



## MISSION INSPIRATIONS

IT'S ABOUT THE GOSPEL

*God is moving, as He always has, in the lives of all believers, and that most certainly includes young people. Our short-term programs, ETEAM and CMP, are indispensable in keeping the challenge of the needs around the world before the youth of Free Will Baptists!*

— Clint Morgan,  
Director of IM

## HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE THE MISSION?

“Many gave so we could serve. Now we give back so others can serve.”

— Judy Lytle, former  
IM missionary

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## Silas Houser:

### *Newly-Commissioned IM Missionary*

My first encounter with IM was when I was a high school student. I got to get involved with opportunities like ETEAM, traveling to Japan and Spain, and was exposed to God's mission around the world. It was during that time when the Lord really began cultivating within me a desire to see the nations come to know Him. As I continued my journey as a student in college, I participated in cross-cultural opportunities through the College Missions Program at IM, where I was able to go back to Japan and also to Bulgaria. Again, I was able to see first-hand how God was working among the nations in those countries. As the IM home team continued to encourage me in this journey, I was able to see what God might call me to do long-term. I am excited to share that **I have recently been commissioned as a missionary with IM!**

As I look forward to being able to serve the Lord overseas, I am thrilled to partner with a ministry that cares so deeply about the spiritually-lost people around the world. I am able to continue the mission of what God is doing because of your giving. It's not about an adventure or an experience; it's about the Gospel, and that's worth investing in!



You can give to the General Fund of IM and support many areas of IM, including student mission opportunities.  
[www.iminc.org/general-fund](http://www.iminc.org/general-fund)

## New Missionaries, Goals, and Opportunities

The IM board met on April 14–15, 2025, in Antioch, Tennessee, to celebrate how IM is moving toward a new horizon as we **continue the mission**. Read the full news release on our website at [www.iminc.org](http://www.iminc.org).

Join IM in prayer for these new missionaries, projects, and goals as we look toward the horizon. **It's about the Gospel!**



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. Scan the QR code to view the full list of missionaries who are Stateside. They'd love to hear from you!



# ETEAM, Truth & Peace, and YET Reunion

**NAFWB National Convention • Kansas City, MO**  
**Monday, July 21 • 9:00 pm • Rooms 2102A and 2102B**

For many years, our ETEAM family has met at the NAFWB National Convention to celebrate all God is doing and has done around the world through this program. Beginning this year, we will expand this celebration by also including our Truth & Peace and YET family. Through these programs we see not only our future missionaries and future leaders, but also many of the people who make this denomination what it is today and what it will be in the future. We are so excited for this combined event to celebrate students — past, present, and future — who have participated in any and all of these programs! We thank D6 Family Ministry for joining us in this reunion and celebration of students.

— Leslie Nichols, Director of Mobilization

## ETEAM and CMP On Mission Around the Globe



We are excited to tell you that between both ETEAM and CMP we will send out **186 participants** on 29 different teams this summer! We will send them to many fields, including brand new fields in California, Italy, and ELIC. In California, our ETEAM will work alongside Iglesia La Cruz de Bakersfield (Cross Church Bakersfield) and Tim and Lauren (IM partners) for CMP. In Italy, our CMP team will work with our One Mission Society (OMS) partners, Josh and Jaimie Holmes. We have partnered

with ELIC for many years, but this is the first year we have streamlined a process from our CMP program into the ELIC sending program. We are thankful for all of our fields, both old and new, in the ways they have provided opportunities for your students to experience the Great Commission this summer! We could not do what we do without YOU. Thank you for the prayers you lift, the finances you help provide, and the trust you give to us as we help equip your students for how the Lord will use them this summer. **Please join us in continuing to pray for all 186 participants, missionaries, and fields that will be touched!**

Sign up for the Student Missions Newsletter here:  
<https://mailchi.mp/iminc/ecvw65jc7y>

## FAMILY HAPPENINGS



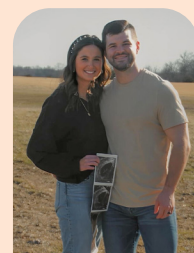
**Daisy Bishop** recently started Japanese preschool. This photo is from the day of her entrance ceremony.

**Alex Awtrey**, son of Tim and Lydia Awtrey, is graduating from Welch College in May.



**Alejandro and Breanna Johnson** are excited to announce their baby boy coming at the end of September!

**Bradley and Madison Mercer** are excited to announce their baby is coming in the fall of 2025!



**Darren and Dana Portell** shared, "Two months ago, we made a statement that being fully funded by our May 2025 goal would take a miracle. Praise God with us for the miracle that He provided by moving the hearts of His people. His goodness and faithfulness to us is overwhelming!" Their ministry reaches International students in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.



**Caleb Duncan** is graduating from high school at the end of May. He will be attending the University of Missouri to study Nutrition and Exercise Physiology.



**Billy and Sunni Champion** shared, "We got the opportunity to go back home to southeast Georgia for a week to be with our church family. What a blessing!"

Anthony and Lea Edgmon's son, **Marc**, is looking forward to sharing in churches and State Meetings with the *Rejoice!* Ministry Team from Welch College this summer.



**Jane Kettelman** will graduate from Christian Academy in Japan on June 6. The Kettelmanns are celebrating this milestone and the start of a new chapter, as she will soon begin college in the States.



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