

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE.”

—1 PETER 4:10

Dear Friends,

How is God calling you to help make Christ known?

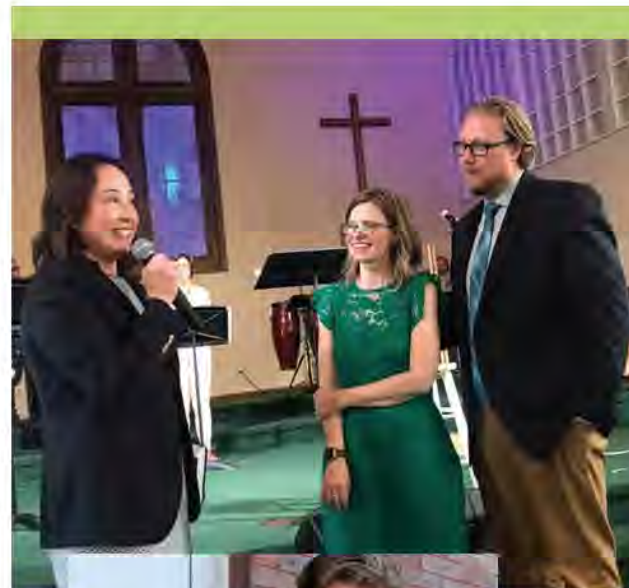
Tim Reese was helping to unload a big freight truck at 6AM one morning as the operations manager for an Ohio store when God stopped him dead in his tracks.

Tim noticed a homeless man sleeping outside the front doors of the building on a bench. “Any other time I would have walked right past,” he admits, “but this morning was different. I started crying. I ran out to the front doors, and went to unlock them and swing them open, but the man was gone. I had missed my opportunity.”

Tim began to question what he was trying to achieve with his life. As he and his wife, Stacy, talked late one night, they recognized that God was calling them to quit their jobs and become missionaries. Stacy first felt called to become a missionary when she was eleven years old, but after earning a business degree and getting a job managing a shoe store, she wasn't sure how these different pieces of her life fit together.

She still remembers the feeling of joy that washed over her when Tim texted her from International Ministries' World

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Stacy and Tim Reese are preparing right now for ministry among Haitian immigrants in the Dominican Republic.

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YOUR GIFT TO IM EQUIPS THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL SERVANTS TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL.

Mission Conference to say, "Stacy, they are looking for people with business degrees."

Friends, God is calling the next generation of global servants. And these women and men are faithfully and enthusiastically responding to that call. They don't want to miss the opportunity to see what God might do.

Stacy, Tim, and their three children sold their Ohio home of fourteen years to prepare to serve in discipleship and community development among our partners in the Haitian sugarcane bateyes of the Dominican Republic.

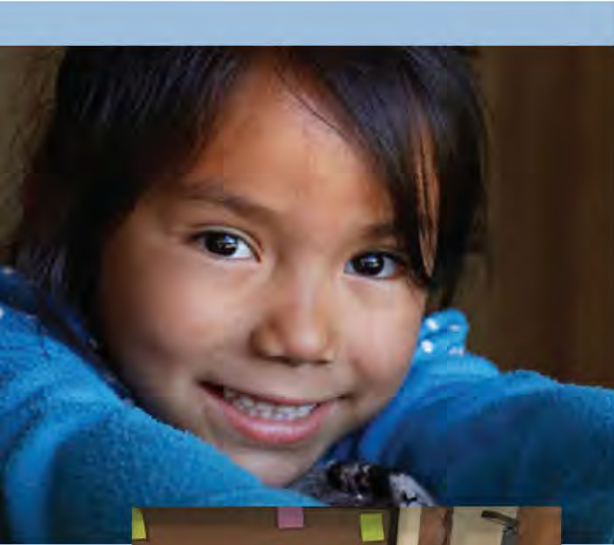
And they aren't the only ones! In 2021, Global Servant Faye Yarbrough began serving children with special needs in South Africa. Moise Carrión-Joseph joined his wife, Deliris, in ministry among migrants in Mexico. Jae Stockton began her language preparations to work with a partner seminary in Mexico. These are just a few examples.

