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The Church's
Responsibility

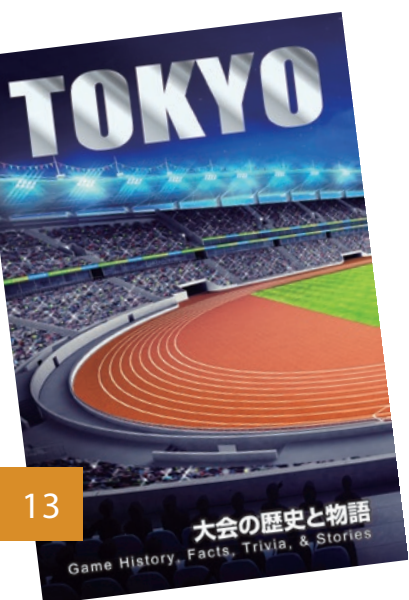
One of the most commonly referenced scriptures regarding missionary work is Matthew 28:18-20. “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” These verses—the Great Commission—are the marching orders for Christ’s disciples. Every follower of Christ is responsible to ensure the Great Commission is fulfilled.

The local church is one of the primary places God uses to help people gain a deeper understanding of their personal responsibility to the Great Commission. However, churches in the United States are struggling to accomplish this. A recent Barna study determined 51 percent of churchgoers say they have never heard of the Great Commission, 25 percent cannot recall the exact meaning, and only 17 percent can accurately define it.

We are convinced the days of actively sending out cross-cultural missionaries are far from over. God is still calling, and His church has a fundamental role to play in getting men and women to the mission field! In this edition we explore ways HIM works with local churches to send out missionaries. Partnerships with congregations across the US are vital to the ongoing success of our organization. Additionally, you will read practical ways to increase your congregation’s involvement in missions, including short-term ministries as well as projects you can support. As you read, ask God to use your church in even greater ways to send out missionaries! 🙏

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The Church's Job... to Send Missionaries!

A number of years ago I was asked to attend a missionary convention at a large church in Knoxville, Tennessee, to represent the missionary flight training school where I was enrolled at the time. The convention was well attended with over seventy missionaries present. Many aspects of that five-day convention I will never forget, but the most memorable is the offering taken on Sunday morning. The money was collected in large bags as plates would not have been large enough. The total when announced was staggering to my mind—\$1.1 million dollars for missions had been collected or pledged in that one service!

We know it is biblical for a church to financially support missionary activity. The apostle Paul is often called a “tent-making” missionary because he used the trade of making tents to support his ministry activities in the city of Corinth. We also see, however, that to some extent Paul did rely on financial support to come from churches where he ministered. One example is the monetary gifts accepted from the church in Philippi. Philippians 4:15-16 says, “Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.” It appears the church in Philippi was the only church supporting Paul during this time. He commended them for their generosity and called the donations “an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God” (vs. 18).

But all too often this is where the local church's involvement in foreign missions stops. It has been assumed that only prayer and

financial support are needed from the local church and that foreign missionary sending organizations will take care of the rest. I think it may be time to “put the ball back in the right court.”

It is the church's job to send missionaries!

From time to time when I am sharing about the ministry of Hope International Missions in a local church setting, I will say something like, “God never called His followers to plant missionary-sending agencies. He has called them to make disciples and for those disciples to group together into local congregations. Mission outreach should flow from the local church.”

You may be asking...why then does HIM exist? Good question. Our mission statement includes the following phrase, “The mission of HIM is to *serve the church* and reach the world by making disciples.” One of our primary goals is to come alongside the local church to enable them to carry out the work God has called them to do. Whether it is reaching into a cross-cultural community near their church here in the United States or sending members overseas as foreign missionaries, our goal is to provide the opportunities and infrastructure for cross-cultural ministry that most local churches find difficult if not impossible to pursue.

So the next time a missionary comes to your church, please do commit to pray for them and to support them financially. But also ask yourself, what more can my church do to send missionaries? After all, that is the church's job. 🙏



IS GOD CALLING YOU?



GLENN GAULT

Director of HIM Africa



As I look across HIM Africa, I see how God is working! New missionaries have brought fresh skills and ideas to the field that have made rapid kingdom advancement possible. For example Wes and Misty Peterson have helped the national church organize a way to systematically evaluate the needs of the orphans for whom we care. These assessments have revealed some very urgent needs they are taking steps to relieve.

