



MISSION INSPIRATIONS

IT'S ABOUT THE GOSPEL

“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.”

— Hudson Taylor

HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE THE MISSION?



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Introducing IM's New ETEAM Coordinator, Jacklyn Reed

In 2015 and 2016, I stepped onto my first ETEAM trip as a high school student. With the encouragement of my family, church, and pastors, I applied — not knowing just how much those two summers would change the course of my life. Through ETEAM, God opened my eyes to His heart for the nations and made it clear to me: **I was called to be part of the Great Commission.**

Although I never felt specifically called to go overseas. I began to feel a growing desire to help send. That desire led me to Welch College, where I studied business — not because I dreamed of spreadsheets, but because I dreamed of supporting missionaries however God would allow. During college, I joined IM's College Missions Program (CMP), and God kept stirring my heart. After graduation, I had the incredible opportunity to work for IM in the finance department. It felt like such a gift — to know I was doing exactly what God had asked of me: **helping to send out missionaries.**

A year into that role, my husband Jonathan and I moved to North Carolina, where he had accepted a position as a kids' pastor. Thankfully, God provided a new job in North Carolina that kept me connected to missions and allowed me to be involved in ministry with my husband. We continued to support missionaries through giving, prayer, and encouragement — staying connected in every way we could. Even from afar, I stayed involved —



encouraging students to apply, comforting nervous parents, and finding every opportunity to bring missions into kids' and student ministries.



Then came 2024. God gave us the opportunity to lead an ETEAM to Chicago. It was such a full-circle moment pouring into students just like others had poured into me years earlier. That trip renewed my heart for ETEAM and reminded me just how deeply I loved being a part of missions.

Little did I know... God was preparing me for something more.

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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 and CMP 2026

Are you a high school student looking to go on a mission trip and be stretched in your faith? High school students from 10-12th grade are eligible to apply for ETEAM. ETEAM leaders are also needed for teams next summer!

Are you a college student looking to go on a short-term mission trip next summer? CMP (College Missions Pro-

gram) is an opportunity for college students to “See the world & Share the Word.”

APPLY NOW FOR 2026! Applications for these opportunities are open NOW and close on **OCTOBER 15, 2025** (Applications AND references are due on this date).

Visit our website to learn more: www.iminc.org/go/student-missions/



Herrens to Serve in France

Commissioning new missionaries is always a highlight for the IM board. They commissioned **Cody and Lauren Herrens**, ETEAM coordinators since 2023, to serve in France. Leslie Nichols, Director of Mobilization, shared, “We

are incredibly grateful for the Herrens’ diligent and intentional impact on the ETEAM program in transforming it into what it is today. We are prayerfully looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use them in their next chapter of ministry in France!” Danny Gasperson, who served as Cody’s pastor for many years, stated, “Watching Cody and Lauren’s love for the Lord and others, their passion for the glory of the Lord and the nations, and their dedication to selfless ministry has been a delight. I am confident they will carry these qualities wherever the Lord leads them.”

Partner with the Herrens as they begin their fundraising journey to get to the field: <https://iminc.org/missionary/cody-and-lauren-herren/>

International Fellowship of FWB Meets in Ivory Coast

The International Fellowship of Free Will Baptists met in Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, August 5-9. Thirty people attended, representing 15 countries, plus over 40 Ivorian brothers and sisters joined from the host country. The evening sessions unpacked different aspects of the theme, “From One Generation to Another,” using the book of 2 Timothy as the Scripture. Each country represented presented the work being developed in their country, celebrated the victories and prayed for the challenges. During Friday afternoon’s business meeting, associations of two new countries were accepted into membership along with local churches in two additional countries where there is still no association. Brazil was chosen to host the next meeting in 2028, and Panama to host in 2031. A new slate of officers was elected for a three-year term, reflecting the passing of the baton to a new generation of leaders. All were encouraged by the messages presented and by what God is doing around the world.

FAMILY HAPPENINGS



The Champions made it to Japan! They shared, “We are thankful for God’s provision and protection!”

Jade Reeves, the daughter of **David and Myriam Reeves**, is starting school again in September.



After a summer of hosting a CMP student, international students, church camps, CMP to Japan (Millie), church internship (Mason), Truth & Peace (Madden, Kellie, & Tyler), **the Penns** are enjoying the routine of the fall. Mason (Junior) and Millie (Sophomore) returned to GCU in Arizona, and Madden is a sophomore in high school.



Nathan and Linda Snow are excited to share that **Noah** married Brook Proctor on August 2!

The Heaths enjoyed celebrating Independence Day with their fellow missionaries at Varna, Bulgaria.



The Portells celebrated their granddaughter’s second birthday in August.

Trif and Vanya Trifonov celebrated 12 years since the founding of the church in Varna, Bulgaria.



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