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# FROM THE Editor

**BENJAMIN MCDOWELL**

Managing Editor

**January 8, 1956.** The world reeled in shock when search parties found the bodies of five men who gave their lives while endeavoring to share the gospel with a backwater primitive tribe in the jungles of Ecuador.

Nearly sixty-three years after Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, and Roger Youderian were killed, twenty-six-year-old missionary John Chau traveled to a remote speck of sand and jungle in the Indian Ocean near India, Myanmar, and Thailand. He was attempting to lead a Stone Age people group known as the North Sentinelese to Christ. Following an unfriendly interaction with the heathen tribe two days prior, John penned these words in his journal: “LORD is this island Satan’s last stronghold where none have even had a chance to hear Your Name?”

In his last letter to family, dated November 16, John wrote, “You guys might think I’m crazy in all this but I think it’s worth it to declare Jesus to these people. Please do not be angry at them or God if I get killed—rather please live your lives in obedience to whatever He has called you to and I’ll see you again when you pass through the veil. Don’t retrieve my body. This is not a pointless thing—the eternal lives of this tribe

are at hand and I can’t wait to see them around the throne of God worshipping in their own language.” November 17, 2018, was John Chau’s last day on this earth.

What characterized the lives of these men who gave their all? A marked passion for God and an urgency to live their lives for the sake of the nations! No sacrifice was too great to bring the gospel to those who had never heard.

This passion for the lost is the very heartbeat of our Creator. His plan from before the foundations of the world was to ransom people from every tribe and language and nation. In his book *The Mission of God*, Christopher Wright points out that God’s promise to use Abraham and his descendants to bless the nations rushes like a river through every chapter of the Bible. Scripture is an announcement about a rescue mission God has come on for us and an invitation to join that rescue mission for others.

In Psalm 67 we read, “Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!” (Ps. 67:3-4 NKJV). Habakkuk 2:14 declares, “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

But this is not yet the case!

Forty-two percent of the world is considered unreached—which means 3.4 billion souls have little or no access to the gospel. Today, hundreds of thousands of people will die without the hope of Jesus. As Christ’s children, empowered by His Spirit, we must live our lives for the sake of the nations until God’s glory covers the earth.

Before his death, Jim Elliot wrote these words in his journal: “God, I pray thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like you, Lord Jesus.” Jim’s passionate pursuit of the nations was fueled by a passionate love for the One who longs to reconcile mankind to Himself.

In a day of leisure, prosperity, and complacency, may our love for Christ and for the lost be rekindled. May we as ordinary men and women be extraordinarily committed to the completion of the Great Commission.

Let us seek revival for the sake of the nations. Let us pray with passion for the sake of the nations. Let us live with urgency for the sake of the nations.

Let us give! Let us send! Let us go!

For the glory of God and for the sake of the nations. •

# REVIVAL— FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATIONS

By HAROLD MARTIN, President of FEA Ministries

This spring I was privileged to teach a History of Missions class at one of our holiness Bible colleges. Thirty years ago in college, I took a History of Missions course which used the textbook, *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, by Ruth Tucker. Interestingly, many still view that as the seminal work on mission history, and the class I taught used that textbook.

I was humbled as I read again the accounts of ordinary people who turned their backs on earthly leisure to share the gospel with “the heathen”: William Carey, David Livingston, Adoniram and Anne Judson, David Brainerd, Gladys Aylward, John and Betty Stam, Jim and Elizabeth Elliot—ordinary men and women extraordinarily committed to the completion of the Great Commission. They faced depression, relationship issues, sickness, financial setbacks, and discouragement as we do today, and yet they persevered in taking the gospel literally to the ends of the earth!

As the class progressed, something stood out I had not previously considered. **Most of the great missionary movements throughout history were closely related to mighty revival in the church.** I guess this should not come as a surprise, but as the church advances through genuine revival, mission also advances through people called of God and empowered by His Spirit. “Revival is the mother of missions.”<sup>1</sup>

The birth of the church at Pentecost cannot necessarily be defined as a *revival*, but that day did carry many hallmarks we look for today when we seek revival. The Spirit of God “overflowed in a dramatic and overpowering fashion,”<sup>2</sup> and once-weak disciples were empowered to serve.

