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2016 MISSIONS:

UGANDA
FEBRUARY 13-21

BOULDER & HAITI
MARCH 19-25

SERVE LOCAL WORK DAY
APRIL 23

COLOMBIA
TBD (SPRING)

BOULDER FAMILY MISSION TRIP
JULY 9-15

EAST ASIA
TBD (FALL)

BIKES, BLUES & BBQ
SEPTEMBER 21-24

DESERTS OF AFRICA
OCTOBER 7-15

✘ Partnership Profile ✘

The Well - Boulder, Colorado



Friends, I can tell you that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can change people's hearts and eventually change a

city. I can say this because we have seen the Gospel go out in power these last four years in Boulder, CO. 2015 has been an amazing year for The Well church. We have seen people be saved, marriages strengthened, and people step out as missionaries to our city.

Numbers in church planting matter. The reason numbers matter is because each number represents one of God's children whom He loves. That is why it is my joy to share with you that currently we have more than 500 people that call The Well their home church and more than 300 in attendance each Sunday. The support that UBC has contributed toward the mission of The Well has been used by

God to accomplish a part of His mission in Boulder.

The mission of The Well is very simple — it is to proclaim the Gospel and to make disciples. While our mission is simple, it takes many things to accomplish it. Because of the support we receive from churches such as yours, we were able to take some steps in accomplishing our mission by hiring a Children's Ministry director. On a Sunday, we can have up to 100 children under the age of 10. By hiring this person, we are better equipped to serve families and proclaim the Gospel to children.

We are excited for what the future holds for our church and other Gospel-centered churches in our city. We (the people of The Well) want to thank you for your generosity towards us the past few years. We have been honored to get to know many of you and serve alongside you in Boulder. We look forward to partnering with UBC for the sake of the Gospel into the future.

- Matt Patrick, Lead Pastor, The Well
www.boulderwell.org

HOW THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING IMPACTS THE NATIONS THROUGH UBC

The reality is that many among unreached peoples will be born, live and die without hearing the name Jesus Christ. Romans 1 tells us that they have knowledge of God because God has revealed it to them, yet that knowledge isn't enough to save them. They must hear the Word of Christ and respond in repentance and faith to this glorious Gospel. If we, who have surrendered to the Lordship of Christ, truly understand Luke 9 and what it means to take up our cross and follow Christ, "how could there be any other option" except to go and make disciples of these peoples. This is the charge of David Platt, IMB President, to the thousands of churches that make up the SBC. We as UBC are uniquely blessed that God has called many from our midst to go the unreached, unengaged and uncontacted carrying this Gospel! Yet, in this hard season where finances have forced hundreds to take early retirement (even among our own church family), we still are faced with the reality of lostness and the call to pray, give and go to see disciples made. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering plays a huge part in seeing the mission of the church realized. Read testimonies from our very own about the impact that your giving to this offering has in their lives and ministry.



LARRY & JAN MURPHY - RETIRING IMB MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL

"We have had the privilege to be a part of the IMB family for 29 years, serving as international missionaries in West Africa, Brazil, and Portugal. We have had the joy of working with unreached, unevangelized, and unengaged people groups, doing hands-on ministry. We also have had the opportunity to work in extremely innovative mission efforts cutting through organizational and geographical boundaries to reach the M. people group who are so constantly in the current secular news, requiring third level security.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program have been our financial resource in making our ministry possible. Our work budget funds came from these two sources. You, through these tools, also have taken care of our home and car needs. Our medical needs and emergencies were quickly addressed on the field, such as the birth of two children in West Africa, children's medical emergency needs in Europe and Africa, emergency procedures for children and adults, and the coverage of educational needs for our kids while they were with us on the field.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has consistently made living overseas and maintaining a prolonged ministry feasible. We thank you for making all we did possible and for continuing to enable God-called Christians to serve our Lord. 1 Cor. 4:1-2 'Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.'"

'T' AND 'B' & KIDS - MISSIONARIES TO THE AMAZON

"We are just one of the thousands of missionaries supported by the International Mission Board. We have four children and live in a small jungle town in the Amazon. Our work is to evangelize and make disciples of indigenous peoples of unreached people groups. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps support our entire ministry as we serve the unreached. It pays for our ability to travel up and down the river, for gas for boats and plane rides into the jungle. It paid for all of the medical needs that we had this year from heart surgery to malaria treatment. It has paid for our children's home school materials each year and the rent of our home and the provision of a mission vehicle.



