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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for your continued partnership with World Missions Ministries in pursuit of our collective Great Commission mandate. I can tell you that we ARE making a difference in the lives of so many people globally.

The IPHC celebrated its 6th Global Assembly in Santiago, Chile, February 20-22, 2019. Our host country and church, which are both led by the Presiding Bishop of the First Methodist Pentecostal Church of Chile and governing pastor of the Evangelical Cathedral of Chile, Bishop Eduardo Duran, were gracious hosts. The highlight for every Assembly attendee had to be the Thursday and Friday evening services in the historic Jotabeche Church. The atmosphere and music were simply indescribable.



Bishop Talmadge Gardner



The Thursday and Friday daytime sessions took on a different format than previous Assemblies as the Global Leadership Council requested that WMM assist in developing them. Instead of reviewing global statistics, we invited missionaries and key national leaders to tell their ministry stories. Bishop Samuel Moses, the Conference Superintendent of the South India Conference, captured the comments I heard from so many attendees when he said, “I liked the sessions of exposing the different kinds of ministries around the globe. Very much inspired.” The work and ministry of our missionaries, national leaders, pastors, and churches globally is phenomenal. I only wish that you had been present, to hear their testimonies firsthand. A copy of the Thursday and Friday sessions has been provided for your review on page five.



The World Missions Ministries General Council met for two days while in Chile. One special highlight was that the Council had the privilege of meeting with and approving Miss Janene Wooten to serve as an IPHC Missionary. Janene’s appointment marks a legacy of four generations of missionary service by a member of the List family. I told the Council that I had the privilege of knowing Janene’s great grandparents, Bill and Lottie List, while growing up in South Africa. Janene’s father, Rev. Ron Wooten, WMM regional director for Eastern/Sub-Saharan Africa, was able to join Janene as the Council informed her of her approval/appointment and in praying over her and commissioning her as an IPHC Missionary. It was a very special honor, indeed, for all of us and a very humbling experience to lay hands on and commission a fourth-generation missionary for full-time missionary service in the IPHC.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In his report to the WMM Council, Rev. Max Barroso, WMM regional director for South America, reported on and presented the Council with a “Kairos” opportunity regarding the Country of Venezuela.

Let me let Max tell you about it:

“Since its birth, the IPHC conference in Venezuela has been a fruitful laborer in bringing the gospel to South America. However, due to the severe socio-economic crisis, they have experienced under the Maduro regime, this once extremely self-sufficient conference is now struggling to continue to propagate due to their environment. Massive inflation, depreciation of their currency, and chronic shortages have placed our national leaders, pastors, and churches in a major strain.

Working alongside Bishop Brochero, (IPHC’s national leader for Venezuela), you can perceive that their strong drive to be a church planting conference remains unwavering. Our leaders have not lost hope in bringing the Good News throughout their nation despite their circumstances. Currently, they have at least 32 potential church plants with a leader ready to establish a new congregation. These leaders are willing to plant churches throughout Venezuela. We fully believe they are capable of accomplishing the challenge of seeing their nation come to Christ.

Your investment in this project will help facilitate the establishment of new congregations throughout the nation. We are factoring the amount necessary to secure a property for a year, a sound system, a bike, and financial assistance to the church planter.

Amount: \$4,000

Project Number: 57000P”

This is an opportune time for us to plant churches in the country of Venezuela. I know we can count on you! We also covet your continued prayers for the leaders and people of the country of Venezuela.

Great grace and peace to you!

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director



GLOBAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30	am	Worship	
8:45	am	Opening Address	Talmadge Gardner - USA
9:15	am	The Great Commission: A Model of Ministry	Benjamin Sadovsky - Israel
9:45	am	The Great Commission: A Mandate for Millennials	Madeline Nix - USA
10:35	am	Worship	
10:45	am	Discipleship Ministries	Thomas McGhee - USA
11:15	am	The Great Commission: A Message for the Masses	Antoine Kossi Adeje - Togo
1:45	pm	Worship	
2:00	pm	Renewing Bible Training for Workers	Tim Salley - Singapore
2:20	pm	Rescuing Victims of Sex Trafficking	Femke Helland - Netherlands
2:40	pm	Reaching Unreached People Groups	Ben West - USA
3:00	pm	Reconciling Jews and Palestinians	Khader Khoury - Palestine
7:30	pm	Worship	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30	am	Worship	
8:45	am	Evangelism USA - State of the U.S. Church	Garry Bryant - USA
9:15	am	The Great Commission: Motivation for the Mistreated	Adonis Gato Cruz - Cuba
9:45	am	Restoring Hope to Refugees	Corrie Shirey - Turkey
10:30	am	Worship	
10:40	am	Reaping the Harvest by Sending Forth Laborers	Valeriy Reshetinsky - Ukraine
11:00	am	Recognizing the Power of Micro-Economic Investments	Jamie Dunning - Kenya
11:20	am	Intercessory Prayer for the Nations	Dr. Lou Shirey - USA
2:00	pm	National Leaders' Meeting: The Next 20 Years	Dr. A.D. Beacham, Jr.
7:30	pm	Worship	



