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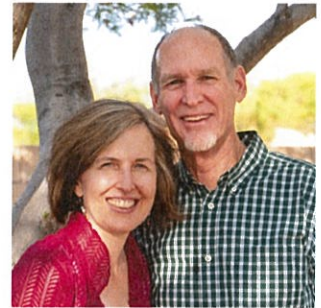
October 5, 2022

Dear Calvary family and friends,

Throughout the month of October, we are receiving the American Baptist International Ministries' **World Mission Offering (WMO)**. Through the WMO, we join with other congregations to celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries.

Calvary, this year your gifts to the WMO will be given to the Global Servants our church supports:

David & Joyce Reed serve as Global Coordinators for Spiritual Care for field personnel. Building on 20 years of ministry in Mexico and service as regional consultants in Iberoamerica & the Caribbean, the Reeds cultivate a culture of health in which IM global personnel & home office staff can thrive and be effective in ministry. They offer spiritual guidance, support & presence; provide workshops & retreats on self-care, soul care, & community care practices; research and find resources to support spiritual growth and health; walk with colleagues through significant times of transition, transformation, grief & loss; and mentor global servants during their first years on the field.



Barbara & Dwight Bolick are on a special assignment, based currently in College Station, Texas. Barb is completing a PhD in Youth Development, in order to make the Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs Project both evidence based and effective. She is introducing the Girls' Clubs in Bolivia, and continues supporting the program in Chile, as she provides mentor training and contextualized written materials. Dwight is training partners in Central America in rainwater harvesting, installing model systems, and encouraging the use of this water-collection method in addressing the severe water crises throughout the region.

For more than 200 years, International Ministries (IM) has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry as Global Servants work together with and learn from their many local partners in ministry around the globe. For example, Dwight Bolick reports that many people in Central America do not have access to clean, abundant water because of contamination or depletion of freshwater sources and aquifers caused by extractive industries. These countries receive two to three times as much rain as anywhere in the U.S. Yet water is trucked in once a week, and many spend two days out of the week carrying water in from distant sources. In response, Dwight in partnership with RECONPAZ (Continental Christian Network for Peace), has traveled throughout Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Mexico, presenting workshops about rainwater harvesting, how it works, and how to design systems. In each place, Dwight helps install demonstration rainwater systems in the local school, a central location where neighbors can learn how rainwater harvesting works and replicate it in their homes.

Please join me in giving generously to the World Mission Offering throughout October as, together, we enable these IM global servants to experience and share God's love.

With gratitude for all of our IM global servants and with gratitude for *your* generosity, Calvary,

Rev. Daniel M. Schweissing, *Missions Ministry Chair*