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## Serving As Senders

Caring for  
Our Missionaries



**G**o, send, or disobey!" This statement from John Piper lays out starkly our possible responses to the command given in the Great Commission. In light of our responsibility to make disciples of all nations, we *will* either answer the call and go ourselves, or we *will* send missionaries to do so, or we *will* disobey.

In reality whether or not we go, sending is a component that we all can do. This begins in the home where parents cultivate in the lives of their children a passion for lost people. Churches then have a responsibility to naturally promote the Great Commission. In fact missions should flow *from* the local church. This involves not only the initial sending out of missionaries, but also actively supporting them while they minister.

Para-church organizations such as Hope International Missions (HIM) exist to give logistical support and leadership oversight to the men and women sent. It is important for these organizations to faithfully provide excellent care for their missionaries, ensuring maximum effectiveness throughout mission careers. As our team of missionaries continues to grow, God is helping HIM care for our members well. He has blessed us with a uniquely qualified man to lead our Department of Member Care. Our regional directors also provide the front line of care to the missionaries who serve under them. And our home office staff plays an essential role in making sure missionary needs are met.

At HIM we take seriously our responsibility to care for our missionaries well! In this edition we give a more thorough overview of how that takes place. You will learn the biblical basis for member care, get a broader understanding of what our member care department does, and read encouraging updates and news from around the world. We are also excited to inform you about the new Palm Missionary Guesthouse and to explain how it—along with Sea Breeze Community—plays a special role in caring for our team. As you read, let God place within your heart a deeper desire to serve as a sender! 📖

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## Lifting the Loads of Our Missionaries

While reading the New Testament, one cannot help but be amazed by the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. From his dramatic conversion in Acts chapter nine to his extensive missionary journeys and times spent in prison for his faith, the picture of a competent, committed servant of Christ emerges. In fact regarding the founding of the first century church, there is no other single person to whom more credit is due. When I think of Paul, the words that come immediately to my mind are adjectives such as *driven, bold, intelligent, fearless*—and yet there is another side to this great apostle that we only see occasionally referenced in Scripture.

In his second letter to the Corinthian church he writes, “For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears” (2 Cor. 7:5). In this short verse we see that this bold, driven apostle was tired, troubled, and fearful. Thankfully the Corinthian church—a church God had enabled Paul to plant—was attentive to his needs and ministered to him time and again. Paul continues, “Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; and not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more” (2 Cor. 7:6-7). Paul was encouraged by the Corinthian church’s care for him.

Another example of care by a church Paul had planted was from the believers in Philippi. In Philippians we read that the church, realizing Paul was in need, sent Epaphroditus to him to minister to his needs. “Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need” (Phil. 2:25).

Those who have served in ministry for any length of time have been there: worn out, fearful, and weary. And yet too often many have had to struggle alone. It was not that others did not care about them and their concerns, but often others were not aware

of their personal struggles or were simply ill equipped to offer the needed care.

Shortly after joining FEA Ministries during the summer of 2016, I began hearing often the term *Member Care*. Though I was vaguely familiar with the concept, I was not sure what all it entailed. It was encouraging to see that Hope International Missions was serious about caring for our missionaries, but I was overwhelmed by the opportunities to do a better job of caring for those on the front lines of service. As I began listening to our missionaries and learning about what other organizations were doing in this area, it became clear we had to do more.

Please do not misunderstand—missionaries are no more prone to needing care than those of us who are called to serve in other ministry capacities. They are, however, at the forefront of ministry, often separated for years at a time from friends and relatives and the support structures we so often take for granted. They face the same issues those back home face such as health needs, financial concerns, family struggles, etc. But the difference is they are often left to deal with them alone leading to fatigue, stress, and, if allowed to go too far, burnout!

In August of 2018 we were privileged to have Rev. Steve Stetler join the Hope International Missions team as our Director of Member Care. I like to think of him as a pastor to our missionaries. Having a Member Care Department in no way replaces the need to hold these dedicated men and women up in prayer. They still must rely on the comfort and aid of the Holy Spirit. But the department is intended to come alongside our missionaries with encouragement and support so they can minister at maximum effectiveness in the work God has called them to do.