**REMEMBER WHO
YOU ARE. DON'T
COMPROMISE FOR
ANYONE, FOR ANY
REASON. YOU ARE
A CHILD OF THE
ALMIGHTY GOD.
LIVE THAT TRUTH.**

Lysa Terkeurst



MEET ALLISON JONES

Allison Jones is a graduate from Southwestern Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Intercultural Studies. She felt a tug on her heart for missions as a child and heard the call solidified at the age of 18 after she went on a missions trip to Dublin, Ireland, where her heart has stayed since then.



She longs to see the people of Europe healed from their broken spirits and return to their Christian roots. She pursued the calling of missions during her college years through The Awakening. As an intern, Allison went on multiple short term trips, including trips to Costa Rica, Hungary, and Mexico. She also served on the Summer Camp Tour, was one of the CORE Group leaders, and was part of The Awakening Band.

Allison currently serves on The Awakening's staff at their International Base in Hungary, not only changing lives, but changing the culture for the glory of God.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Althea Meyer
Darrel & Bonnie Clowers
David & Michelle Riley
Ron & Phyllis Roy
Kevin & Summer Sneed
The Shirey Family
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DOROTHY SOWELL



DOROTHY SOWELL

Dorothy Sowell, known by many as *Dot*, served in Africa alongside her late husband, Rev. Wilmer Sowell from 1967 to 1993. Wilmer passed away in March 2009. Together, the two built several churches, and Dorothy served in youth, Sunday school, Women's Ministries, Bible Quiz, children's Bible club, and organized the first pastor's wives retreat with the Zulus. Dorothy also taught at the Bible school in Krugersdorp Church, was the jurisdictional Sunday school director, and produced and introduced the book, *Teachers Helps*. Throughout their time on the field, the Sowells made it their mission to prepare those who were native to Africa to take over the work in the church. It was essential to the Sowells to work with, rather than over the leaders in Africa. Dorothy recently stated, "Wilmer and I reminded the Zambian leaders that only God knows what can be done in, for, with, and through anyone who is completely committed to Him."

Africa remains in Dorothy's heart, and she still feels that God has something special ahead for Zambia, specifically. Today, she lives in Danville, VA in a small apartment. She has a ministry in her home and, to those who surround her today, Dorothy is known as the *missionary lady*. After retirement, the Sowells worked in their local church, and were over the senior ministry for 10 years. Dorothy also served as missions director for several years until she reached the age of 87. She believes that "you never retire when you are in the Lord's work." She recently expressed that even still, she would not trade her years of service to the Lord for anything.

If you would like to send a card to honor and encourage Dorothy Sowell, you may direct all mail to 222 Courtland St., Apt. # 319, Danville VA 24540.



IPHC IN ISRAEL

BY BOB CAVE

Over the last ten years, we have seen the Holy Spirit empower the church for ministry. IPHC Living Israel is the working name of our movement. 31 churches have been planted from the bottom of the country in Elat, up through Jerusalem, Haifa, and into Galilee. Many of these churches were started by ex-drug addicts who are now on-fire believers in Yeshua the Savior. The goal is to plant 70 more churches in the next seven years, and you can be a part of it all. Our two main needs are funding an Israel church plant and meeting the needs of our Coffee House Ministry in Tel Aviv. To learn more about this goal and project, please visit <https://iphc.org/missions/iphc-living-israel/>



UPDATES



PLEASE PRAY - BISHOP SEHAT GINTING

BY TIM SALLEY

On January 23, 2019, Bishop Sehat Ginting went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. Bishop Sehat served as the superintendent of GKKI (IPHC Indonesia) from 2006-2010. He took over from the founding leader of GKKI, Bishop Kerani Ketaren. Bishop Sehat was a gentle giant, a pleasant man, a quiet leader, a man after God's own heart. In 2010, he gracefully passed the baton of leadership over to the next generation. He was also a public accountant and a lecturer at a local Christian business university. Bishop Ginting suffered a stroke two years ago and was left without speech and had other physical issues. He suffered a massive and fatal stroke on January 22. Please pray for his wife, Dahlia, and family.

