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How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News. Romans 10:15

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From the end
of the earth

I will cry to You

When my heart is

overwhelmed;

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Psalm 61:2 (NKJV)

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I am a unique creation,
Knit together with God's loving hands.
All gifts and the nature He's given me,
Are to aide in my life for His plans.

They're the foundation He's set for my story,
Resources to use all my life long,
To build on the base He's established,
To compose and to share my life's song.

He made the initial investment,
Gifts from His heart merged to mine;
Essence of His very being,
Aspects of Him so divine.

A treasure that none can compare to,
Specifically designed—just for me!
A well of His infinite Glory,
To live for Him; Fully and Free!

My journey through life is my story.
All my memories are etched on its pages.
The good and the bad, the happy and sad,
Are recorded through all my life's stages.

In various ways they flow from my heart,
Influencing what I say and do.
My heart is a canvas of thoughts from my story,
Painted emotions just passing through.

Sometimes they're disturbing and cause great commotion,
A battle that I might not see.
But others around me may notice a difference,
And see - I'm not acting like me.

I may become quiet. I may become angry,
Or act in a way not my norm.
The trouble within me is stirring against me,
Causing a turbulent storm!

I need to remember the gifts of my Father,
Embedded into my life's core.
He knows me completely and loves me so deeply,
Gently whispering, "My child, I have more!"

"An enemy lurks to trap you and steal,
The love, peace, and joy that I've given.
He sets down a blockage to cripple your story,
To stop you abundantly living."

"My cherished one - HEAR ME! Lean into this!
Hold tight to my favor; my investment in you!
Those gifts are an essence of my very presence.
My 'vision' of you and will always hold true!"

When I seek my Father and cling to those treasures,
His resources to build my life's story,
And I live out the truth of who He says I am,
I live abundant and all for His glory!

Written by Janna Forseth



Janna Forseth

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EXPENSIVE WORSHIP

“to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12

Four years ago, we were asked by IM missionaries to come to Upper Egypt and speak on biblical marriage. We'd not worked in that region of Egypt, we'd not tried a Marriage Camp before, we were called arrogant for thinking we could teach Coptics anything on marriage, yet God gave us a beautiful team of Christ-following marriages so we gathered our courage and went. That first camp in 2019 was difficult with mistrust and even opposition from both genders. God broke through on day three of four and there was some hope in a few marriages.

The second camp in 2021 was marked by couples who came wanting change. They'd seen or heard of peace in homes from humility and forgiveness and putting the Lord in the center. They were exhorted to turn their parenting from child-centered to marriage-centered and taught the basics of love and respect, and they drank it up. Souls were saved and hard hearts softened in those few days. We were hushed by what we saw God do.

Then this past summer, they brought others to hear. Educators, pharmacists, businessmen, and even a pastor came with their families for a look at how to escape the misery of cultural, Islamic marriages in Christian homes. Again, God brought understanding

and willingness to hear and apply. And again, souls were saved and relationships deepened for discipleship in this dark, dark area of the world. He did the work out of His great heart for the nations and we grew and really enjoyed watching!

Ephesians 4:12 speaks of Jesus giving gifts to the body so that the church can be trained to do His work and so that the body would grow to maturity, to the full measure of His image. That maturity isn't KNOWLEDGE but a willingness to trustingly receive the love God has for us and then pour ourselves out, from what we have, to love the lost and intentionally disciple those younger in Christ.

There is a daily agenda for the lives of His redeemed—to trust Him, to take risks, to worship expensively by mercifully taking the Gospel to this darkening world. And this loving, costly agenda is how we find abundant life with Him.



Darwin Anderson
Darwin and Darlis Anderson live in Clear Lake, Iowa. Darwin is the President of International Messengers.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



various criminal acts and drug abuse. One 13-year-old girl from a Christian-Coptic background told me she had never heard anyone speak of Jesus as the Savior. She was so happy about this! For sure Jesus will carry on working in her heart.

For these past summer months we started a special football club for children in need. God gave us great success reaching out to those kids by teaching football rules and doing a lot of training every day, and at the same time, we shared Jesus with them. Many mothers came to me, saying they observed a big change in the behavior of their children. They became more respectful and more loving. We praise God for what he is doing in the lives of the kids around us.

Greetings from Port Said! For over ten years I've been doing ministry among children who come from a very challenging social background. To give you an example of this, last year, my two sisters and I visited a place near Cairo, called Mokattam. This is the garbage hub for many cities, not only for Cairo. A large amount of families live and work there, collecting and sorting out garbage. Even the children are working in those heaps. It is more than challenging for them to grow

up in such a place. We gathered some 300 people to spend time with them, have fellowship, play, and sing. You can imagine how desperately kids need to be hugged and reassured that they are valuable and appreciated. There is a lot of abuse in those young lives, and many, especially girls, need healing of soul and body.

This past summer God opened another door: My sisters and I served among children whose fathers are in prison, because of



Nora Shaker

Nora lives and serves in Port Said, Egypt. In addition to her current ministries, Nora desires to travel and evangelize in other countries.

To enjoy a few more articles from our staff that wouldn't fit in the space available, please visit: <https://www.internationalmessengers.org/good-news/>

MADE TO Worship

One sister from a village was so deeply touched by the testimonies that she felt encouraged to openly confess her faith in Jesus. She also publicly declared her confidence that

I serve God through praise and music teaching, and I also have a 12-member worship team group. I'm making a discipleship group for them. God's call to my life is to preach and make disciples by working in churches, conferences, and villages.

Jesus will heal her little daughter from diabetes, which the child developed at age two.

I recently went to a village about two hours away from my home to lead a time of worship. I invited

the driver of the car that took me there to join us. After the meeting he came to me and said, "I felt that something touched me, something completely unknown to me. I felt great comfort and calm from the inside, and I would like to walk with God all the days of my life."

The Lord blessed us during a worship team camp by being together as one body. We studied the Word of God together and they had the opportunity to lead the times of praise and worship at the camp. I want to thank God for His work within this generation. John is a member of the group. He sings and plays the piano. He always wondered why I don't focus on my look and personality when I lead worship time and also in my public life. He said he didn't want to live like the rest of his generation, so in this camp he found the answer to all of his thoughts and questions, and he wants to obey what God taught him at this camp.

I had a chance to be part of a camp with a non-Christian background. It was an evangelistic outreach. The team members who had already found their way to Christ did a great job giving their testimonies about how they came to Christ through dreams, visions, and worship.



Wessam Mamdouh

Wessam has been serving with IM since 2014. He lives in Alexandria, Egypt, with his wife Marina. Marina also serves with IM in children's ministry.

CARING FOR THE NEGLECTED

God filled our hearts with the desire to serve poor children from a nearby village. Thank God we were able to open a place where we can meet and teach those little ones, since they cannot afford to get any education.

Girls in Upper Egypt are considered as inferior, that's why very often

Evangelism COACHING

On September 1, 2021, I got slammed with Covid. After I collapsed, the ambulance brought me to the hospital for almost a month's stay and with a lengthy recovery! The doctor told my wife that I was going to die, but she said, "You don't know our God." That was the day we were to land in Poland where I had been pastoring at Poznan International church. Our plan to go back to Poland wasn't God's plan. Being sick and gone for almost a year, God brought other pastors to preach and care for the church. So the door for us in Poland has closed.

After 50 years of doing full-time ministry, I now lay on my bed pondering the question, "Heavenly Father, why would you permit me to get sick and knocked off the horse of full-time ministry?" We have no desire to retire and just sit. We are seeking and trusting God's direction for ministry. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

To *Populate Heaven* has always been my passion. God is stirring my heart about evangelism coaching. I'm trusting God wants me to teach, train, and coach

they are simply neglected. Parents do not give enough attention and care, which makes us think about the ways to help them. Each girl has a story to tell about hardships and suffering. I want to share a particular story which really touched my heart.

There is one girl named Mary. She is the fourth girl and her parents wish she was a boy. Once we heard about her, we knew we wanted to invite her to our group and show her love and care, which she never felt. One day, Mary told my daughter that she wished she had one toy of her own. Her dream

Americans to be salt and light in their neighborhoods. Our American culture is changing, and the urgency is great to bring Jesus to America. What will an evangelism coach look like? I would like to help believers move just one degree further in their evangelist efforts. The cool part is, God has equipped me. Years ago, I developed an evangelism seminar, "Do-Able Evangelism." It helps believers verbalize their faith and I've taught it over 25 times. Please pray along with us as we are asking God to open evangelism coaching opportunities.

- Are you wanting more encouragement, coaching, and/or training to share your faith?
- Does your church desire to help implement evangelism into its culture? We're open to come and spend time in your area of the country and encourage you. With the new technology available, we can also coach and train over Zoom.

Please contact me at 480-765-3098 or email at drkentmckinnon@gmail.com so we can talk more about this opportunity.



Kent McKinnon

Kent and Jan currently live in North Carolina where their biggest desire is to continue in ministry to Populate Heaven.

was to have a doll. My daughter told me that she wanted to fulfill Mary's dream.

Shortly after, my daughter got a gift from a friend of ours who visited us. It was a beautiful doll. My daughter told me, "This doll is beautiful, but for me it is one among many others. For Mary, it is a dream that she desires. So I want to give the doll to Mary." My daughter went to Mary with the doll. The girl was filled with joy that for the first time in her life, she has her own doll. Mary takes her doll wherever she goes.

There is another girl who comes to our meetings. Marina lost her father two months ago. He was in a church that was burned. The heart of this little girl is broken after such loss. I pray God would pour out His love on her and we would be able to show her that God cares for her and she is not alone.

