then spreads outward in ever widening circles of influence. Missions is the evidence that the church is alive and well. To ignore the lost world beyond our community is to fail to carry out our Lord's mandate to the church.

As the church we should be "missional" in all we are and do! A missional vision and focus will cultivate an environment that produces missionaries. When the church is not sending forth missionaries, it has turned inward and away from the purpose of its existence.

Missional giving, investing, preaching, teaching, and outreach inspires hearts and lives to be surrendered to the Great Commission. The result is a passion to reach the whitened harvest fields of far-off places and a yearning to partner with those who

catch the vision to be laborers in His Harvest. As this occurs, the mission truthfully becomes a co-mission.

There is truly no separation or division between the mission of the local church and missions in the uttermost part of the world. We are co-laborers in Christ! Let us never see the needs of foreign missions and missionaries as competitive to the ministry of the local church. Rather, let us view the opportunity and privilege of partnering with missionaries as a vital part of who we are as Christ's church.

When missions becomes a vital component of our local church ministry, it will be a vibrant part of every aspect and facet of who we are. Missions will be front and center in our praying, our giving, the focus of our services, and our planning. A local church is healthy when missions is not something we "DO" but is truly something we "ARE"! 🌿

Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.

— Oswald J. Smith

YOUTH perspective



TOUCHING LIVES FOR CHRIST (TLC), a ministry of Hobe Sound Bible Church, works in conjunction with Hope International Missions (HIM) as our short-term missions program. In this article TLC Director Douglas Wiseman explains the relationship between short-term missions and the local church.

DOUG WISEMAN

Short-Term Mission Trips?

For years short-term mission trips have played a real and vital role in the relationship between the local church and missions. While the focus of short-term trips has varied over the years, there are at least two ways I believe these trips are valuable to the local church in our day.

1. Short-term mission trips are a simple, effective, and relatively affordable way to expose people to missions. It is important for a church to have missions-focused services (such as those offered through HIM's Engage program), but those services are often like looking through a window at a beautiful scene outside—you can't see the full picture, and you certainly can't experience it. A short-term mission trip is like walking through a door—you get to experience the field and see a much broader picture than you could see through the window.

I believe this is especially valuable to young people who are setting the direction of their lives and are blank slates for whatever call God wants to place on them. The church can play a support role in helping them hear God's call by making short-term mission opportunities available. There are many stories of young people who went on short-term mission trips and are currently in full-time ministry, are serving others, or are supporting missionaries because God spoke to them on their trip.

2. Short-term missions trips done properly are a way to supplement a missionary's work in targeted ways that can help them be more effective. While financial and prayer needs are the most prevalent, there are work, ministry and outreach projects that can be bolstered by a short-term team from a local church.

Short-term trips can also be a way for a church to show solidarity with and tangible physical and emotional support to a missionary the church is supporting through prayer and finances. A team from a church can be a great blessing to a missionary family that is needing some encouragement, not to mention the lives that may be reached on the field as a result of the team.

I work nearly every day with these kinds of trips through Touching Lives for Christ, a short-term missions program of Hobe Sound Bible Church. Many of the stories I mentioned earlier are a result of trips through this program. As recently as June 2016, I have heard young people testify to God working in their lives through TLC. If you don't already have a short-term missions program for the young people in your church, TLC would love to come alongside you in that role. God is still calling people to light the world for Him, and short-term missions is playing a part! ☺



A MISSIONS-MINDED CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH

AN INTERVIEW WITH RODNEY LOPER

We all enjoy talking with those who are close to us. Meaningful communication is an integral aspect of good relationships. In this conversation Rodney Loper, president-elect of God's Bible School and College, former senior pastor of Hobe Sound Bible Church, and former FEA board member, discusses the significant role missions should play in the local church.



FEA Board of Directors

Q Why is missions such a big deal? Why all the fuss? It is a big deal because of the emphasis placed on it in Scripture. The Bible commands us to go. I do not think that command is restricted simply to missionaries. All of us are to go into the world and make disciples. Some of us go to our Jerusalem, some to Judea, some to Samaria, and some to the uttermost parts of the earth. But we are all called to go and do something for the kingdom. So missions is a big deal because God makes it a big deal.

