

WMO2026

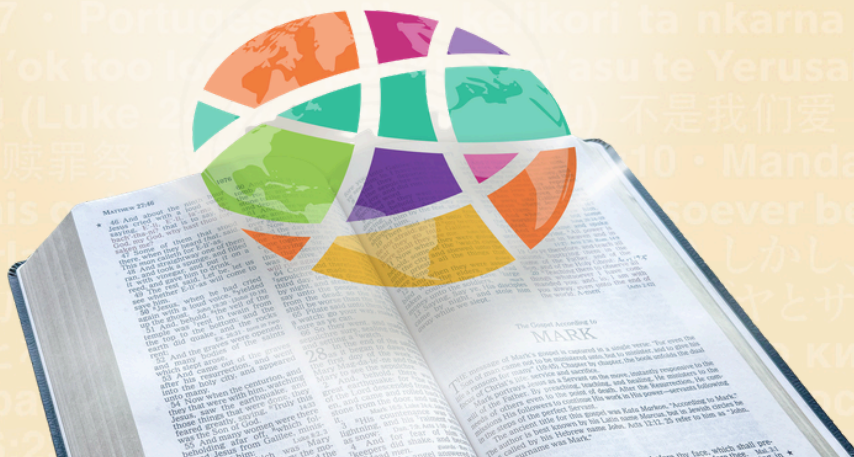
OCTOBER

MISSIONS MOMENT

Moments to connect around an
IM missions topic every month

SHARE THE
GOSPEL

Give a million. Reach a million.



The logo for WMO 2026, featuring the letters 'WMO' in a stylized font with a globe icon integrated into the 'O', followed by the year '2026'.

INTRODUCTION:

What is it?

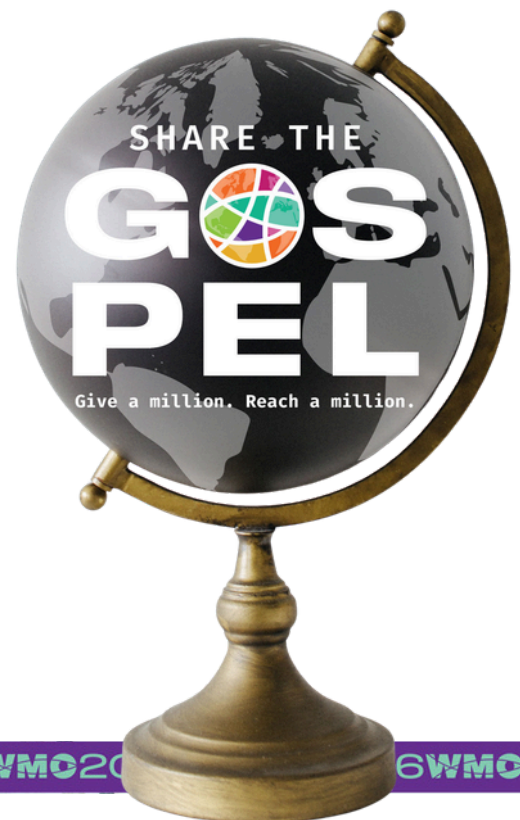
The IM Missions Moment creates a designated time to focus on a missional topic, paired with Scripture, a devotional thought, and an activity or object lesson. Each month, as a church or family, you can download the featured Missions Moment PDF for the corresponding month and use any of the material to center your heart and congregation around missions.

Why participate?

When you take time to memorize Scripture, pray regularly for missionaries and partners, and do missions-themed activities, you are actively involved in the Great Commission, which was commanded by Jesus to all believers (Matthew 28).

Who is it for?

We would encourage your church's missions director, pastor, or a designated volunteer to take ownership of leading your congregation through this material monthly. Whether you're in college, single, or have a family, you can commit to participating in each month's focus. You'll find age-specific content for each Missions Moment, so use what fits you or your audience. The content and material are intended for you to adapt and use in your own context.





