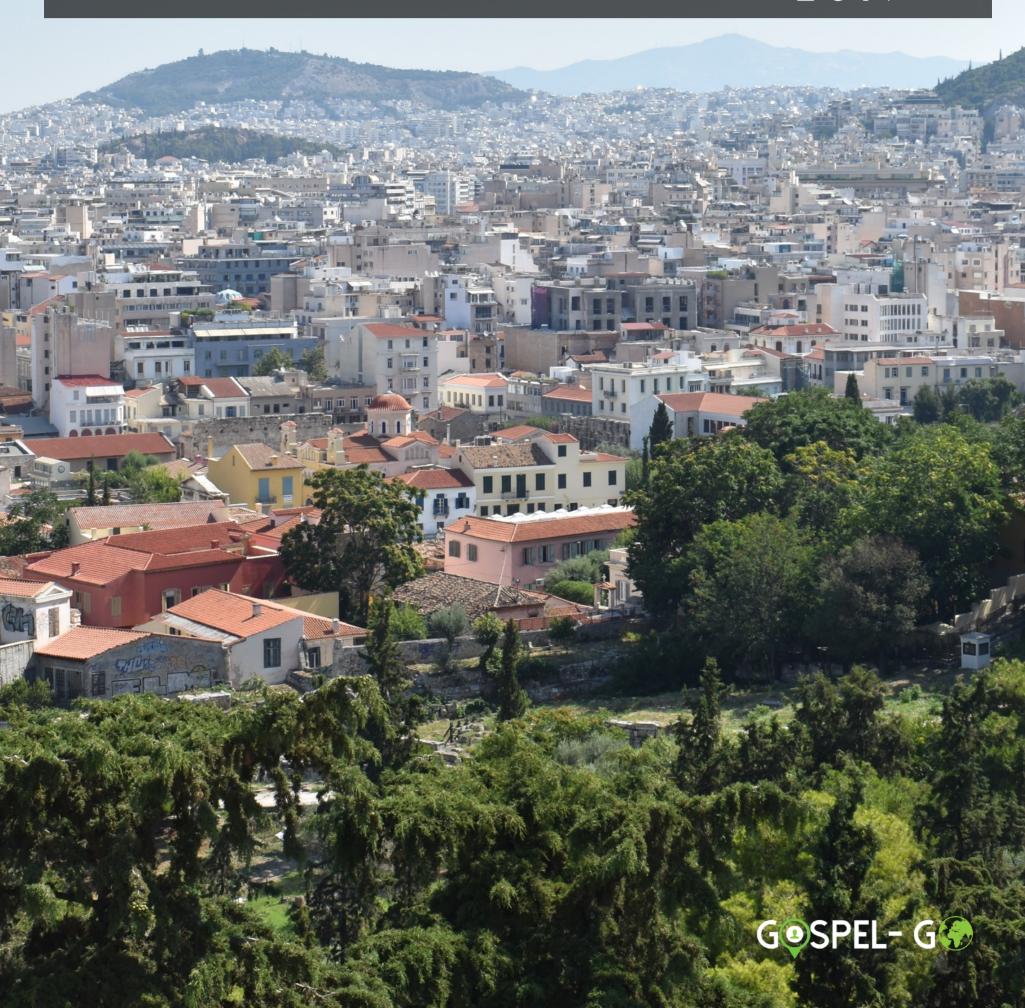


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INTRODUCTION

WHY A MISSIONS PUBLICATION?

The main purpose of this publication is to give the reader a detailed overview of where our money for missions goes each year.

In 2018, we gave to many different missionaries and missions projects and we are so excited about all the great things God did with our giving and going.

Please take the time to read the text and look at the pictures to get a better understanding of how we are making an impact all over the world!



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The Great Commission is too big for anyone to accomplish alone and too important not to try to do together." - Steve Moore



THE MISSION FIELD

by Pastor A.J. Dummitt

As children of God, we are called to love God, as well as honor, serve, and reach people with the gospel. Love is the motivation that helps us to put the GO in the Gospel! When we begin to love each other as Christ loved us, this love will compel us to turn our entire world into a mission field. Basically there are three different levels of evangelism: 1. Our church; 2. Our community; 3. Our world. It is vitally important that we understand the importance of building relationships in the local church, serving our community, and helping the good news of Jesus spread across the globe.

