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Olga's Story

She almost didn't have anyone to ask.

Olga Soboleva serves a room full of young women in Chelyabinsk, Russia, every week. Fifteen of them, including her own daughter, gather for Bible study and honest conversation, the kind many of them won't have with a pastor. Olga is the one they trust with the hard questions. **That trust exists because you funded her seminary education.**

In her own words:

> *Before seminary, my ministries were mostly focused on practical help within the church. But my studies have helped me acquire essential foundational knowledge, not just for my own sake, but to assist new converts. They often have many questions but aren't always comfortable approaching a pastor. Being surrounded by women and young girls, I find that they feel more at ease discussing things with me.*
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> *I have been entrusted with a ministry for young women. We meet weekly for Bible study and to discuss other practical topics.*
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> *My group consists of 15 people, including my daughter. My seminary education greatly contributes to this work. Scripture and the Christian life are being opened up to these young women, and they are making many discoveries for themselves.*
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> *I understand that all of this would have been impossible without the help of our Free Will Baptist sponsors. This means you, too, have invested a great deal of effort and resources into our education. Please know that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to pursue this education.*

That is what the World Missions Offering does. Not a line item. A woman equipped to disciple the next fifteen.



This is your invitation to be part of the next story. **While WMO emphasis month is in August, an end-of-year gift is welcome and appreciated.** Last year, only 252 of our approximately 1,800 Free Will Baptist churches participated. Our goal for this year is to have 500. **Every church that participates means another missionary reaches the field faster, another partnership stays funded, another Olga gets trained.**

If your church already gives, thank you, truly; your generosity is already changing lives on the ground. If your church hasn't yet participated, there's still time to be counted among the 500. And if that's not possible this year, you can give directly to IM as an individual at any time of the year, and your gift still reaches the field.

Where your gift goes: New missionaries receive jump-start fundraising support that allows them to get to the field faster. Global Partnerships funds active work across 21 partnerships in 19 countries. IM's General Fund trains, vets, and cares for missionaries, and opens short-term mission opportunities for students and adults.

You've already proven, through gifts like the one that trained Olga, that you're the kind of person who invests in people the world overlooks. That's exactly why we're asking again.

Give a gift today to the WMO and invite your church to participate. www.iminc.org/wmo

Make a special end-of-year gift to the World Missions Offering to help us reach our goal of sharing the Gospel with 1 million people in a way they can respond to it!

WMO
World Missions Offering

Yesterday's faithfulness laid the foundation for today's ministry, and today's faithfulness prepares the way for future generations. You can be a part of this impact to help expand the Gospel's reach through evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, church planting, and more by giving to the World Missions Offering. Give to the WMO by the end of the year to reach more with the Gospel by scanning the QR code or visiting: **www.iminc.org/wmo**

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!

Celebrating 50 Years of Faithful Service



In 1976, Clint and Lynette Morgan began an extraordinary journey as missionaries with IM, Inc. Over the next five decades, their dedication left an indelible mark on villages and communities across continents, shaping a missionary movement that resonates worldwide. These years instilled in them a deep love for people, a profound understanding of missionary life, and an **unwavering commitment to the Great Commission.** For three decades, the Morgans poured their hearts into serving in Côte d'Ivoire, embracing the joys and challenges of cross-cultural ministry. They then spent five years in France on various assignments, further broadening their perspective. In 2010, the Board called Clint to serve as interim general director. What began as a temporary appointment soon revealed itself as a calling shaped by years of faithful service. This story is not Clint's alone. For fifty years, Lynette has been a steadfast missionary and partner, demonstrating grace, sacrifice, wisdom, and unwavering devotion. Together, they nurtured and mentored missionaries, empowered national leaders, encouraged churches, and inspired generations of devoted followers of Jesus. The Morgans' half-century of service is a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness and the impact of lives fully surrendered to His purpose. **IM stands stronger today because of examples like theirs, and countless people around the globe have heard the Gospel thanks to their willingness to answer the call in 1976.**

AN IM GOSPEL STORY

Some of our FWB partners in the Bouna area of the Ivory Coast often choose Christmas as a special time of year to make a public statement of faith through baptism in the local river! **We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been baptized because of this partnership!** We look forward to reports of those who will be baptized at the end of this year.

It happens because people give to the partnership ministries and God moves in people's hearts. Your gift to IM supports the partnership with Ivory Coast and many other countries around the world! ***– A partnership Gospel story from Ivory Coast***

REFLECTION QUESTION: *Would you pray that these new believers in Ivory Coast would boldly share their faith with others in this Christmas season?*

FAMILY HAPPENINGS



Darren and Dana Portell's daughter, **Layney,** enjoyed her time with the reindeer and international students during their annual corn maze outing.



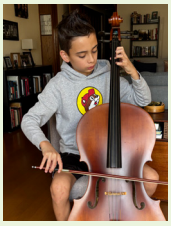
Matt and Cristina Price enjoyed a missionary family retreat in Dubrovnik, Croatia. It was a much-needed and very appreciated time away as a family.



The Herrens have received their visas for France! Their visas were approved in seven days!! We're giving all praise to the Father for providing and making the path straight.



The **field team in France** met together in October for their annual field meeting and retreat. It was a good time of fellowship and encouragement!



Jack and Ashley Ketteman's son, Carter, has begun cello lessons.



Josh and Bethany's youngest daughter, Leila, turned two in October!



Between **Jacob and Hailee Voltz's** fundraising weekends, their daughter **Aurora** has enjoyed playing soccer with her friends in East TN!



Bradley and Madison Mercer celebrated **Barrett's** first birthday! He is busier than ever and creates many conversations with their friends.



Tyler and Kellie Penn's son, Madden, received his driver's license this fall. Tyler shares, "We are happy to not have to drive him to school and practice anymore. Can I get an *Amen* from parents with teen drivers!"

The Roca Eterna Gospel Choir from **Alpedrete** will have three Christmas outreaches December 19-20. Pray for the good news of Christmas to be clearly proclaimed.