When I think of the HIM missionary team, the words that come to my mind are *driven, bold, intelligent, fearless*—but we also realize that on the front lines of ministry Satan will attack in any way possible. Please join me in praying for them often and for the HIM Department of Member Care as we come alongside to lift their loads. ☪





Churches in Tajumulco (left) and Motozintla (right)

# YOUR SUPPORT

## *The Keystone of Our Ministry*

ERIC KUHN

Director of HIM Latin America



**I long to see a mighty revival sweep across Latin America. I long to see an army of young people answering the call to missions. God is able to do all that and more!**

Latin America is ripe for harvesting souls, expanding God's kingdom, and establishing existing works. I am excited for what lies ahead. Allow me to give you an overview of some recent developments.

In March of this year I was privileged to accompany President Harold Martin along with John Dykes and Sidney Grant on a multifaceted trip that took us through Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua. The purpose of the trip was twofold: 1) to announce to the pastors the transition of Spanish Ministries leadership; and 2) to visit the pastors and congregations and to dedicate two newly-constructed churches. It was thrilling to participate in the dedication service at Motozintla, Mexico. The church was filled with family, friends and visitors. Sidney Grant led the ceremony and gave a stirring challenge. Pastor Guadalupe is doing a wonderful job seeing this church move forward with growth and outreach.

We spent a few days visiting the pastors in Guatemala. What a joy to see the new church building in Tajumulco, Guatemala. This is a town filled with witchcraft. You can literally see it and hear it all around. But in the middle of this spiritual darkness God has raised up a light. Pastor Rene Lopez and his family have been faithfully sharing the gospel and are

finishing up the construction of a beautiful church. Mission Helps sent a team of workers to put the roof on this church. They did a quality job!

We then flew from Mexico to Managua, Nicaragua, where we dedicated the new church started by Danilo Vanegas. What an encouragement to see how God is working. While we were there, President Martin baptized a young man with his same name, a new convert who came to Christ at the beginning of the year.

We need your continued prayers for our region.

1) Opportunities are opening up in Nicaragua for possible new churches. We need God's wisdom. 2) We are praying for a missionary to go to Panama who will especially focus on ministry to Muslims living there. 3) Help us pray for a missionary to South America.

I long to see a mighty revival sweep across Latin America. I long to see an army of young people answering the call to missions. God is able to do all that and more! We must be faithful to keep praying, giving and encouraging. Those who serve as senders play a vital role! Just like the keystone that holds a stone arch together, you serve as the connection between God and the personnel He calls. Without you the work becomes nearly impossible. Keep serving and keep sending! 🙌



GLENN GAULT *Director of HIM Africa*

## Fruit from Their Labors

It is extremely rewarding to be a part of the results of the talent and hard work of a dedicated team of missionaries here in Africa! Let me share some highlights from their ministries.

Angela Thornton has been focused on building relationships—with staff at Matukeng Health Centre and children in the township of Mauersnek. These relationships are beginning to bear fruit as both nurses and precious children come to trust her for spiritual leadership.

The most exciting part of the van der Merwe's ministry at the growing congregation at Hobhouse is a handful of young men who are showing potential as future pastors!

In less than a year, the Petersons have made good strides to improve the church's community-based orphan care program. Recently, Wes's focus has

been preparing and fundraising for building some rental houses that will make HIM Africa's ministry more sustainable.

The Marais are preparing to leave with a shipment of God's precious Word that will go to hard-to-reach parts of Zambia. I travelled on ahead of them to promote Shepherd's Global Classroom curriculum to pastors we have met through the years of Bible distribution in this area.

None of this would be possible without your faithful prayers and generous giving. Thank you for serving as senders! 🙏



*Phase I in the Lesotho housing project will include two rental homes and a much-needed church tabernacle.*



DAVID BLACK *Director of HIM Asia*

## Facilitating Effective Ministry

HIM Asia is a busy region with many missionary units and partnering nationals. We are all blessed to be called and placed where we can shine the light of Jesus' love into the darkest areas of the world. But it does require some work to send these missionaries and facilitate each national.

Technology makes the regional director's job easier to do in 2019. We video call often to and from the USA, Mongolia, China, and into other parts of Asia, and enjoy conversations that both encourage and direct. It is a privilege to cooperate with the missionaries in a variety of ways such as helping them communicate what is happening on their fields and to mentoring the more inexperienced in their ministry. We also get to learn from those resident missionaries who have been with HIM longer than us!