Please pray for those precious girls in Upper Egypt!



Yasser Adel

Yasser, his wife Martha, and daughter Fofa live in Egypt. He preaches at different denominations in several cities. They desire to train ten families to help them in the ministry.



Polish-Ukrainian Bible Study

Bringing the **Best** out of the **Worst**

Listening to a sermon recently on the life of Joseph reminded me of what an amazing God we serve—One who can bring good out of the worst of circumstances.

This is a truth that we have been seeing played out since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. At first, here in Poland, we were overwhelmed with the needs of so many as refugees flooded into our county. We all scrambled to meet the physical needs, but after a time, we were able to settle in and start focusing on the deeper, spiritual needs.

One avenue to this came through offering Polish lessons, including childcare, in our church building. This turned out to be the first contact with God that some of them had ever had, since many Ukrainians have atheistic backgrounds.

We followed this up by inviting our contacts to an English/Polish outreach camp (made possible by many generous donations from the USA). The camp was an amazing time of spiritual openness and obvious work of the Holy Spirit in many lives.

I asked one woman at the end of the camp what she liked best. With tears in her eyes she answered, “I came here thinking that no one loves me, but now I know that someone does—God!”

Now I have the challenge and privilege of following up on the camp by leading a weekly Bible study through the book of John. It is challenging because of the language barrier— I’m leading in Polish but most of the surrounding conversation is in Russian or Ukrainian (all related Slavic languages but still quite different). But each person has a Bible open in front of them in their own heart language (some for the first time!) and that would not have happened if it wasn’t for the tragic war that threw us all together and the Spirit



that opened their hearts to the Gospel as a result.

We serve a God who brings the best out of the worst!



Naomi Hale
Naomi and her husband Mark live in Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland. Along with their ongoing ministries they have been ministering to Ukrainian Refugees.

Reaching the Twa People Group



Jenny and I have been reaching the Twa, who live on the border between Uganda and Congo. When God started this in our hearts, we didn't know where they lived and were wondering how a hostile guy with a bow and arrow would ever sit and listen to the Gospel. We were directed to Bundibugyo where we learned they lived.

We started the Twa Transformation Initiative, bringing them the Gospel by *word* and *deed*. We started a school program for the kids, and now have found a wider ministry field in Kisoro where more Twa people live in the forests, on mountains, and in the slums. They live the worst standard of life ever. They are marginalized with limited access to social services, public places, and are used as a tourist attraction.

Regardless of their nature and hostility, we have always enjoyed time with them; they listen to the Gospel. The children's school program is going on in Fort Portal, although with a lot of interest from the government, as they think we are doing this for personal gain. Our kids can now read and write, have learned how to pray and worship, and are being taught the Word of God. We have earned the respect from the parents and now have an open door for ministry.

We have started seeing a door open up in Kisoro, and are praying for God's guidance on how to engage them.

When I went to Kisoro, one thing that moved me so strongly was seeing a

mother of five children—a widow gleaning in an empty potato field to find food for her children. When I met her, she had been doing this for about two hours, with her kids of between ages three and five years, using sticks to dig the ground and find potatoes. They only had three of them in their basket. When I gave the lady 4,000 Uganda shillings, she wept and asked for prayers.

We are so thankful to see God leading and using us.



Jackson Songa

Jackson, his wife Jenny, and their three children live in Jinja, Uganda. They work with the Twa, do church planting train church leaders, and is a missions pastor at Joy Baptist Church.



Following God on the Long Winding Road

“We’re sorry, but your project isn’t a fit for our agency, so we’ll have to pass.” I stared at the email and shrugged, not surprised at the latest rejection. None of the literary agents I had contacted had shown even a slight interest in my book. Was it time to give up?

And yet I thought I had heard God so clearly. The idea for a time travel action and adventure book for middle-grade readers came to me during a church service. What would happen if three modern-day teens met David before his battle with Goliath and learned the secret to his courage while facing countless dangers?

I would have never listened to this crazy idea of writing a novel if it weren’t for my desire to show that the Bible is full of life-giving wisdom relevant to us today. God’s Word isn’t some stodgy old book that deserves to gather dust on a shelf.

I started by researching life in ancient Israel. The plot percolated in my mind for half a year before I cautiously set out on the journey of writing. It’s a good thing I didn’t know what I was getting into. Otherwise, I would have kicked the idea as far away as possible.

I thought about giving up multiple times, but the Lord always sent me the necessary encouragement to keep going. His help sometimes came in the form of a helpful book, a supportive comment, or someone’s invaluable advice. I felt His guidance every step of the long winding road, although I could never see further than the next task ahead.

Whatever assignment the Lord calls us to, he leads us along the way, one step at a time. Our part is to listen and follow, roll up our sleeves, do the required hard work, and, most of all, never give up.

Four years after starting the adventure of writing a novel, I received the email I thought I’d never get: Elk Lake Publishing Inc. has agreed to publish my book. You would have heard me scream all the way to your location if I hadn’t just come down with COVID. The journey isn’t over—there’s still the lengthy editing process before it hits the bookstores. But no matter what, the Lord will guide the way.

For more information on *How to Kill a Giant*, visit: <https://carolschlorff.com>.



Carol Schlorff
Carol lives in Krakow, Poland, where she has been a full-time missionary with IM since 1990.

I CAN BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST WITHOUT NEEDING A PARTNER!

As a worker in the Canada home office, IM does not expect me to do “missionary” work. However, Jesus told all of his followers to “Go and make disciples...” Besides that, all those who are “new creations in Christ” are called to be “ambassadors” for Him (2 Corinthians 6:16-21). We are to recruit people to become citizens of our heavenly country. So, when I am not in the office, I do my best to be a disciple-maker. This has been an extended learning experience.

Six years ago, I joined a group of lay evangelists who went out Saturday mornings to pray for and share the Gospel with the lost. I took many courses. I slowly gained confidence. But as a quiet and shy person, when I tried going out by myself to witness, I lacked the courage to go up to strangers and talk to them. I consoled myself with the passage where Jesus told us to go out two-by-two. As time went on, with the many experiences of talking to strangers with a partner, when alone, I would occasionally find myself initiating conversations with strangers. I found that most people were willing to have a conversation with me. This September, a discipleship organization that I volunteer with challenged us to plant a Gospel seed every day for the month of September. I realized I was not going to find a partner to go with every day; I would have to go by myself. I was fearful, but decided that I would take it easy and just start casual conversations with people while relying on the Holy Spirit to guide me into a spiritual conversation. This gave me the courage to try it, and it worked!

With my years of experience with a partner, I had gained the experience of how to approach strangers with a caring attitude, instead of just trying to “make a sale,” and therefore I have had many spiritual conversations this September! I am thrilled to have finally arrived at the place where I can do evangelism on my own, instead of being limited to only doing it when having a partner.



We Isaak

Wes lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and serves in the IM Canada office. His greatest hope is to see God work among the Punjabi communities in Abbotsford.



Saturday morning group. We pray together before we split up into pairs to go reach the lost.

BRIDGING THE GAP



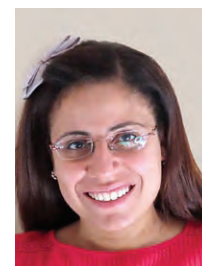
Through Translation

God called me to be a full-time missionary six years ago. I graduated from theological seminary one year ago. At the moment, I’m studying Master’s degree in teaching English as a second language.

I’m doing this Master’s degree because I had a clear calling from God to be a teacher. I’m teaching English to some of the IM staff members and interns in Egypt. My goal in doing this is to train them to be translators. Whenever Americans come to Egypt to do ministry, they always need translators. Translators are like the bridge for Americans to do ministry in Egypt, and my calling is to build this bridge.

Mina Mamdouh (IM staff) is one student. When he started learning, he began from zero. Four months ago, he was able to travel to Uganda, and do ministry there for three months. The primary language for him to communicate was English. I was thankful that God used me to give him the key (language) to do this ministry.

From time to time, we do a camp where we invite all the students and give them intensive translation training. God blessed us with this camp three times before and at the moment, we are planning the fourth one.



Suzi Mamdouh

Suzi lives in Alexandria, Egypt, where she has served with IM for more than six years. She has been blessed by this great adventure to serve God.

The last couple of years have been like a Great World Detour. No one's lives have remained unaffected. Life has been full of uncertainties about what is going on and fear. We had no teams since the spring of 2020 until this year, when we had two teams this past summer and have two more scheduled for this fall.

When the teams cancelled in 2020, we switched gears and focused on becoming a bit more self-sufficient. We put in three garden areas, planted more fruit trees, built a greenhouse, and built a huge chicken coup where we have been raising about 200 meat chickens, laying hens, and turkeys per year.

Our maternal home for needy Romanian moms and their children, and an assisted living elderly home, has continued all along, amid all the fears and what ifs. All our moms and teens have been baptized in the last couple of years.

THE GREAT DETOUR

In January 2021, we felt the Lord prompting us to build a children's home—the "ARK," a home for "At-Risk Kids." We prayed a lot for confirmations—and we had so many, that it was undeniable that we needed to do this.

Amid economic turmoil, the Lord has provided, and now we are nearing completion of this nine bedroom, five bathroom home for children.

So, we all went through a Great Detour, but we have seen with our own eyes that we have an even greater God!!



Doug & Roberta Moore

Doug & Roberta have been IM missionaries in Romania since 1998, and founders and overseers of River of Life Humanitarian Foundation, in Romania.

HARD LESSONS from the Battlefield of Church Planting...

"Forgive and forget..." or "forgive and move on..."—how many times have I heard that in my life? But is it true? Is this what God wants from us? What if the pain is so deep that you can only lament and howl in pain?