Ruth Tucker writes of the disciples after Pentecost:

It was a generation that turned the world upside down—spreading Christianity into

virtually every major urban center in the inter eastern empire. What began as a Jewish sect in AD 30 had grown into a world religion by AD 60.<sup>3</sup>

Tucker says more than just preaching expanded God’s kingdom. It was also believers’ personal witness and the kindness they showed to unbelievers in the face of persecution and death. The evangelistic zeal of the apostles splashed over onto their converts and the churches they planted. Ridicule was expected, martyrdom was probable, and yet the church grew in the early centuries after the resurrection of Christ.

Following the disciples’ example, men and women have always been committed to sharing the gospel with the nations. But during the revivals of the 18th and 19th centuries, Christian mission advanced most rapidly in modern times.

One great move of God in missions flowed out of the Moravian Church in the 1700s. Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, a wealthy religious landowner in Germany, opened his large estate, Herrnhut, to refugees from across Europe fleeing religious persecution. Blending the beliefs of differing backgrounds into one community of faith was difficult. By 1727 division was so strong, the existence of Herrnhut was threatened. At a communion service after a time of confession and humility, a great revival broke out, heightening a sense of unity and dependence on God. A prayer vigil began that continued without interruption around the clock, seven days a week, for over 100 years.

It should not be a surprise that from this flowed foreign missionary impact unseen before and rarely since. A new passion for missions became the chief characteristic of the Moravian movement. Missionaries were sent to every corner of the globe. At one point three of every four Moravians were on a mission field.

The Moravian revival and mission thrust had a lasting impact on John Wesley. He met a group of Moravian missionaries when his life was marked by failure and spiritual weakness. Later he visited Herrnhut to learn more about their spiritual heritage. This visit greatly impacted Wesley and his Methodist church. The Methodist Church led to the Great Awakening, which jumped the Atlantic and led to the

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### PLANTING AND WATERING

By GLENN GAULT, Director of HIM Africa

Looking back on 2023, some of the brightest highlights of the year were people getting saved. Wes Peterson loved our friend and neighbor Mr. Mofolo Kobeli to Jesus as he was on the brink of death from cancer. The Lord forgave his sins and also touched him physically. Now his wife (one of the nurse-midwives at HIM's clinic) and three sons are following Jesus too. Besides the Kobeli family, Pastor Kali led the Matukeng church in focused evangelism that paid off with many new people entering God's kingdom. Another major victory, led by Pastor Tankiso, was the reopening of the church at Mauersnek in South Africa.

Discipleship and training have also been important parts of our ministry this past year. The focus of Pastor Thaisi's ministry has been helping the people of two congregations solve problems in their lives until they are able to consistently live out their Christian faith at home, work, and school. The Reach4Life youth discipleship program has expanded to three more churches and around a hundred teenagers. Stephanie Gault is pleased that national children's workers she has

been training are taking growing responsibility for reaching the children around them with the gospel. Besides teaching in Lesotho, Glenn Gault traveled to Ghana, Cameroon, and Zambia to train pastors and Christian leaders through the Africa 85 initiative. One of the many bright spots from these trips has been supporting Pastor Allegri with his vision of training godly, effective pastors in refugee camps.

Humanitarian ministries are also being leveraged to build God's kingdom. Angela Thornton and Miss Mokeretla (nurse-in-charge at the clinic) coordinated the distribution of "care packages," that included tracts and Scripture portions, to several hundred of the most needy patients at Matukeng Health Centre. Our hearts were warmed by the elderly lady who was so overjoyed at receiving her first Bible that she hugged it! We also praise God for orphans and vulnerable children who are growing spiritually as they receive a hand-up through the sponsor-a-child program.

It was a busy year of "planting and watering." Rejoice with us for the increase God Himself has given! •



1. Glenn Gault presenting a graduation certificate in Cameroon
2. Mofolo Kobeli in 2024
3. Wes Peterson with Mofolo in 2023



## ADDING TO THE CHURCH DAILY

By DAVID BLACK, Director of HIM Asia

Christina and I are constantly amazed at God's blessings and His guidance. I have been challenged recently by a statement by D. L. Moody: "Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that really doesn't matter." We hope these reports from the front lines in Asia will encourage you, and you will see that our missionaries are doing work that matters and are exalting Christ in Asia.

Byron Manners, our HIM Interim Field Director—along with his wife, Missy Manners, and Nathanael Bundy—started the summer English camps again. With the Taiwan leadership they held summer camps at three of our HIM-affiliated churches. Several children have returned for Sunday school at South Kaohsiung church, and one young boy from the summer camp at Nanzi is now regularly attending the English classes on Tuesday evenings. God is using Nathanael under Byron's guidance to help the Nanzi church come together and move forward again. A Taiwanese couple is now pastoring Cijin church. Another



recent church plant and many of its church members have committed to helping, and this church too is growing again.