While the organizational portion of the sending does require our time, we think it is valuable. Part of

our responsibility is to see farther down the road and to communicate areas where our team needs to grow in vision, content, or cooperation. God has helped us in recent years to send new missionaries, go into new fields, and start new churches and other new ministries. We have growing cooperation in the region and some of the most gifted people one could possibly ask for on a mission team. As directors of HIM Asia, we thank God for a chance to serve as senders. 🙏



*Dorothy Hsu, Crystal and Chris Zhou, David Black, Jeanne Schwartz, and Christina Black (L-R)*





ED DURHAM *Director of HIM Europe*

## Breaking New Ground in Europe

**G**od is on the move in Europe!

For about five years I have had a burden and vision to send missionaries to the Czech Republic where the population is predominantly atheist. Last summer we took Valera and Maude Motovilov on an exploratory trip to the capital city of Prague to check out the possibilities for ministry there. I am thankful God laid it upon their hearts to step out in faith to move to Prague to plant Russian churches among the immigrants who have been steadily relocating from Russia to Prague. God has opened a wide door of opportunity for HIM to minister in Czech, and we are very excited by the limitless possibilities.

This endeavor is like opening a frontier. It will be difficult and sometimes discouraging work. Satan can be expected to fight for his territory. There no doubt will be cultural challenges. However, I am confident God is preparing hearts to receive the gospel, and I am expecting an abundant harvest!

It is so good to know numerous people will partner with us in this endeavor to spread the gospel. Thank you for sending missionaries who can share God's love and compassion to lost people. I hope many others will join the host of senders who have already committed to help us as we break new ground in Europe. 🙌

**We are preparing and looking forward to the Summer Olympics in Tokyo. This project is called Tokyo20. The goal is one million books!**



JOE TAYLOR *Director of Gospel Publishing Mission*

## Spreading the Message of Salvation

**S**preading the message of salvation and holy living to every corner of the globe"—this is our mission and focus. As HIM's Department of Literature Development and Distribution, God has helped us do that over 3.35 million times! This year we have participated in bookfairs in Budapest, Hungary; Nashville, Tennessee; Frankfurt, Germany; and Mumbai, India. 300,000 event books were handed out at the 2018 World Cup in Russia. These display World Cup facts and present the plan of salvation beautifully as well. As many as three million souls will be reached—praise God! It is the work of His hand and not our own. We continue praying for effectiveness as books are passed from person to person.

We are preparing and looking forward to the Summer Olympics in Tokyo. This project is called Tokyo20. The goal is one million books! Would you join us in trusting God for the \$200,000 and

other logistics needed to reach the goal? As many as ten million people may be reached with the gospel message. We are looking to the future, calling upon our Almighty God to see the great and mighty things He has yet to show us! Night comes quickly. 🙌



*Robert Booth, Larry Gardner, and Joe Taylor (L-R) in Russia*

## An Update from the Petersons



Clayton and Karissa (below) with friends



**T**hank you for your prayers as we transitioned from one continent to another. Saying farewells is never easy, but we felt God's hand all the way. Since arriving in Africa almost a year ago, we have settled in our home, completed six months of language study, and started working in ministry.

God is helping with the orphan and needy children outreach. We were involved in helping more than seventy children at Christmas receive new clothes and shoes. To see the smiles as they were given a new outfit was precious. In January we had two special FUN days in the villages with over two hundred children playing, learning about Jesus, and receiving school supplies.

In January we formed a national orphan committee with four Basotho nationals and three missionaries to give guidance and direction for the orphan and vulnerable children ministry in Lesotho. This committee has met four times this year, and good progress is being made for this ministry. The number of children we are helping has been increased, and home assessment visits have started for each child.

Wes is also involved in raising funds for a housing project in the village of Matukeng. These rental homes will help bring in local funding for the ministries in Lesotho. God is at work in Lesotho, and we are humbled that He would call us to be a small part in His Kingdom. 🙏



## An Update from Angela Thornton



**S**ince my arrival in Lesotho one year ago, God has opened numerous doors for me to fulfill the ministry goals He placed on my heart. Through teaching English and Bible at a preschool, gospel seeds are being planted in the hearts of children which they are sharing with their families. National church members are being coached on effective child evangelism techniques through Sunday school seminars and hands-on ministries. Several national ladies from our church at Hobhouse are assisting with an after-school Bible club in the Mauersnek community of Ladybrand, South Africa, where I teach each Thursday. Please pray that more nationals will catch the vision to train in child evangelism for the work to spread in other communities.