For years we have wanted Matukeng Health Centre to reach people spiritually and not just help them with their physical needs. Since her arrival, Angela Thornton has helped deliver more than forty babies in an effort to build spiritual relationships with the staff. We are beginning to see the fruit of her sleepless nights! Recently a young mother came to the clinic with a variety of symptoms that specialists were unable to treat. The nurses at the clinic recognized the source of the problems was demonic and referred her to Pastor Kali. He and ladies from the church visited the lady to share the gospel and pray with her. After prayer the lady could once again speak and see!

A personal vision God has given me is to use the Shepherds Global Classroom curriculum to train pastors in Zambia and help them develop a deeper relationship with God. In June I went on a “vision trip” to Zambia expecting God to show me how to move forward with His plans. In God’s providence I met Pastor Andoni

Phiri who is the chairman of a ministerial fellowship. The pastors of this interdenominational group have been begging for further training, and we sincerely believe God brought us together to help in this need. Because of the distances and international borders that separate Lesotho from Zambia, the challenges are great. But the first shipment of eighty Shepherd’s Global Classroom books was successfully delivered to Pastor Andoni. A missionary is needed to coordinate and expand this work.

The van der Merwes continue to reach new people from the farms and the town of Hobhouse, South Africa. It is uplifting to see the close-knit fellowship of this vibrant congregation. Forty miles away, however, in the town of Ladybrand, the picture is not so bright. Hope International Missions has two church buildings there, but one church has closed its doors, and the other is struggling because there are no pastors.

Since we who truly believe in Christ are all part of one body, let us rejoice over the victories that have been won. However, we are also commanded to weep with those who weep and to use our spiritual gifts for the good of the whole body. As I weep and pray over the lost sheep of Ladybrand and the many untrained pastors of Zambia, I cannot help but believe God is calling someone who is reading this article to come to Africa to help train and mentor national workers to bring in the harvest. Is He calling you? 🙏



DAVID BLACK *Director of HIM Asia*

Making an Eternal Difference in Asia

Airport runs; suitcases stacked everywhere; many visits to the stores to stock groceries; van road trips with happy, noisy young people; children's songs playing over and over in our heads like broken records; tears; prayer; and laughter. These are some of the things that go together as HIM Asia's team presents Jesus each year in Taiwan and China through a series of VBS sessions and English classes. Oh! How Satan hates this ministry to the next generation.

During our third VBS there were temple parades and other demonstrations all around us. One temple even blocked our church's entrance! Then some kids got sick. We could sense the spiritual darkness. But we kept right on going, and God protected us. One of our camps was held in a secret Christian school in China. Though told by several not to risk it, we knew it was God's will. Because of the present tensions in the country, we reduced the size of the team and made an adjustment in the actual camp location. The camp ended up being an amazing time full of victories, and there too our team was protected. We are so grateful.

The 2019 ministry camps for children and young people could not have happened without the help

of a missionary intern from Penn View Bible Institute and a great Touching Lives for Christ (TLC) team. These mission opportunities were also made possible by the generous support of friends in the USA. One friend contacted us and said their church would send whatever offerings they gathered during their own summer VBS to help pay for one camp in Asia. What a wonderful way for children at home to bless other less fortunate children abroad. Whether sending funds, sending your youth, supporting an intern, or personally coming over as a teacher to help, there are many ways God takes the efforts of His servants and helps us make an eternal difference in the lives of children and families in Asia.

Former HIM missionary Dr. Connie Palm once told us she believed if Taiwan were ever to be significantly impacted with the gospel, it would be through the children because the parents are so bound to their old religion. With the help of local churches in the USA, we are able to stand on the front lines in Asia and witness the transformation of families through the power of the gospel. 🙏



SIDNEY GRANT *Director of HIM US Spanish Ministries*

God Is Building His Church

HIM US Hispanic churches have seen phenomenal growth over the past several years. Just recently, two new church plants—Sun City, Florida, and Anderson, Indiana—reported two families were saved in their churches. This past spring another church plant was officially incorporated and recognized as an established church, and leadership was established for the Anderson church.

