

FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Anthony Edgmon had arthroscopic knee surgery to repair the meniscus on January 22.



Harold Critcher, former director of finance (1967-1983) for IM (pictured above), entered his eternal rest on January 3. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carol Teague had neck surgery on January 15. She and Dennis plan to return to France on March 7.

Brenton and Debbie Driscoll

announced they are expecting in July 2020. They hope to complete their deputation and be in Bulgaria for the birth of their first child.



Hope Alive Celebrates First Anniversary

Tokyo, Japan—It's hard to believe one full year of ministry has been completed at Hope Alive. What an awesome year witnessing many people hearing the Gospel for the first time. We were so excited that almost every week someone new came for the first time, heard the Gospel, and received a Bible. We praise God for the 6 people that were baptized and for the many others that have made steps in starting their relationship with God by following Him.

Thank you for all the ways that you have supported, prayed, and partnered with us over the last



few years in Japan and especially this first year helping us plant a new church in Japan. We would not be able to be in Japan without your partnership. Thank you for your impact here!

— *Heath and Joni Hubbard*

Prayer Requests for Hope Alive

Thank you for lifting up the needs of our missionary efforts in Japan. Would you pray with us about these things specifically?

- Pray the people who are currently coming to church and are not yet Christians would take that step of faith.
- Pray with us for one baptism a month in 2020.
- Pray for more Japanese translators.
- Pray that our kids would grow in their personal walk with Christ and have good Christian friends.
- Pray with us as we have been praying for a movement of God like never before. We want to see people come to know Jesus and for God to move in unprecedented ways.

MISSIONARIES IN NEED OF NEW ACCOUNT SUPPORT

Antioch, TN—Several IM missionaries are currently stateside in need of new support for their accounts. Opportunities to meet and speak with churches or organizations are greatly appreciated. The following missionaries are currently available for services:

Tyler & Kellie Penn
217-521-7984

Brenton & Debbie Driscoll
615-922-0551

Keren Delgado
479-747-4307

Debbie Griffin
229-726-6001

Jerry & Barbara Gibbs
865-310-5433

Eddy & Amanda Simmons
984-377-0019

Victoria Little
980-312-4082

David & Myriam Reeves
270-929-7432

Annabelle Ellis
615-674-5440

Walt Schorsack
405-819-1898

Adam & Carol Duncan
573-289-3560

Sam & Lauren Riggs
205-495-0997

Ken & Jayne Cash
252-947-0829

Josh & Bethany, THP
629-215-9264

Chris & Tori, THP
478-230-8083

Jacob, THP
615-806-9220

IM ERASES MISSIONARY DEFICITS, ADDS 21 MISSIONARIES IN 2019

Antioch, TN—According to IM's CFO Rob Conley, IM ended 2019 more than \$600,000 in the black. Thanks to generous gifts to the general fund, "Where Needed Most," and undesignated gifts to the World Missions Offering, all missionary deficit accounts were erased. General Director Clint Morgan stated, "We're looking forward to the day when we have absolutely no deficits to erase and can use these funds to launch new initiatives and send new missionaries to the field."

During 2019, the IM board approved 21 people as either two-year interns or career missionaries.

Donations may be made online at iminc.org/give or via mail to IM, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray God's love will be demonstrated in the lives of Christians around the globe. Ask the Father to guide tongues, so only words of grace are spoken. Pray eyes will see people—especially those who are difficult to love—with His eyes, recognizing the hurt and pain in their lives. Pray hearts will be attuned

to His Spirit. Pray opportunities for Him to love others through us will abound. Pray He will be glorified all month long, as Christians love the unlovely and serve the unworthy...people just like us. Ask God to draw people to Himself through His love shining in His people.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MISSIONARIES

Ken and Jayne Cash, two-year interns to Bulgaria



Ken and Jayne plan to join Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite in Pleven, Bulgaria.

The couple participated in multiple trips to the country. The Bulgarian people and their needs gripped their hearts. Originally from Indiana and West Virginia, they spent more than 30 years ministering in North Carolina. They will leave their two adult daughters, sons-in-law, and a grandchild as they follow God's leading.

Keren Delgado, two-year intern to Bulgaria



Keren was born in Cuba, moved to Panama as a seven-year-old, and then

to Arkansas at the age of 17. God used these experiences to draw her closer to Him and help her see the need to depend on Him. A summer College Missions Program (CMP) trip in Varna, Bulgaria, exposed her to the immense need of the Bulgarian people. She will serve with Trif and Vanya Trifonov.