HIM has a thriving medical clinic, Matukeng Health Centre, located next to my home. The clinic is fully staffed by Basotho, although many of them are not Christians. While I speak in the opening devotional time weekly, God has opened the door for me to show His love more practically through using my nursing skills to build relationships with the nurse-midwives, staff, and patients. God has placed a deep burden in my heart for the clinic to be a place where not only physical but spiritual needs are met. The addition of new equipment made possible by your generous donations is attracting more people to seek care at our clinic, allowing more lives to be touched by Jesus' love. Thank you for praying for these ministries. 🙏



# MEMBER CARE

*Bearing One Another's Burdens*

## AN INTERVIEW WITH STEVE STETLER

*This past fall, FEA Ministries brought Steve Stetler onto the staff as Director of Member Care. Rev. Stetler has a long history of involvement with missions and a heart for those who serve. In this conversation Steve explains his passion for member care and his goals for the department.*

**Q Many people already know you, but can you tell a little about yourself and your mission background?** I am the fifth of the six Stetler children. My parents were Kenneth and Jewel Stetler, and I was raised on the campus of God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. My wife Beth (Sankey) and I have been married for thirty-five years. We have one daughter Maria and one son Kent who is married to Jananne (Glick).

Beth is the oldest child of Leonard and Janet Sankey. She was born in Guatemala and lived there or in Honduras for the first eleven to twelve years of her life. After more than twenty-five years of youth ministry and Christian education, we moved to Mexico as missionaries. We spent nine and one-half years as missionaries and/or field director for the Bible Methodist Church. We currently work with the Hispanic bus ministry at Donna Holiness Chapel in Donna, Texas.



**Q What is member care?** Member Care is the care and support of the missionary team during every stage of their service: recruitment, orientation, field assignment, home assignment (furlough), and re-entry. Anything, positive or negative, that affects the missionary team during any of these stages is part of my concern and responsibility: language training, orientation, support, sickness, mental/emotional/spiritual health, education, family trauma, financial or moral failure, furlough, retirement, and much more.

**Q Why is there a need for a mission organization like HIM to have a department of member care?** With over eighty team members representing ministry into more than twenty countries, the needs are varied, and they compound quickly. To respond to these in a timely manner, it is imperative to have an objective, experienced representative dedicated specifically to the team members—listening, advising, and working through their needs.

**Q How did you feel led to join HIM in the capacity of director of member care?** At the end of our time in Mexico, both my wife and I knew it was God's will, and our need, to take a break from the constant pressure of violence and harm. Beth had started working as a "special needs" teacher in the public school, but I was left sitting on the siding with no direction. I preached revivals and taught a mission class at GBS, but I was restless. I had offers to pastor, teach, or work for other mission organizations, but God said no to all of them. When President Martin called and asked if I would pray about doing member care, the Lord whispered, "This is it!"

**Q How do you feel God has prepared you to serve in this position?** Honestly, it is like He has been preparing me all my life. In the thirty-eight years I have been in ministry, I have been a pastor, youth pastor, homeschooler, a teacher at all levels from elementary through college, an administrator, missionary, field director, spent hundreds of hours counseling, janitor, maintenance man...you name it. In this job I find myself drawing on all those experiences. God's plan is just amazing like that! He also made me with a learning disability so I could understand how to empathize and help others who felt "broken."

**Q What goals do you have for the department of member care?** The first goal is to get and keep the missionary families/members healthy in every way. I plan to work hard to raise awareness among local churches and sending organizations of the struggles and needs missionaries face. I am compiling a resource file for missionaries which will include contact information for professional help available on any pertinent topic: counseling, medical services, investment/

retirement services, auto repair, retreat centers, lodging, homeschooling, Christian education, etc. There are other goals we will try to address as time goes on.