Nathanael Bundy reports that his Chinese classes have gone well. He continues faithfully teaching and preaching.

After a leave of absence Nichole Barr is back in Mongolia and says, "I am, overall, just so happy to be back home! I am attending classes to learn more Mongolian. It is going well, and I understand about 70 percent of what I hear. Things are slowly returning to me. I had forgotten how wonderful it is to worship in another language while feeling the love and sovereignty of God that transcends culture and language."

In China classes have resumed for the students enrolled in the global academy we offer to those who have lost the freedom to meet at physical sites. In spite of intense persecution thirty-three students chose to enroll this semester. We have three teachers instructing online. Presently we are looking for a teacher to teach the next online class to our house church leaders in China. Steady work also continues on the translation of Shepherds Global Classroom materials into Mandarin.

In Asia God is adding to the church daily, and we are grateful for our team who are doing work that matters while leaving results to God. •



1. Praying together
2. Nanzi Bible Holiness Bilingual Church in Taiwan



## HIM CARIBBEAN

### CONTINUED GROWTH

By JIM HOWARD, Director of HIM Caribbean

**The HIM Caribbean works are continuing to grow in God.** A good delegation came to Sea Breeze Camp 2024. It was a real blessing to them, and they were a blessing to the camp. During the Youth Rally, God used Pastor Pinder from Grand Bahama to move out to the altar when the youth choir was singing, “Lord I Need You.” Waves of God’s presence moved through the youth and many others in the congregation. Eternity alone will reveal the far-reaching effects of that one move of God’s Spirit, and there were many more. I happened to be sitting with the Caribbean delegation and enjoyed watching them worship.

God is moving in the Turks and Caicos Islands. President Harold Martin, Tommy Parsons, and I flew down for the first weekend of Bottle Creek Camp. The Holy Spirit met with us, and we were challenged by the ministry of Rev. Frank Hiedler. One message was on the challenge to love. He gave a personal example of a time he chose to demonstrate love to someone who did his best to cause personal harm to him. Rev. David Fulton came to help with the second week. On Saturday

we flew with Junior Forbes to South Caicos. Sis. Judy, a key member of the church there, lost her home to a hurricane. She has been living in the church parsonage. Her replacement house has a good metal roof, windows and doors, but progress is largely at a standstill. We would like to send a work team to help move her house toward completion. This will enable the parsonage to be available for when God sends someone to serve there.

Plans are underway for a good year of ministry in the Bahamas. A VBS team from Pennsylvania is scheduled to hold a VBS in Freeport this summer. A work team is also needed to help with some necessary improvements in the living quarters at the church. Additionally, a Hobe Sound Bible College student group will be ministering during the fall semester. Continue to pray for a youth leader for Freeport. There is a wide-open opportunity.

The situation in Haiti has only worsened. The country is in total chaos with danger from the gangs that have largely seized control. In spite of extreme difficulties and risks the church continues to grow. We praise God that Pastor Dominic from Grand Riviere was released from jail after being wrongfully detained. Please continue praying for the churches and orphan ministries in Haiti.

We are grateful for the continued growth in the Caribbean! God’s hands are not tied. He is in full control and moving in people’s lives! •

*Jim Howard, Tommy Parsons, and Harold Martin flying*



## HIM LATIN AMERICA

### HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

By ERIC KUHNS, Director of HIM Latin America

**God is still calling on the nations to be saved!** It has been encouraging over the last year to hear and see how God is working among our ministries in Latin America.

Erick was a young man searching for contentment and meaning in life. One day on a bus he sat down next to Katerine, our pastor's daughter in Managua, Nicaragua, and started a conversation. She invited him to church, and he decided to go. He said as soon as he stepped into the church, he could sense a whole different atmosphere. He felt "he was home." God's love and the fellowship of the believers made an impact on Erick.

left the retreat encouraged, and a few days later went to his checkup. The doctor was shocked when he saw the new ultrasound. All fourteen kidney stones were gone. Osbaldo said, "I know what happened, Doctor. God healed me."

I'll never forget the Sunday Jeremy Hopkins finished preaching and dismissed the congregation. One of our church ladies said she wanted to come forward to pray. She knelt and wept bitterly. She had carried a secret sin for many months. She had been backsliding and drifting, but God was merciful and was calling her back to Him. We prayed with her until she had peace and victory. Her whole demeanor and attitude drastically changed after she had confessed and forsaken her shame and sin. Praise God there is victory!