There are times that you cannot just "forgive and forget" because the pain is too deep and causes your heart to be paralyzed.

The last three years of the ministry from over 21 years of church planting in Poland were the hardest. What Covid did with some "Christians" is sad. It freed their fleshly, sheep-like behavior.

How do you forgive betrayal, false accusations, gossip, the "kiss of Judas"?
 How did Job forgive his accusing friends? How did Moses forgive his leaders?
 How did Joseph forgive the hate of his own brothers?
 How did Mary forgive the murderers of her son?
 How did Jesus forgive the kiss of Judas?

It is humanly impossible to "forgive and forget." That is when we desperately need the loving grace of God to give us a desire, strength, and even a willingness to consider walking on the path of forgiveness.



Damaris Otremba

Damaris and Tom have been serving in church planting in Poland. They will soon be moving to the US where Tom will study for a theology degree.

God in the Details

"...But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered." Matthew 10:29b-30 (NLT)

It seems that when my faith is tested, I see God more clearly.

In September 2020, I had a miscarriage at nearly 12 weeks. After months of emotional ups and downs, I finally got pregnant again, and then waited through those agonizing first three months, hoping I wouldn't miscarry again. Finally, in December 2021, we welcomed our new daughter, Faith, to our family.

Throughout the journey, I kept praying; asking God for courage, hope, patience, and to settle my fears. I also had other requests; Could it be a girl this time? Could I nurse her without pain? Could she be born with hair? (That one felt silly, but I still asked). What amazed me is that God answered every one of those prayers!

At that same time, another problem was brewing. While the Canada/USA border was closed during Covid, my travel documents expired. We planned to visit my family in the States once the border opened, so I applied to renew my documents with plenty of time (or so I thought). But shortly after that, our mail delivery service became unreliable, and without my knowledge, a letter from the passport office went missing.

In May 2022, my US passport application finally came back, rejected. I would have to reapply in person. Meanwhile, I still hadn't heard about my Canadian paperwork after almost eleven months. If I had to reapply for

that, I wouldn't be able to travel for another entire year. I was so shaken by that thought, I couldn't sleep. I stayed up late that night, praying desperately for God to do a miracle.

The very next morning my new permanent resident card arrived in the mail. I was blown away! After three years apart, God opened the door for us to cross the border so we could see my family, and I was able to renew my passport.

I have so many stories like this of God's faithfulness. My baby girl is a flesh-and-blood reminder of how much God cares about every detail, and I am so thankful for how He cares for me.



Family photo taken at Katie's brother's wedding in the States when they visited.

Katie Larsh

Katie, her husband Jon, and their six children currently serve in Cat Lake, a fly-in only First Nation reserve in Northern Ontario (a community of about 500 people). Jon runs the local Christian school and serves as a pastor at a small church. Katie helps with worship, Bible studies and sometimes helps at the school.



As always, God concentrates on the greater need, which is often my own heart!

~ Susan, short-termer, Hungary camp 2022



We had three hours of driving in the car, one and a half hours of parking that car, and then a shuttle which lead into two hours of walking and waiting in the O'Hare airport. At 10:30 p.m, as her daddy stood at a water filling station in the midst of an active airport concourse, my three-year-old granddaughter threw herself on the floor and screamed with every tired little ounce of energy she had left. Her daddy looked down at her gently, then looked up at me, smiled, and said, "and so it begins."

We were on our way to Mexico to meet family, including our oldest daughter and her husband, who are missionaries at El Monte, a Christian camp and missionary training center located south of Mexico City. We were pleased our flights had meshed with our other daughter's family (including this three-year-old and their one-year-

old) as they traveled. They were headed to our little family reunion and from there they would stay on in Mexico for their working sabbatical at El Monte.

Our screaming granddaughter had displayed just what I had felt several years earlier. Though I hadn't thrown myself on the floor (that is not acceptable for a 63-year-old), I knew God heard my tantrum. More than once.

"What?" I had hollered. "You're asking me to leave this ministry to care for my mom? This is the ministry You gave me and I love, and now you're taking it away?"

I literally stomped my feet once. Several times I ignored Him. Often I had pleaded. The word "no" even entered the conversation, but God kept gently leading. Over and over through His Word, and that still calm voice that seems to exist just in my head, He said, "trust me."

So, now I lay on my mom's bedroom floor on a make-shift bed, listening to the sound of the oxygen machine. It reminds me of trying to sleep on a plane, with its steady engine hum adding a peace in the midst of change. My Mom is in her final days, possibly hours, and I am no longer screaming. In His loving grace He has brought me to this blessed and almost sacred sanctuary between heaven and earth. I have had the privilege of joining God on what seems an atypical mission; it isn't about newsletters, or Gospel sharing, or the feel-good stuff of people trusting as they share their hearts. Instead, at this moment, it seems to be a mission even more tightly cupped in His love.

I am so thankful that I have a Daddy who smiles and gently lifts me off my tantrum floor.

My mom is on her way Home, and unlike her great granddaughter and daughter, she is not throwing fits. She knows it won't be long before He gently smiles, picks her up and says, "and so it begins."



Paula Roberts
Paula & Ron provide much needed care for IM missionaries, training center students, interns, and many others in the IM family.

Mom went home to be with the Lord shortly after this article was submitted.



Weddings

Wessam Mamdouh

Marina & Magdy

married on 6-9-22
serving in Egypt

BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS

For years, I've prayed God would lead and guide me, use my life to count for His Kingdom, and help me follow His will, no matter what it costs me.

When the war in Ukraine started in February, our lives were disrupted and we lost mostly sleep in the effort to be Jesus' hands and feet to those fleeing the conflict and coming towards us. The first weeks of the war saw 160,000 refugees arrive in Uzhhorod, a border town in Ukraine, usually with only 115,000 inhabitants. The bank machines and stores were empty. People were forced to sleep in their cars. The churches serving Roma in Ukraine opened up and asked for help. We joined a coordinated effort with a variety of groups and churches to help send them food and hygiene products, all while dealing with refugees pouring into Slovakia. We made huge late-night grocery runs and loaded tons of food into vans, cars, and eventually onto a truck purchased so Brad could take goods into Ukraine himself. One church in Pavlovce saw 650 Roma stay at their facility that first month. Pastors were up for days trying to deal with the onslaught, helping those in need. After being at a border for sometimes days, the women and children arrived exhausted, hungry, and much in need of a place to sleep. Part of a hotel was rented, allowing them

a stay for a few days to rest and regroup before helping them move on west. Eventually, an old grocery store was purchased near the border. We're helping convert it into a place to house people overnight and, hopefully, to later serve as a church.

One young Roma woman arrived with her three-month-old baby. When the war began, extremists in Ukraine took advantage of the situation, raiding local Roma ghettos. Her husband died after being attacked. He'd tried to defend his small wooden shack from being set on fire. War is always heartbreaking, and this one's been no exception. We're thankful for the opportunity to serve here, and asking God to use us to be his hands and feet.



Karla Thiessen

Karla (and Brad) Thiessen serve with IM 100km (60 miles) from the Ukrainian border in Košice, where they've lived with their family since 1991. They're enjoying being grandparents, and are heading up an IM project to help Roma families build their own homes in Slovakia.



Roma refugees from Ukraine sleeping in the church in Pavlovce nad Uhom.

Be the Light

Matthew 5:14-16



What does it mean to be the light?

I experienced it when our four-year-old daughter was severely bitten by a dog.

I will remember that morning for a long time. Our kids were playing in our neighbor's house when a Staffordshire Terrier attacked Lena and bit her face. She was brought to us with her cheek shattered and hanging from her face. She was quiet—didn't speak, didn't cry.

Later that day, she had a complicated surgery that left her with dozens of stitches in ten different areas, all on her face. I started looking for a psychologist. A pastor friend gave me a phone number but made a mistake with one digit.

When I dialed the number, I heard a person who I didn't expect to hear. It was an older lady. We talked, and she said that she had just returned from the cemetery, from her husband's grave. She was heavy-hearted and missed him, but thought that he wouldn't like her sadness. She added that her husband was a believer and had told her that when he died, he would be waiting for her with God in heaven.

Suddenly I forgot all the fatigue and problems. I repeated her

husband's words, adding that if he had trusted Jesus and if she puts her trust in Him, then the three of us will meet some day in joy and glory before God's throne. I was telling her about God's grace, His love, and that He wants us to trust Him completely in faith. Our conversation lasted ten minutes, and it was focused on God's love and hope that we can have in Jesus instead of this lady's grief and my problems. The lady cheered up and thanked me for giving her hope.

When I hung up, I realized that I'm still by Lena's bedside and my circumstances haven't changed. But I was happy that I could tell somebody about Jesus and my day was brighter.

We have been sustained many times by His grace since the events starting in February 2022, as we soon became engaged in humanitarian aid for Ukraine. But that's a whole different story...



Ksawery Sroka

Ksawery lives in Warsaw, Poland, with his wife Anna and their children Natalia, Antoni, and Lena.

They desire to develop a team of volunteers in local churches to increase the impact in local communities. Currently he works alongside others in bringing aid to Ukraine.



My name is Mekha Awad, and together with my Polish wife, we are serving in Alexandria, Egypt, among young people. The culture that we are reaching out to is driven by fear and shame. That's why we go to the young generation with the message of Jesus' salvation and His finished work on the cross. We do this during our annual evangelistic summer camps and a discipleship camp in the winter.

We deeply believe in and try to fulfill God's Great Commission to go into the world and make

disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28). We also help those who have already trusted Jesus to be mature in their faith and follow Him wholeheartedly. We do this in the discipleship groups as well as individually.