**Q Realizing member care is broader than a department of HIM, what can churches and individuals do to become more actively involved in effective member care?**

Only months after initiating the member care department, we are already seeing significant benefits. However, a "department" within an organization will never replace the impact of the sending church on the life and ministry of the missionary. As member care director I am endeavoring to minister to the needs of missionaries, some of whom I have never met. Their church people know them much more intimately than I ever will. I can help them from personal ministry and missionary experience, but I do not know the "family history" aspect of their lives. Dates, memories, traditions, even jokes have a certain significance only those with whom they share a history will remember. These are the ties that ground them and give them an inseparable connection to the senders. Remembering those moments together through text or email assures them they are not forgotten.

When God urges you to pray for missionaries at some specific moment or day, let them know it. Often that special burden comes in conjunction with a specific danger or difficulty on the field. They may be afraid, all alone, and the devil may be telling them that no one cares. The thought that God remembers them and is watching the happenings of their lives so closely that He calls for a prayer meeting among their friends to support them in that precise moment brings them to tears and maximizes their faith.

Any worry you can alleviate removes part of the excess burden they carry and assures them of your thoughts and love.

Reach out to their kids who are attending college, or assist their aging parents who are struggling.

If they own a home, help maintain the house and property, pay the utilities, collect the rent, or make sure it is winterized properly.

Send an unexpected gift with a note urging them to take some time to do something fun.

Communicate your love and care in a tangible way. Keep it short, to the point, but from your heart.

There are many other areas we will discuss more fully in future issues.

God has called Steve Stetler to minister to the missionaries of Hope International Missions. But He has also called each Christian to bear the burdens of their brothers and sisters in Christ. Member care can be given in a multitude of ways by anyone with love and compassion. 🙏



# Who Ministers to the Minister?



RANDALL MCELWAIN

It happens far too often: a pastor's marriage suffers because of the unrelenting pressures of ministry; a Christian schoolteacher resigns due to burnout; a missionary returns home in a state of emotional collapse.

There are many causes for this, but one recurring factor is a failure to care for those in ministry. Far too often, no one ministers to the minister. They pour out their energies caring for others while their own needs are ignored. The result is physical and emotional exhaustion.

The problem may be a lack of rest and restoration. There are seasons when ministry requires a 24/7 commitment with little opportunity for personal rejuvenation. God gives special grace in those seasons. But if we continue this pattern long-term, it is harmful.

The problem may be pride. It sounds impressive, even spiritual, to say, "I don't need rest; I am all out for the Kingdom! All I need is God." But even the Marines (not known for being weak!) know soldiers need rest and a supply line. We are not meant to fight life's battles alone.

The problem may be a lack of resources. Some pastors serve in areas with few fellow ministers to share their struggles. Frontier missionaries may be isolated from any emotional support base.

All too often the problem is a misunderstanding of "calling." In our zeal for ministry, we have sometimes suggested that committed Christian workers have no need for rest and vacation, no need for emotional support or counsel, and no limits on their workload. We say, "It is better to burn out than rust out."

That may sound good, but Scripture, history, and experience all teach the importance of having someone to minister to the minister.

Jesus demonstrated this principle. When the Twelve returned from a preaching trip, Jesus said, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves" (Mark 6:31-32).

I can imagine some critic saying, "How can you take a 'vacation' when so many people need help? How can you ignore their needs?" Jesus was not ignoring their needs. He knew the disciples would be better equipped to meet others' needs if they took care of their own need for rest.

The Apostle Paul also understood this. Yes, he was an incessant traveler and passionate missionary. But even Paul returned to Antioch for rest between journeys. Romans 16:13 refers to a lady who cared for Paul like her own son. I suspect Rufus' mother nursed Paul's bruises after he was beaten, listened to his frustrations after his rejection in Athens, and cooked his favorite meal when he returned from a pressure-filled missionary journey.

Through letters and personal visits, John Wesley provided counsel and support to dozens of Methodist ministers. John Newton devoted countless hours to counseling fellow pastors.

What does this say to us today? If Jesus' disciples needed time to rest, if the Apostle Paul needed "furloughs," and if leaders such as Wesley and Newton recognized the importance of providing emotional support for pastors, then pastors and missionaries today need rest and member care.

Wise church boards provide vacation times for their pastor. Wise mission organizations provide counsel for missionaries and re-entry support for returning missionaries. Wise donors faithfully support missionaries during home assignment, realizing time at home makes for more fruitful ministry overseas.