Q How important is it for missions to be a part of the fabric of the local church? It is essential for a couple of reasons. Placing priority on missions helps the church maintain a focus that is bigger than itself. It helps us understand that God's Church is not a church with a little "c," but rather a church with a capital "C." His Church is going forward, even if it feels like the local church is not. Missions also has a two-pronged effect in reminding us that we are called to do ministry locally as well as in foreign countries. Finally, I believe a church that actively supports missions financially is blessed financially. I have seen time and time again that when a church gives to missions, God has His way of blessing the church. This then helps enable the church to accomplish local ministry as well.

Q Mission organizations such as HIM send out missionaries. Isn't that enough? Why does the local church have to worry about missions? As I said initially, we are all called to missions. It is terrific that HIM is a sending agency that creates a platform for missionaries to go out. And what a fine job they have done—some of the best missionaries I know are under the HIM umbrella. If we are not careful though, we as supporting churches can be lulled to sleep thinking that because we give our finances or have a monthly missions service, we are off the hook. What a tragedy if we get to that point. We are called to win our world and let our lights so shine that through our actions the Father in heaven is glorified. If my light is not shining in my neighborhood, my community, and my workplace, something is wrong with my spiritual life.

Q Is there biblical support for local church involvement with missions? The book of Acts is the primary book that talks about the church sending forth people. In fact it gives the example of them laying hands on Paul and Peter and sending them out after they had prayed and fasted. So there is a definite sending element. Later in the epistles, you see Paul is supported by them as he travels on his missionary journeys all over the ancient Near East. So yes, it is a biblical mantra to send people into the world to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Q From your perspective how is the Church in general doing with regards to its responsibility toward missions? That is a tough question. I would say it depends on where you look. There are churches, even nominal churches not a part of the conservative holiness movement, that are doing a phenomenal job of reaching our world. But there are also a lot of local churches that are not doing a very good job. So I would say we are not doing as good of a job as we could or should be doing. Are we doing the job? Yes. Are we doing it well? No.

Looking at the 10/40 window, I am burdened with the reality that we are not effectively reaching into that world. Historically, our missionaries were willing and ready to go into environments where their lives were in danger. But for some reason in our convenient lifestyles today, we look at that 10/40 window and are afraid to go into a region where our lives may be taken as a result of spreading the gospel. This is alarming! I understand self-preservation, but I also lament the fact that it seems there are fewer and fewer people who are willing to stand up and say, "Take my life, Lord, if that is what is necessary. I surrender to You." It is my prayer that the Lord would raise up a generation that is willing to spread the gospel at all costs.

Q How can an organization like HIM more effectively partner with the local church to draw people's attention to areas of the world that are in dire need of the gospel? While the church does have a responsibility to keep the world's needs before the people, I believe it is the responsibility of sending agencies to help provide a vision and, more specifically, opportunities to go into those areas of need. Here is an example of how this can work together. If someone comes and presents areas of the world that are desperately in need of missionaries after I as a pastor have expressed that same need, there is a greater likelihood of somebody marrying those two stimuli and answering the call to go. So I think it is important for the church to be actively promoting the need for missionaries. I also think it is important for a mission-sending agency to be both an initiator for missionaries and a facilitator of missionaries.

Q So then you would say there is definitely a place for both the local church and mission organizations to work together. Absolutely! I believe in parachurch organizations that can come alongside the church, strengthen it, and provide expertise in specific areas. I look at the church as responsible for specifically reaching Jerusalem and Judea while also planting a vision for Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. I look at parachurch organizations like HIM as the vehicle that takes people from Jerusalem and Judea into Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. I think this is a great relationship, and I would not want to see it separate.

