

2023: McDonald Transition Time



Donnie: IM Special Assignment



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2023 marks my new role as missionary on "Special Assignment" with IM. After 36 years of ministry in Japan as church planters, Ruth and I have transitioned to the states for new ministry roles. Ruth now serves as director of FWB Women's Ministries. I, Donnie **will continue as an IM missionary**, but just not in Japan. We can never thank you enough for all the support for our ministry over the years. From this point onward, I will be engaged with "Missionary Care" for IM missionaries. I will especially focus on newly appointed missionaries, walking alongside and encouraging them as they make their journey to our global mission fields through IM.

I've been on the front lines of ministry for many years. To be honest, I'm going to miss serving cross culturally. However, God has encouraged me that this role is an important one. New and current IM missionaries need support as they build God's kingdom globally. To be frank, in order to complete this task and stay in this role, I need your continued financial partnership. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may call you to give or continue to give for my ministry to the IM missionaries.

Partner with me



Task: Walking alongside new missionaries to ensure they arrive on the field in good spiritual and emotional health in a timely manner. For example, I serve as a point person for connecting missionaries to counseling services.

Task: Developing relationships with the new missionaries. I will be supporting them with encouragement, counsel, and direction as they prepare for field-side ministry. I make sure they know they are not alone.



Task: Directing those interested in serving in cross cultural ministries to the needs and opportunities around the world through IM. I give willing hearts practical next steps in ministry opportunities.

Ministry needs:

- Prayer for Ruth and me and our ongoing transition to the US. It's a big transition!
- Financial support. My position is still support based. It simply cannot happen without funding.
- Prayer as I build relationships with all our missionaries so I can best care for them.

"IM labors with the Body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission."



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