I receive numerous calls about the need for pastors and new church planters. Recently, I have been made aware of seven opportunities to plant new churches in six different states and seven cities—Alabama, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. As we explore these opportunities and pray for and recruit church planters, we also want to energize and empower the local churches to catch a vision for expansion.

We praise God for building His church! The local congregations are engaged in systematic weekly

evangelistic ministries. Twelve students graduated from the Spanish Bible Institute this spring. The annual pastors' retreat with over eighty in attendance was an encouraging and reviving time.

The best church planting methods come from an enlivened church that engages in the crux of the Great Commission—intentional discipleship. The church must realize its responsibility to reproduce according to Acts 1:8. This role of the church is indispensable for its health and continual growth. As we explore the opportunities before us, we must pray for God's guidance, be ready to work with people whom God will call, and regularly share with the body of Christ what is happening among the Hispanic churches in the United States. The Holy Spirit is speaking to individuals about serving in missions. May we be listening for His call! 🙏





ED DURHAM *Director of HIM Europe*

What if the Church Did Not Send?

God's plan is simple. One of the roles of the local church is to send out missionaries to evangelize and make disciples throughout the world. Recently I began pondering, "What would happen, in our region alone, if the church did not support missionaries who have the vision and gifts to win the lost in a foreign culture?" Here are some of my thoughts.

If the church did not send...

...thousands of people in Russia would not have received their own Bible, New Testament, or other portion of Scripture.

...Denisa, Lonel, and many other orphans in Romania would have no future and no hope. They would be trapped in a culture of alcoholism, prostitution, abuse, and neglect. They would not have experienced God's love and grace.

...hundreds of homeless people would have no one to give them bread, share God's Word with them, and show God's care for them.

...Anna, Marcela, and other orphan girls in Slovakia would have nowhere to go when they leave the orphanage. They would be thrown out into society where they would be extremely vulnerable to those who seek to exploit them. They probably would never learn about Jesus.

...Sergei, Alexi, and hundreds of other prisoners in Russia would not have received Christian correspondence courses and letters answering their spiritual questions. They would have no one to explain the plan of salvation to them and guide them into a personal relationship with Christ.

...discipleship groups would not have formed in several churches in Hungary where Christians are deepening their relationship with God and learning to live a victorious Christian life.

...the people in Szentmargitfalva, Hungary, would still be longing for a place of worship.

If the church did not send, who would tell the people in the former Soviet Union about Jesus and equip them to live the Christian life?

Thankfully, the church is sending! You are making a difference as our missionaries faithfully fulfill their calling. They are enabled every day by your prayers, encouragement, and financial partnership. These and many other lives are being changed through HIM missionaries in Europe and Russia. May God help each of us to be faithful to the role He has given us in His harvest.

Some are senders...some are sent...all engage in the work of God's kingdom. ☞



JOE TAYLOR *Director of Gospel Publishing Mission*

Where There Are People, the Gospel Must Be Proclaimed!

Wherever we look, people are in heathen darkness. Whether in a crude hut or a richly manicured mansion, it matters not. People need the Lord! Jesus has invited "whosoever will," but He has commanded the church to the highways and the byways to compel them to salvation. This is why over twelve years ago you helped GPM send more than one-third of a million gospel books in the Arabic language across that region—invitations to salvation in Jesus Christ. Just lately evidence has surfaced of these books still circulating, still bringing thousands of souls to Jesus.

Always there are opportunities to share the gospel—to our neighbor next door or on the next continent. Now we are creating tools to share the love of Jesus at parades all across this land. This is something every church and every person can do.

Sporting events are another place where souls gather, and many are searching. Let us give them

the greatest gift ever for mankind. God has inspired; books are being prepared; Tokyo20 is coming soon. What shall we do, church? We must not send people away empty again.

The Great Commission has been given. Now is the time for the church and the people who make up the church to respond. We must make this commission our own. If we name God as our Father, it is our "calling." Opportunities are here. In countless places around the world, literature is needed and effective.