This is one of the God-written stories we want to share with you.

Samer grew up in the church, but at some point, he decided He does not want to have anything to do with God. He chose to live as the worldly people live. He

tried everything, but nothing could truly satisfy him. He was invited to one of the youth events and the Holy Spirit let him see that, in fact, he never knew God. With a deep desire to follow Jesus he started to attend church meetings. He gave his life to Jesus and wants to get to know His Savior more and more. Recently, he sent me a list of questions that he is looking for the answers to. He is so hungry for God and truth and is reading the Word of God with childlike faith.

With the desire to serve among Arab speaking people God is sending us to European countries. We need faithful brothers and sisters to pray for us during this transition time.



Mekha Awad

Mekha, Monika, and their son Joshua live and serve in Alexandria, Egypt.



Reflecting God's Love

I am Mesho and my wife, Monda. We have a discipleship groups ministry among young people in Port Said, Egypt. We also try to help them improve their financial income with two projects—a sewing project for the ladies, and a roast/grind coffee beans project for the guys.

"We work around eight to ten hours per day and take \$80 at the end of the month."

"I worked for the entire month and the boss didn't give me my salary at the end of this month."

"I'm not allowed to have a seat during the work time."

These are things we always hear in our discipleship sharing group from the people we serve and there are also many other stories we have heard about the mistreatment by employers and exploitation of the employees who work for them.

That's why we had a dream of having a small coffee shop and hiring four to six guys to work in it from our discipleship group. We also have other ideas for some small projects.

Please pray with us so that our simple dreams may come true and through them we reflect God's love to these young people here in Port Said.



HOSPITALITY In Sickness and in Health



The awaited knock at the door came, I answer it. "We made it, but there's a problem, my child has been throwing up all day in the car."

It has been a strange couple of years with an incredible amount of focus on health and viruses. Through many conversations and circumstances, I see God leading us to open our home to those who would come, irrespective of how healthy the guest happens to be. Probably, most nights spent at our house by guests this year, at least one person has been sick. This spring and summer stomach viruses went through our family three times, and we had Covid once for sure but probably twice, and also didn't catch a bunch of things we could have. Someone was staying at our home when we had Covid and they didn't catch it. Two elderly people went on a long car ride with us, while we were contagious with a bad stomach bug and they didn't catch it. Someone stayed at our house for a couple of weeks while they were dealing with mononucleosis and none of us caught it.

Do Bence and I trust God enough to obey Him when He calls us to open our home, even when it is obvious that our potential guest is contagious?

Very recently I asked a family not to come, and my conscience (and Bence's) could not stay quiet—I ended up calling them right back half an hour later to say that they were welcome to come if they were still able to. Several of us did take turns getting sick that next week. Was it worth them coming? This time, from an earthly perspective, it was worth it for me personally, but there could easily be times when the hope of heavenly rewards for being faithful in obedience is the only way it is worth it.

So by God's grace I was able to sincerely say to the mom on my doorstep, "You need to stay someplace, come on in!"



Abby Jóföldi
Abby, Bence, and their four children live in Hungary where they are involved in ministry to children, youth, engaged couples, and young married couples through English camps, premarital counseling, small groups, and co-leading a young adults' group.



Mesho Mounir
Mesho & Monda live and serve in Port Said, Egypt. They desire to see some of the young people become discipleship group leaders and to reach more women.

Christian Life and Conduct in Community



I'm glad to share with you a unique way that God is using my family life and conduct in our neighborhood.

For the past few years, I have been following the great commission to go and make disciples to all nations Mathews 28:18-20. In this I have prayed and visited most of my neighbors at an appropriate time, sharing the Gospel and my personal testimony about our Lord Jesus Christ. In the sharing, I have gone through several challenges with almost every one of my neighbors. Some have welcomed me well, some keep opposing the message of salvation, and some keep asking me to come over again on a proposed day. I kept rotating those

few families, but I didn't see any positive results of someone coming closer to salvation. Some families don't allow me to even share Christ to them in their house. Some say that it's not good for their children, that I can only share with the adults and should be outside of their home or it might make their children turn against their religion. Others preach to me instead using the scripture I bring forth, though they don't even have a Bible in their family and they have no idea about salvation. They believe that salvation is by works and if one dies, the prayers of the preacher during burial brings salvation to completion. They have no idea that salvation is by the grace of God alone.

After being disappointed, challenged, and failing to share completely, I embarked on spending most of my time with my family at home each day after a busy schedule. As a family, we pray together always, play, have fun, and do domestic work together. We also sing Gospel songs and play Gospel songs on a speaker. To my surprise, my family life and conduct has been a witness in the community. They talk about our home and how we relate with our kids. How we play together and love each other. Now many come to my house asking how we have love in our house. What does it mean when we claim to be talking to God? How do we serve our God? I have seen many coming to the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, asking for us to pray for them. Most importantly, they are bringing their children to our house to learn about Jesus Christ.

There is power in life and conduct in every community. In fact, our actions speak louder than words.



Amos Dranyima

Amos, Sarah, and their three children live in Gulu, Uganda. Their greatest hope is to share the Gospel and see more people come to Christ.

It has given me a whole new perspective for the perseverance of the Ukrainian people.

~ Bill, 2022 short-termer, Poland camp for Ukrainian refugees

It was truly a life-changing experience. I went there to serve others, but I ended up getting so much out of it myself. It was amazing to see hearts softened and seeds being planted. I built some amazing relationships that will last well after the camp was over.

~ Julie, 2022 short-termer, Poland camp for Ukrainian refugees

THE WHYS OF LIFE

Our world changed when my husband was slammed with Covid. We couldn't return to Poland and didn't know what direction was God leading. So in my whys of life, this is what I have learned. Refocus and surrender are what God has asked me to do.

I have been studying Habakkuk. He asks why. After all the whys in chapters one and two, Habakkuk 3 is the result: refocus and surrender. Habakkuk in 2:20 is silent, no longer asking why. He has refocused. He has surrendered to God's plan. Habakkuk sings chapter three. That is another evidence of Habakkuk's heart change—a song flows from the heart with praise. Habakkuk prays for God's plan to come because he has learned about God's character. He then sees God, in His majesty, power, and awe, which turns to praise.

That is what God is doing in me. He has refocused me. I have learned so much about God. I have been humbled by His tender chastisement, silenced by His love, and my only reasonable response is surrender. Even if we never go back to Poland, His plan is best.

My relationship with God is so much deeper. He loves me dearly and deeply. No matter what the future holds, He will be there and carry me. I'm challenged to be bolder in encouraging others to pray and trust Him, and to surrender to His plan for their lives.



Jan McKinnon

Jan and her husband Kent live in North Carolina. Jan works in women's ministry and Kent is seeking open doors to do evangelism coaching.

His Battle, Our Battle



Though we have only been present at El Monte, a Christian camp and missionary training center in Mexico, for about a year now, there have been many meetings like this in the past. "We lost. The patient is more dead than ever," Paul, our director, tells the staff as we gather for prayer. The patient referenced is the legal battle El Monte has been fighting for ten years. Though we have proof that El Monte should be declared private property, a group of people are trying to claim it is communal land. Because of corruption in the court system, they are winning.

This legal battle has moved through many levels of the court system here, and now it has reached the top. The next step is submitting the case to the Mexican Supreme Court. "Are we going to have to move off of the property?" All the staff are asking as we contemplate what it looks like to be faithful and rely on God in the midst of this new

court sentence. We know God is going to bring Himself glory, and we trust He will do what is best for this property, His property, and we hold on to the truth that "Thus far the Lord has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12).

Please join us in praying for direction in our next steps, justice in the outcome of this case, and the finances to continue defending the truth.



Mikayla Carlson

Mikayla and David live in Mexico. David serves on the maintenance and IT team at El Monte, while Mikayla teaches English to Mexican missionary candidates.

It has broadened my view of the world, helping me to realize that people are people no matter where they are from and they all need Jesus. Being able to play even the smallest part in their journey to Jesus is worth every moment of preparation for the trip. ~ Tom, 2022 short-termer, Poland camp

Building Deep Relationships

In 2016 God called us to start ministry with Muslims through social media. Fadi was a social media specialist, and Salam worked with a follow-up team. In 2017, we moved to Turkey; to serve among Syrian refugees. Our vision is building deep relationships with people, through love and care, to show them God's love.

One miracle is that God blessed us to be part of His work in Turkey. "Hala" didn't have children for a long time, during all this period she tried all the solutions and nothing happened, finally she went to an Islamic leader, he made her a craft to make her pregnant. While we were visiting her, she told us about this and said that she started to see horrible dreams. We talked with her about Jesus and told her He will heal her if she believed in Him. We prayed with her. She got pregnant, and she said that it was because we prayed for her!

We came back from Turkey and live in Cairo now. We still follow-up with many families in Turkey. We're trying to travel to meet them, and we also keep meeting through Zoom and have discipleship meetings. In Cairo, Egypt, we started building some relationships with Muslim families. We meet with them regularly. Fadi continues the media ministry with many Christian social media platforms, to reach more Muslims in countries where no one can go to share the Gospel (Libya, Yemen, Iraq, Syria and others). People in such areas love to ask about Jesus behind the screens.

Please pray for us to be able to continue our ministry with Muslims in Turkey, Egypt, and through social media for our Lord's glory.



Fadi Soliman

Fadi, Salam and their children are an Egyptian family currently living in Cairo, Egypt. Fadi studied business administration, worked as an on-air director in Christian media, worked in marketing, and then owned an IT business. Salam studied architecture. She's studying counseling right now, and she desires to specifically study counseling for children.