How to use it

The material is versatile and can be adapted in several ways to fit your church and life routines.

Here are a few ways you can use this content (these are just suggestions, not the only ways):

- Monthly WAC group meet-ups
- Kids'Corner with your pastor
- Sunday School class material
- Youth night
- Saturday morning as a family
- In the evening, as a young single or college student
- Missions moment Sunday morning service
- Homeschool lesson for the month



Other ways you can partner with IM and support the **WMO2026**:

This year, the World Missions Offering theme is **Share the Gospel. Give a million. Reach a million.** To reach the million-dollar goal for the World Missions Offering, we need you, your family, and your church.

This year, the WMO took place on **August 30, 2026**, but you can give at any time throughout the year. Invite your congregation to participate in giving and consistently share more about what God is doing at IM through your partnership.

Your generosity to the World Missions Offering **helps new missionaries with kick-start money, strengthens the IM General Fund,** and **empowers global partnerships** in advancing the Gospel through local national believers.

You can learn more by visiting our website: www.iminc.org.

You can sign up to receive the monthly **WMO Newsletter** (which is a sure way we will send this content directly to you):

<https://bit.ly/wmonewsletter>

SCAN ME!



► **Items you'll need for this month:**

- Bible
- Notebook & Paper (for all ages)
- Access to www.iminc.org website
- Recipe card
- Baseball drawing (for teens)
- Jar and verses (for kids)

► **Scripture:** James 1:25

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

(KJV)

“But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

(ESV)

► **Focus:** The IM Home Team

ADULTS

► **Memorize Scripture:** James 1:25

Make sure you memorize James 1:25. Let's be doers of the Word by praying and encouraging.

► **Devotion:**

Our missionaries need a "Home Base," a place where people use their God-given talents and passions to take care of all the needs to keep missionaries on the field and support partnership ministries.

I'm reminded of people who were "home bases" to others in Scripture. People like Simon the tanner, who provided a place for Peter to stay in Joppa; Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, who always welcomed Jesus into their home; and Aquila and Priscilla, tentmakers whom Paul stayed with.

October also allows us to focus on and pray for the IM Home Team, who serve in the home office in Antioch, Tennessee. They provide vital logistical support for missionaries and workers around the world through different ministries like finance, development, mobilization, missionary care, and more.

► **Prayer:**

This month, take time to pray, especially for the IM staff, the leadership team, and the IM board as they make decisions, create budgets, and guide the mission. Learn more about whom you are praying for by visiting the IM website (www.iminc.org) and, under the "About" tab, click on "Meet Our Team." You'll find photos of each member of the IM Board and IM Staff. Each person listed needs your consistent and constant prayers as they provide support and encouragement for the organization.

ADULTS

► Activity:

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, we want to share recipes from some of our retired or former missionaries. The “ber” months of the year lead us directly into the holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is often a great time to try a new recipe.

Judy Lytle and her husband, Steve, served in Panama from 1977-1999, then from 2009-2014. While Stateside on furlough in early 2000, Steve accepted the Stateside position with IM as Director of Field Operations and served in that role until 2008. In January of 2009, Steve and Judy returned to Panama to teach in and direct the new seminary (Bible Institute) in Chame. In 2014, they left Panama to retire from IM in 2015, after 40 years with the mission. Even Stateside, they enjoy eating Panamanian dishes, like patacones and several others (hojaldres, arroz con pollo, sancocho - recipes for another occasion). Their three sons also enjoy being invited for a Panamanian meal occasionally.

Judy offered this delicious recipe that she served in Panama and has adapted it for U.S. ingredients. Use the recipe below to make it for your family or a friend this week!

Patacones Recipe (fried green plantains)

Ingredients:

2-3 green, unripe
plantains
Oil for frying
Salt



**Full recipe instructions
on the next page!**

Patacones Recipe (fried green plantains)

Ingredients:

2-3 green, unripe
plantains
Oil for frying
Salt



Recipe instructions: Serves 4-5

Begin by peeling your plantains (cut off both ends and make a couple of shallow cuts through the skin lengthwise, but not into the flesh).