TRANSITIONS - INDIA TO NEPAL

BY DANNY WILLIAMS

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! The greatest joy of our lives is to give ourselves for the gospel of the kingdom of God through the IPHC. Our transition to Nepal from India was a bit disconcerting, due to visa issues. However, the Lord certainly knows His will better than we do. We have been in Nepal just under two years, and our discovering the Lord's will for Nepal has been an adventure. The Lord is working in Nepal and India in unprecedented ways. We are growing rapidly through networking with church fellowships, and we have over 200 churches representing over 10,000 individual members. In India, in the Western Conference, we have 37 churches with over 20 house churches. We believe this is Nepal and India's time to grow, as well as move forward with the Lord's purposes.



UPDATES

SEND WEEK - EMMANUEL COLLEGE

BY WHITNEY BROWNING

SEND Week at Emmanuel College provided a powerful time for students to engage in IPHC missions. The week began at Tuesday morning's convocation with worship from The Awakening Band and a word from Missionary Kevin Sneed. That evening, Missionaries Summer Sneed, Roger and Ginger Johnson, and Seth and Madeline Nix answered questions in a Q&A panel about becoming a missionary and what it's like to be on the field daily. Day two held a word from Madeline Nix at a chapel event as the Holy Spirit stirred all in attendance to let the Lord speak His will. The final day held Oasis Chapel, where Summer Sneed shared about sowing seeds where we are planted and hosted a women in ministry forum and Q&A for students to hear from women on the field.



**“THE WILL OF
GOD WILL NOT
TAKE US WHERE
THE GRACE OF
GOD CANNOT
SUSTAIN US.”**

Billy Graham

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

FAITH COMMITMENT

Take Hold of the Rope

Faith Commitment Sunday, March 3rd, has come and gone. However, it is not too late to make a commitment. Each year, the first Sunday in March provides an opportunity for renewing and/or making new commitments to ensure prayer and financial support for IPHC missionaries.

May the following excerpt “Holding the Rope,” regarding William Carey’s commitment to missions, inspire all to understand and communicate the importance of participating in Faith Commitment Sunday. Our responsibilities as Great Commission Christians continue to ring loud and clear today!

William Carey: If You Will Hold the Rope

Though William Carey, the father of modern missions, is well known, his good friend, Andrew Fuller, is not. Both Carey and Fuller, in their early years, were part of a theological environment that was not congenial toward international evangelism and missions. Later, like Carey, Fuller came to believe that every Christian was commanded to spread the gospel, and some were called to do so cross-culturally.

As the story goes, a little band of Baptist pastors, including William Carey, had formed the Baptist Missionary Society on October 2, 1792. Fuller, more than anyone else, felt the burden of what it meant that William Carey and John Thomas (and later others) left everything for India in dependence, under God, on this band of brothers. One brother, John Ryland, recorded the story where the famous “rope holder” image came from. He documented Carey’s words, saying:



FAITH COMMITMENT

Our undertaking to India really appeared to me, on its commencement, to be somewhat like a few men who were deliberating about the importance of penetrating into a deep mine, which had never before been explored, we had no one to guide us; and while we were thus deliberating, Carey, as it were, said “Well, I will go down, if you will hold the rope.” But before he went down... he, as it seemed to me, took an oath from each of us, at the mouth of the pit, to this effect—that “while we lived, we should never let go of the rope.”

What is Faith Commitment?

Faith Commitment is a promise made BY FAITH, trusting God as the source, which is different than fulfilling a pledge by one’s own means. It is like a three-stranded rope. Ecclesiastes 4:12... *A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.* In this context, God is one of the three strands, and the missionary and donor are the other two. We serve a God who is faithful to hold His part and, when all strands are woven together, greater is the strength of the cord.