International Messengers LAUNCH OUT TO SEA



Coastal Light Vessel Ministry: Living out our relationship with Christ in remote coastal communities for the encouragement and growth of God's family.

The remote parts of British Columbia and Alaska coastlines are dotted with people living in water access only locations. Some live in bays and inlets with their nearest neighbor miles away, others in First Nations villages on Indian Reserve land. There is a long history of mission boats bringing the Gospel to these places, however, the crew of the current mission boat is retiring.

This story is about God's perfect timing and graciousness to fulfill a heart's desire. Starting in January 2021, Gene and Grace Fox, Directors of IM Canada, were praying about missions on the coast with Catherine Buschhaus. Catherine served aboard the Coastal Messenger from 2010 to 2017 and has a heart to see a Christ-centered and biblically sound discipleship ministry on the coast. In summer 2021, the retiring crew offered the mission boat to Catherine if she could start a new ministry. Through Gene and Grace, God opened the doors for this to be a ministry of IM Canada.

This new ministry, Coastal Light, will receive the gift of the mission boat and supporting land base at the end of October. The mission boat is a power vessel, 52-feet, steel, and custom-designed to be a mission boat year-round on the west coast seas.

New crews of three to five people are needed. Coastal Light is trusting God's provision for a long-term crew who have marine skills, a love for the Lord, and a missionary heart to share Christ's love on the coast. There will also be short-term options to explore the ministry and be trained in marine navigation and engineering skills.

You are welcomed aboard the Coastal Light voyage of bringing light into darkness, hope and healing into hurting, in remote



places on the coast. Visit the website, www.coastallight.ca, and sign-up to follow God's work on the coast.



Catherine Buschhaus

In June, Catherine completed the Watchkeeping Mate and 150 Tonne Master training. She is excited to launch and direct the new ministry, Coastal Light, a ministry of International Messengers Canada Society, and more than anything excited to see how God continues to open doors.

WORKING WITH GOD

To Bring The Gospel To All The Nations

We have served the Lord for a long time in the fields of education and counseling, as well as in works of mercy for the needy and the poor. I work as a lawyer and a teacher of church history in one of the theological colleges as a volunteer.

After we were informed that we were accepted as staff with IM, we made a decision that was crucial for our life and our future. I decided to reduce my working time and increase the time allocated to our ministry to become 80% ministry and 20% for work. This decision certainly affects all aspects of our lives, especially the financial aspect.

As soon as this decision was made, we were surprised by great things from the Lord, and

many doors were opened for service, education, and counseling, as if the Lord wanted to bless us by being one of His workers, and indeed this was done.

Marina serves in professional counseling and has cases she follows up on a weekly basis. Marina also started studying for a diploma in behavior addiction as a prelude to helping addicts who seek recovery from addiction.

I started a discipleship group for young people and a group to study the Bible for families. I also go to one of the poor villages to educate and disciple the young people there. We look forward to going to the whole world to present our mission. We desire that biblical teaching and Christian counseling would cover the earth, and we feel our responsibility in this direction.

Pray for us that the Lord will open more doors for ministry, as well



as pray for Marina, who suffers from lupus, which greatly affects Marina's service and drains us financially and morally.



Adel Mounir

Adel and his wife Marina have one child, Jason, and live in Alexandria, Egypt. They desire to reach the world with the transforming power of the Gospel.

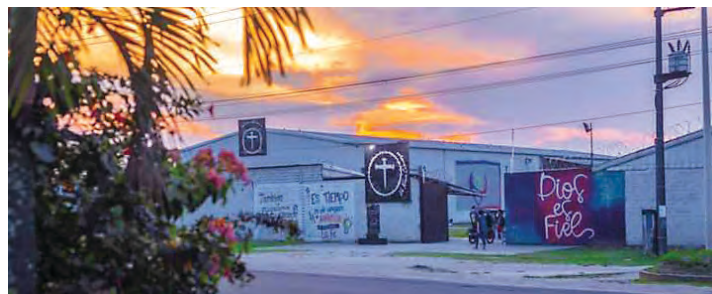


The Next Chapter

How do you raise \$1.2 million in less than a year? Moreover, where do you start when three years ago you couldn't raise \$317,000?

Past failures fuel ongoing doubt and fear, stunting ministerial growth prematurely. It would be glorious if ministry were supernaturally exempt from financial burdens, wouldn't it? And yet, God has allowed money to be a primary faith-building vehicle for centuries. The dream of owning property to adequately accommodate constant growth in Peru had turned into a nightmare. Our building fund was drained after two years of rent and the Covid-19 crisis, leaving us in a cycle of month-to-month survival. Even so, we never stopped believing we would own the property. Some important things happened this year that propelled us towards the Next Chapter.

First, the owner clarified that rent will go up in 2023, possibly even double. Second, six seasoned believers with years of life and ministry experience came down. They repeatedly agreed that we needed to buy the property. Ownership would allow us to redirect time, efforts, and resources



into more discipleship, leadership training and gospel outreach. Their affirmation gave us a needed boost of confidence.

Next, God sent a professional in fund-raising. After five short days of experiencing what God is doing in Genesis, he volunteered to coach us through this campaign.

Finally, a couple felt lead to make a significant donation to get the campaign off the ground. These points contributed to what God is doing, but it would be foolish to overlook the years of accumulated prayers and faith involved. These two components of our spiritual experience have far more power than we lean into! While it's been a scary ride, we wouldn't trade the front-row seat to witness His power in action.

The Next Chapter is still being written, but we are confident that its pages will be filled with testimonies attributing to the greatness of our Living God actively

working in favor of His children today.

For more information, please visit: www.genesisanewbeginning.org
To follow the story, sign up for the newsletter.



Bethany Noriega

Bethany and Nelton, along with their children, live in Iquitos, Peru.

A Dream Came True

For a long time I had dreamt of going to Uganda one day. God responded to my desire by opening a door for me to do ministry among a group of orphaned refugee children from South Sudan. These children speak Arabic as their native language, which is also my mother tongue.

The kids never had a chance to learn how to write and read in Arabic. They had to flee their country when they were still very young and ended up in a foreign country with a language that was unknown to them—the Ugandan language. So I understood this was my chance to jump in and help.

God also used the situation for me personally to discover a talent

that had been sleeping within me. I had always thought that I wasn't really able to do anything substantial. Later I saw clearly that this wasn't true.

A beautiful relationship developed between the children and me. They started calling me "Uncle." One day I heard some kids screaming, "Uncle Mina, Uncle Mina, there is a snake!" I attacked the snake with a rod and finally killed it, so the kids were saved.

Shortly before my time in Uganda ended, the children gave me a new name, "Omara," which either means "Beloved One" or "Jesus Loves Me."

I am grateful without end for what God accomplished during those months.



Mina Mamdouh

Mina lives in Minya, Egypt. He would like to be able to go back to Uganda to continue his ministry with the refugee children from the children's home.

BIRTHS



JOY

born on 10-17-21
to Romany & Georgina Latif-Hanna

ERIK

born on 11-28-21
to Arkadiy & Anneke Naydonov

JULIE

born on 12-17-21
to James & Beatrice Ekanya

FAITH

born on 12-26-21
to Jon & Katie Larsh

JOSIAH

born on 03-04-22
to Wiseman & Olivia Kamanga

YOSUA

born on 03-26-22
to Aby & Katie Tasya (interns)

SOPHIA

born on 06-6-22
to Ramy & Samah Karam-Samir

ALEXA

born on 06-11-22
to Jackson & Jenny Songa

EMILIA

born on 07-19-22
to Bence & Abby Jóföldi

SOLOMON

born on 10-16-22
to Vlad & Polina Kharchenko



Sharing the **Good News** Through Sports

Sports are an important part of every country involving everyone, whether they are playing or watching. In many ways, sports define a society, a nation. Sports has always been a universal language for people, a language that the whole world can speak to communicate, to show love and respect, and also to share the Message. People have something to focus on and follow that is a kind of release from the stresses of everyday life.

This is exactly what we do through our games. With the help of games and other sports activities we are trying to introduce to them Jesus who can change their whole life. We challenge them to think and to search about the truth and the purpose of life. Then we invite them to join our weekly discipleship program. Ramez is one of my disciples. He is one of



those people who likes to think deeply about everything around him. He got stuck in some wrong thoughts about our Heavenly Father. We spent a long time talking it through and decided to pray and work together to get out of all of this. Finally, Ramez shared he has begun to hear God's voice

through the Bible. He said that he feels he can see the meaning of each verse in a very clear and different way. I see God is speaking to him. It is so incredibly

good. God is raising his spirit day by day. Today, this young man looks totally different. He is fighting like never before to reach the goal of his life. He doesn't want to lose what God has done in his life. Ramez encourages others to walk deeply with God. I'm so happy about what God is doing with him. He also became a part of the youth meeting in his church. Ramez wants to lead others to the true life of Jesus. Our ministry doesn't stop at that point. God blessed us with ministry outside of Egypt. I went to South Sudan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Syria. I had the chance to use sports among many nations like Syrians, Iraqis, Lebanese and, of course, in my nation—the Egyptian people.

What a great opportunity God has provided to share the Good News through sports. The door is wide open and the people are hungry to hear and to find the truth.



Mina Fawze
Mina lives in Alexandria, Egypt. His ministry focuses on using sports, discipleship, and preaching to reach young people with the Gospel.