- Tokyo20 is coming! God is opening doors and making a way at the Tokyo Summer Olympics in 2020. The goal is one million books to ring forth the gospel story around the world.
- *PARADES!*, a book for "saturation evangelism," is here. This is designed especially for your local church to evangelize your hometown and be known in the community as a lighthouse for the love of Jesus. ☞



An Update from the Cressmans



What a blessing it is to be serving the Lord in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Our ministry focus is currently threefold:

- Education – Children's ministry which includes three classes per week, leader training, and children's revivals. We are hoping to add English classes and Spanish reading classes in the future.
- Hospitality Ministry – Almost every week we host nationals in our home. We also host teams and visitors from the States as well as visitors from other parts of Latin America various times during the year.
- Mercy Ministries – Dump ministry and hospital ministry

In recent days it has become much clearer to me that loving those we serve and investing time in them are vital parts of our ministry. One lady recently left our home saying she came feeling bad but left feeling happy. As we further develop our language learning, God seems to be opening even more doors of ministry. Now it is our responsibility to walk through these doors.

We are grateful to the church in the United States that has come behind us through prayers and financial support to help share in our ministry. When God's people pray, God hears and responds. Many times it is difficult for those in the US to see how vital their investment is in our ministry. However, from the field we assure you that you are of great value to our ministry. May God help us all to invest time, prayers, and love into others to further His kingdom. 🙏

An Update from Mikah Litchfield



The Lord has opened many doors to build relationships with immigrants in the Archdale area. Since a number of the immigrant parents struggle to speak English, there are numerous opportunities to help them with practical needs and thereby spend more time getting to know them. I have been able to assist with shopping, job inquiries, legal issues, house searches, and doctors' visits in addition to the regular English classes I offer.

My first two students were a mother and daughter from Somalia. The youngest girl in their family, Nasreen, loved having me visit. One day we decided to go to the park. Soon after she hopped into the car and we started off together, she said, "I believe Jesus died for us!" Not only was this shocking because she is Muslim, but I was surprised since Nasreen had previously responded coldly to conversations about the gospel.

A deep conversation ensued with Nasreen asking many questions. In the end she was not quite ready to accept Jesus over Allah, but I was encouraged. God had been nurturing a seed in her heart! Through a believer simply spending time with her family and intentionally sharing God's love and truth, her heart had been awakened to the gospel. The Muslim issue is huge, but the power of the gospel is effective. We have the answer that brings freedom. God's kingdom shall prevail as believers obediently show Christ to their neighbors and then send out those called to the lost in faraway places. 🙏

Partnering Together for the Great Commission



AN INTERVIEW WITH JAMES PLANK

James Plank is the General Secretary of the Interchurch Holiness Convention. He has also pastored the God's Missionary Church in Beavertown, Pennsylvania, for over twenty-five years. Several HIM missionaries consider Beavertown their sending church. In this conversation Pastor Plank discusses ways to intentionally create a culture of mission outreach and ways his congregation supports and sends its missionaries.



What is the primary focus of the local church, and how does foreign missions play into that?

The local church's primary mission is to glorify God, edify believers, and evangelize the lost. The church is key to accomplishing the Great Commission cross-culturally. Any missionary is going to come from a local church. We pray, we support, we send.

Q Beavertown God's Missionary Church is the sending church for several Hope International Missions missionaries. What are some specific ways you have gone about creating a culture of missions there?

I think it is because of our deliberate emphasis on revival and purpose. Nothing is more important than having a vibrant spiritual life and then a strong sense of purpose. Our church is intentional about cultivating the glory and presence of God and helping people find their life's purpose. It is natural for our young people to be seeking, "What does God want me to do?"—whether it is abroad or at home.

We also keep missions before our people constantly. Basically every service, we pray for our missionaries, mentioning them by name. There is a sense of pride that they are part of our church. In our bulletin every Sunday they are listed by name on the prayer list, and it is always on my mind to include them just as if they were here. Our missionaries have a permanent mailbox in the church, even though they are gone for maybe two or three years at a time. Whenever they come home, even if it is just for one service, we want them to feel like they belong and are not forgotten.

Q What are some goals you have for expanding your church's foreign mission impact?

I am a strong believer in getting people to the mission field. We have done a lot with youth missions trips and a number of adult work teams. But I want more of that. There is no substitute for being on the mission field. In our society people are taking cruises, visiting Disney World, or going on elk hunts. It is not hard for them to hop on a plane and travel to a mission field where their life can be radically changed. I want to make those opportunities increasingly available in the days ahead.