Whether you are seeking, sick, or sinning, God can help you!

I love the words of Jesus when He launched His ministry. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

*The group from the Men's Retreat.  
Osbaldo is the second from the left.*



He continues to grow and seek the Lord. God is faithful to those who seek and knock.

Osbaldo came to our first men's retreat in Honduras. He showed up discouraged from a bad doctor's report that he had seven stones in each kidney. But during the retreat, God began to settle down on the services. We had a special time of prayer especially for Osbaldo's healing. He

because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). May Jesus' mission also be our mission at home and for the nations! •



# PRAYER GUIDE 20 24

## HIM NORTH AMERICA



Scott & Sarah  
**SUSAN**

*LOCATION* North America  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Arab  
Community Ministries  
*CHILDREN* Ethan, Alex, Xena,  
and Lexi  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2021



Stephanie  
**WALTER**

*LOCATION*  
Central Pennsylvania  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Amish Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2018



Hery and Rosa  
**SANTIAGO**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Migrant Worker Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2023

## HIM US SPANISH MINISTRIES



Sidney & Gretel  
**GRANT**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Directors of  
HIM US Spanish Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1987  
(Various terms of service)



Benjamin & Brenda  
**SMITH**

*LOCATION* Shelbyville, Indiana  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Hispanic Youth  
*CHILDREN* Sofia, Clara, and Ivan  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2020



Philip & Collette  
**BURCH**

*LOCATION*  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
US Spanish Church Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2003

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## HIM ASIA

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David & Christina  
**BLACK**

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*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Directors of HIM Asia  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2011



Daniel & Dorothy  
**HSU**

*LOCATION* South Florida; China  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Chinese Outreach  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1979



Nichole  
**BARR**

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Mongolia  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* TESOL,  
Women's Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2016



Byron & Melissa  
**MANNERS**

*LOCATION* Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Taiwan Interim Field Director  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2002



Nathanael  
**BUNDY**

*LOCATION* Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
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Leadership Training  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2018



Jeanne  
**SCHWARTZ**

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Chinese Outreach  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1989



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**CHAI**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Chinese Outreach  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2004



Chris & Crystal  
**ZHOU**

*LOCATION* South Florida; China  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Chinese Outreach  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2008



Bradley & Anita  
**HALTER**

*LOCATION* Chungli, Taiwan  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Leadership Development  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1976

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## HIM LATIN AMERICA

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Eric & Hannah  
**KUHN**

*LOCATION* Tegucigalpa,  
Honduras  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Directors of  
HIM Latin America  
*CHILDREN* Joseph and Daniel  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2005



Jeremy & Esther  
**HOPKINS**

*LOCATION* Tegucigalpa,  
Honduras  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Pastoral  
Ministries, Leadership Training  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2020



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## HIM AFRICA

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Glenn & Stephanie  
**GAULT**

*LOCATION* Matukeng, Lesotho  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Directors of HIM Africa  
*CHILDREN*  
Kaitlyn, Kristell, and Caleb  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2000



Angela  
**THORNTON**

*LOCATION* Matukeng, Lesotho  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Education,  
Healthcare Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2016



Hester  
**MARAIS**

*LOCATION* Bloemfontein,  
South Africa  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Personal Evangelism  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1993



Johan & Hessie  
**VAN DER MERWE**

*LOCATION* Ladybrand,  
South Africa  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Leadership Development  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2000



Wesley & Misty  
**PETERSON**

*LOCATION* Matukeng, Lesotho  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* OVC Ministry,  
Project Development  
*CHILDREN* Kaylee, Karissa,  
Kathryn, Kara, Clayton, and  
Courtney  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2017

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## HIM CARIBBEAN

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**HOWARD**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Directors of HIM Caribbean  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE*  
1989-2015; 2022



Daryl  
**HOBBS**

*LOCATION* South Florida; Haiti  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Haiti Field Administrator  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2009



Frank & Marilyn  
**VAUGHN**

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*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Haiti Field Directors  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2006



Marilyn  
**MARCHANT**

*LOCATION* Alabama;  
North Caicos  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Prayer and Encouragement  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE*  
1966-77; 2007

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## HIM EUROPE

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Edward & Heather  
**DURHAM**

*LOCATION* Budapest, Hungary  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
Directors of HIM Europe  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2010