OUR CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47 (NASB)

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread

and to prayer. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

It is from the example of the early church that we learn that the local church is to be a place where people unselfishly care for each other and work to make a difference in the world. Notice that the early church had two main focuses: understanding God's Word and fellowshipping together. They would spend most days doing these two things, and

consequently, they grew in their relationship with God, and they grew in relationship with each other. They focused on getting closer to Jesus, and because of this, it helped them to build stronger bonds with each other.

In Acts, we see that they were unselfish in sharing everything they had with each other. Our culture doesn't necessarily dictate that we "have all things common" as far as everyone selling everything they have to put towards the common good; however we could be more open and willing to take care of the needs of others in our local church. By opening our hearts to others, God will bless our community of believers. God intends for us to bear each other's burdens—not just with our money, but with our time and talents—and look on the needs of others with empathy and compassion.

The local church should be more than just a building. It was designed by God to be a "body" of believers that ministers and cares for each other. In order for us to fulfill the design of God, we will need to participate in these two focuses...understanding and applying God's Word in our lives, and fellowshipping with each other on a very regular basis (NOT just for a few minutes at the church building before or after service times). We want to reflect the early church in how we conduct our local church, so let us agree to grow in our relationships with God and each other intentionally through Life Groups, Prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship, and Sunday Celebrations of worship.



OUR COMMUNITY

Matthew 28:16-20 (NASB) The Great Commission

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This is commonly called the Great Commission. The key elements of Jesus' command here are GO, Make Disciples, Baptize in Jesus' Name, and Teach Obedience to Biblical Principles. Where does this begin? As we notice even in other words of Jesus, this starts right where we are and moves outward to "the remotest parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NASB). So we understand WHERE we are called to make disciples, but WHEN should we start doing this? Jesus spoke the Great Commission to people who had not yet been filled with the Holy Ghost, and when He called the disciples He told them that they would be "fishers of men". Evidently we don't need to be professional disciple makers to make a difference in our community. The answer to WHEN is IMMEDIATELY!

If you find yourself a little fearful or wondering what exactly you can do...you are in good company—the eleven disciples were just like you. Jesus reminded them, "I have all power/authority - GO in my power/authority and I am with you always even to the end of the age." If we will make it a priority to GO, Jesus is with us! We have the formula, we have His authority, and He will never leave us...what are we waiting on?

Today, take ten minutes to do the following: Pray and ask God who He would like for you to target for discipleship and teaching. Write down at least five names of people you know you will be seeing on a regular basis. (Place them on your prayer list to pray for every day). Then pray for them and ask God to give you an opportunity to complete the Great Commission with those five people in the next six months. You might reach all five, you may only reach one or two in the first six months...but you will complete the Great Commission if you attempt it because God is with you! (You can add more names at any time, but make sure you go beyond salvation with them and help them become disciple makers as well).



OUR WORLD

Acts 1:6-11 (NASB)

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." 9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into [a]the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into [b]the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

We all have a part to play in reaching our world with the Gospel. It is Jesus' command that we don't just STAY, but that we GO! How involved are you with taking the good news of Jesus to the world? Because of Jesus' ascension we now have the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the Great Commission in every nation. We are not doing this alone! We cannot live in fear at the thought of evangelism. God is with us when we GO. He can do what we can't do alone.

Just look around and see the incredible problems plaguing our world: poverty, starvation, human trafficking, and the opioid epidemic just to name a few. It is easy for us to think...well yeah, all that stuff breaks my heart, but what am I able to do to change it? In our desire to be relevant with society, we sometimes reduce serving our communities and our world to a hashtag. We need to get involved in positive, lasting change. This can be complicated. You will hear some people who say that the way to accomplish this is (give clean water, food, clothes, or any other number of great causes). Then you will hear others say that the only thing we should be doing is sharing the Gospel (Bibles, Preaching, teaching, etc.) with these people because that is what they need the most. Herein lies the dilemma.

The answer to this dilemma is to do both. We should be involved in any and all efforts to help people to have a chance to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For example, if someone is starving physically and they are about to die, they may not get the chance to respond to the Gospel unless they have physical nourishment first. We can't focus on only the physical or spiritual and ignore the other -both are necessary if the Gospel is to be effective in our world. Just read Matthew 25:31-46 and see how important it is that we do not neglect the needs of people who Jesus loves. We must reach people with the Gospel, and many times the open door to do so

will be through ministering to their physical needs first.