Q What role does missions have in the life of the church member who knows he is not supposed to be on the mission field? How should missions impact him?

It is extremely valuable to feel a part. For instance I think our people do feel a part of Eric and Hannah Kuhns' work. They have given, they have prayed, and they have invested. Eric grew up here, and his Sunday school teachers are now older people in the church who remember him in Sunday school. There is just no substitute for that sense of, "I have helped do something for the kingdom because I prayed with this kid at the altar. I remember when he was young, and I tried to be an encouragement to him. I watched him go off to Bible college, get married, and go to the mission field for the first time." Now when he comes back, there is a tremendous sense of, "We are in this together."

Q What place does short-term missions have in a local church?

I think it is huge. The more you get people on a mission field, the

more they will be better supporters of missionaries as well as all evangelistic enterprises of the local church. We have proven this to be true.

Q How do short-term mission trips mark the lives of young people?

Two of my nieces just went on a trip to Lesotho where there are HIM missionaries. To hear them talk about how that impacted their life and how they want to go back stood out to me. One of my nieces said, "You know there are other Christians in the world, but it is just so neat to see that for yourself."

The very first mission experience I personally had was as a young person on a trip to the Bahama Islands. On a Sunday morning in that church the first song they sang was, "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God." I was overwhelmed and in tears. I had never been to a mission field of any kind, yet there I was in a church full of people—none of whom looked like me—but the presence of God was exactly the same. Young people do not get over it, and there is no price tag to be put on that impact on their lives.

Q How does a parachurch mission organization like Hope International Missions help local churches fulfill their missions role?

Not very many churches in America today would have the ability to do what a mission organization like HIM does. We partner together. If our church does its job and has a spirit of revival, we will be able to send out more and more mission candidates. But we must have the professional support to assist us. The organizational management aspect is up to you.

I deeply appreciate that President Martin recognizes the role of the sending church. Behind every missionary, there are families and a church support team that care deeply.

Q What has been the biggest benefit for your church in partnering with HIM?

People trust HIM which is key if they are going to support a missionary financially. We are not interested in putting money into an organization that is going to betray us in doctrine and in who we are as holiness people. We have confidence you are going to treat our missionaries well and take care of them.

Q What do you recommend is a good first step to build a strong missions culture in the local church?

Obviously, your church has to have a vision. Get the fire burning in your own soul and help your church understand its purpose. Then set your eyes and heart on a good missionary or two who will not let you down. Even if they are not from your church, rally around them as if they were from your church—pray for them, keep them before your people, visit their fields. This will help build a missions culture. ☞

A 21st Century Antioch



RANDALL MCELWAIN

Who is most important in mobilizing missionaries? A mission organization facilitates the process; prayer and financial supporters are vital; national partners are key. But one often-overlooked member of this process is the candidate's home church.

Antioch was the primary missionary-sending church of the first century. This multi-ethnic church was passionate about missions and evangelism. How can your church become a twenty-first century Antioch? A few suggestions....

1) *An Antioch church cultivates missionaries.*

An Antioch church believes a call to missions is not just for others but may be for "us." From Sunday school mission stories to short-term mission trips, their children and youth feel the excitement of missions. Young adults seeking God's will for their life and mid-career adults who sense God's call in a new direction find enthusiastic support from their church.

2) *An Antioch church supports those who hear God's call.*

It takes courage for a young couple to say, "God has called us to Myanmar." This is even harder when a chorus of voices object:

- "Is it fair to take your children away from their friends and home?"
- "But you have a good job! Isn't it enough to give generously to missions?"
- "Is it safe? Surely God doesn't want you to risk your family in an unsafe country."

An Antioch church is excited when God honors one of their own with the call to missions.

3) *An Antioch church commissions their missionary.*

In moments of discouragement missionaries from an Antioch church recall the service when a home pastor, board members, and the congregation joined hands to say, "You are our missionary. We are behind you."

An Antioch church celebrates as they send out their missionary. And they promise, "When you return, we will celebrate what God does through you."

