



IM NewsBeat

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NEW YEAR, SAME MISSION: SHOW GOD'S LOVE

There is a Bulgarian story which teaches an inspiring message about starting a new year.

The night before the New Year, the sky flickered with stars. In the nearby village people slept, excited about tomorrow.

Around midnight, a white-haired woman appeared. She hunched over, leaning on a crutch, dressed in rags. She paused and looked ahead as if waiting for someone. Suddenly, something blew past her.

The old woman stopped. In front of her appeared a magnificent sled. A beautiful young woman sat in it. She wore a gold crown. Her blond hair rested on a fur coat.

“Who are you?” she asked.

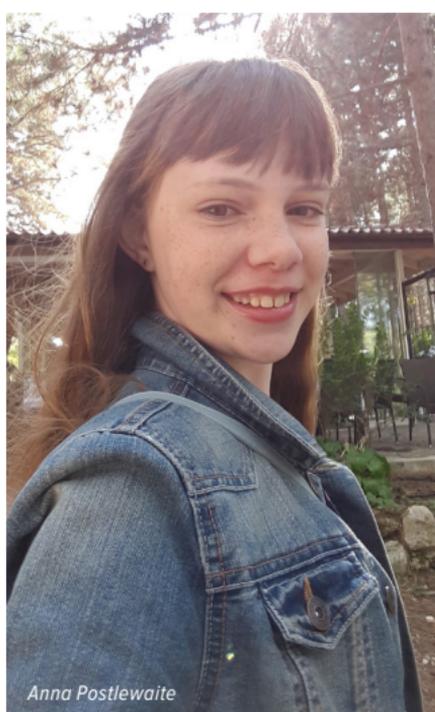
“I am you in twelve months,” the old woman replied.

“Sister dear!” exclaimed the young girl. “How you’ve aged!”

“Don’t be surprised. You’ll grow old like me. I was once like you, but there are a lot of unhappy people here. With my crown, I bought bread for the hungry. The poor I dressed with my robe and wiped away their tears with my hair. Now, I’m poor and old. But go now, hurry! Give people joy!”

The old woman disappeared in the snow. The sleigh left. Joyful cries came from the village. The children welcomed their guest—the New Year.

—Georgi Raychev



Anna Postlewaite

I think all of us should be like the Old Year in the story—using our gifts to help others and show them Christ’s love. There are still many people in the world who don’t know about Jesus. When we comfort them and give of what we have to help them, God can use this to help lead them to Him.

As a missionary kid, I get to see amazing things happening in our church here in Bulgaria. I really want to help and sometimes get disappointed when I can’t. However, I have realized that one way I can do my part to show God’s love to people around me is by comforting my classmates who feel discouraged from tests, difficult teachers, and lots of homework.

There are times when I must sacrifice comforts and pleasures too. Sometimes we travel with my parents to three different churches every Sunday. It can be tiring, and often by the third church service I feel pretty tired, wishing I could take a nap. But when I find ways to serve through helping with babysitting, Sunday school, technology, or more, it makes me feel happy knowing I can play a part in helping people know more about Jesus.

No matter your location or age, there IS always a way to use your gifts to show God’s love.

Anna Postlewaite serves as a missionary kid alongside her parents Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite in Bulgaria. For more info visit iminc.org/im-missionaries/jonathan-and-amy-postlewaite.

FAMILY HAPPENINGS: "MK EDITION"



Congratulations to **Malachi Provow** in Miss Parker's class for being named Artist of the Week! Way to go, Malachi!



Nathan and Linda Snow are expecting another grandbaby in May 2022. Congratulations to **Andrew and Esther Snow!**



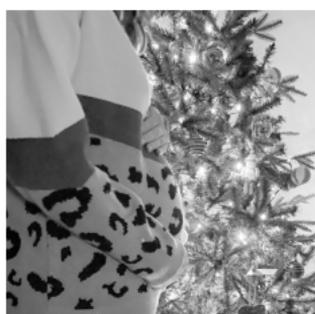
Alejandro and Ana Johnson, along with **Emily Edgmon**, participated in the theater production of "Sense and Sensibility" at Welch.