(I like this song/video by Matthew West "Do Something" https://youtu.be/b RjndG0IX8)



Each of us have been called to GO with the Gospel and make a difference in our world. There is something for everyone of us to do. God might direct you to move across the globe to be a missionary, or you may be instrumental in raising funds for missionaries and never physically leave the state. For over fifteen years our local church supported and raised funds for missionaries. Four years ago, God dealt with me about our church taking annual short term missions trips as a part of our command to GO. I wasn't even sure where to

begin. After some conversations and planning we went to Guatemala in October of 2017, then Greece in July of 2018, and in June 2019 we will take our largest group to Costa Rica.

Would you prayerfully consider how you can fulfill the Great Commission in all three of these areas, Our Church, Our Community, and Our World? We are already starting to plan our Missions Trip for 2020, maybe you could go with us. You can easily be more involved in the local community and with our local church for positive change without ever leaving home. Every month we receive a special offering for Missions to support over 25 missionaries and missions projects like the H.O.M.E. orphanage in Guatemala - would you please consider giving each month through a promise of faith that God will provide as we are willing to give freely?



Click **HERE** to give to Missions.







\$70,165
Total

COCAL
\$22.1K

NATIONAL
\$3.5K

GLOBAL
\$44.5

THANK YOU for your sacrifice and selfless giving in 2018. Because of your Faith Promise, Partners in Missions, weekly and monthly missions giving, we were able to make a huge difference. The statistics show that for every \$250 given to missions, we see 1 soul saved per year, meaning that we affected the eternities of at least 280 people last year!

MISSIONS GIVING BREAKDOWN

LOCAL GIVING

We give locally:

- Project 7 Bible Club
- Save Our Children
- Feeding America
- Signature Rehab
- Clarity Solutions KY
- Project 22:39
- Van Ministry
- Livestreaming Service
- Podcasting Sermons
- KY Youth Camps
- Community Cleanup
- Member Care

NATIONAL GIVING

We give nationally:

- North American Missionaries
- Christmas For Christ
- Church in a Day
- Tupelo Children's Mansion
- New Beginnings Adoption
- Lighthouse Ranch
- Spirit of Freedom Min.
- Campus Ministry Intl.
- MyHopeRadio.com
- Bible Quizzing

GLOBAL GIVING

We give globally:

- Partners In Missions
- Sheaves for Christ
- Missions Trips
- I AM GLOBAL offering
- Missions Projects
- Compassion Services
- H.O.M.E. International
- 25 + Missionaries
- Missions Services





There is always an opportunity to make a difference!



GLOBAL MISSIONS

I AM GLOBAL

You will probably never meet them personally. A broken child from a broken home. A desperate widow struggling to make ends meet. A young man, working difficult jobs to help his family.

These lives—these souls—are touched every day because of the funding provided through Global Missions. All around the world, missionaries are working diligently to spread the Gospel to those who are hungry for the Word of God, and we can help them from across the seas.

Instead of spending time in the United States, traveling tirelessly from state to state to raise funds, what if international missionaries were able to complete their mission without interruption? Thanks to I AM GLOBAL, we are seeing this become the growing trend. Our missionaries are now able to return to the country they've been called to in a much timelier manner. Instead of two years, the time has decreased significantly; now it can be as low as six months up to about eleven months.

I AM GLOBAL focuses on providing funding for projects and other needs so missionaries won't have to spend time doing the fundraising themselves. When we send support, they can focus on saving souls.

Find out more about our Global Missionaries that we support in this booklet, or take a look at all the global missionaries at https://www.globalmissions.com/missionaries.aspx or by clicking the link for the Interactive Map above.

MEET OUR GLOBAL MISSIONARIES



THE ALPHINS are doing an incredible work in reaching Finland, Iceland, and are now even trying to open up Greenland for a Missions Work.



The entire
BURTON Family has given
their lives to reach the
country of VENEZUELA. In
just 42 years, the Burtons
have watched the
Venezuelan church grow
from four works to over 40
works.



FROM THE BURTONS

Still continue to pray for us and the situation in Venezuela. There are constant blackouts that affect everything we do. Also, pray we are able to find gasoline. This is very difficult due to a great shortage. Please also pray for our ministers who are struggling. Many are losing members who have to leave to take work to care for their families



THE CAMPBELLS are underway in Costa Rica and have just experienced the birth of their son Asher. Please pray for Asher and Samantha as they need strength so the Campbells can accomplish the Mission God has for them in Costa Rica.