Q What are some essential ways in which all churches, regardless of their size, should accomplish their biblical responsibility of the Great Commission? Two things leap to the front of my mind. One is prayer. We need to be praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. That is a command not only for global missions but for local missions as well. We also need to pray for the laborers who are already ministering. We need to hold them up before the Lord, praying that God's hand would rest upon them. Paul in his letters thanked the churches for their prayers and support. That leads me to the second element which is a financial commitment to support missions. I would encourage all local churches to find missionaries who are of like-mind and like-faith and rally behind them with our dollars as well as our prayers. We should make sure there is not a missionary within our spectrum who is suffering for the cause of Christ needlessly.

Q What role does the pastor play in mobilizing the local church to missions? He is a vital link to missions. If a pastor is not excited about missions and is only concerned with his Jerusalem, then the church is going to be focused that way as well. It is therefore essential for the pastor to have a big picture of what God is doing in the world and call his people to actively participate in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Q What are some practical ways missions can flow out of a local church? One of the things I am extremely excited about is the new *Engage* program HIM is offering. This is a way for us to keep missions in front of every demographic in the church. I believe with all of my heart we need to get our kids as well as our older people involved with missions. In fact missions needs to be an integral part of everything we do. So I am tremendously excited about the *Engage* program which helps us stay involved. Another practical way is to have a specific time—maybe a missions Sunday, a missions convention, or a missions month—when we deliberately focus our attention on the world through prayer, giving, and allowing missionaries to speak about what God is doing through them. I have seen people called as a result of these special times of missions emphasis.

Q Can you list some benefits that come as the local church is actively involved with missions? Yes, I think a missions-minded church is a growing church. It is a church that demonstrates its recognition that God's work is bigger than itself. A missions-minded church is a church that is actively praying and seeking for people to go. It is a church that from the earliest and youngest demographics plants seeds of service in the hearts of men and women. Active ongoing involvement with missions gives us a breath of insight we would not have if we excluded this segment from our local church. 🙌

Thank You, Rodney Loper

FEA Ministries is blessed to link arms with Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Bible Church as we work to fulfill the Great Commission. Together these three organizations comprise the Hobe Sound Ministries, and each relies on the other two for support and guidance. The presidents of the college and FEA along with the senior pastor of the church each serve on the other's boards, and they mutually have each other's best interests in mind. Together all three ministries move forward as a team. For the past nine years, Rodney Loper has faithfully pastored Hobe Sound Bible Church, seven of them as senior pastor. Not only has he been an out-



standing example and shepherd to all of us who attend the church, but he has also led with excellence on the FEA Board of Directors. We are grateful for his dedication and service to FEA and the many ways he has ardently promoted our organization.

We congratulate Rodney Loper on his appointment as president-elect of God's Bible School and College. We anticipate great things in the future as he helps prepare the next generation of missionaries and Christian workers. 🙌



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Taiwan

A Month Devoted to the Care of Hungry Ghosts

The seventh month of the lunar calendar in Taiwan is known as Ghost Month. People believe that on the first day of this month, the gates of hell are opened and an army of “hungry ghosts” comes out to visit the living. Hungry ghosts can be spirits of people who have been sent to the underworld to suffer an eternal state of hunger for their misdeeds, spirits of the ancestors of families who failed to pay homage to them after they died, spirits of people who committed suicide or died by drowning, or spirits of people who did not have a proper burial. These spirits are free to walk the earth to seek pleasure and food during this month.

Though the precise origins of Ghost Month are now lost, the traditions are rooted in Chinese beliefs about the afterlife and the central role of ancestor worship in their religion. People believe the spirits of the dead are capable of affecting the lives of the living—so the living must try to make them happy. In many homes daily offerings are made to ancestral spirit tablets on family altars. During Ghost Month homes offer the ghosts tables of food and burn large amounts of paper (“hell”) money for their use. The first day of the Ghost Festival has been called “National Pollution Day” because of the massive amount of paper money burned around Taiwan.