Richard & Judy  
**GROUT**

*LOCATION* Cordele, Georgia;  
Vyborg, Russia  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Russian  
Ministries Coordinators  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1993



Tim and Sally  
**IOVAN**

*LOCATION* Talpos, Romania  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* OVC Ministry,  
Humanitarian Aid  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2002



Tim & Sharron  
**TEED**

*LOCATION* Vrbovce, Slovakia  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Church  
Planting, Orphan Ministries  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2021



Valera & Maude  
**MOTOVILOV**

*LOCATION* Prague, Czechia  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
English Education  
*CHILDREN* Zarina, Alexander,  
and Nicolas  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2005



Wesley & Janna  
**CRESSMAN**

*LOCATION* Barcelona, Spain  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Church  
Planting, Discipleship  
Ministries  
*CHILDREN* Ella and Carter  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2014

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## GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION

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Joe & Gay  
**TAYLOR**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS* Directors of  
Gospel Publishing Mission  
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*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 1994



Ann  
**FRENCH**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
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GPM Office Assistant  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2009



Robert  
**BOOTH**

*LOCATION* South Florida  
*MINISTRY FOCUS*  
GPM Project Manager  
*SERVING WITH HIM SINCE* 2017





## HIM EUROPE

### “RE-SEEDING” THE NATIONS WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

By EDWARD DURHAM, Director of HIM Europe

In the past Europe experienced great revivals. During the Reformation and the Great Awakening, revival fires swept across many countries in Europe. But over the years the fervor waned, and during the years of Communist rule, the smoldering embers of revival were stamped out under the heavy weight of Stalin's boots. People's spirits were broken, and it seemed like there was no hope in sight.

But thankfully with the collapse of the Iron Curtain, a window of opportunity opened into the former Soviet countries. Now we have the immense challenge and opportunity to be “re-seeding” these countries once again with the gospel message.

- The ministry led by Richard and Judy Grout for over twenty-five years in Russia has distributed Bibles, New Testaments, and scripture portions to thousands of people across the vast country where people were taught for years that there was no God. The Grouts trained leaders who are carrying on the work even though the door is now closed to American missionaries.
- The country known as the Czech Republic—the home of the Moravians—has drifted deep into atheism and agnosticism. Our missionaries Valera and Maude Motovilov have found a

very effective way to plant gospel seeds in the hearts of university students through their English classes.

- In Romania and Slovakia most of our ministries have involved orphans and vulnerable young women. By protecting them and meeting their needs, we can lead them to Christ and help them grow in their walk with God. These young people have great potential to spread the gospel to their own people and build God's kingdom.
- Recently an exciting ministry opportunity in the country of Spain has developed, and we are thrilled to have Wes and Janna Cressman evangelizing the people in what might be the darkest country of Europe. Unfortunately Spain did not experience the Reformation—instead they had an Inquisition, which was a concerted effort to combat the sparks of Protestantism. Now HIM is carrying the gospel into this barren land, where it is still often met with great resistance.

From the time Heather and I came to Hungary, we have recognized the great need for revival in our region of the world. We have prayed earnestly and worked diligently to fan the flames of revival here in Europe. Thank the Lord for all He has done to help us as we work together to promote revival—for the sake of all the nations of Europe. •

## HIM US SPANISH MINISTRIES

### THE MARCH OF REDEMPTION

By **SIDNEY GRANT**, Director of HIM US Spanish Ministries

**The march of God's mission is unstoppable** if we are fulfilling the redemptive purpose of the Great Commission. Every move of God in our troubled world is for the redemption of people groups both on the home front and the foreign field. God's primary purpose for His church is to be engaged in His mission.

Each calendar year brings a new chapter of God unfolding His mission through HIM US Spanish Ministries. From the outset of 2023 God's great grace was at work in diverse ways.

1. God worked in the lives of people—saving, sanctifying, and individually calling them to join His mission.
2. The church planting program continues to grow. This growth is evident at the ALMAS Annual Spanish Camp: God convicts, calls, and commissions individuals to study and serve.
3. Two new churches are being planted in Mount Olive, North Carolina, and Westfield, Indiana.
4. Three new church-plant explorations are underway in Tennessee, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.
5. The Instituto Bíblico Evangélico (IBE) Campus and Extension locations have had a significant enrollment increase (over two dozen brand-new students this school year). The new IBE Online program has twelve students from Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, with two others from Colombia planning to join this year.
6. The youth ministry is blossoming with young people enrolling in Bible colleges. Youth are testifying of spiritual deliverance from suicidal attempts and of finding a sense of calling in the local church ministries and missions.
  - a. A young lady swallowed pills to take her own life. While waiting for them to take effect, she received a text message. The caller ID showed it was her mentor. She immediately thought of previous conversations and the implications her suicide would cause. She went into the bathroom

and made herself throw up to reverse what she had done. Thankfully the text was providentially on time—the young lady was saved from self-inflicted death. Praise God!