2023 SHORT-TERM MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

EVANGELISTIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAMP (EELC)	LOCATION	HOST	TRIP DATES
	Egypt	National Staff	July 29 - August 6
	Germany	Oehler-Todradze	July 19 - 28
FAMILY (EELC) OR FAMILY/MARRIAGE/PARENTING (FMP)	LOCATION	HOST	TRIP DATES
	Beirut, Lebanon (EELC)	National Staff	June 30 - July 11
	Alexandria, Egypt	National Staff	July 14 - 24
	Alexandria, Egypt	National Staff	July 21 - August 1
OTHER CAMPS	LOCATION	HOST	TRIP DATES
Discipleship Camp	Alexandria, Egypt	National Staff	January 28 - February 5
Kids' Camp/VBS	Alexandria, Egypt	National Staff	July 7 - 17
Youth Camp	Alexandria, Egypt	National Staff	August 4 - 14
Youth Sports	Beirut, Lebanon	National Staff	July 7 - 18
Syrian Refugee School Outreach	Beirut, Lebanon	National Staff	July 25 - August 3
Youth	Uganda	National Staff	December 29 - January 8
Minister to moms, kids, elderly @ ROL	Cornesti, Romania	Moore	Ongoing, flexible, anytime

All camps and dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date camp schedule visit our websites:
 USA: www.im-usa.org/camps-schedule or in Canada: www.im-canada.ca/camps-schedule



GOD, SURPRISES, AND TEA

After plain water, what is the most widely consumed drink in the world? Yes, tea.

A recently returned missionary friend from our church shared the idea of beginning an International Ladies Tea. There were three surprises that God had for me as a volunteer in this now regular event.

My surprises include:

- That, as we invited international ladies, they came! Our recent tea included 21 women from 18 different countries.
- That I feel "understood" by these women. Our shared experiences of living outside our home country has connected us in unique ways.
- Our shared experiences open doors for spiritual conversations.

5 USA (Kenya, Romania, Greece, China, Myanmar, Morocco, Bangladesh, Egypt, Malaysia), Rwanda, Nigeria, Bulgaria, 21 Women from Eritrea, 12 (+6) countries, 1 El Salvador, 1 Tazjikistan, 1 India, 2 Japan

a group of Muslim women present because a woman at their mosque who had attended a previous tea invited them to attend the tea!

In her book, *Looming Transitions: Starting and Finishing Well in Cross-Cultural Service*, Amy Young asks, "Want to have a fertile soul? I want to be the kind of person who can let roles or locations, or seasons of life die so there is space for the new to grow."

God is clarifying for me some things He wants me to let go of, so there is space for the "new" to grow. The International Ladies Tea is a great example of how God has helped me create space in my life to grow in new ways.

With tea and refreshments, we gather with our shared experiences. Curious questions open doors to deeper conversations. At the tea there was

helped me create space in my life to grow in new ways.

I continue connecting with those special women in Romania and other groups I meet with in Europe. I continue



learning how to have a fertile soul. I am discovering what God has for me in the new spaces in my life.

What things might God be asking of you to let go of? What surprises might He have for you in new spaces in your life? I'm discovering how to live with a fertile soul.



Jill Clark

Jill and her husband Tom are now living in Iowa after 20 years of joining God in His work in Bucharest, Romania. Continuing to meet virtually with women in

Romania and the world as a mentor and Life Coach Jill is discovering the "new" that God has for her ministry in Iowa.

GOD IS WORKING! BE ENCOURAGED

It seems there is just a ton of bad news these days. I recently received some statistics which showed that in 1979, North America and Europe were considered 50% Christian. That number was reduced to 33% in 2020. North America and Europe are now considered post-Christian nations.

Living in Romania since 1997, I have seen firsthand the decline in people coming to Christ. We hear of great things happening in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, and there is a temptation to become discouraged. But God is working here as well.

We use the playground and soccer field, English lessons, and even guitar lessons to forge relationships with people. For three and a half years I have been teaching an adolescent to play the guitar. She was referred to me by a teacher who knew that Julia wanted to learn, but hoping it would help her come out of her shell of fear and timidity. It was slow going for a long time, but we just kept persevering. In the meantime, I invited her to play in our orchestra and eventually she started coming to youth group. Her parents have noticed a huge positive change in her and keep bringing her and her younger sister, even though her dad thinks she spends too much time with us. Julia exudes joy in her relationship with God.

MIRACLE ON 5th STREET

A Ukrainian woman named Olena landed in our arms along with three teenagers (two not her own) when they ran from intense bombing of their city of Kherson. They lost everything. We found and rented an apartment for them on 5th street in Kraków, Poland, and invited them to a language camp where they read the Bible for the first time. After a few days, Olena excitedly said to me, "While we were hiding underground from the bombs and we thought we were going to die, I had so many questions about "religion." And now I am hearing the answers!" She returned to her apartment on 5th street with new hope and a new relationship with the Living God!

Unbeknownst to me, Olena had a dream of once again owning a bike. She didn't ask for one, but the God who knows her needs and her dreams caused someone in Kraków to donate a beautiful vintage bicycle, and prompted another person to contact me about it. When I asked God who this bike was for, He put a picture of Olena's face in my mind. I contacted her to ask if she would like a bike, and she



replied, "A bike is my dream! I recently thought that it's impossible. God even knows my dreams!" To Olena, this bike is proof that God sees her, knows her, and loves her. It really does not take much from us to be a part of God's life changing miracles.



Julie Hybel
Julie, Przemek, and Roksy live and work in Kraków. Julie is currently involved in housing refugees

while continuing women's ministry and some counseling. Przemek does youth and men's ministry. They both both teach English as an outreach and serve in their church.

I thank the Lord for what He is doing here. He is not willing that any should perish; each one is precious. Be encouraged! God is working!



Heather Nicolae
Heather, Pavel, and their family live in Bircii, Romania. Their main ministry is children and youth ministries, church, English classes, and evangelism in Bircii.

Lessons Learned During My Illness

I have been in the ministry for over 35 years. What else could I learn new?

When I look at my life, I see how God shaped me. Sometimes it was very hard. I asked God questions like: why is this happening to me? I don't know any other answers than just one. They shaped me, strengthened me, toughened my spirit, developed perseverance, and built trust in God. A year ago, in December, I had a heart attack. In the hospital, I found out that they saved my life. It was a shock to me and to many people. I understood God was giving me a new chance for a second life. It occurred to me I needed to revise my life. I needed to make changes.

Changes are hard because peace is disturbed, and the sense of security disappears. New questions arise: What am I going to do now? Where should I live? Where should I serve and how? With who? How will we handle it financially? Before I made my final decisions and quit my ministry (in late April) as a pastor in

my church, I prayed a lot and cried before God. But He is always good and gracious. He did not leave me alone with these questions. He sent His Word (promises) that have been carrying me ever since.

Thanks to this illness, I have learned some important lessons that are already blessing me. **Human life is very fragile.** You can die when you least expect it. **God surrounds his children with his love in difficult times.** He gives them his promises and cheers them up. **Through my illness, God drew me even more to Him.** I have better fellowship with Him now than before. I have a different perspective on life. What came out of it? God reminded me of my dreams, desires, and vision that I had over 30 years ago. I wanted to plant a new church. I have several people who want to do this with me. This is something very exciting. "We want to connect people with

heaven." It is a very important work. I need an army of people praying for this ministry, for me and my family. If you want to be part of this ministry, let me know and I will give you more details. We want to start in November.



Cezary Dabrowski

Cezary and his wife Ewa are IM missionaries in Poland. They have three children—Michal, Estera, and Wojtek. If you would like to contact them, send an email to: czarekdab22@gmail.com.

MOUNTAINSIDE MINISTRY TRAINING NEEDS LIST

MMT could use donations to purchase some much needed items.

- 1 **New kitchen stove** approximate cost \$750
- 2 **New classroom chairs** \$75 each (6 needed)
- 3 **Linens: Queen bed sets** \$50 each (2 needed)
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If you are interested in donating to MMT to help with these needs, please contact Jeff O'Connell at the Training Center. Email: jeff@im-us.org. Phone: 406-291-8044.

Syrian Refugee School in Beirut

I grew up in a traditional Muslim family in Syria. While studying international law in Damascus, I was captured by ISIS and tortured for several weeks. After a miraculous escape, I fled to Lebanon, where I lived on the streets of Beirut as an illegal refugee. Other illegal Syrian refugees invited me to church, and I soon became a follower of Christ.

After attending International Messengers' training program and joining IM staff, I began building relationships and sharing the Gospel with Syrian families around me. Like me, most were in Lebanon illegally. I learned that their status prevented their children from attending school.

Two years ago, I started teaching English and math to several children in my small apartment. Their grateful parents spread the word. The ministry quickly grew to include

60 children, so we moved the school into a larger apartment. It houses school for the children in the morning, outreach to their mothers in the afternoon, and meetings with the parents each evening. The afternoon and evening sessions are well attended and include activities, skills training, and Bible stories with discussion. Most families are from Kurdish and Arabic backgrounds. Twenty-five of these families attended our first Syrian refugee family camp last summer.

God has provided helpers, and the ministry has grown to include soccer outreach and service to the elderly. People come with deep needs, learn to share prayer requests, begin to speak directly with our Heavenly Father, and experience answered prayers. Families who have lost houses and hope because of the Syrian war are now finding hope in Jesus.

Because of my illegal status in Lebanon and the likely possibility of being deported back to Syria, I received permanent residency status in Canada and moved there in July. It was very hard leaving the Syrian Refugee School project, but I'm thankful for the team that continues the ministry. Please pray for me as I adjust to life in Canada and find God's ministry for me here, perhaps in the large immigrant community around Vancouver, British Columbia, where there are many Arabic speakers.



Alaadeen Khaled

Alaadeen started the IM Refugee School for Kids and Families in Beirut, Lebanon. He currently lives in Canada.