We also have been blessed to receive important training and support to help equip us for ministry. When you give each Christmas to the Lottie Moon Offering, 100% of your giving goes to missionaries like us. Thank you for making it possible for our family to serve in the Amazon and for investing in kingdom work."



ELLEN BURNS - JOURNEYMAN MISSIONARY TO VERACRUZ, MEXICO

“One of the biggest ways that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps me is by providing me and my teammate, Candace, with a car to drive. Because we are two single females who live alone in a small, rather isolated village in the mountains, having good transportation is a HUGE blessing! Not only does it give us safe, reliable transportation for normal things like buying groceries, but also we have been able to serve people here in the village by driving them home on rainy nights, or filling every inch of our little jeep with people to take them to worship services up the mountain. But most of all, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides me with an income so that I can live and serve for these two years, sharing God’s love with the people here in our little Mexican village.”

CHAD & LOGAN - HANDS ON MISSIONARIES TO EAST ASIA

"Without the giving of people like you, I know for a fact I would not be here in E. Asia sharing the Gospel. Most of the participants in the Hands On program are either in college or recently graduated, and with that being said, our funds are limited. Without the giving of local churches, my time here would have more than doubled in price, making it extremely hard for me to go as soon as I did. It has been a true blessing working for the IMB and seeing how the whole body works together to see His name praised in all nations. Some give and some go, but both are needed. Please consider what God lays on your heart to give. With so much work to be done, the need for more laborers is more than ever. Not only does God want praise, but He deserves it from all peoples. Your gifts will have eternal impact on people around the world, while at the same time impacting the ones He has sent like myself." - Chad



“From the experience I have had working with the IMB here on the field, I now truly understand the importance of giving and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Not only does our God command us to give, but also I now see how simply giving helps these families over here keep pressing on with the Gospel to people who have never heard.

As for me, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped me in ways I can't express. Because of this offering, the IMB was able to cover somewhere around 75% of my trip. I believe this is a huge way of how our God provides through His faithful children. Through the Hands On program, the IMB allows college students like myself to work alongside full time workers. Without the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Hands On program, I am not sure if I would have had this opportunity.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has allowed God to use me to reach unreached people groups in East Asia, which is something you can't put a price on. Being faithful and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is so much more than just putting money in an offering plate. You're enabling the Gospel to go to places where people have never heard of Christ. You are investing your money into something that is eternal, which is truly the greatest investment any one person can make.” - Logan

As you can read, our church family has a huge impact on the Kingdom as we send forth laborers into the harvest fields. What is God leading you and your family to give this Christmas season to see the work of the Gospel continue to spread throughout the nations? UBC has set a goal of \$51,000 this year (roughly the cost to support one full-time worker for one year). May we give sacrificially so that the Word of God might be sent forth and that more might hear and respond to this glorious Gospel. *“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:10-11*



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



DESERT'S OF AFRICA

We talked, drank tea, ate good food and told stories inside the wall of this woman's home late into the night, all

gathered around the fire. This woman (who we will call 'Joy') sat and listened to us the whole night. Even when she couldn't understand, she just sat there, her eyes following the speaker and soaking it all in. As the other women and kids came and went about their evening, she didn't move. Every now and then I'd glance up and catch her eye, she'd grin and we would grab hands. She was a woman of peace; there was no doubt about it.



Later in the night, we got to share God's story of redemption with her. She asked many questions and took great interest in the topic. Her biggest question that night was, "How could my old heart possibly become a new heart?"

The next morning us ladies took Joy for a walk away from the village. We hiked through the sandy rock and down a hill where no one in the village could find us.

We found some shade beneath an Acacia tree and sat on some rocks in a circle. Soon our translator found us and we proceeded to share about how that old heart becomes new. For hours, we talked and she asked questions and contemplated. We couldn't understand everything going on towards the end, as the discussion was quickening and intensifying.

Suddenly, our translator stands up and declares, "We have a new sister in the faith—let us rejoice!" Let us rejoice indeed!



OAXACA

What a blessing to see the light of Christ shine brightly in the small rehab center for drug and alcohol addiction. It was in stark contrast to the world just outside the door that was celebrating The Day of the Dead. A mixture of Catholicism and paganism.

The six ladies who were there for rehab were a blessing to each of us who had the opportunity to get to know them. Each had a testimony about how God had delivered and was delivering them from a life of darkness and bringing them into His marvelous light. That's really what He does for each of us! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

These teams appreciate the support our church family gave in sending them forth to make disciples globally.

Where is God calling you to serve in taking the Gospel locally and globally in 2016?

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