MATT & DEANDRA

HEMUS are
reaching the youth of one
of the toughest
neigborhoods in Great
Britain (Liverpool). Also,
Deandra is Pastor
Dummitt's cousin.

THE DAMES are working diligently to reach prisoners. Men, women, and adolescents are being taught about God in their prison ministries.

PATRICK & JEAN GROVES are doing an amazing job reaching the countries of Kenya and Sudan. New churches and works are being built every year!







THE GRATIONS minister in the very remote country of Vanuatu. They have held church in the rough jungles, and have also established the first Oneness Bible School in Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH IN THE DESERT
This special family is so
committed that they minister
in perilous places, putting
their lives in danger on
a regular basis. Please pray
for them often! God is
moving mightily!

H.O.M.E.
HOMES
ORPHANS
MINISTRY
EDUCATION
GUATEMALA







THE TURNERS IN
ESTONIA
Being a missionary runs in
the Turner family: Nate
Turner was a missionary
kid, and now their children
are also very involved in
missions!

JAYSON & NELLIE LONG
have assisted in curriculum
development and
promotion for the
Nicaraguan Sunday School
department. Pray for the
country of Nicaragua!

BOBBY & TANYA LEWIS
are headed (back) to
Germany to make a
difference in the German
Speaking nations. We are
excited to support them in
their calling!







JOHN & SHERRI HEMUS pastor
the Apostolic Church of Great
Britain in Liverpool. They have
witnessed the hand of God
moving mightily on a dark and
oppressed city. Appointed as
UPCI missionaries to the United
Kingdom in March 2004. He is
the Central District Superintendent
of Great Britain.

LES & LAURA currently serve as the Southern Regional Director for twenty-three prefectures for the Japan UPC as well as serving as the National Coordinator for the twenty Bible school campuses throughout Japan. Laura started a Christian school and served as administrator of World Changers Academy in Okinawa from 2007-2015. Training is at the heart of all they do.

THE MORENOs are working hard in Greece. We had the privilege of seeing 9 filled with the Holy Ghost when we were on our short term missions trip in July of 2018.

JAMES & STACEY MARSE face many difficulties and hardships in Bolivia, but they persevere and despite the troubles, many are being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost.







RANDALL & THERESA
RICHARDSON
This amazing couple started in Kentucky, but they have made a huge impact all around the globe!

CHRIS & PAULA
RICHARDSON oversee one
of the fastest growing
works in the UPCI. The
country of Madagascar is
booming with revival!







THE SCHWARZES' are the
Central American Regional
Directors. Under their
leadership the churches have
expanded to a record number
of constituents in most of the
Central American Countries.

BRAD & LYCIA
SCHRECKHISE are the
directors of the Bible school
in the Dominican Republic.
They have seen more than
32 graduate and more than
105 become GATS
certified.

THE SHOWALTERS are traveling missionaries, and recently they saw 39 "go swimming" in Turkey and "receive their gift!" They also witnessed 7 receive the Holy Ghost in Jordan.



THE TIRS in 2014 launched a new evangelistic ministry: an internet radio station in Serbia, which reaches out to Serbian and Slovak-speaking people around the world.



NICK & PAM
SISCO are making a
difference with the African
Centre for Theological
Studies. They are training
the nationals in Ghana in
ministerial development and
helping them change their
world.



We are not able to show all of our missionaries because some of them are in sensitive and access challenged countries – for their safety, we have left them out of this publication.



A HEART FOR MISSIONS BY JULIA DUMMITT

Since the day I left Guatemala in October of 2017, I knew I wanted to be a part of Missions. I had no idea how much that trip would change my life. Being with the church people in Guatemala made me realize that my relationship with God should be my highest priority. The way the people worshiped and loved God unconditionally was so amazing to me. Even though most of them are not in ideal circumstances, they remained committed to God through all. I feel like God started preparing me for my call to Missions while we were in Guatemala. I didn't even realize it at the time. This experience changed the way I viewed ministry and my life in

general. Guatemala opened my eyes and my heart to something new: missions.

In preparing for my next missions trip in July of 2018 to Greece, I wasn't quite sure if I could afford to go. So of course I was worried about how it would happen for me. I talked to God about it: If it's right for me to go, He would have to provide the money I needed. There were some days I really didn't think I would make it, but God stepped in my situation and He took care of me. He made the impossible happen for me, just a 17-year-old young lady. I know that God has had His hand on me the entire time and I believe He timed everything perfectly. Greece was such



an amazing experience, and it reminded me that God will always take care of me when I'm trying to further His kingdom.