Then cut them crosswise into 1-1 1/2 inch thick slices. While doing this, heat approximately 1 inch of vegetable oil in a skillet or use a deep fat fryer and let it reach a medium-high heat of around 350°F (175°C).

In batches, transfer your cut plantains into the skillet or fryer and fry them until they soften and turn pale yellow. This takes just 2-3 minutes. Do not over-soften; otherwise they will break and will collapse during the smashing process.

Next, we have fun! You will smash the plantains slightly, still keeping them in a round shape. You can use a flat-bottomed mug, glass, or flat-sided meat mallet, working on a cutting board. In Panama we have a wooden patacón maker, but I doubt that is available. No problem, even a hand-sized rock will do.

Once all plantain chunks have been flattened, return them back to the hot oil in batches and fry again for another 2-3 minutes. The plantains should become golden brown and crispy (and smell delicious!).

Remove the plantains from the oil and drain them, sprinkling them with salt while still hot. Serve immediately. They are like chips and can be eaten with ketchup, guacamole, or other dips. We like them for breakfast with a fried egg.

Enjoy!

TEENS/YOUTH

► **Memorize Scripture:** James 1:25

Make an effort to memorize James 1:25, which encourages us not just to hear but to do and to act. Your act this month can be praying.

► **Devotion:**

We're focusing on the IM Home Team this month. Visit IM's website (www.iminc.org), click on the "About" tab, and then click "Meet Our Team." You'll see photos of the IM Board and IM Staff. These are people who serve IM partners and missionaries. We want our missionaries and our global partners to succeed in proclaiming the Word of God. They need people to equip, train, and support them from "home" through ministries like finance, logistics, promotion, and care.

► **Prayer & Activity:**

Think of a baseball field diamond.

Home base is our prayer and support base, or, in other words, YOU.

1st base is the Leadership team and IM Board. They make delicate decisions, guide our organization, create budgets, and so much more.

2nd base is our IM Staff. They go through the daily operations of supporting our missionaries and workers in various ways. Need help with visas, finances, or promoting a project in a certain country? The IM Staff gets the job done!

3rd base is our missionaries and global workers. They depend upon the Home Team to support them in every situation by leading, guiding, and directing as needed. From financial support to prayer support, they know they can count on the Home Team.

TEENS/YOUTH

Prayer & Activity continued...

This is an analogy, but think of God as the umpire for the game. He oversees it all, corrects us when we need it, makes the right call, and guides us safely home. He can do everything with just one word, but He still gifts all of us with a job to do, and that's exactly what our Home Team does.

Can you pray for our Home Team this month? Pray for one person each day throughout October. Pray that we can be used effectively for God's glory.

KIDS

➤ **Memorize Scripture:** James 1:25

How many verses have you memorized so far this year? We're entering the last three months of 2026, so let's memorize James 1:25. You can do the whole verse!

"But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

➤ **Prayer:**

As followers of Jesus, we want to be doers, and we want to act! You can do that by praying for our IM Board and our IM Staff, who make up the IM Home Team. Each person is a part of supporting, training, and equipping our missionaries in France, Spain, Japan, and many other countries. Ask your parents to show you pictures from the IM website of the IM Home Team on their phone or on the computer, so you can see the people you are praying for. Can you pray for one person every day this month?

➤ **Activity:**

Another way we can be doers is by letting God's Word into our everyday lives. Get a jar (plastic) and have your parents help you find verses that talk about emotions. Find five verses per emotion: Thankful, Sad, Happy, Angry, Loved, Afraid. Pick a color for each of these emotions and write them on the outside of the jar with their corresponding color. Fold all the verses and put them in a jar. When you feel sad, pull out a verse to read. When you are happy, pick out a verse to read. When you feel angry, loved, or afraid, there are verses for all these emotions.

Before you know it, you will be thinking about these verses instead of relying on your emotions. God's Word comforts us!