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WHAT A PRIVILEGE

Her beautiful eyes danced as we met each other on “Ice Breaker Night” at the Marriage and Parenting Camp in Egypt. She had a beautiful, shy smile. She stood next to her husband in a posture of submission, and quietly greeted her new friends. Her name was unique for an Egyptian, so easier to remember. She landed in my small group Bible study and as each meeting unfolded, she couldn’t keep silent about the misery of her marriage. “If divorce was allowed in Egypt, I’d be divorced in minutes!” she told me. There were sad stories all around our circle but she talked 70% of the time because her heart was so broken.

She’d been married for 13 years, all of them unhappy, and wished she would’ve had this training early in their marriage. She’d never been told by her husband that he loved her, and as Egyptian culture would dictate, she was relegated to doing the housework and parenting alone, even as a full-time high school teacher. He

was not “present” in their marriage.

Day after day, she poured out her heart to our group, asking for prayer and advice. God saw fit to add the facility manager’s wife to our group mid-week, and she was so helpful. She clearly loved the Lord and was able to be my voice, in Arabic, when all these desperate questions came.

On the last day, we discussed the need for forgiveness and my student bristled a bit at that. “You don’t know how harsh my husband is! How can I forgive and respect him?” We studied God’s Word more, and this precious woman put her trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of her sins! Her English was limited, but she’ll be disciplined by our missionaries and other believers in her region.

On the last evening, apparently her husband had been captivated by what he’d seen and heard at the camp because he picked up



a microphone and publicly told her he loved her and planned to make substantial changes in their home. What a victory—God reached down into a miserable home and marriage and brought light, love, and forgiveness. What a privilege to be a part of God’s Kingdom work!



Darlis Anderson

Darwin and Darlis Anderson live in Clear Lake, Iowa. Darwin is the President of International Messengers.

I have benefited from my missions experience by being shown God’s grace and love. He not only had us go to Uganda to change the hearts of the children there, but to have our hearts changed as well. I will forever remember this experience and the excitement these kids showed to hear about God and His love for them.

~ Blake, 2022 short-termer, Uganda kids’ camp

God showed up at the camp and the following verse from Psalm 40:6 sums up what He did: “O Lord my God, you have done many wonders (wonderful thing) for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.”

~ Karen, 2022 short-termer, Poland camp

How to Come Out of a Pandemic

Here in the IM-Canada office, we are enjoying watching the pandemic disappear in the rear-view mirror.

While many of the pandemic restrictions in Canada dropped away last spring, the border restrictions remained until October 1, 2022. We are now looking forward to the unhindered international ministry travel ahead.

And as we come out of the pandemic restraints, we have more ministry than ever before:

- Coastal Light Vessel Ministry is a new IM ministry taking the Gospel into the most remote communities on the BC Coast, where getting groceries can take many hours in the family speed boat. Another charity is passing on to us their land base (office, accommodations, supply and maintenance facility) and their 52' ministry ship for us to continue a similar ministry on the coast.
- Alaadeen Khaled, a Syrian IM staff member who fled the war in Syria, developed a school in Beirut, Lebanon, for Syrian children who are not allowed in Lebanese schools. Because he had no legal status in Lebanon, he has come to Canada. We hope he will find ministry in the large immigrant communities around Vancouver, BC.

- After three years of limited short-term ministry our Evangelical English Language Camps in Eastern Europe and the Middle East are gearing up. We hope to recruit, train and send 40+ English speaking short-termers next summer. Without the English speakers these powerful outreach camps can not happen.
- Five Ukrainian IM staff members who were serving in Ukraine have recently immigrated to Canada because of the war. We are watching to see what ministry God may lead them into in the growing Ukrainian diaspora across Canada.

We are saying "Yes" and are thrilled to add the new and the rebooting ministries to the old (those which continued on). And we're trusting God for a new office worker who can raise the support for their ministry in the Canadian office.



Gene Fox

Gene and Grace serve together as the directors of International Messengers Canada.

"For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

2 Corinthians 1:5

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Way of Life Ministries was started originally as King David Christian School, to raise children with a God-centered worldview, and to give them the opportunity to come to Jesus. In 2006 we realised that there was a need for Christian families to grow in their devotion to the Lord. Because of the verse in Luke 18:16, "Let your children come to me," we have decided by faith to establish a Christian Preschool, King David Primary School, and later a High School. Today, in these different areas of education, we have over 350 children. Now, because of the crisis in Ukraine, our school also gives a free education for 25 Ukrainian children. We thank God for these precious families, who left everything they had, and now are so thankful for everything they get. Our prayer is that they will know and be known by the Lord.

Because of developing a Christian education and also missional discipleship (since 2009) many people became disciples of Christ. So we started the Way of Life Church to lead those families through discipleship to maturity in Christ. Today we have 18 groups with over 80 attenders.

Last year, through one parent from our school, we met Wojtek and Hania. They have been married for 20 years, and have two children. One has Down's syndrome, and one of them is extremely talented; ten-year-old Lucy has won national competitions in piano and violin.

Wojtek met Jarek and told him he wants to divorce his wife. But encouraged, they joined our summer camp, where they gave their hearts to Jesus. After several personal discipleship meetings they decided to build their marriage again, this time on the unshakeable foundation of Jesus Christ. We are so happy, that now they are together, and Lucy can glorify the Lord playing violin in our church.



In 2017, we started the Leadership Institute, where we have trained teachers, parents, and pastors from Poland and Uganda. Discipleship is our way of life, so we dream of doing it in Poland. Our prayer is to have our own building for our schools, for the church in Poznan, and for the Institute. You are very welcome to be our partner in this project. For more informations visit: wayoflifeministries.org.

OUR STRATEGY



Iwona & Jarek Pietrzak

Iwona & Jarek live in Poznan, Poland, where they serve in many different ways to help communicate the message of the Gospel and God's plan for humanity.

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,"

Romans 5:3

**We're not
the same
people we
were ten
days ago.**



For the last ten days, we have been a support family for two and a half-year-old Ania, who is waiting for a foster family. Her story is one of many tragic stories where parents and children get separated.

A parent or parents cannot look after their children for many reasons, and they need help themselves. Ania's siblings (probably three) also stay in new families (possibly foster care or emergency care). I do not know. This girl suffers from many traumas, including Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). We spent ten days with her helping a couple run by the Emergency Care Center to relax on vacation. It was an intense time, and a heartbreaking experience for all of us. We are in prayer for this little girl. We bonded with her, and if God leads us in this way, we will accept her for substitute care.

An Uncertain Journey to a Sure Call

Have you ever doubted God's call in your life? Have you ever felt like the thing you believe God has called you to is a product of your own imagination or dreams?

Two years ago, after hearing that 95% of Japanese will never meet a Christian in their lifetime, making their chances of hearing the Gospel very slim, God placed a desire in my and Bella's hearts to move to Japan and plant a church.

Over the course of the last year, after leaving our life in Uganda and in the face of many closed doors and challenges, while moving across the world, we numerous times wondered whether Japan was something we made up ourselves. When Jesus called Paul and told Ananias that this man is his chosen instrument and that he will preach the Gospel before kings, Paul didn't know that the opportunities to share the Gospel with kings would come through his imprisonment. The way God leads us makes the journey as important as the destination, strengthening our muscles of faith.

While far from being imprisoned or facing any of the trials that Paul did, we have many times doubted our own lack of faith. In the face of the hardest challenges, it was easiest to doubt. But then God would open the next door and He has faithfully led us step by step.

Since May, we have also had a four-year-old in foster care and there is not enough space in our small apartment. One thing is for sure, we are not the same people as ten days before. It is good to see that God is the Perfect Father to all, and He invites all of us to His family to experience perfect love. He has a perfect plan—I choose to believe His plan.

One moment that stands out to us is back in September 2021 when at the height of our uncertainty, Bella and I prayed asking God why it had to be so hard if He truly was calling us to Japan, He answered us both, "So that when you are there and it is hard and you doubt, you may know that you are not the ones who got yourselves there."

We won't ever have the entire journey figured out, but what God wants us to do is to take the next step and rely on Him. Pray for us as we continue on this journey that God has set before us. Follow our blog for updates at <https://forthejoy.city>



Kostya Tustanovsky

Kostya, Bella, and their children currently live in California where Kostya is part of a church planting residency equipping them for ministry in Japan.



Anna Schwartz

Anna, her husband LeRoy, their two daughters, and their foster son live in Poznan, Poland.

LEBANON

CRISIS RELIEF PROJECT

When my boys were growing up, I frequently said to them, “Only floss the teeth you want to keep!” I wanted to remind them of the importance of taking care of their teeth. After all, you only get one set!

Over the past six years, my husband and I have befriended an Iraqi refugee family in Beirut. It was a joy to teach Andrina, Andrew, and Barbara in Sunday School, to visit their family who lived quite close by, and to get to know their parents, Zeina and Raad.

Zeina taught me how to make “Doma”—vegetables stuffed with rice and meat. Raad told us stories of their lives: how they fled ISIS from Mosul, and then lived for a time in northern Iraq until they lost their possessions in a fire. When they finally made it to Lebanon, they were mistreated by their Catholic neighbors. That’s why they moved to our neighborhood, their last home, before immigrating to Australia.

One day I asked Zeina about her dental history, because it was apparent that her teeth needed attention. She had teeth missing and some discoloration, and she avoided showing her teeth when she smiled.

We arranged for the family to be seen by our dentist, a recent Lebanese University graduate.



It turned out that Zeina had no molars!

It was a joy to provide the Raad family with the dental help they needed. Zeina needed a bridge and dentures, and Andrina, at 12 years of age, had 12 cavities that needed filling!