If we "serve by sending," we must support those we send. We must minister to those who are ministering. What can you do?

- You can support mission organizations that provide professional member care.
- You can support missionaries during furloughs and home assignment.
- You can pray not only for the ministry work of missionaries, but also for their personal and family needs. ☪





## A Home Away from Home

**H**IM is growing! Since our founding in 1960, God has called men and women who are taking the gospel around the world and making disciples. Today we have fifty-seven missionaries with twenty-four children, and several families are in the application process. God is still calling!

This growth has created the need for expanded housing to care for missionaries while they are at the home office. We are excited to announce we will soon break ground for a new missionary guesthouse in the center of campus. This housing facility will enable us to better care for missionaries transitioning on and off the field, provide housing during home assignments, and furnish additional rooms for guests during events such as Sea Breeze Camp.

In 1946 H. Robb French and his wife Geraldine organized the moving of old military barracks from nearby Camp Murphy that closed at the end of WWII. After seventy-three years of faithful service as a tabernacle, college cafeteria, music building, and camp housing, Finney Hall has fallen into disrepair and will be removed. The new Palm Missionary Guesthouse will be built in its place.

## Will You Help Make it Happen?

**T**he construction cost of this much-needed building is estimated at \$500,000. By late January God had provided \$260,000 through the support of generous donors. During the last weekend of Sea Breeze Camp in February the remaining \$240,000 was raised to complete the building structure! We thank God for meeting this need.

We do still need your help with this project. An additional \$100,000 is needed to fund site preparation, pave the parking area, complete landscaping, and furnish the building. Would you consider helping us complete this project? A gift of any amount will assist us in caring for our missionaries even more effectively.

Donations can be submitted at [feaministries.org/palmhouse](http://feaministries.org/palmhouse) or mailed to FEA Ministries. Questions? Contact us at [info@feaministries.org](mailto:info@feaministries.org).

## Honoring Missionary Heroes

**N**amed for Drs. Edward and Connie Palm, the Palm Missionary Guesthouse will commemorate their years of ministry with Hope International Missions. The Palms served as HIM missionaries in Taiwan for a number of years: pastoring the ChungLi Bible Holiness church, organizing the children's ministry, training teachers, and discipling leaders. Their legacy lives on, especially through Connie Palm's writings for Gospel Publishing Mission. More than two million copies of her works such as *Is God Really My Father?* are distributed worldwide. Both Drs. Edward and Connie Palm made a lasting impact for the kingdom of God. Their love for missions was evident, and we are delighted to recognize them by dedicating this new guesthouse in their memory!



## New Church in Taiwan!



On Sunday, April 28, a brand-new church opened its doors in Taiwan. Nanzi Bible Holiness Bilingual Church is meeting in the newly-renovated first floor of the HIM Asia Center. Thank you to all who gave or pledged seed money for this new ministry.

Since the Blacks have been working in Asia, several churches have started

in the region. This is the fifth HIM-affiliated church in Taiwan. A week apart from the start of the Nanzi church, a group of Christians in China whom the Blacks have discipled began their fifth church as well. These two congregations consider themselves sister churches. One loudly worshipped open-air style beside the busy street, and the other quietly worshipped in secret—such a contrast!

We appreciate your continued help while the Nanzi church works to become self-supporting. In the meantime the mission invites people to come to Jesus in faith, get baptized, and learn to walk with the Lord. 🙏

## 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 who call 772-545-1113 or email [engagekids@feaministries.org](mailto: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!



## Motovilov Transition



The Motovilov family has been HIM missionaries for thirteen years. For much of that time they served in Russia. Then a few years ago they were reassigned to serve in Mauersnek, South Africa. In late 2017 their ministry visa was not renewed, and it became clear their time in South Africa was coming to an end. After making an exploratory trip to Prague, Czech Republic, with HIM Europe Director Ed Durham, they sensed the Lord opening doors of opportunity for them there.

Currently, the Motovilovs are on deputation. The Lord willing they will move to Europe later this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they apply for residency and work through all the other details surrounding this move. 🙏



## Classic Recordings of Sermons

FEA Ministries has been blessed with a rich history of God-anointed preachers throughout the years. Many of these speakers came as evangelists to Sea Breeze Camp. Hundreds of these sermon recordings are available for download from the FEA website free of charge. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to create this valuable resource.