4) *An Antioch church provides a support team for their missionary.*

Every winner of the congressional Medal of Honor was supported by a supply line. Every missionary on the frontlines of God's kingdom work needs a support line.

An Antioch church provides a support base for its missionaries. A medical doctor in the church is available when a missionary needs medical advice. The church pays the plane fare for a mechanic, plumber, or handyman to provide onsite help to the missionary. Prayer warriors respond to calls for special prayer. Yes, mission organizations provide many of these services. But an Antioch church says, "This is our missionary. We want to be a part of the support team."

An Antioch church knows the sending process does not end when the missionary boards a flight to the field. An Antioch church provides ongoing financial, emotional, and spiritual support. They know their missionary's birthday—and her favorite brand of chocolate. When the missionary returns, Antioch provides a church home where she can worship and be spiritually refreshed without being "on display."

5) *An Antioch church maintains regular contact with their missionary.*

Antioch churches reject the saying, "Out of sight; out of mind." They keep in touch with their missionaries—not just on Christmas and birthdays, but every month of the year. They occasionally invite their missionary to join a Sunday service through Skype or Facetime.

There is a wonderful irony to the story of Antioch. Many members of this church fled to Antioch to escape persecution at the hands of a Pharisee named Saul. Saul is converted and ministers in Antioch. A few years later, the church hears the Spirit's voice, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2). Who would dream that Antioch's first commissioned missionary would be a "retired persecutor"? Talk about a midlife career change!

Today, what might God want to do through your church? Perhaps your church is home to a future missionary to the Islamic world, a pioneer missionary to an unreached people group, or a church planter in one of the world's major cities. Don't miss the thrill of becoming a 21st century Antioch! 🙌

Go! Impact

Short-term mission trips are common today and provide a valuable service. At times, however, a mission field has a specific need requiring skilled, experienced teams. *Go! Impact* offers opportunities to visit a field for one to two weeks to complete advanced tasks.

Do you want to make an impact in a cross-cultural setting? Are you available to share your skills to advance the kingdom of God? Visit feaministries.org/impact to fill out an interest form. HIM will add you to a database of Christian workers who are interested in serving. When the need arises, we will contact you.

First *Go! Impact* Teams Serve in the Bahamas

On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph. It hovered over the area for twenty-four hours, wreaking havoc and taking lives.

Hope International Missions has a long history of service in the Bahamas. The churches at Freeport, Holmes Rock, and High Rock, Grand Bahama, were built under the leadership of HIM missionaries. The works are now under national leadership but continue to interact with HIM and Sea Breeze Camp on a regular basis.

President Harold Martin flew to Grand Bahama to assess damages. Donations poured into the home office, and multiple flights loaded with supplies went to the devastated area. Three shipping containers full of building materials and furniture have also been delivered.

The first team repaired the roof on the home of Pastor Cecil Kemp in High Rock. A second team replaced the roof on the home of a single mother. Work continued on her home with the third *Go! Impact* team.

There is much more work to do in order to help the Bahamian people bring their homes and churches back to normal. To join a *Go! Impact* Bahamas team or to register to be available for other teams as the need arises, visit feaministries.org/impact and fill out the appropriate form. 🙏



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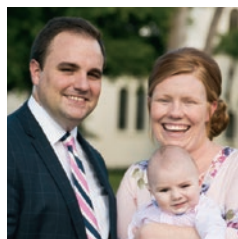
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Louie the Monkey!

Did you find Louie on page six in the second picture? These kids did.

Kallista Engle - British Columbia, Canada

Khloe Engle - British Columbia, Canada

Bryce Harris - Tampa, FL

Evan Harris - Tampa, FL

Manoah Meadows - Cool Ridge, WV



Louie is hiding again. See if you can find him. The first five kids who call 772-546-1113 or email engagekids@feaministries.org will have their names published in the next issue of *World Update*.

Please include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!

Progress on the Palm Guest House



The old faithful landmark Finney Hall has been removed, and the lot is ready for the new Palm House. As soon as one last signature is obtained from the county, the foundation work will begin for the new building.

Because of requirements from the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the asbestos in the old building, the demolition cost was greater than expected. If you would like to participate in this project, send donations to FEA Ministries, PO Box 1065, Hobe Sound, FL 33475, or call 772-546-1113. You may also give online at feaministries.org/palmhouse. 🌿

PRAY! GIVE! GO!



