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EAST ASIA
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 10

COLOMBIA
MARCH 17-24

SERVE LOCAL WORK DAY
APRIL 29

EAST ASIA
MAY 15-27

FAMILY MISSION TRIP
SUMMER 2017

BIKES, BLUES & BBQ
SEPTEMBER 20-23

DESERTS OF AFRICA
SEPT. 30 - OCT. 9

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OPPORTUNITIES IN 2017

✘ Deserts Debrief ✘

“Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice ...” - Isaiah 42:11

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Colossians 1:9-10.

These words of Paul’s to the church at Colossae are the same words that we have prayed, as a church, for the believers among our B People. Since 2012, we have begun to see some ladies, particularly in one village, lay hold to the claims of Christ and want to turn from trusting after a false god and place their faith in the one, true God.

It was with great joy that I came away from this recent trip to the Deserts with encouragement in hearing of many who are walking in the truth, after having first professed faith.

On our third day of being in the deserts, sowing many new seeds of the gospel among the B People, we were able to return back to this particular village in which our teams have ministered on previous trips. We

ate in the home of 'Ms. A.' the first known believer among the B People in North Africa. She was very hospitable in opening up her home for lunch.

It was in a conversation that our global partner had with her that was most encouraging, as she had been listening to the MP3 player with the story sets from the Old Testament. She made note that she can tell of others who have heard the message and are seeking to believe and walk in obedience.

As you can imagine, their growth is slow, but nevertheless progressing. It's very hard in their culture, as a woman, especially, to 'go public' with their faith for fear of divorce and even worse, being completely removed from any community, as these villages are isolated.

Pray that these ladies would continue to walk boldly in their faith, that it might bear fruit in due season. Pray for increased knowledge of God in their lives, and consistency in discipleship among our partners. Pray for the church to be established among both B men and women for the glory of Christ.



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 challenge that IMB President David Platt is calling churches to consider. We as UBC are uniquely blessed that God has called many from our midst to go to the unreached and un-engaged carrying this gospel, as well as others with whom we have been called to partner!

Read testimonies from our very own about the impact that your giving to this offering has in their lives and ministry.

SAMANTHA BURGESS - UBC MEMBER

FORMER IMB HANDS ON STUDENT IN PRAGUE



Growing up, I had always heard about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, but I never fully grasped its significance until I did Hands On with the IMB. The Lottie Moon offering covered more than half of the cost of doing Hands On, paying for much of my travel, housing, and food for the four months I was overseas. I was able to see how the offering provides for families on the field by allowing them to focus completely on their ministry and not worry about how they will be supported. Now, as I am praying about doing more long-term work with the IMB, I am thankful for the Lottie Moon offering and for the burden it lifts. Instead of seeing the offering as merely a yearly tradition, I see the tangible effects it has had on my own life and the lives of friends who are working to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth.

THE "B" FAMILY - UBC MEMBERS AND PARTNER

IMB 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 as a family. It has paid for our children's home school materials each year, 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 percent 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.

JOSHUA & KAYLA - IMB MISSIONARIES UBC PARTNERS AMONG OUR B PEOPLE



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has always held a special place in our hearts. From our childhood, we can remember flags lining the aisles of our church bodies and the special offerings that were collected to help support kingdom work in other countries. There was always an air of joyful anticipation as we wondered how Jesus Christ would take the loaves and fishes, which at times seemed small, and multiply them to feed the multitudes. As children, our lives were impacted with this opportunity to partner with workers all over the world and participate in getting the Good News to those who had never heard.

As adults, and now workers ourselves, the importance of this offering has impacted our lives even more, as we are not only givers, but also receivers. The gifts given during this special emphasis have paid for our rent so we can live among a people who are unreached – share food, joys, hurts, life, and more importantly, Jesus Christ. This offering provides our family with transportation to visit friends in hard to reach places and to expand our network to new areas who have never heard the Good News. Your gifts make it possible for us to host parties in our homes, provide meals for those traveling through, and have Bibles and oral stories on hand to share when seekers ask. This offering also provides medical care for our family, and this year, it will help us welcome the newest member of our family in January 2017. As our families grow, so does our team – families reaching families... your family partnering with the families of our team to take the Best Story ever told to families in the deserts of North Africa so the family of God can multiply! Thank you for being faithful to give, pray, and go. Your partnership is such a gift to us! We love you, UBC!