We are so proud of **Phoebe Provow** who played the role of young Nala in her school musical, "The Lion King Jr."



We are excited for the MKs who received acceptance letters to Truth and Peace 2022 including **Marc Edgmon, Jane Kettelman, Millie Penn, Mason Penn, and Ellie.**



Sam and Lauren Riggs are excited to be adding a new addition to their family in June of 2022!



IM APPROVES NEW INTERNS

The IM Board approved three new missionaries for internships: **Bryson Foulks** (France), **Hannah Goucher** (Japan), and **Taylor Pate** (Japan). Neil Gilliland, Candidate Shepherd, states, *“One of the most exciting things for us here at IM is when we add members to our team and family. To see God is still calling our young men and women into cross-cultural ministry is praiseworthy.”*



Taylor Pate



Hannah Goucher



Bryson Foulks

52 WEEKS OF PRAYER

January kicks off our new series, 52 Weeks of Prayer, for the 2022 World Missions Offering. You can find both print and digital resources on our website to share with your church to participate with us. Stay tuned every Sunday for our weekly prayer post on social media.



ELLIS RESIGNS

Annabelle Ellis, missionary intern to Japan, recently resigned. The IM Board has agreed to permit Annabelle’s missionary account to be suspended for a time with the intent of Annabelle returning with her future-husband to reenter the candidate process at a later time.



TORRISONS BEGIN NEW ROLE WITH CIT

Steve and Lori Torrison and family moved back to the States (North Carolina) from Uruguay. As of January 2022, Steve Torrison’s assignment began as a trainer with the Center for Intercultural Training (CIT). CIT is a close partner with IM and plays a vital role in training IM Missionaries. The Torrisons will continue being employed by IM as their new roles strengthen the CIT partnership.



LANCASTERS RETURN TO THE STATES

Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster are now stationed in the States (Tennessee) after moving back from Uruguay on December 3, 2021. The Lancasters will continue to work closely with the National Association of Uruguay leadership. Jaimie will also assist Kenneth Eagleton, IM Director of Field Partnerships.



PRAYER FOCUS

- ▶ There are over 3 billion people in the world considered unreached with the Gospel. Join us in prayer over the next 52 weeks for the partnership countries and IM ministries that benefit from the World Missions Offering. By partnering in prayer with IM, we hope you see how God is at work in your life and around the world. Ministries and people worldwide are counting on your prayers. Are you all in?
- ▶ Pray for these outstanding new interns as they begin their fundraising journey. Pray they reach their fields quickly. Their heart for reaching the nations is evident. Ask God to provide straight paths, enduring partnerships, and clear direction as they seek to follow and obey His commands.
- ▶ Pray for Stateside missionaries who are waiting to enter their countries. They are still waiting for borders to open through COVID-19. Pray they will be encouraged despite the wait to get to their field.



MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Taylor Pate, a Florida native and Tennessee transplant, began hearing God's call to missions at age 14. As a result, she served three years on ETEAM (France, Japan, and Uruguay) and participated in a CMP internship at Hope Alive in Japan during her college years. A 2021 graduate of



Welch College in Gallatin, Tennessee, Taylor looks forward to serving with Doug and Miriam Bishop and Daniel and Kate Speer as they restart and revitalize New Life Church in Sapporo, on the northernmost island in **Japan**. Taylor shares, *"I have a passion for people to know the sweetness, peace, and love that comes when we choose Him."*

Hannah Goucher, a 2021 graduate of Welch College with a B.A. in intercultural studies, participated in ETEAM Hokkaido in 2017. Hannah also served a six-week stint in Hong Kong and Cambodia as a college student. She will work with the Bishops and Speers in Sapporo, Japan, emphasizing reaching and discipling students. Hannah shares, *"I love the people of Japan. God has placed a burden on my heart to share the hope that is within me with others."*



STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

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

Visit iminc.org/our-impact/im-missionaries to view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

Visit www.iminc.org
for the most up-to-date news.



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