Soon after my trip to Greece we had a General Conference in September of 2018, and on Tuesday night we had a Global Missions service. The preaching that night was amazing, but the words that stuck out to me the most were when Bro. Terry Shock said, "God is going to open doors for you in your ministry that you never thought would be opened." Bro. Shock mentioned this many times throughout his message, but all I could think was, "Is missions really my calling" or "Could I really live on the Mission field?" We eventually had the altar call and Bro. Shock said, "If you feel a call to missions I want you to come to this altar right now and seek God for direction." At first I was hesitant to go to the altar, but I eventually went up there with

my sister Jasmin. As we were praying together, I started to hear someone praying for me and he said, "God open doors for her that have not been open yet." Another reminder that God was speaking to me. I had been struggling to be sensitive to God. I felt like He had called me to missions but I wasn't sure. I didn't want to go in the wrong direction. But that night at General Conference God confirmed my calling to missions, and I'm so happy that I allowed God to speak to me, and that I was sensitive to Him.

Missions has had such a big impact on my life. It has taught me that we should we never take for granted the freedom we have to worship God, and it has shown me the direction I want my life to go in. If you haven't experienced missions for yourself, you need to as soon as possible. Trust me—you won't regret it. If your looking for direction this is a great way to open your eyes and your heart to something more. You never know what God wants to do through you. There is always a place for you in the kingdom of God. Maybe it will start for you like it did for me... doing missions work.



NATIONAL MISSIONS

Planting new churches is the most effective way to expand the Kingdom of God. Christmas for Christ helps fund church planters in North America.

WHY SHOULD WE GIVE TO NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS?

We give to National Missions causes because the world needs hope, and your contribution helps send the called and burdened to plant churches across North America. Church planting is the most effective way to bring lasting hope to any community. Today's new church plants produce tomorrow's harvest of souls, saints and clergy. These souls are on the verge of doing incredible things for the Kingdom of God – "but how will they hear without a preacher?" Your contribution to North American Missions will help plant, grow and multiply new churches in North America.

TUPELO CHILDREN'S MANSION

One of the ways we make a difference nationally is by supporting the children's mansion in Tupelo, Mississippi. This great organization makes it possible for orphaned and neglected children to find the loving support they need to grow into mature adults with hope for a bright future.

CHURCH IN A DAY

Church in a Day is a program in which skilled laborers and an abundance of volunteers converge on a plot of land, and in less than 24 hours build a functional church. The money saved in construction costs places the new church far ahead of the curve. Church in a Day is an amazing feat and has been

featured on media outlets throughout the country. Terry Long is the ministry coordinator.

LIGHTHOUSE RANCH FOR BOYS

Lighthouse Ranch for Boys is a Louisiana licensed, Class A child residential facility located in Loranger. The program is designed for boys (12 through 17 years of age) who are in need of a stable environment. Many of the over 1,000 boys who have lived at Lighthouse Ranch since its founding in 1979 have been victims of abuse, neglect, drugs, and unstable home environments which have left the boys to develop maladaptive behavioral issues. By providing a stable, consistent, and structured environment which is both educational and therapeutic in nature, Ranch boys are able to focus on improving their lives.

NEW BEGINNINGS ADOPTION AGENCY

This great agency is located in Mississippi. Here is a Testimony: At New Beginnings, we were treated as family from our initial meeting all the way to the blessing of being matched with our son. The adoption process can be confusing and emotional. The entire staff at New Beginnings understood the journey an adoptive family takes and walked us through the process, never missing a step. We will always be grateful for the gift of family New Beginnings gave to us.

- Mike, Karyn, and Diwas, (Nepal Adoptive Family)

NATIONAL MISSIONARIES & MINISTRIES























LOCAL MISSIONS

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (Inspiration for Project 22:39)



PROJECT 22:39

Community clean-ups, placing flags and wreaths on the graves of our veterans, and many other community endeavors help us show the love of Jesus to our neighbors.



THE PALMERS

The Palmers are doing a great job in Frankfort, planting a brand new church in Kentucky's capital city.



SAVE OUR CHILDREN

Every year our giving to S.O.C. enables camps for our children, Jr. Bible Quizzing, and children's crusades all across Kentucky.



FEEDING AMERICA

We make a difference for the hungry in our region. With occasional fund and food drives, we are stamping out hunger!