Many taboos have sprung up around Ghost Month. During this month people avoid having surgery, buying cars, swimming, and going out after dark. It is not a good time to start a new business, move to a new house, or get married. Wearing red clothes and whistling, especially at night, will attract ghosts. Leaving clothes hung outside at night is a bad idea—ghosts might “wear” them



and gain entrance into your house. Do not kill rare insects in your house; some believe ancestors come to visit their relatives in the reincarnated form of a rare insect. This could include butterflies, grasshoppers, or moths—but certainly not cockroaches!

With God’s strength we are working to combat the spiritual darkness in Taiwan. He alone can break the destructive cycles ensnaring these precious people. 🙏

Rice is one of the primary staples of the Taiwanese diet. Due to Taiwan’s wet, tropical climate, conditions are well suited for growing rice. Thus, it is common to see rice fields in the countryside and cities. Served with nearly every meal, the people of Taiwan enjoy a great variety of ways to prepare rice, including Chinese Fried Rice.



Chinese Fried Rice

A traditional recipe of Taiwan provided by Anita Halter

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoon olive oil, divided
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, finely chopped
- ½ cup frozen peas
- 4 cups cold cooked rice
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 2 tablespoons water
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil

Optional: 1 cup cooked pork or chicken, finely chopped

HOW TO MAKE CHINESE FRIED RICE

On low heat, place 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large saucepan or wok. Cook beaten eggs in oil briefly, breaking into pieces. Remove and set aside.

Add 2 tablespoons olive oil to saucepan or wok. Add onions, carrot and peas. Stir-fry for 2 minutes.

Dissolve chicken bouillon cube in the 2 tablespoons water. Place in pan and add cold rice, garlic powder, soy sauce and sesame oil. Toss lightly to mix well and heat for 3 minutes. Add in egg pieces and mix. If desired, add in pork or chicken and mix.

Additional soy sauce may be added to taste.



ANITA HALTER
Taiwan



Sustainability is a crucial concern in any mission work. HIM's goal is for our works to be as self-sustaining as possible. Unhealthy dependency on supporters in the United States can be debilitating and cause long-term damage.

In order to help meet financial needs of the churches in Honduras, Eric and Hannah Kuhns have envisioned starting a pig farm to support local pastors. This farm will provide jobs for individuals in the local church. The Kuhns also plan on using some of the proceeds from this farm to begin other similar projects.

After sharing this project at a church in North Carolina earlier this year, God spoke to a gentleman who generously contributed the entire \$20,000 necessary to begin this first pig farm. Praise God for answering prayer!



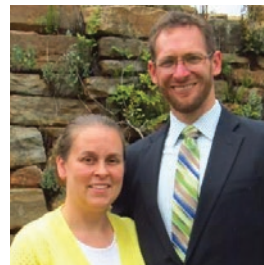
This spring while on deputation, the Durhams applied to the Healing Hands Foundation for a \$10,000 grant to do some necessary remodeling on the New Horizons transition home in Slovakia. The foundation approved the request and gave a \$10,000 matching funds grant. In order to receive the

matching grant, the Durhams had to raise \$10,000 during the month of June. Many of you gave generously, and the goal was reached in time! Praise the Lord! The Durhams have now returned to Europe and will continue making improvements on the transition center.

For twenty-seven years James and Fredde Howard worked with HIM in a variety of different capacities, including as directors of HIM Africa. However, as HIM began to relocate regional directors into their actual regions, the Howards stepped down as directors of HIM Africa. Regardless of their responsibilities, the Howards served with distinction and excellence. They are well worthy of recognition. Thank you, James and Fredde, for your outstanding service!



Glenn and Stephanie Gault have worked as HIM missionaries in Lesotho since 2000. Throughout these last fifteen years their lives have been marked with a consistent passion for their ministry. This has been demonstrated through the effectiveness they have had in their work. We are proud of



HELP YOUR CHURCH IMPACT THE WORLD THROUGH MISSIONS!