DAVID & JULIE YNGSDAL- UBC PARTNERS IMB MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA



We thank God for each person who gives to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is our lifeline for ministry in Africa, taking care of us so that we can be at our best to focus on reaching the lost for Christ. Our stateside time these past months at UBC has been precious because the Christmas offering relieves the pressure of raising funds and allows for a much-needed time of rest, fellowship and revival. We have also had some serious medical needs and, again, it is the Christmas offering that allows the International Mission Board to provide excellent health insurance to help us in our time of need. The offering also provides a small but essential grant to help bolster the financial aid packages that our kids receive from their colleges. Additionally, living overseas is increasingly dangerous, but again the offering helps by making it possible for the IMB to have a security specialist who keeps us up to date on any possible threats or action that we need to take. Now, as we prepare to leave the States for returning to another assignment in Africa, the Lottie Moon Offering is what gets us there – providing airfare, visa expenses, language tutors, and renting a comfortable home for us when we get there. The Lord uses your giving to help us boldly and efficiently work to reach Africa, both in previous assignments and as we await our new assignment. Thanks again for all that you do to help us fulfill God's calling on our life.

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 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. 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



~ OUR TIME IN DUBAI ~

Sitting in the middle of the 10/40 window is Dubai - a city I would imagine to be along the lines of those that Paul would travel to and plant churches. It is home to more than 200 nationalities with 80-90 percent of those living and working there being from other countries. Dubai and the surrounding emirates (city-states) of the United Arab Emirates presents some unique opportunities for ministry and the church to reach the nations.

Brad and I (Ryan), during our recent trip, were able to explore this emirate along with two others, Abu Dhabi and Ras Al Khaimah. During our week there, we met with several pastors and church leaders to learn about their ministries and opportunities for partnership.

One of the incredible ways that God's hand has been on this city and country is that the government donated land for the construction of church buildings, and now subsequent healthy gospel witnesses have dotted the Arabian peninsula. We met with the pastors of United Christian Church of Dubai (John Folmar), Redeemer Church of Dubai (Dave Furman), Ras Al Khaimah Evangelical Church (Josh Manley), and Evangelical Community Church of Abu Dhabi (Jeramie Rinne). We were encouraged by their leadership among these churches in the U.A.E. and the opportunities for outreach on campuses, church planting, and Biblical training of pastors in neighboring countries that are closed to the gospel.

Pray with us, as we discern how God is leading UBC to partner in the work in the U.A.E. to see the church's witness thrive in that country. Pray, too, for UBC members Michael and Hanna Abraham as they serve with the Center for Missions Mobilization for a three-year term in Dubai, beginning early 2017.



These two moments will forever be etched in my mind as I consider the vast lostness throughout the world and why we, as UBC, engage unreached people groups.

In 2014, we took an initial discovery trip to explore partnership opportunities in a city of 14 million



EAST ASIA EXPLORATION

Looking over a mountain range of snow-peaked mountains, I had a global worker tell me that of this particular people group, the 'TB' people, there are seven million of them in the world, five million in this country, 300,000 in this particular province, and very few believers among them. He had me gaze onto the horizon and told me that beyond that range for two days live the 'TB' people. If we don't go and proclaim this glorious gospel, how will they hear?

On this same trip, we were able to share the gospel with 'Ms. D' as she served us dumplings and yak butter tea. It was the first time that she had ever heard the gospel.



that also is home to 500,000 college students. Coming out of that trip, we then sent two of our own UBC students to serve for six months, putting God on display by teaching English and coaching and playing football. We also began to get a glimpse into the unreached peoples of this country on that trip.

In 2017, we aim to go deeper in discovery and exploration of East Asia. This coming February, myself and three others will travel there to

build upon that collegiate work, as well as to pour into local pastors. The greater weight of our trip, though, will be to explore the 'TB' people further and the 'Y' people in a neighboring region. We are prayerful that God will show us among those two peoples where He wants to use UBC to see His glory and gospel declared and demonstrated.

We will follow that trip with another collegiate-focused trip in May to the urban city of 14 million to engage two specific campuses, seeing the gospel furthered through evangelism and discipleship.

Pray with us as we embark on this East Asia partnership and consider how you are to play a part in praying, sending and going as we continue to see the Kingdom advanced among all peoples.