Pastors, have you created a Great Commission culture in your church? Do you lead your flock to give generously, even sacrificially, to missions? I trust the answer is yes! If not, may this Faith Commitment month be the beginning. May you grab hold of something so valuable that your church will become part of spreading the greatest message of all time globally. A Great Commission culture involves everyone but is cultivated by the pastor through teaching, preaching, praying, and providing opportunities to give generously.

Will you hold the rope?

Steve Cofer
Director of Missionary Care



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

BY BILL SCHWARTZ

As a missionary, I am always looking to learn more about missions and to see what God is doing throughout the world. In the past few years, I have read articles and have even heard in a recent conference that we no longer need to send missionaries to foreign countries. This ideology seems to stem from three different bases: First, technology is now doing what the missionary used to do. Second, there are enough indigenous leaders to reach their communities and people groups. Third, the cost to send and support a missionary is too high and too difficult to raise.

My family and I responded to the call of missions in 2001. We knew deeply that God was calling us to Belgium. In November 2002, we arrived and began an incredible adventure. Belgium is the capital of Europe and, in a recent report given by the government on Easter Sunday 2018, there is only 1.35% of the population that claims to be Evangelical/Protestant Christian. We live in a very modern culture with all of the technology any first world culture can provide, yet only 1.35% are Christian. We can also present to you wonderful and effective indigenous leaders in Belgium. They are passionate and anointed to be all that God has called them to be. However, Belgium is still 1.35% Christian. If the arguments presented above were valid and effective, then Belgium should be reached, and able to reach themselves as a prospering Christian nation.

Since 2002, we have been actively involved in making disciples, training leaders, and planting churches. In the past five years, we have taken a new strategy in church planting. We have a deep conviction that church planting is the most effective and stable form of evangelism and in making disciples. We have marveled at what God has done!

In recent years, we have seen God move in powerful ways by raising up new churches. In November 2013, we launched The Bridge. The Bridge is an international church in the Brussels region that has grown to 120+ people. This amazing church consists of 33 nationalities with about 35% of our church family being new believers. We have already been in two buildings and are in desperate need of a larger building to facilitate growth! The Bridge is now mothering two other church plants in neighboring cities.

In June 2015, we trained and mentored new pastors to plant a new life-giving church in the city of Gent. Gent is the capital of the Flemish region of Belgium. This amazing congregation, which is called Upper Room, has grown to 60+ people with close to 50% of the congregation being new believers! This church is now targeting a neighboring city to plant a new church.



THE BRIDGE

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

In December 2017, we trained and are presently mentoring a new church planter in the city of Mechelen. In this location, they have launched a new church called Family of Faith and now have 35+ people. In 2015, there was another couple who launched into a new work after attending our three days of church plant training. We have continued to serve as mentors to them. In October of 2018, Ignited Church launched into every Sunday services in the center of Brussels with 50+ people, many of them being new believers.

In 2012, one of our Bible school students launched a new church in the southern parts of Brussels. They are a thriving congregation with multiple nationalities represented. They are very active in their community and making a difference!

In 2018, we had our most recent church plant in the city of Antwerp. Antwerp is the largest Flemish-speaking city in Belgium. Gretchen and I are blessed to be pastoring this church, Christian Community, in addition to The Bridge in Brussels. This is brand new, and with a huge thank you to the Antioch Grant, we have a very strategic building. This ministry is made possible because of your generosity. This church has grown to 30-35 people in just a few short months and has already baptized two people. One of them was a Muslim man from Iran. In the Spring of 2019, we will open Centraal Café in the same building. This cafe will serve as a place of strategic influence and outreach to this amazing city!

These are the most recent church plants we have had in Belgium. Most churches in Belgium average 25-30 people. All of these churches are above average, and they have a clear vision. They have been trained, resourced, and they are all healthy and flourishing. Why? Because missionaries were sent to encourage, equip, resource, and cast a vision for nation transformation through church planting!

In addition to our church planting vision, we have other ministries that focus on discipling the next generation. This includes our Converge week for those ages 15-23. We usually have 6-8 European nations represented. It is an intensive week of being in God's Word and serving communities and local churches. We also have a summer internship called Catalyst, which targets the same age group. Then, there are our schools of ministry preparing leaders to be more effective. We also have a strong emphasis on church plant training at different stages of church growth. All of this is possible because missionaries were sent.