- b. A young man was uncertain about his future upon graduation from college. He had prayed about a particular ministry opportunity and had taken an exploratory trip. In a special service he testified God confirmed to him this was what God was calling him to do.
- c. Over a dozen young people made a mission trip to Salamanca, Mexico, and conducted VBS and special youth services. As a result of this trip, a young lady expressed interest in future missions' work.
- d. There is a spirit of revival and reconciliation among our Hispanic youth and their families. This includes relational, social, and cultural understanding and connections between parents and children.

The battle rages on among new believers in our churches who have been delivered from sin but continue to be harassed with demonic oppression related to past experiences. But that is the point: the mission is one of rescue, reconciliation, restoration, relationships, and the reproducibility of dynamic disciples.

We are in a new year. What never changes is the mission. One thing remains crystal clear for us—God's redemptive and reconciliatory mission marches on. It will prevail in people's lives in the world. Let's join it! •



*Ministry in Salamanca, Mexico*





Handing out GPM books

## GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION

### GOD'S STANDING CHALLENGE

By JOSEPH TAYLOR, Director of Gospel Publishing Mission

The commission everyone of us have received and will answer for is in fact the great challenge!

J. Hudson Taylor, who is known as *The Father of Faith Missions*, said, "The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure, and disappointment, let us answer **God's standing challenge**, 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.'"

Gospel Publishing Mission embraces this world-wide evangelism challenge!

- We publish devotional books for real people with real-world challenges.

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- We produce General Christian Living books on prayer, holy living, family, evangelism, biographies, et cetera to strengthen believers.
- We participate in international book fairs each year to search out new places and ways to spread the written Good News.
- At the Summer Olympics and the World Cup (One of these happens every other year.), we distribute hundreds of thousands of evangelism books.
- At Biker Rallies and other gatherings here in the US, we are handing out tens of thousands of gospel books.
- In the second annual Mexico City project, 100,000 beautiful books were joyfully received and will impact about a million people!

The written word is our most powerful tool. There is no place to stop. Let's be publishing the Good News! •



## OVCM PARTICIPANTS STILL NEEDING SPONSORSHIP

The Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Committee approved twenty-four new students for this school year. Misty Peterson and Sister Itumeleng have been busy paying school fees and purchasing books, uniforms, and supplies.

Three challenges OVCM participants face are:

1. The lack of a loving family;
2. Economic instability;
3. And unfinished education.

Scan the QR code to learn what Hope International Missions is doing in Africa to meet these needs for God's children.



Defend the poor and fatherless:  
do justice to the afflicted and needy.  
Psalm 82:3