Go to [feaministries.org/sermons](https://feaministries.org/sermons) to access a list of sermons by over forty different speakers.

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More sermons are added weekly.

## HIM Spanish Ministries Restructured for Growth!

Since 1987 HIM Spanish Ministries has been a vibrant part of Hope International Missions. Dr. Glen Reiff pioneered the work among migrant Hispanics in South Florida using modified eighteen-wheel tractor-trailers as "Mobile Chapels." From this unconventional beginning, God quickly expanded the ministry. Congregations began springing up in the US, and before long churches were planted in Central America. In 2009 John Dykes began serving in an administrative role within the Spanish Ministries. Since 2013 he has been the director of HIM Spanish Ministries. Under his leadership growth has continued. We are grateful for his dedication throughout these years!

Due to the size and complexity of HIM Spanish Ministries, we realized it was no longer feasible for one man to lead both the US and foreign works. Beginning in 2019, the overseas component of Spanish Ministries became HIM Latin America. Eric and Hannah Kuhns assumed leadership of this region. We anticipate expansion throughout Central and South America! John Dykes continues serving in a vital capacity as project manager for the many ongoing building projects. Sidney Grant who previously led Spanish Ministries has returned as director of HIM US Spanish Ministries. We are excited to see God work through these strategic changes to multiply the gospel impact among Hispanics! 🌿



*Prayer for transition at Sea Breeze Camp*

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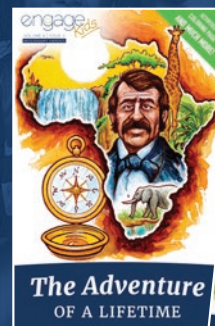
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## A Home Base for Our Missionaries

From its founding in 1947, the Sea Breeze Community was envisioned as a place to meet a variety of ministry needs. In those earliest days FEA Ministries (then Florida Evangelistic Association) did not have an international outreach. But the warm winters and unique dedication of the campground community to holiness principles immediately offered an ideal location for retiring missionaries and other Christian workers. By the early 1960s—with the help of faculty and students of Hobe Sound Bible College—the first missionary outreach by “FEA Missions” began in the nearby Caribbean islands. Hobe Sound became the base of operations for missionaries coming and going to these first fields of overseas evangelism.

Today FEA’s Hope International Missions continues the outreach that began over five decades ago, now reaching to many countries on five continents. The campus here in Hobe Sound continues to serve as a base for all this missionary activity, and the home office operates out of the same building some of our earliest pioneer missionaries used those many years ago. HIM’s home office provides wide-ranging logistical support for missionaries on the field, but the Sea Breeze Community allows

us to do even more by providing our missionaries the security of knowing they have a home and place to come to when circumstances require.

Missionaries lives can be fraught with sudden changes and unexpected turns of events. Whether because of political instability in the country in which they are ministering or serious health issues that require more advanced medical intervention, missionaries must be ready to leave the field on short notice. That means needing a place to move to with little time to prepare. The Sea Breeze Community has been privileged to help our missionaries and missionary families with short- and intermediate-term housing when these circumstances have arisen. Our staff has become expert at creating almost overnight a fully furnished home for a large family!

In the last few years we have hosted a large family with a child facing serious medical needs, a family needing to return to the US due to visa issues and preparing to start in an entirely new field, and a number of other missionaries taking furloughs for the purposes of deputation and reconnecting with loved ones here in the US.

During our annual Sea Breeze Camp, our foreign field-based regional directors all make the effort to come to campus to attend our camp services, represent their fields, and meet as a group for strategic planning and mutual encouragement. Although this is our community’s busiest time of year with highest occupancy, our staff works diligently to provide our missionaries with housing and hospitality during their stay. This winter Nichole Barr, our missionary in Mongolia, was able to bring a Mongolian student interested in attending Hobe Sound Bible College. We provided him with nice accommodations in Friendship Hall’s “Asia Room” dedicated to Sister Jeanne Schwartz and our earliest missionaries to Taiwan, China, and beyond. It was a wonderful connection for this aspiring student who will hopefully be the continuation of a long history of students from HIM mission fields who have attended Hobe Sound Bible College.