Let's not forget the words of Paul as he stated the need for a preacher to be sent in Romans.

Romans 10:14-15 (NKJV)

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

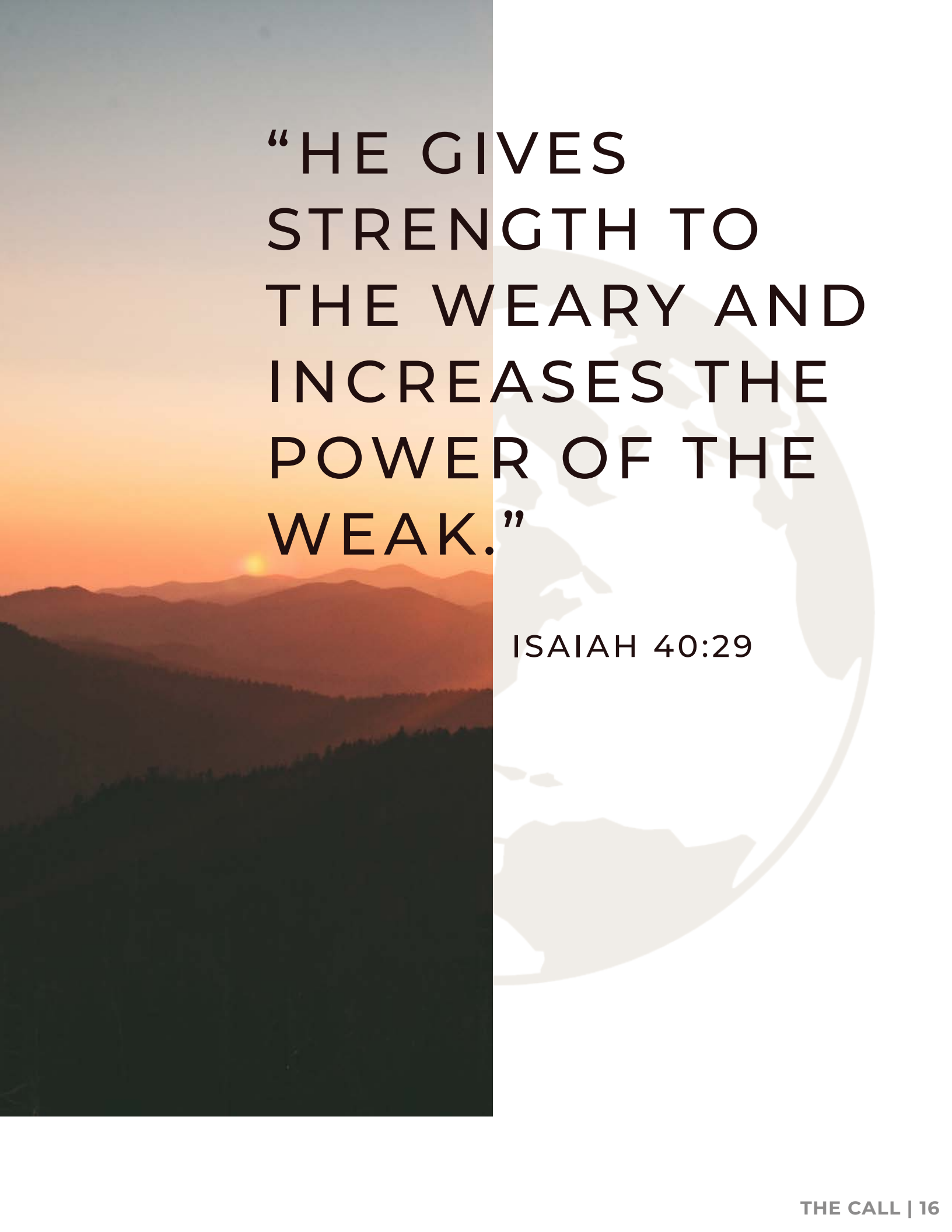
We are so grateful and proud to be a part of a mission's movement that believes missionaries are still necessary and vital for the end-time harvest. The IPHC WMM is making a difference. We are willing to go, and we thank those of you who are willing to send through your prayers and finances!



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PREACHING AT THE BRIDGE



“HE GIVES
STRENGTH TO
THE WEARY AND
INCREASES THE
POWER OF THE
WEAK.”

ISAIAH 40:29