Asia

For centuries the people of Asia have built walls. The most famous wall of all time, the Great Wall of China, was built to keep out invading forces and to make it easier to move troops effectively and quickly. But in addition to physical walls, people build emotional, social, and political walls. Whether because of Communist control in China or superstition surrounding ancestor worship in Taiwan, these walls have been built because of fear. Though it is difficult to break through these barriers, God is helping HIM missionaries do so with the hope of the gospel.

Beginning in September, hear from various missionaries as they share how they are working to make disciples of Christ among the Asian people. This exciting series provides you with the tools to engage your congregation in the Great Commission while specifically focusing on the needs of the Asian world.

"The Engage material from HIM has truly engaged our people in considering what can be done in our community to reach the lost as well as helping them gain a better understanding of the work on foreign fields."

—Bob Blankenship, Pastor of Bible Methodist Church, Talladega, AL

Get your children involved with Engage Kids, a fun, interactive eight-page activity booklet geared toward a child's level.

For more information on how your church can become a part of Engage, contact Benjamin McDowell at pr@feaministries.org or by calling 772-546-1113.

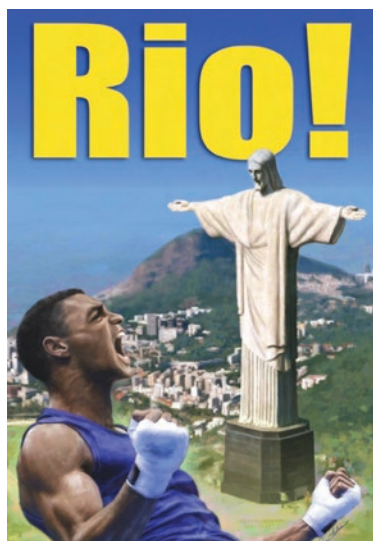


them and are pleased to announce their appointment as the new directors of HIM Africa.



The Doug and Kim Hoffman family has returned to the US from the Dominican Republic for an extended furlough. They are still full-time missionaries with HIM but will be based out of Pennsylvania for the next several years. Because their children are such a vital part of the youth ministry in the Dominican Republic, they understand the need to provide Christian education for their ongoing development. Therefore, Doug and Kim have enrolled them in Penn View Christian Academy, where Doug will be teaching. Throughout the school year they will continue with deputation to represent the vision God has clearly given them for developing a Christian Youth Center. They will also be a vital link for HIM in the northeastern United States—connecting with potential missionaries and promoting what God is doing through HIM around the world. The Hoffmans plan on going to the Dominican Republic next summer and will continue doing this periodically until they return to the field full-time. They will be grateful for your continued prayer and financial support while on furlough.

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently signed into law a package of new counterterrorism measures. With this controversial law, Russia has begun to put into place a very restrictive regime to confine religious expression inside the four walls of the churches and make it illegal for individuals to preach or teach about Christ without getting prior permission from the government. This law makes it more difficult for HIM to minister in Russia. Pray for God to make His will clear for the future.



We are grateful God provided \$30,000 within a one-week period which enabled Gospel Publishing Mission to have 150,000 books printed for the Rio 2016 Olympics. Joe Taylor, Harold Martin, Larry Gardner, and Whitney Collins traveled to Brazil in August to be a part of the distribution process. We pray for ongoing spiritual fruit from this ministry.

Find Louie the Monkey!

Louie the monkey is hiding again. See if you can find him and be sure to let us know! The first five kids that call 772-546-1113 or email engagekids@feaministries.org will have their names published in the next issue of the *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!



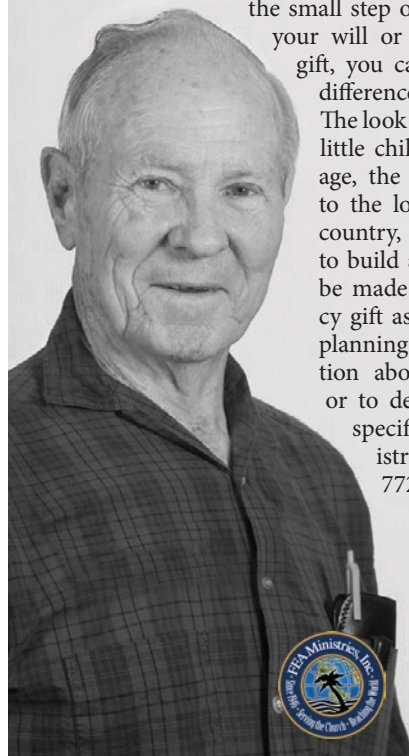
Winners from Last Time:

Khloe Engle - PA	Eli Loper - FL
Dylan Martin - FL	Alayna Waters - AR
Jared McDowell - PA	

FEA MINISTRIES PLANNED GIVING

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AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PLAN the kind of legacy you want to leave, consider making a gift to advance the cause of missions at Hope International Missions. By taking the small step of including HIM in your will or giving a charitable gift, you can make an eternal difference around the world. The look of joy on the faces of little children at an orphanage, the hope of the gospel to the lost in a third-world country, or the help needed to build a new church could be made possible by a legacy gift as part of your estate planning. For more information about Estate Planning or to designate a gift for a specific HIM field of ministry, please call us at 772-546-1113.



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JON TOFTE *SBC Director*

Why Sea Breeze Community?

I am sometimes asked "Why Sea Breeze Community?" This is a very fair and meaningful question. Certainly, our historic and unique setting has its own special story, and its reasons for existence are not those of your typical South Florida development.

Right after the end of the Second World War, God gave evangelist H. Robb French and his wife, Geraldine, a vision for ministry in Florida. They soon discovered that James and Ella Zuch, who previously pastored in Ohio, had already moved to West Palm Beach seeking relief for Brother Zuch's health difficulties. The couples corresponded and agreed to work together. Ultimately, the opportunity came to purchase a tract of intra-coastal waterfront property that would provide ample room to fulfill Brother French's vision.

The two middle-aged couples worked hard. It was a harsh and primitive environment, but the Lord brought opportunities for "free" buildings (if you could move them!) from a nearby closed-down army base. He also brought people. In time, Sea Breeze Camp Meeting grew and grew again.

The camp meeting and the community matured together. In those early days, the campground was primarily a short-term

winter retreat. When Brother French agreed to allow Stephen Herron to found Hobe Sound Bible College on the grounds, the number of year-round residents increased. At the same time, retired conservative holiness pastors and missionaries found the Sea Breeze Community an answer to prayer with its offering of modestly priced housing and opportunities for continued ministry.

Thus was formed the primary purpose of the Sea Breeze Community: providing residential housing opportunities for ministry retirees and workers, faculty and older students of the college, and other like-minded Christians who desire to live and serve in a community dedicated to maintaining a careful, biblical lifestyle.

Times have changed greatly since 1947. The founders' vision, however, continues to meet these still very relevant needs. Today FEA Ministries is working steadily to revitalize our campus so that another generation may find rest, renewal and opportunity to minister in the Lord's kingdom. Bible college students live alongside retired missionaries allowing a legacy of sacrificial service to be passed on. Our community is blessed with an extraordinary gathering of people who have served, shared and sacrificed and who enjoy the gifts of friendship

and fellowship.

If you are a retired Christian worker or a retiring lay person who has been active in your church's ministries and share our holiness commitment, Sea Breeze Community may be for you. Our purpose is not to compete with Florida's numerous retirement centers and vacation resorts. Rather, Sea Breeze Community is set aside for those who want to live, fellowship and minister in a holiness context. The great commission does not end when we reach "retirement" age. Rather it continually beckons, and living in a community which serves three ministries provides opportunities for ongoing personal service while allowing one to enjoy the security and friendship of neighbors who are fellow believers.

Improvements continue to be made to our ideally located campus where your church is just a short walk away and virtually all shopping, medical and travel needs are within easy driving distance. If you would like to learn more about currently available and future housing possibilities in the Sea Breeze Community, please contact Jon Tofte, Business Manager and Community Director at (772) 546-1113 or jontofte@feaministries.org. We would love to have you join us! 🌿



A Prayer for Taiwan



Scan the code to watch a prayer video created as part of the Engage Asia series.

