

## Perspectives on Missions



If you are anything like me, you grew up thinking missions was unique to missionaries and ministry to church leaders; and maybe because this is often the case. We often mistake missions as a career choice, or as an overseas ministry. But, when we think this way, we miss the invitation that is given to each of us throughout all of scripture; that is, the invitation to share the blessing of salvation to every nation and tongue.

Perspectives is a class for all Christians to obtain a deeper understanding of our purpose in Christ's mission of redeeming His people. As someone who is fundraising to go on the mission field, I found Perspectives extremely helpful for my future ministry, but I also found it is packed with the necessary understanding of God and His mission that is relevant to every Christian.

Neil Gilliland touched on this in his lecture when he said, "The church has belittled the majesty of God... we have to be intentional about seeing and appreciating God's majesty." Something that Perspectives did for me was helping me recognize how surprisingly little I noticed God in both the big and small ways; whether that be in scripture, creation, history, or even in my personal life. Neil went on to say, "The whole Bible is about His glory. The nations are counting on you to be changed by your growing understanding of the glory of God." This section of the lecture really challenged my thinking. If we truly sought the magnitude of God, we would each be convinced and determined to share the Gospel.

Clint Morgan said, "If you understood your faith and if you were affected by your faith, you would be compelled to share. "With a future in overseas missions, Perspectives helped me realize that we don't just reach souls so that they can spend eternity in Heaven. Yet, we reach souls so that the nations have the opportunity to one day know God fully and glorify Him whole-heartedly. If our pastors, Sunday school teachers, leaders, and laymen attended this class, I could only imagine that our churches would grow in both depth and discipleship.

The glory of God demands to be recognized, and if we never wake up to that reality we are missing out on the very purpose of our lives. If you want to be inspired by the work being done around the world, in a community with believers who are thirsty for God's Word, encouraged by lectures from accomplished speakers, reminded of God's glory, or perhaps discover your unique call in Kingdom work, then this class is for you.

—Emily Petty, IM Missionary to Japan



# FAMILY HAPPENINGS



**Mimi Reeves** became an American citizen in October! She shares, “I’m very excited to be a US citizen. Over the years, I have deepened my love for this country and the people of this country.”



## Tammy Lancaster

continues to recover since her brain injury in March 2015. She is presently putting in 12-hour days of meetings and packing for Stateside while continuing to keep up with the housework. This is a huge praise!



**The Driscolls** announced they are expecting another baby! Pray for Debbie to have a good pregnancy and their baby to grow and be healthy.



## The Trifonov family

and many of the IM missionaries in Bulgaria gathered in early October to celebrated the marriage of Trif & Vanya’s daughter, **Monika Ruseva** (Trifonov).



## Victoria Paffile (Little)

and her husband **Bryse** recently visited the Simmons in Kenya. It was a time to reunite with old friends in familiar areas where Victoria ministered a couple of years ago.



## After the Baileys’

first potential rental place was canceled due to religious affiliation, God provided a much better place

for them! After almost three hours of explanations by two government representatives and going through many requirements and contracts, the Baileys “officially” have an apartment in their church’s neighborhood!



## KRISTI JOHNSON TO SPEAK AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Kristi Johnson is scheduled to lead a seminar during the 2021 Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, taking place December 6-7. Her seminar topic will be “Leadership Matters Course: A Glimpse at Delegation”. Pastors and church and ministry leaders from across the denomination will gather to explore the theme “Equipped for His Work,” with an emphasis on church health.



## WMO UPDATE

Thank you for partnering financially with IM by giving to the World Missions Offering. We are



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excited and encouraged to share the current WMO total is \$483,605. Your gifts support ministries and partnerships focused on sharing the gospel with those who have never heard the Good News. To give, text **“impartnerships” to (833) 245-7610** or visit **iminc.org**.

## ETeAM & CMP SELECTIONS

We are excited to make both ETEAM and CMP selections for 2022. Please make sure your students are aware of all deadlines. We encourage you to choose a student to pray for as they raise funds and support for their designated mission opportunities. Visit **iminc.org** for more details.



## PRAYER FOCUS

- Please pray for the IM Board meeting taking place on December 7-8 at the IM offices in Nashville, Tennessee. Pray for wisdom, good fellowship, and productive time.
- Pray for Stateside missionaries currently traveling to churches to raise funds and support to return to their fields. Many of our missionaries to Japan are still in the States because Japan’s borders are closed due to COVID. Pray the borders will open soon.
- Due to COVID, the Free Will Baptist church plant in Chame, Panama is struggling to pay off their church property. If IM can raise \$50,000, we have a partner willing to provide a matching gift of \$50,000! Pray we can meet this financial goal to keep the Chame church open.
- Many opportunities and projects are taking place to meet the needs of people around the world. Please pray for the partnership opportunities of both IM and The Hanna Project.



## STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Several IM missionaries are currently on Stateside Assignment raising funds and support. Opportunities to meet and speak with churches and organizations are greatly appreciated. These services inform church members of each missionary's ministry so they will know how to specifically pray and partner with them.

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# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MISSIONARIES

## Jaimie & Tammy Lancaster, Uruguay

Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster have served in Uruguay for almost 22 years. During their most recent term they worked to plant a church in the Carrasco



neighborhood of Montevideo. They participated in conversational English classes, ladies' English gatherings, and community outreach events and activities. They also worked alongside the Uruguayan national church in order to encourage, train, and partner with national ministries. Next year will mark both the 60th anniversary of the work in Uruguay and 25 years of the Lancasters working with IM. Jaimie and Tammy will return in December to begin Stateside assignment in order to promote national works and ministries and raise support.

## Daniel & Shelby Culwell, Japan

Daniel and Shelby Culwell serve on a church-planting team in Tokyo, Japan.

In 2019, this team launched a bilingual church called Hope Alive. Daniel serves in many areas including construction, maintenance, English outreach, youth ministry, finance, and more. Shelby runs



the website design, slides, graphics, social media, and toddler classes. They have three children: Easton, Barrett, and Lily. Through group and individual Bible studies with adults and kids and meeting new people at the many different Hope Alive outreach events, Daniel and Shelby have the privilege of introducing Japanese people to Jesus for the first time! The Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world, with most people living their entire lives never meeting a Christian. The Culwells returned to the States in mid-October. In July, they were approved to return to the field in Japan as career missionaries.

Your partnership in the gospel yields dividends around the world in lives changed and churches planted. If you'd like to discuss ways to see that impact continue long-term, call 1-877-767-7736 for information on Planned Gifts or Estate Planning.



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