



IM NewsBeat

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DO *the* LITTLE THINGS *Well*

In the summer of 1806, five students met in a field, not wanting their fellow classmates to overhear them as they discussed how their lives would look if they “sold out” to the idea of world missions. When a storm quickly approached, the five took shelter under a haystack while the implications of their discussion set in. One of the five, Samuel Mills, spoke up and said, “We can do this if we will.”

A little closer to home, in 1969, the Foreign Missions Board entertained a motion to send out summer missionaries. Students with an overseas calling would have the opportunity to serve while still in college. The following year, six summer missionaries set out to various fields. Fifty-four years later, two still serve with IM.

In 1992, ETEAM provided the same opportunity to high school students. While it’s difficult to paint a perfect picture of how ETEAM has made a profound difference over the past 30 years, we can confidently say it has impacted over 2,000 students.



ETEAM 2023

Fast forward to 2023. This summer, 90 students will serve in ten countries. Our College Missions Program (CMP) and Overseas Apprentices (OA) no longer send a handful of students; 40 students will minister in ten countries in 2023.

One of our board members often quotes an early church father: “Good, better, best. Never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better is best.”

As I transition into my new role as director of mobilization, that quote runs through my head often as I consider my vision. What does it look like for ETEAM and CMP/OA not only to continue but also grow to the next level? How can I build upon the successes of those before me?

My short answer: do the small things well. Our goal is not to make ETEAM/CMP/OA a cool trip but an opportunity for the Lord to open students’ eyes to what is possible through Him.

- What if each ETEAM leader committed to their students for the following year and deepened their relationships beyond ETEAM?
- What if we committed to following up with students throughout the year at youth events or on social media?
- What if we helped our missionaries understand that when hosting a student or team, they may be hosting their next teammate?

I believe these things will happen when we focus on doing the little things well.

Would you prayerfully consider giving to one of our students who will be going to serve overseas this year through one of IM’s student missions programs? Visit <https://iminc.org/go/student-missions> to give.

To read Leslie Nichols’ full article in *One Magazine*, visit <https://bit.ly/3A9PLRI>.

Leslie Nichols joined IM in January 2019. In January 2021, she became College Missions Program (CMP) coordinator and became director of mobilization in January 2023.



FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

Matt and Cristina Price

celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 16, 2023. The Prices will also return for Stateside Assignment in June.



Noah Snow (Japan) graduates from high school in June. In the fall, he will move to America and begin college.



Mason Penn graduates from high school in May and will attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, this fall. Mason plans to major in Christian studies with an emphasis in youth ministry.



Jane Ketteiman was the “Student Director” in her high school play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



While at a recent IM Bulgaria team meeting in Pleven, Bulgaria, the **Provow and Postlewaite children** starred in a spy thriller entitled *The Undercover School Master*.



Four IM missionary kids (**Alex Awtrey, Marc Edgmon, Emily Edgmon, and Jacob Snow**) performed in Welch College’s “Singing in the Rain” in April.



On April 20th, **Rejane Eagleton** inaugurated an individual expo of 26 of her original paintings at the Center for the Arts in Campinas. The expo will last about 20 days.



NEW FIELD WORKERS APPOINTED

IM's board meeting took place in April, where they appointed two new field workers, Daniel and Karah, to serve in Southern Spain! Additionally, their teammates, Josh and Bethany, were approved as career field workers to continue the work being done in Southern Spain. Pray for these families and their efforts to bring help, hope, and healing to refugees and people in their community.

NEW WMO RESOURCES

With the World Missions Offering date just around the corner, we are excited to share the many WMO resources you can use at your church or small group to promote giving so the Gospel can reach the ends of the earth! Introducing two NEW resources: A five-week kids' curriculum called "Journey to the ENDS of the EARTH" and also Spanish-translated WMO promotional resources! Visit <https://www.iminc.org/wmo>.



STUDENT MISSIONS TRIPS BEGIN SOON

We have eight College Missions Program trips going out in the next month beginning April 25th. Some students still need financial help and each of them needs prayer. Be in prayer for ETEAM students, leaders, hosts, and parents of students during training week, which starts on June 9. Follow ETEAM (@eteammissions) and College Missions Program (@collegemissionsprogram_im) on social media for more information and details.



POINTER JOINS IM OFFICE TEAM

IM has hired Miss Catie Pointer to fill the role of Financial Operations Assistant. We are thrilled to have such a quality individual join our team. Catie comes to IM from the educational world, where she has been a teacher for the last ten years. We are looking forward to Catie joining our team on June 1. Read the full News Release at [iminc.org/news](https://www.iminc.org/news).

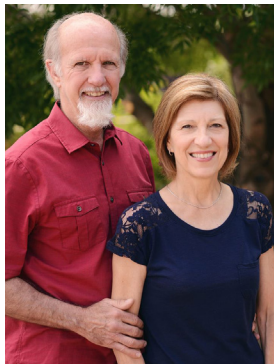




MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Dennis and Carol Teague

have served in **France** for 40 years. They have three sons and three French daughters-in-law. They have the privilege to serve alongside their sons and daughters-in-law in a ministry called JPense, a mini-concert with a spiritual emphasis and a message concerning an apologetic subject. They, along with their family, started a new church called Mosaïque. The new church is being built mainly through contacts made during the JPense events. The Teagues are also involved in the FWB church at St. Nazaire. “The Lord has brought many people to Himself over the past few years through the ministry of this church, and many believe it is just the beginning. We are seeing an openness that we have not seen before in France. People are hurting and looking for a group that will care for them and give them value. Our churches are growing because they have been able to create a place where those needs can be met.” Watch this video from the Teagues to learn more about their ministry in France: <https://bit.ly/42i66zb>



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PRAYER FOCUS

To keep up with the latest prayer requests from IM missionaries and Global Partners of IM, sign up for **Hotline Prayer and Praises**. We will send you a weekly email filled with specific requests from the field. Sign up at <https://mailchi.mp/iminc/signup>.



STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Many Stateside missionaries have begun the new year by scheduling services at churches across the country to raise awareness and financial support for their ministries. If you'd like to host a missionary at your church so they can share how God is using Free Will Baptists across the globe to fulfill His Great Commission, visit iminc.org/our-impact/im-missionaries/stateside-missionaries to view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

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