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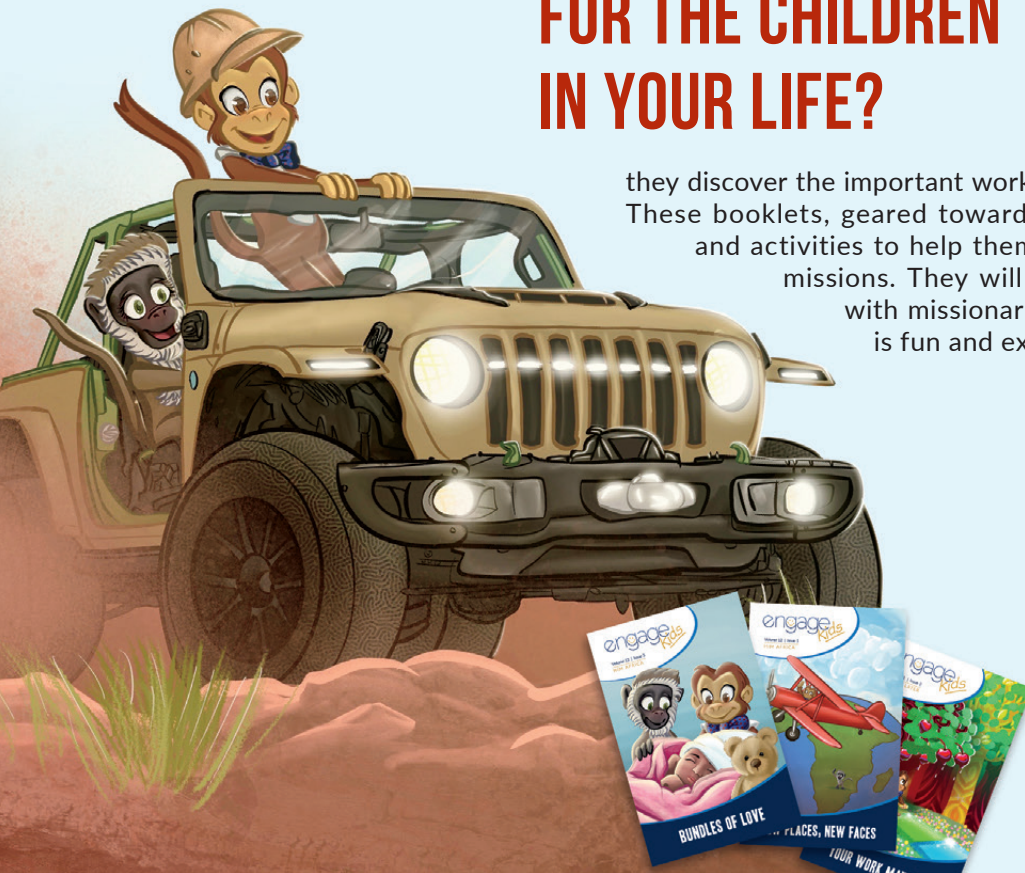
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# “They Have Lights!”

By ESTHER HOPKINS, MISSIONARY TO HONDURAS

One of the first people we met upon arrival in Honduras was a little boy named Yeison (Jason). Abused by his father and abandoned by his mother, he was by all accounts an orphan, left to roam from house to house. He finally stayed with a man of less-than-reputable character. At just seven years of age he had already experienced more abuse and rejection than any child we had ever met. By the time we began our transportation and after-school program in February, Yeison was living with an aunt but left to do as he pleased for most of the day.

One of the first steps in helping Yeison was taking him shopping to buy school uniforms. Although we have worked with many impoverished children over the years, Yeison’s need for love



was a heartbreaking thing to see. Throughout both shopping trips, he kept a continual hand on our arm or shoulder. We loved seeing the world through his eyes as he experienced his first trip to Little Caesar’s and a mall. I will never forget his first few rides on the escalator when he would place one foot on the step, do the splits for several seconds, and finally gather the courage

to jump onto the machine and collapse into giggles.

But the crowning moment of the trip was when we arrived at a second-hand store to buy him shoes. After a little searching, he was so disappointed that we were not able to find any tennis shoes for gym class. However in the last section he excitedly pulled out a little pair he recognized as being the perfect size for him. In his eagerness he accidentally dropped the shoes on the ground. A look I can only describe as pure delight crossed his face. “Ester, Ester! They have lights!” I firmly believe God placed a special pair of tennis shoes with lights in that store just for Yeison to let him know how loved he is. Please help us pray that Yeison would accept Jesus as his Savior and recognize the immense love Jesus has for him. •





## Sea Breeze Camp Recap

**Our hearts rejoice in how God met with us** during Sea Breeze Camp 2024. His presence and anointing were clearly manifested in our opening service, and He gave blessings throughout camp. Many seeking at the altar found victory. New friendships were formed and old friendships strengthened. Praise God for a wonderful time together!

A highlight every year at Sea Breeze Camp is Missions Day! Missionaries from all over the world travel to Hobe Sound to share amazing stories of lives transformed by the power of the gospel. This year's theme was, "For the Sake of the Nations." During the evening service, HIM was privileged to honor Richard

and Judy Grout as the Missionary Statesmen of the Year and Frank and Marilyn Vaughn as the HIM Missionaries of the Year.

We are grateful for how God impacted the hearts and minds of the young people during Sea Breeze Youth Camp. The theme for SBYC 2024 was Cancel {Sin} Culture. Rev. Andrew Durst preached anointed messages that called the young people to allow Christ to forgive their sins and give them the power to overcome sin on a daily basis. We trust and pray God will continue to be close and real in each of their lives. There was even an infamous arm-wrestling match between FEA President Harold Martin and HSBC President Matt Maloyed.

God's presence was also near during the Spanish Camp (ALMAS), which took place alongside Sea Breeze Camp. What a joy to worship and fellowship with our Hispanic brothers and sisters! The Spanish/English Rally on the last Sunday afternoon was an encouraging time of praising God together.