SUMMER OLYMPIC PROJECT JULY 24-AUGUST 9, 2020

You can help make possible the distribution of one million gospel books at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Half will be written for adults and half for children. The cost for this project is \$240,000. One hundred percent of what you give will go toward sharing the good news with hundreds of thousands of hungry hearts from around the world.

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All in a Day's Work

My sink is leaking water all over the floor!"

"My air conditioner is making a strange noise."

"There's a large palm branch blocking my driveway."

"We have a missionary family who had to make an emergency return to the US. We need to move furniture, bedding and household items to this location. Oh, and they will be here in a few hours..."

It is all in a day's work for the hard-working team of men and women who labor together to provide for the varied maintenance needs of the Sea Breeze Community. Whether it is Receptionist Judy Bulson fielding calls and entering work orders into our tracking system or Maintenance Director Frank Vaughn insuring the right personnel are properly assigned and the job is completed satisfactorily—maintaining and improving our historic community and campground is a team effort from start to finish. This team serves our regular year-round residents and also those who come to visit for the winter or other short stays. An integral part of our ministry is serving our missionaries who come back, sometimes under short-notice emergency circumstances, needing the security that they have a "home" to come back to.

Our maintenance team usually works in the background. They are not speaking from the platform or visible in public ministry. But they ARE ministering with the specialized skills God has given them and with their willing hearts to serve in Jesus' name. For a

number of our team members, potentially higher-paying jobs are available in secular employment in the booming South Florida economy. These dedicated team members have chosen instead to utilize their talents in kingdom service.

When a work order is assigned or an emergency maintenance issue presents itself, our team members are there to respond. We have a team with varied experience and training who all work together to make running our forty-plus-acre campus possible:

Frank Vaughn brings a lifetime of technical and life experience. A trained tool and die maker, Frank is also a natural leader who commands respect from all our crew. He has fostered a strong team identity, utilizing a chain of command that provides the basis for unity and purpose.

David Taylor, shop foreman and lead a/c technician, is certified in air-conditioning repairs and maintenance, a critical year-round need here in Hobe Sound. David's technical skills allows him to work hand-in-hand with our air-conditioning contractor to keep our residents cool and comfortable.

Sean Adams has been with FEA Maintenance for almost four years. His previous secular employment and personal studying provide expertise in electronics, but Sean helps with a wide variety of situations. He is skilled in many areas that minister with practical application every day.

We recently added two brothers to our team! Justice Mayle and Tyler Mayle are young and enthusiastic, and both have

useful experience to share. We are glad to have both of these guys and their wives living on campus, and Justice is the proud father of a young daughter as well.

Part-timer Ethan Martin takes on the fast-growing grass and sub-tropical landscaping around our sprawling campus. Many have commented about the improvement in the appearance of our community. His dedicated hard work is one important part of that effort.

Keeping these guys organized is no easy task, but Diana Taylor helps make sure important paperwork is processed correctly and efficiently.

For quite some time, we recognized our maintenance needs differed for residential properties and primary ministry facilities, and a separate approach was needed. In answer to our prayers, Bart Thompson agreed to return to not only FEA Ministries, but also Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Bible Church to coordinate maintenance of the major buildings for Hobe Sound Ministries. Bart has extensive experience in construction, roofing, air-conditioning, and working with multiple trade contractors. His rapport with our vendors and contractors helps us stay in compliance with strict Martin County regulations. Bart works regularly with Kim Wojcieszak, our licensed general contractor on retainer with FEA.

Together this team blesses our ministries here in Hobe Sound day in and day out. They serve and, by doing so, allow others to serve! 🙌



The Maintenance Team



Ethan Martin



Bart Thompson

The Bible portrays God reaching down into the world to draw lost humanity into a relationship with Him. Indeed, missions is His idea, not ours. Yet amazingly, He chooses to use His own creation as a key component of reaching lost humanity with the message of the gospel. As soon as someone comes to Christ, he is swept up into God's master plan of missions. Every single believer is responsible to help spread the good news to the ends of the earth.