An Ethiopian worker in our neighborhood has also seen our dentist. She also has no molars! We hope we will have enough funding to pay for a full set of dentures for Khadija. We are so grateful to you, who give out of the fullness of your heart for projects like this.

Mimi Khoury

Mimi and her husband Nabil live in Beirut, Lebanon, where they serve in the areas of evangelism, teaching, and discipleship. Because of the economic situation in Lebanon, many new families come to church both to attend and receive aid.

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18

THE WHITE FIELDS IN THE SEA OF BLOOD

My family fled from war to Hungary since we were concerned about the availability of insulin and insulin pump consumables for our oldest, then 12-year-old son. Our plan was to travel to South Africa from Hungary to apply for documents for our then three-month-old infant, who left Ukraine with just a birth certificate.

What was supposed to be a maximum of a three-day stopover turned out to be a six weeklong wait. Our almighty, all loving God could obviously open all the doors for us to move on, but He didn't. Once we realized we were stuck with no idea for how long, we decided to serve where we were and to whomever God would send

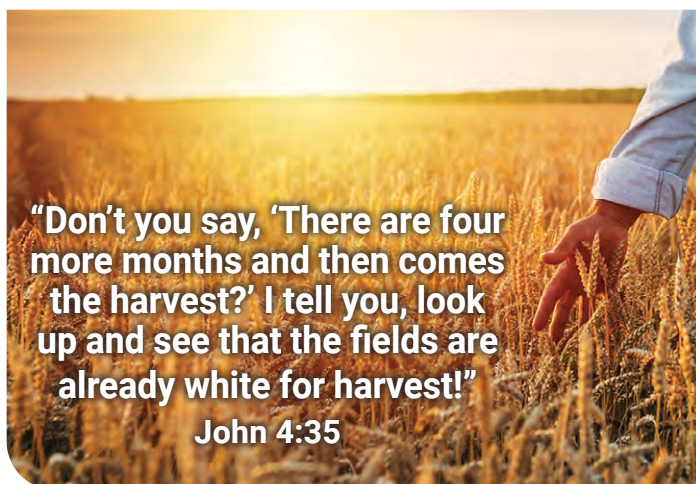
our path. As soon as we made this decision, so many exciting doors for ministry were opened. The most fascinating one was preaching the Gospel to the refugees at the outreach of a church in Tata. Only 12 refugees (unbelievers) came to the first meeting. We decided to continue preaching the Gospel the next Sunday as well. More than 60 showed up. I asked the church if they did any type of promotion, which encouraged more people to show up. They said they did absolutely nothing! So, unbelievers were inviting other unbelievers to come and hear the Gospel. I've only witnessed this hunger for the Gospel when the Soviet Union fell apart and the Gospel came in.

The war of Russia against Ukraine has presented an incredible opportunity for the Gospel to go forth. Amid the ugliness of war people started discovering a real, Living Hope in Christ. The pain and losses may distract us from an incredible wave of salvation work the Lord is doing in the middle of these dark times. But the time is short, and the hunger is there. Anneke (my wife) and I don't want to miss it, to miss what could be a revival starting in our day and age in the middle of the war.



Arkadiy Naydonov

Arkaadiy, Anneke, and their children are currently living in Poland where they will serve while they wait for the time the Lord calls them back to Ukraine.



SERVING GOD IN BEIRUT

We are delighted to be writing our first article. We are also very aware that you may not know much about who we are, so we would love to introduce ourselves! We are Hamid and Rehab and we have three children (nine, seven, and one and a half years old). We are from Hasakah in Syria and have been in Lebanon for eight years now. We were born Muslim, but have come to know the love of Jesus for ourselves.

We are grateful to God for opening a door for us to serve Him and those around us at the

refugee school here in Beirut. On the weekends I (Rehab) teach refugee children math and English, and I also lead a women's Bible study group, where we pray and share the Word together. We also facilitate the teaching of a new skill, such as crochet. Last semester we made gloves and scarves for the children!

My husband, Hamid, serves the older generation. He shares the Gospel with them, encourages them, listens to them, and helps them with their practical household needs.

Our vision for this year is that we would see an expansion of the school and what we do with the children and women's group. We also want to serve more of the older generation and see transformation in the lives of those we are privileged to touch. We also hope that during this year we will be able to start new groups and other services for those living in our area.

May God bless you and please remember us in your prayers.



Rehab Fadel

Rehab, Hamid, and their children live in Lebanon. They desire to work together to deliver the Good News to all people.

God Demonstrates His Love Through Us

“Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

Matthew 25:45

I have made trips many times to Kiev, once to Sumy on the Russian border, and once to Odessa, carrying humanitarian aid. When I realized how small my pickup truck was, even pulling an oversized trailer, I decided to get a commercial truck driver's license and buy a big truck.

Our lives and ministry here in Slovakia cannot come to a stop but obviously are now taking a back seat to save literally tens of thousands of lives in Ukraine.

The Slovak Ambassador to Ukraine just called me a moment ago, asking if I could also haul building supplies for him to Kiev to help rebuild countless homes before winter. Our many partners in Ukraine depend heavily upon my help. My 18-ton truck is only one truck and can only do so much, but I have a partner with three full-sized trucks who helps me. I feel so inadequate and tiny compared to the needs, but I also feel inspired and excited to work with such wonderful partners in Ukraine who, with devotion and dedication to the Gospel, continually put their lives at risk. It is a privilege to strengthen and encourage them.

One older woman was near death from exposure and malnutrition until our team found her and rescued her, and gave her the supplies I had sent. Another partner is using our supplies to help take care of over 1,000 people whose homes were destroyed, sometimes being the sole survivors in their family or in their village. Seeing their tears of gratitude that the world has not forgotten them and that God cares and demonstrates His love through us is more than enough encouragement for us to continue our ministry to them.



Bevan Stein

Bevan and Laura live on a ranch in Turciansky Michal, Slovakia. They work to help local churches, especially the Lutheran church, catch a vision for outreach to orphaned and handicapped children and to use means such as motorcycles to reach unsaved bikers for Christ.

The Supreme JOY of Disciple-Making

Stephen and I have the joy of participating in the fruitful and miraculous endeavor of disciples making disciples, an essential aim of the Good News. During the IM Egypt Marriage and Parenting Family Camp of 2021, N. asked for counsel about her son's emotional issues. Instead of spending time telling her what I would do, we asked Jesus. While praying, she surrendered her life to Christ and found deep emotional healing. During camp, the Lord so radically changed her and her husband that they returned to their community and jobs overjoyed, radically witnessing to friends about the transforming power of an intimate relationship with Christ. Quickly, they sought the local IM missionary, Pastor Yasser

and Martha, for guidance on how to continue a vibrant bond with Christ.

Over the year, the two couples met regularly for Bible study and prayer. At work, N. consistently witnessed to her supervisor. She invited S. and his wife M. to attend camp and investigate this radical claim God could be intimately known and experienced. During summer camp 2022, M. asked us to pray about her emotional pain. Faithfully, as Jesus healed her wounds, He also revealed Himself to her as Savior! That same day, S. met with Pastor Yasser and wrestled late into the night with the truth about God, finally yielding his life to Christ. He later testified that God opened

his eyes to the many false ideas he believed. The two couples returned home, motivated to share the Good News and continue to be mentored. Pastor Yasser meets with them regularly and envisions a new church plant because so many couples have been touched by Christ's love.

This is true multiplication, the fruit of living out Christ's passion for the lost and for His hurting children by passing on His love to those in your circles. Whether traveling over an ocean, or walking across the street, we can ALL experience the supreme joy of cooperating with Father to make disciples of all nations.



Ann Zupke

Ann Zupke participates with her husband, Stephen, in caring for the IM staff in many parts of the world. They mentor through teaching and prayer about an intimate, life-changing relationship with our Father. They juggle travel/mentoring with being devoted to their 11 adult and teen children and six grandchildren.

I was reminded that God is at work in small places in great ways. God is growing the next generation of warriors and I so appreciate being able to hear from and watch them wrestle with God's call on their lives for this week of camp. ~ Gail, 2022 short-termer, Hungary camp

Was a blessing to see what another culture lives through and their passion they have for Christ and how they want to share with others, to live for Christ. Showed how we can take such simple things for granted.

~ Tony, 2022 short-termer, Egypt camp



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Career Ministry Summary

There are 285 adults (105 North Americans, 180 nationals) serving with International Messengers in Canada, China, Cyprus,

Czech Republic, Egypt, England, France, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Lebanon, Native American, First Nations Reservations, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and the U.S. working to share the Gospel through the ministries listed below.

- ❖ Adult evangelism through Bible study and discipleship
- ❖ Children-at-risk ministry
- ❖ Christian schools
- ❖ Evangelism through English teaching
- ❖ Marriage/parenting outreach
- ❖ Media ministry in discipling & apologetics
- ❖ Medical ministry
- ❖ Men's discipleship ministry
- ❖ Ministry to abused women and their children
- ❖ Ministry to people with HIV
- ❖ Ministry to the elderly
- ❖ Ministry to the homeless/addicts
- ❖ Missionary Training Centers in the US, Middle East, Uganda, and E. Europe
- ❖ Motorcycle club evangelism
- ❖ Native American ministry
- ❖ Outreach to women
- ❖ Outreach to trafficked, abused women
- ❖ Pastoral training
- ❖ Planting, pastoring churches
- ❖ Purity ministry
- ❖ Refugee ministry
- ❖ Roma ministry
- ❖ Therapy using dogs and horses
- ❖ University student outreach
- ❖ Youth Ministry



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