



# IM NewsBeat

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## JOURNEY TO THE FIELD: BRYSON FOULKS IN FRANCE



Joel Teague & Bryson Foulks

Bryson Foulks recently arrived in France to work with Joel and Lydie Teague as a new IM missionary. We asked him about his journey to get to the field and how he received specialized training to equip him for ministry.

### **Bryson, tell us about your experience with Perspectives.**

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a *global movement that is awakening the Body of Christ to pursue the fulfillment of God's global purpose within every people group for His glory*. The course has forever changed the lens through which I read and understand both the Scriptures and the world around me. The heartbeat of God is missions.

*IM is offering a Perspectives six-day intensive at Camp Niangua in Missouri during the week of April 23-28. There's still time to sign up at <http://bit.ly/3Ugdzdu>*

### **What did you learn through your experience at the Center for Intercultural Training (CIT)?**

CIT helps cross-cultural workers realize and internalize the truth that God *chose us* and works *through us*, even in our weaknesses. I was edified and humbled as never before. I was gently reminded that our *doing* flows out of our *being*.

*CIT, a partner of IM, has a mission to glorify God by preparing and equipping cross-cultural workers with the missiological, biblical, and personal tools needed for strategic and effective cross-cultural ministry.*

### **You participated in our Friendraising seminar offered at the IM office before leaving for France. How was it helpful in preparing you?**

It helped me further understand that living life on mission is futile if it is reduced to my story and efforts alone. It is all about His story, and how God has formulated the Church to tell the world all about it. We have all been called to partner through praying, giving, and/or going. Without the prayers, encouragement, and financial support of the individuals that make up our local churches, IM missionaries would not exist.

Bryson continued with, "The Potter has graciously used each training program, reminder, and exposure to reform and refashion me. With each turn, He better equips me with all I need to remain faithful and obedient in His calling upon my life. With each gift report, He reminds me that I am not alone and that I would not be serving here in France without the continual partnerships of His people. For that, I am eternally grateful."

# FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

Missionary kid **Stefan**, son of Trif and Vanya Trifonov in Bulgaria, recently got engaged to **Vivka!** Pray for them as they plan their wedding and enter into a new season toward a godly marriage.



Our **missionaries in Svish-tov, Bulgaria**, shared an exciting update!

“Praise God, we have found a new, bigger place to meet on Sundays in Svishtov and today was our first service there. We also have a new church van, so we can take disabled and elderly people to church. So very grateful. Thank you for your prayers.”



In mid-February, the **JFWB pastors and teachers** met at New Life Church with the **Bishops** for their annual leaders’ conference.

They shared ministry updates, participated in leadership training, and enjoyed time of fellowship and encouraging one another.



**Hope Alive Church** in Tokyo, Japan, celebrated their four-year anniversary! They are also hiring national ministry leaders to serve on staff at their church.



**David and Myriam Reeves** announced they are expecting their second child in August!



**Oliver Bishop** will start Junior High in April, attending a Japanese school.



**The Postlewaites** celebrated 10 years on the field in Bulgaria! We praise God for all He has done and is going to do through them and their ministry!

## CARE FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

Take practical steps to care for your missionaries this year. Whether it's through prayer, financial support, or simply encouraging words, showing love and support to those on the front lines of missions can go a long way. We asked our missionaries, "What are simple ways that others have loved on you as a missionary?" They gave some wonderful examples and ideas! Read about their answers here: [www.iminc.org/news](http://www.iminc.org/news).

## IM PARTNERS WITH 1040i IN COTE D'IVOIRE

Clint and Lynette Morgan recently went to Côte d'Ivoire for a short-term trip to serve alongside our partners, 1040i. Through medical interventions, construction projects, and biblical teaching, hundreds of people were impacted. Over 100 surgeries took place, 364 medical consultations were given, over 1,000 prescriptions were filled, and prenatal and postnatal care tips were given to the local women. The construction team painted the "Eagleton" house and a water tower, put a new roof on the very first Free Will Baptist Church built there in 1968, and numerous repair jobs and emergency plumbing/electrical jobs were completed. A bicycle repair team at the "shade tree bike shop" repaired over 30 bicycles and other modes of transportation (this has become a valuable means of ministry there). Bible teaching sessions totaled over 30 hours, with many of the pastors and institute students engaging in meaningful conversations. After the trip concluded, Clint shared, "Good seeds of the gospel have been planted and God will bring a harvest."

## BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECTS

A few IM personnel were able to travel to Bangladesh in February to be part of the Bible translation celebrations. Because of your partnership with IM, the Bible is being translated and is reaching more people groups! In February, we celebrated with our partners in Bangladesh on the completion and dedication of two New Testament Bible translations into local languages with funds from our partnership and Word of Life in Bangladesh. Support the ministries in Bangladesh by giving at [www.iminc.org/give](http://www.iminc.org/give).



## WMO 2023 SET FOR AUGUST 27

This year's World Missions Offering theme reminds us we all have a part in taking the Gospel to the places where it's most needed. We all get to be a part of evangelizing, ministering, partnering, teaching, training, and...GIVING! Let's work together until the Gospel reaches the ENDS of the EARTH! Save the date for the WMO taking place on August 27, 2023.



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# MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

**Jace Dixon** was called to missions at the age of 16, and recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies at Randall University. He just completed his six-month Overseas Assignment (with the College Missions Program at IM) in France, and plans on returning for a two-year internship there. Jace was recently appointed as a missionary to **France** and has begun raising funds and support to get to the field. Become a financial partner with Jace by visiting <https://iminc.org/im-missionaries/jace-dixon>.



For years, **Bradley Mercer** has had a heart for different cultures. He has seen the desperate need for the Gospel firsthand across the ocean, but also realized internationals are coming here to the States! Recently appointed as a missionary, Bradley has the unique opportunity to minister to at least



49 different cultures at one time here in the United States through his **ministry at the University of Missouri**. He is currently raising funds and support for his ministry. Partner with Bradley by giving at <https://iminc.org/im-missionaries/bradley-mercer>.

## PRAYER FOCUS

To keep up with the latest prayer requests from IM missionaries and Global Partners of IM, you can sign up for Hotline Prayer and Praises. We will send you an email every week filled with specific requests from the field. Sign up by filling out the form at <https://mailchi.mp/iminc/signup>.

## 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/stateside-missionaries](https://iminc.org/our-impact/im-missionaries/stateside-missionaries) to view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

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