In the final message evangelist Blake Jones shared a powerful truth on the importance of passing on the baton of knowing Christ to the next generation. "God is watching this relay of generations and watching those of us on the track, and He is anxious for us to come in on the finish line. The baton of knowing Christ, really knowing Him, will be our children's greatest safeguard."

We are grateful for the ministry of Blake Jones, Curtis Going, Stanley Grabill, Duane and Valorie Quesenberry, Andrew Durst, and Gene and Angie Davis. A special thanks to all those who volunteered so faithfully during Sea Breeze Camp. We sincerely appreciate you! May we faithfully pass the baton to the next generation. Thank you for praying for a rejuvenating, Spirit-filled camp this year. •

## LOUIE THE MONKEY

In our last edition Jessica Pinkerton found Louie the Monkey on page 7. Congratulations, Jessica!

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 772-546-1113 or email [engagekids@feaministries.org](mailto:engagekids@feaministries.org) will have their names published in the next issue of *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!





Haystack Prayer Meeting, which led to the sending of the first American missionaries, Adoniram and Anne Judson.... The spiritual fervor of the 18th and 19th centuries led to some of the greatest missionary advances of all time.

So what exactly is the connection between revival and world missions? I think the calling of Isaiah, told in Isaiah 6, paints a vivid picture. You know the story—Isaiah has a vision of God on His throne. God is high and lifted up; His train fills the temple! Angels attend to Him! The room fills with smoke; the doorposts of the throne room shake! Isaiah is filled with awe, wonder, and fear. Angels are continually crying out, “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

In this moment Isaiah catches a fresh vision of himself. He cries out, “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.” A true revival will always bring about a fresh view of God resulting in a proper view of ourselves. As Isaiah cries out in humility and repentance, his need is met! An angel brings a live coal and touches Isaiah’s lips. His iniquity is taken away, and his sin is purged.

**Then Isaiah looks out and sees the Harvest.** He hears God ask, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Isaiah’s answer is quick: “Here am I; send me.”

David Smithers has written,

Revival turns our focus outward to a lost and dying world. To the extent our eyes are opened to God’s heart and the need for more grace, we begin to see and care about the needs of others. This new way of seeing prepares us to respond to God’s missionary call—Who will go for us? True revival sets us free from our own selfish heart, sending us out to love and serve others.<sup>4</sup>

The spiritual needs of our world are great! May the church **look up and see a King, look in and see our true condition, and look out and see the harvest!**

May we truly experience Revival—for the Sake of the Nations! •

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## PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

**Sunday, May 19, was Pentecost Sunday**—an important date on the church calendar celebrating when the Holy Spirit filled the early Church with power for Christian living and ministry. Still today God uses Spirit-anointed men and women to impact their world with the gospel.

Hope International Missions is a missionary-sending organization. We are passionate about helping every believer find and fulfill their role in the Great Commission. However, we recognize that unless the Holy Spirit calls and anoints workers for the ministry, our efforts are in vain.

Right now dozens of missionaries are needed to fill key roles and pioneer new works in countries around the world. Billions of souls have never even heard the gospel. On Saturday, May 18, our missionary leaders led us in praying together for God to call laborers. God is still calling! Continue to join with us in praying for workers.

“Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:38 ESV). •

**FEA Ministries believes prayer is the most important work any Christian can do.** God tells us over and over in His word to pray for the lost, to pray for harvest workers, and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. This *World Update* includes an HIM Prayer Guide listing all our missionaries by region for you to use in consistent prayer. Also available is our new book, *Faithful and True*, Vol. 1—stories from our own missionaries of work God has done on the field.

Another resource just off the press is a two-week *Pray for Harvest Workers* guide. Dr. Randall McElwain has written fourteen devotionals to direct your praying for missionaries on the field and for God to raise up new workers. Join us in praying to the Lord of the Harvest for His servants and for new works. •





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3. An administrative office assistant for the Spanish Ministries headquarters in Hobe Sound.
4. A pastor to fill the church and parsonage standing empty in Mexico.
5. Possible ministry opportunities being explored in Thailand, Guatemala, and Guyana.

Is the Lord of the harvest calling you? If God speaks to you about one of these opportunities, please contact Hope International Missions at [go@feaministries.org](mailto:go@feaministries.org). Pray that workers will answer the call for the Sake of the Nations.

Scan this code to watch various regional and departmental directors share more opportunities.

