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GLORIFYING ~ TREASURING ~ REACHING
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Upcoming Opportunities:

**Dixie Jackson State
Missions Offering
September 13-20**

**Bikes, Blues & BBQ
September 24 - 26**

**Deserts of Africa Mission Trip
Oct. 9-18**

**Oaxaca Mission Trip
October 25-31**

**Thanksgiving Outreach
November 25**

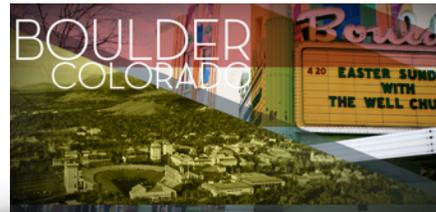
**Lottie Moon International
Missions Offering
Nov. 29-Dec. 6**

**Ethiopia Mission Trip
December 28 -
January 5, 2016**

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REACHING & TEACHING

We know the Great Commission - as we are going (throughout our lives), we are to make disciples by baptizing and teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded us. How many times, though, whether in a coffee shop on the UA campus or on another continent among the unreached peoples of the world, do we stop to think about the importance of not just reaching, but also teaching? This summer, I have been gripped by many thought-provoking books that have challenged my own missiology. Many missions strategies oftentimes get swept into this same current of putting the focus on reaching, especially with the staggering number of more than 6,000



unreached people groups throughout the world, and even with the lostness found throughout North America. Expediency has a tendency to trump the faithful exposition and obedience of the Word.

Dr. David Sills, in his book *Reaching and Teaching*, challenges his readers to consider the 'both/and' approach to evangelism and discipleship. Many

individual Christians are so caught up in 'finishing the task' that they forget the task isn't just conversion, but also a consistent following of Christ Himself. Yes, we need to engage the unreached, unengaged and uncontacted, but we must do so with a desire to see them walking in the Truth of God's Word (3 John 4) and seeing them obediently live out their calling as Christ followers. This will call us to pioneer, parent, partner and participate alongside those whom we are discipling to Christ. Some will play a particular role in this process, while others may be called to fulfill each part.



There isn't a percentage formula that you can put on this in the number of verses memorized, doctrines taught, or even the number of people it takes to establish a church. Rather, we must be sensitive to the Spirit, first being disciples ourselves and then making disciples. We do this by knowing our context, contextualizing the Gospel to the culture we are reaching, and discipling those under our charge into Christ-likeness, and planting them into churches who will then continue on in the mission until Christ returns.

SENT THIS SUMMER TO MAKE HIS NAME KNOWN LOCALLY & GLOBALLY

Leadership Training Project – World Religion Workshops (Samantha Burgess)

As part of the LTP program, we have had the opportunity to learn about different world religions and then see how these religions play out in our local context.



We have visited the local Synagogue, Hindu Temple, and the Mosque. As I have interacted with followers of these religions, I have grown to understand the reality of the darkness these people are blinded by and the urgency there is to share the Gospel. The Hindu priest we met has lived here 14 years and has never once heard the Gospel. God has given us a great opportunity to reach the nations right where we live, but in order to do this, we must understand different world religions, be in regular prayer for these people, and be willing and ready to engage and love the people God has placed around us.



Uganda – July 2015 (Jeremy Mueller)

It is incredible to see the beautiful people, the beautiful smiles, and the beautiful laughter embodied by the orphan children as well as the Ugandan workers here at Restoration Gateway.

These children, many of whom were orphaned by their parents' struggles and subsequent passings from the HIV epidemic in East Africa, express a joy that can only be

explained by the love of Christ found in them. As I sat with these orphan children and listened to the 'family story' (Biblical narrative) being taught, my heart was moved by the reality and joy that is found through adoption into our heavenly Father's family. Imagine what joy these kids feel when they hear this story! Children who have lost their parents and don't have a family to care for them, yet, they can be adopted as SONS AND DAUGHTERS of the God of the universe and the King of all kings and the best Father we could ever imagine having reign over and through our lives.

Boulder Family Mission Trip (Patterson Hillaire)

Today was a remarkable day with the beginning of Vacation Bible School at East Boulder Baptist. Around 76 students poured into East Boulder Baptist Church and brought an extraordinary energy and excitement. We were very thankful for the children that came, which is a huge praise of God's mercy. The children learned about the wisdom of God taken from the Proverbs and were able to learn, sing and dance to these themes as they were set to music. After VBS, the Lord allowed us to complete several projects for widows in East Boulder Baptist Church. One of the widows was very pleased that we serviced her house. She was so content that she took a picture with the group afterwards and was brought to tears.



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