PRAY FOR GOD TO CALL NEW MISSIONARIES

- From countries that are considered “unreached” to countries which once were a hotbed for Christianity and have since grown spiritually cold, the need for missionaries is greater than ever! Pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

PRAY THAT PEOPLE WILL SERVE AS EFFECTIVE SENDERS

- It is often hard to know what role we should play in the Great Commission, especially if we are not specifically called to leave our home as a cross-cultural missionary. Yet God has a part for each of us to play in His redemptive plan. Pray for God to reveal intentional, effective ways for individuals to send missionaries.

PRAY FOR A REVIVAL OF MISSIONS EMPHASIS IN CHURCHES

- Missions should begin in the local church. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help churches cultivate a passion to reach the lost.

PRAY FOR GOD TO CONTINUE USING ENGAGE

- Hope International Missions is committed to helping local congregations fulfill their role in the Great Commission. We want to do everything possible to make it easy for them to cultivate a spirit of missions. The Engage program is just one way we are doing this. Pray that God will use Engage in a powerful way for the cause of missions.

“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.”

— Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia

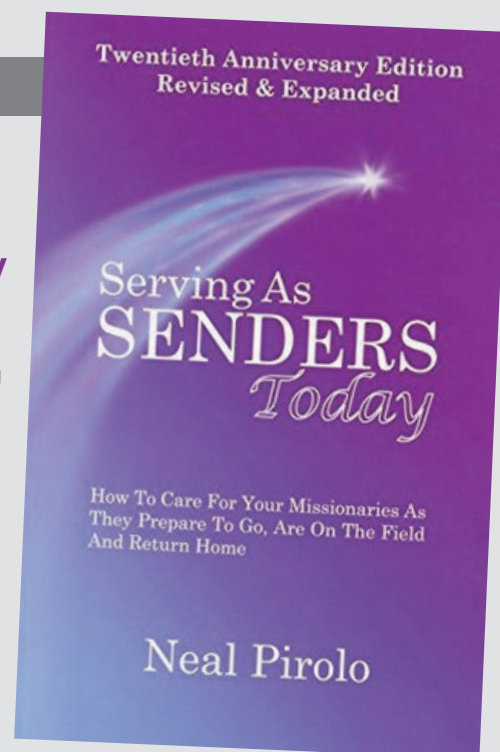
God is a missionary God. He longs for all of humanity to be reconciled with Him in a loving relationship. The more we as Christians understand the Father’s missionary heart, the more we should earnestly desire to share His passion.

The needs around the world are urgent! Hundreds of thousands of people slip into an eternity without God every week. It is our responsibility to reach the lost with the gospel message. It is time for the church of Christ to renew its determination to accomplish the Great Commission. We need the church to recognize the vital role it plays in missions. Join with us as we ask God to awaken us to the needs around us.

MISSIONS RESOURCE

Serving As Senders Today

This book does an excellent job of outlining how to effectively send missionaries. Purchase *Serving as Senders* at your local Christian bookstore or from many online retailers.





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DID YOU KNOW...

1 Two of HIM's regions have revolving funds of over \$100,000 which provide necessary money to start new churches or build new church buildings. Our goal is to create revolving funds in the other regions as well.

2 A new school is nearing completion in Bottle Creek, North Caicos. We are excited to provide a Christian day school for families in this community.

3 Every summer 600 to 800 children and young people are reached with the gospel through English Summer Camps in Asia. These camps are excellent opportunities for effective short-term mission trips, especially for teachers and children's workers.

4 To help facilitate self-sustaining indigenous expansion, HIM owns a forty-acre farm in the mountains of Guatemala. It takes five cows to support one pastor and his family.

5 In February 2017 Sea Breeze Camp is celebrating 70 years of fellowship and spiritual renewal. We invite you to be a part of this special anniversary year!



Sea Breeze Camp



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