SIGNATURE REHAB FACILITY

Every month our teens & leaders go to this nursing home to minister to the residents there. We have heard over and over what a blessing they are.



FEEDING AMERICA

We make a difference for the hungry in our region. With occasional fund and food drives, we are stamping out hunger!

FAITH PROMISE - MISSIONS GIVING

WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE?

Faith Promise is a vehicle by which the local church can contribute to the consistent provision of funds necessary to reach the world with this great gospel. Faith Promise follows a scriptural plan of giving based on the Apostolic method

(*I Corinthians* 16:1-2, *II Corinthians* 8:1-5; 8:10 and 9:7-10). Faith Promise is an agreement that, as God provides, the donor will give a specific amount on a weekly or monthly basis to the missionary offering of the local church. Faith Promise giving incorporates the dynamics of faith, love, commitment, consistency, and the sure promises of God. Faith Promise works!

There are so many reasons to participate in Faith Promise. We are challenged by God to give willingly. Our Faith Promise is what we give above our regular tithes and offerings. By giving we enable our church to support missionaries and projects that spread the Gospel all over the globe.

Simply put, Faith Promise and giving to Missions enables people to be baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Ghost all over the globe!

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

In our local church, we receive Faith Promise offerings anytime, but we recognize the third Sunday of every month as our Missions Sunday. During the third Sunday service of the month we remind our members to honor their promises to God in giving to missions. If you would like to make a promise by faith or give to missions, please click here: MISSIONS / FAITH PROMISE.



TESTIMONIES

JOE LUSSIER -GREECE MISSION TRIP

Traveling to Greece with the Crossroads church on my first mission trip was a wonderful experience.

Everything was well planned out, and whenever something unexpected came up (e.g. bad weather), we were able to alter our plans and get through it with relative ease. We were able to see beautiful sights (some

of which were Biblical landmarks), and experience a foreign culture with many similarities and differences from the American culture we are used to. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the ministry in Greece; whether it was praying for/with the kids in the youth camp, being involved with the music ministry, or photographing/filming different parts of the camp. A few of us were blessed with the opportunity to make an even stronger connection with the youth when we chose to ride the bus with all of them when the camp went on a field trip; forming lasting friendships and memories we will always cherish.

I also really liked the fact that our meal costs were included in the payments we made for the trip. Doing so added an extra factor of easiness (for lack of a better word) to the trip, since we never had to



worry about if we still had enough money for food, and having only one check made paying for the meals a lot smoother than if we had to pay individually. Even more so, it allowed some of us to cooperate on what we ordered so we could all share and try as many different types of food as possible (a great idea for any of you reading this that may attend a Gospel Go trip in the future).

If any of you reading this are considering going on a Gospel Go mission trip with the Crossroads church, I highly encourage you to do so. You will not regret all of the new experiences, sights, friends, and memories you will make. It is a great decision to allow God to use you in your church, city, and/or country. It is an even greater decision to set no limitations upon yourself, and allow God to use you in any location around the world.



LISA ANDERSON -GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

I remember the feeling I got as the plane was landing in Guatemala. Even though the trip had taken months of preparation, it wasn't until this very moment that it began to click for me: for the first time ever, I was in a foreign country to make a difference.

As we spent the next several hours driving around and settling into Guatemala City with our missionary contact Lynne Jewett, the reality of how many hungry people there were in this country struck me. Everywhere you looked there was poverty, crime and an overall sense of hopelessness. How was

I supposed to make a difference? As the trip went on, we got to work with the amazing team at H.O.M.E.

International, an orphanage specifically for young children who have been severely abused. These precious kids have probably seen more heartache than I have in my entire life. Honestly, I barely remember all of the hours of work we did to paint and prepare the new houses for future children who would call H.O.M.E. their home. What I do remember is the small chunk of time a few of us got to spend with some of the children. The little

Guatemalan girls loved to play with us American girls as we walked around outside, played with our hair and took selfies. Those little girls had a blast, and so did we. Seeing the smiles on all of these girls' faces made me understand some- thing important. In the midst of all the hopelessness in this country, these kids had found something precious: the hope of Jesus Christ. They were constantly surrounded by a team of people who treated them like family

and loved them with the love of God. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to have a hand in helping future children who will stay at H.O.M.E., but the small sacrifice I made by helping them doesn't hold a light to the immense impact that they had on my heart and mind. It's funny because I thought I was coming to Guatemala to make a difference in their lives. The truth of the matter is they made a huge difference in mine.



G ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!