The local church plays a vital role in nurturing the development of a strong global awareness among its members. When functioning as it should, the church is a breeding ground for mission-minded disciples. From among these will naturally flow cross-cultural missionaries sent to accomplish the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

A foreign mission agency like Hope International Missions helps facilitate the sending of people to the field and provides support and expertise that would be difficult for churches to provide. But HIM is a conduit, not the primary catalyst—the church is responsible to instill in every believer a passion to see the Great Commission accomplished.

What are some practical ways a church can serve as senders?

- Make this a matter of prayer. Pray and fast for individuals to be called and to respond to that call.
- Make it personal! Get to know God so intimately that you see as He sees, love as He loves, and do as He does.
- Make the Great Commission a regular part of your church message.
- Work to transform your church culture. Truly making the gospel the focus of all your church does and stands for will change its culture, and then the culture will result in the sending. Encourage families to discuss missions in their homes. Highlight missions testimonies in your services. Visit a mission field.
- Leverage your financial resources to accomplish the Great Commission. Is foreign missions a priority in your church's budget?
- Send out missionaries! Ask your church to pray for the next missionary. Invite your people to ask God if they should go.
- Adopt missionaries. Pray intensely and intentionally for them. Help them raise support. Encourage them emotionally. Help meet their practical needs.
- Adopt an unreached people group. The Joshua Project has helpful information.
- Provide mission resources for people at your church. HIM's *Engage* and *Engage Kids* programs can be used to educate your people about missions. Keep opportunities before your people.
- What ethnic group lives close to your church? We would love to discuss the possibilities of partnering more intentionally with your church to help reach those people.

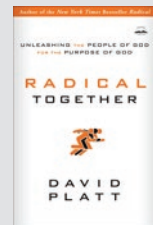
By taking the Great Commission to heart at your church and living out the urgency of God's global mission, your church will serve as senders!

MISSION RESOURCES

RADICAL TOGETHER

DAVID PLATT

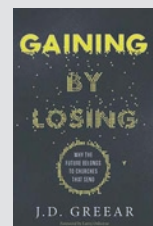
"God has given us vast resources. If we were willing to take some risks, if we were willing to alter our lifestyles, and if we were willing to organize our churches around taking the gospel to people who have never heard of Christ, we could see every people group on the planet reached with the gospel."



GAINING BY LOSING

J. D. GREAR

"Jesus launched a global mission, and when he saves a person, he sweeps them up immediately into that mission, global dimensions and all. He doesn't just sanitize us and put us on his sanctified shelf; he sends us on his saving mission."



PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES ON DEPUTATION

As they update the people in their sending churches and others who invest in their ministry, pray for the missionaries on deputation. **Ask that God will protect them as they travel, give them anointing in sharing their burden, and open the hearts of those who hear.**

PRAY FOR WORKERS

HIM has numerous current and pioneer fields where mission leaders and nationals are pleading for workers. **Pray that God will "send forth laborers into His harvest."**

PRAY FOR SENDING CHURCHES

The home church of a missionary is a vital foundation for them. **Pray for God to give sending churches wisdom and insight into how best to minister to their missionaries.**

PRAY FOR CHURCHES TO DEVELOP A MISSION CULTURE

Children who are raised in a culture of missions will more quickly consider going into mission service. **Pray that churches will present to their congregations the work God is doing in other cultures and encourage their people to love the world as God does.** 🌍



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DID YOU KNOW...

- 1 Our missionaries come from over a dozen churches in the United States. They look to their sending churches for encouragement and support.
- 2 *Engage* helps churches build a culture of missions. This program provides churches with the tools for a challenging mission service that can be led by a local church member.
- 3 Our team is requesting more workers right now in over twenty areas. For example Nichole Barr in Mongolia has contacts at a university where new missionaries could teach English. She also has connections to several churches looking for someone to help build and disciple their youth group and to provide quality leadership training.
- 4 We have more than ten locations where we feel God is leading us to pioneer new works. These include countries such as Albania, Argentina, Japan, Panama, and Turkey. Is He speaking to you about serving Him in this capacity?
- 5 HIM values our partnerships with local congregations and desires to work with churches to see many more missionaries sent out. We recognize the significant role the sending church plays in mobilizing missionaries and supporting them on the field.