



# IM NewsBeat

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2024

**G**enerous hearts this  
Christmas season

**I**nspired to give back  
is our reason

**V**oices around the  
world planting the  
seeds

**I**mpacting lives by  
meeting their needs

**N**ever forgetting  
those called to go

**G**iving in faith so the  
seeds can grow

Give towards a stronger future at IM  
through the General Fund today.

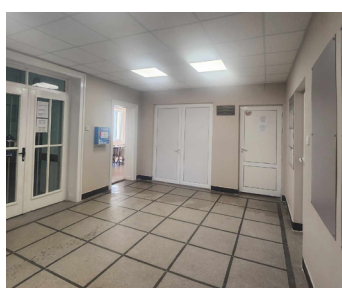
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# FAMILY HAPPENINGS

**The Driscolls** welcomed their third child, Hallie Hope, into their family on September 3. They praise God for the gift of another daughter, as well as for a smooth delivery for Debbie and a healthy baby girl.



**The Awtreys** shared, "We had a great time with The Hanna Project (THP) serving in Svish-tov, Bulgaria!"



**Josh and Bethany** welcomed their baby girl, Leila Joy, on October 2!

**The Sakamotos** are finishing up their last month on the field before returning for stateside assignment. They are excited to see friends and family, but also sad to be leaving friends and family.



**The Champions** are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Perspectives.

**The Portells** attended an English Corner outing to a corn maze in October. They said, "It was encouraging to meet the interna-

tional students and spend time with our teammates, Tyler and Kellie Penn."

**The Johnsons** got to CIT recently to do a six-week training in North Carolina focused on cultural and language acquisition! They shared, "This was an amazing step forward that we got to take on our journey to being in France soon!"



The legacy of 70 years of Free Will Baptist ministry in Japan was celebrated recently at the Kitahiroshima Church. Former missionary **Dale Bishop** gave two sermons while his son **Doug** translated.



**Josiah and Isaac Snow** both set a new personal best time in a recent regional Cross Country 5k competition in Okinawa, Japan. They are two of a select few students chosen to represent their school in an international competition held just outside of Tokyo.

# WMO 2025 NEWSLETTER

The new World Missions Offering theme will be revealed in the new year! Be one of the first to know



World Missions Offering

what we have planned by joining the World Missions Offering newsletter. In addition, you will receive exclusive content and more WMO news directly to your email.

Stay in the know by signing up at <https://bit.ly/wmonewsletter>.

## GIVING TUESDAY IS DECEMBER 3

Giving Tuesday is December 3! Through your gift to the IM General Fund, you are giving towards a stronger future at IM. Clint Morgan, IM General Director, is challenging 200 individuals and churches to give a \$1000 gift to the General Fund on Giving Tuesday.

**Are you up to the challenge?** Any gift helps us reach our goal! **Click here to read the latest IM blog** and learn how your gift supports ministries and missionaries around the world. Together we make a great team!



## PRAYER FOCUS

- ▶ **November's prayer focus** is to pray for churches and believers around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Ask God to give them wisdom as they share the reason for the Hope they have within them.
- ▶ **December's prayer focus** is to pray for unbelievers around the world to be open to the message of the One who came into the world to bring salvation.
- ▶ If you would like to receive IM missionary and partner weekly prayer requests directly to your inbox, you can **sign up for Hotline** here: <https://bit.ly/3GqESxy>

**HOTLINE**  
PRAYER + PRAISE

# MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

We are **Darren and Dana Portell** and we have four children, one granddaughter and another granddaughter who should arrive in February 2025. Our two oldest children are married and our two youngest are ages 11 and 9. We have served with IM in France, Morocco, and Taiwan, and are now



appointed to International Students at the University of Illinois. We are actively seeking financial partners so we can move to Champaign, Illinois, to reach the nations by reaching international students.

You can partner with the Portells by visiting their IM webpage: <https://iminc.org/missionary/darren-and-dana-portell>

## STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Why not reach out to one of our missionaries who are in the States raising support and invite them to your church? They'd love to share about their ministry and how God is working around the world to fulfill the Great Commission.

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. They'd love to hear from you!

Visit [www.iminc.org](http://www.iminc.org)  
for the most up-to-date news.



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