But our newest global servants can only respond to God's call when there are people and churches behind them, who give what's needed to make these ministries possible. Will you give a gift today to IM's general fund, and respond together with the next generation of global servants?

As God continues to call the next generation of global servants, God is also calling long-time global servants and partners to broaden existing ministries. Global Servant **Barb Bolick** has been working with partners in several countries so that resources that effectively supported vulnerable girls in Chile can have an even greater impact.

Barb and her partners in Chile first developed the Talita Cumi program for girls between the ages of 8 and 12

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Global Servant Barb Bolick is working with fellow global servants and international partners to launch a girls' mentoring and discipleship program in eight countries.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO HELP MAKE A NEW MINISTRY POSSIBLE?

because at the time Chile had one of the fastest growing teen pregnancy rates in the world. Through the clubs, girls gain spiritual, social, and academic support through mentoring, tutoring, and friendship. They develop a vision for who they are and for their futures that helps them overcome the daily challenges of violence and poverty. They also grow strong, supportive friendships with one another that will continue even after the program is completed.

Now Barb is working with international partners and IM global servants in eight countries to translate the content of the program into new contexts. During 2021 and 2022, Talita Cumi girls' clubs are launching through mission partners in Costa Rica, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, and the Texas-Mexico border region. This means more than five hundred vulnerable girls are receiving the tools and support to help them navigate everyday challenges and become agents of change in society.

God is opening up new pathways for global servants like Barb to come alongside those who are vulnerable with practical help and the hope found through Christ. Is God calling you to respond with a gift that will make a new ministry possible?

At the same time as God calls women and men to follow Christ into new ministries, God is calling on individuals and churches to provide the support they need. We are seeing you respond to God's call in faithful and creative ways. Thank you!

Rev. John Parsley grew up on a 126-acre farm about an hour's drive south of Indianapolis, where Bean Blossom Creek flows through the valley among rolling hills.

"When I go to the World Mission Conference and see the commissioning service, I weep when I think of the sacrifice these families are making," John says. "They leave home and often come back with no place to call home."

John has served as a pastor for churches in Indiana, Utah, and Kansas, and his wife of forty-one years, Susie, teaches piano lessons and offers classes on healthy eating and living. When John retired recently, the couple decided to move back to the family farm and build a house—not just for themselves but to offer rest and retreat for IM's global servants.

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In Indiana, John and Susie Parsley have built their new home with space for IM global servants to enjoy rest and retreat.

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO GIVE TODAY?

Nearly finished now, John and Susie's own living space will be downstairs so that guests can have a private bedroom, bathroom, and lounge area upstairs.

"Our intent is to host our guests for two or three nights at a time," John says. "We will provide housing, meals and R&R, as well as a base for whatever travel they need while visiting Indiana."

When John and Susie planned for retirement, their family and friends encouraged them to dream big—not in terms of size or luxury but in terms of how they wanted to retire. What dreams will God put on your heart for 2022?

God is calling the next generation of global servants to serve Jesus Christ and our international partners around the world, but they cannot go without the resources. We've endorsed Eliberto and Molly Juarez to teach peacemaking in the schools of El Salvador, and Christine Lafferty to serve through AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua. Eric and Yuree Lembke are preparing to serve refugees in Thailand. Aaron and AmyEstelle Trout will support local churches in the Philippines. Amy and Joseph Vo will serve as development workers in Vietnam. Toya Richards will provide theological education in South Africa.

They can only go when donors and churches stand together with them.

Last June, through IM's Monthly Giving Match, Stacy and Tim Reese watched in amazement when, in just a few weeks, they gained thirty new supporters and watched their funding go up 25 percent. In September 2021, they were commissioned by First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio, for service in the Dominican Republic. Because of your generous response, in January 2022, they began preparations for cross-cultural ministry.

Will you give a gift to the general fund in support of the next generation of global servants? How is God calling you to respond today?

Together with you in mission,



Rev. Sharon Koh
CEO/Executive Director, International Ministries

PS: Don't miss the opportunity to make a gift to the general fund today! Let's respond together to make the hope of Christ known around the world.



First Baptist Church of Massillon, Ohio, stands alongside new Global Servants Stacy and Tim Reese in prayer as they are commissioned to serve Christ in the Dominican Republic.