Sea Breeze Community meets many needs. Helping our missionaries have a place to call home, whether in time of crisis or short-term home assignments, is one important way we serve those whom Christ has called to serve others around the world. 🌍

As missionaries are sent out, how should we pray for them? Neal Pirolo, author of *Serving As Senders*, suggests using the model of Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9-12.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire  
that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;  
that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;  
giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

*Missionaries need God's wisdom and spiritual understanding in their work.* It can be easy to inadvertently make cultural blunders or faux pas as they adjust to living in a foreign context. Wisdom is crucial as they learn to navigate effectively in their new circumstances.

*Missionaries must keep their own Christian walk worthy of the Lord.* Temptations and pressures are usually amplified on the mission field. Many sincere men and women have fallen spiritually or simply given up on God in the face of severe discouragement. It is vital that they maintain their walk with Christ—not only for their own sake, but also because so many people are likely looking up to them as spiritual role models.

*Missionaries need strength and power from the Spirit.* Often missionaries face spiritual warfare on a more intense and noticeable level. Satan is not pleased when his territory is taken, and cross-cultural workers need special power and spiritual strength as they work to expand God's kingdom.

*And missionaries should give thanks to the Father, our redeemer and guide.* Serving God on the mission field can be one of the most exhilarating life experiences! In addition to the thrill of sharing the gospel with people who potentially would have no other chance of learning about Christ, missionaries get to enjoy new cultures, eat exotic foods, and travel to places many people only dream of seeing. What a blessing to be called by God to serve in this capacity. It is only because of the redeeming work of the cross that this is possible!

*In the end praying for missionaries is not a difficult task.* Think about the things that concern you and pray for them in the same ways you pray for yourself. Then use Paul's model prayer as a guide. In so doing you become a vital part of successful missions. As A. B. Simpson said, "Prayer is the mighty engine that is to move the missionary work."

## PRAY FOR HIM'S MEMBER CARE FOCUS

Properly caring for our missionaries is extremely important to Hope International Missions. We want them to be healthy in every way—spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and physically. **Pray for all the support staff and specifically for the Department of Member Care which is primarily responsible for this vital task.**

## PRAY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBER CARE

Steve Stetler bears a heavy load as he faithfully cares for HIM missionary personnel. **Pray for God to give him wisdom and strength in his role as "pastor" to our missionaries.**

## PRAY FOR HIM MISSIONARIES

Missionaries are regular human beings living everyday lives: men, women, husbands, wives, parents, children, brothers, sisters. **Pray for God to meet every one of their needs.**

## PRAY FOR THE ENTIRE "SENDING" NETWORK

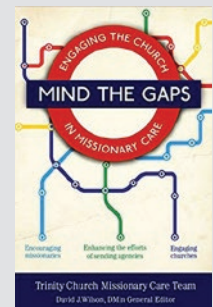
HIM is only one component of a missionary's sending network. Their home church, families, and friends all serve an essential role in their support system. **Pray for these people to be renewed in their dedication to effectively serve as senders.** 🙏

### MISSION RESOURCES

#### MIND THE GAPS

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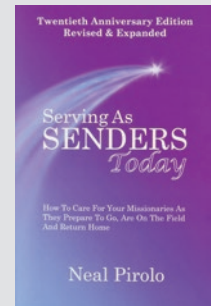
*This guide will "empower churches to complement and enhance the efforts of the member care department of mission sending agencies."*



#### SERVING AS SENDERS TODAY

NEAL PIROLO

*This book does an excellent job of outlining how to effectively send missionaries, giving many practical tips to help with the process.*



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## DID YOU KNOW...

**1** Jeanne Schwartz served as the first director of Member Care for Hope International Missions. We are grateful for her concern and love for our missionaries throughout the years.

**2** Steve Stetler has previously served in a variety of positions for thirty-eight years. The combination of these different ministries has uniquely prepared him to serve as our current director of member care.

**3** The term *member care* came into use in the 1990s. Kelly O'Donnell described the term in his 1992 book *Missionary Care: Counting the Cost for World Evangelization*.

**4** Member Care funds assist missionaries with things like travel costs for unexpected events, such as a family emergency. These funds are also sometimes used to provide missionaries a chance to rest and relax.

**5** HIM has twenty-four missionary children on the field. Growing up in a foreign context has its own challenges. However,

these children play a vital role in their families' ministry, and it is important to extend appropriate member care to them as well.

