

FAMILY HAPPENINGS



Andrew and Esther Snow married in March on the campus of Toccoa Falls

University. Because of COVID-19, their wedding had only nine guests, including the minister and Megan Snow.

Shelby and Daniel Culwell's sweet baby girl, Lily Mae, was born April 13th.



Praise be to God! Keren Delgado became fully funded.



Cristina Price had emergency surgery on March 29 for

an abscess. Her husband and two daughters are taking great care of her while she recovers, and even baked her a homemade pound cake.

Lori Torrison & Becky Riggs both recovered from COVID-19.



Thank you all for your prayers!



The Provows completed their adoption of Pavel, their new four-year-old son, on March 11.

You Can't Quarantine the Gospel!

While COVID-19 has closed our church buildings, the ministry of the Church has not paused. Many churches and ministers around the world have used this time to find new, creative, and innovative ways to continue sharing the Gospel and discipling believers. We have seen God at work in many ways throughout this pandemic. You can't quarantine the Gospel! Despite social distancing, our missionaries have adapted their ministry efforts during this time. Below is a list of just some of those ways they have continued to reach people in their communities:

- LINE (a popular app in other countries, similar to Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp) communications with families, individuals, and small groups
- Handwritten thank you cards, old-fashioned telephone calls, and text messages
- Facebook Live or Facebook Watch Party
- Conversations at a distance with neighbors
- English lessons and discipleship courses taking place via Zoom
- Translation of D6 Family at-home discipleship materials to provide to families
- Virtual choirs being created by WhatsApp groups who share and then combine individual videos
- Video Zoom calls, FaceTime, WhatsApp



- Pre-recorded video sermons and lessons to share to websites, Facebook pages, and YouTube
- Sending encouraging videos to nursing homes
- Stateside missionaries participating in video interviews with pastors
- Using social media to provide updates, build relationships, and connect with family or friends through posts and conversations

The incredible part about technology is how our missionaries have truly maximized their reach of who has access to hearing the Gospel. People who may not have been as likely to join a service or Bible study in person each week have recently joined the conversations by viewing pre-recorded videos or accessing shared links from their friends, exposing them to Truth. The at-home discipleship materials are being used by both saved and unsaved families, igniting spiritual conversations. Because of all of this, we ask that you continue to lift up the church and our IM missionaries through prayer and financial

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support. The IM mission statement reads, “We exist to labor with the Body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.” You are a part of the Body of Christ and together, we must reach the unreached people across the globe with the Gospel.

Your continued support enables the many IM ministries. Bible and pastoral training, church planting, national youth camps, and missionary efforts around the world are able to continue in the Great Commission because of your prayers and giving.

WMO AND ETEAM NEWS



The World Missions Offering date has been rescheduled to August 30, 2020. From all of us at IM, we know we could not exist without great churches, pastors, and individuals who support us through prayer and financial partnerships!



At this time we encourage all of you to continue supporting your local church with your tithes and

offerings, even though we are not able to meet together. We are praying for good participation from the denomination in August and that the Lord would continue to provide through the WMO.

After much fervent prayer, wise counsel, and careful research and deliberation, we have also made the difficult decision to cancel ETEAM for 2020 due to risks and restrictions related to COVID-19. We are already looking forward to ETEAM 2021. Our students and families are in our prayers!



PRAYER FOCUS

Our prayer focus during this pandemic is specifically for local churches, pastors and leaders, and our IM missionaries.

Pray for **pastors** as they try to meet the needs of their congregations and face financial pressures. Ask God to give His peace in these uncertain days and discernment to handle what lies ahead.

Pray for the thousands around the globe who are suffering from **COVID-19**. Many are suffering alone in order to protect their

families; others have lost jobs and the means to care for their family's needs. Pray for healthcare providers who are often working around the clock. Pray they would find rest, health, and strength to carry on.

Pray for the **stateside missionaries** during this time. Pray that God will supply their needed funds and that He will open the hearts of people they can contact as potential partners in their ministry. Pray for those on the field, still deciding if it is feasible or even possible to leave for the States.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MISSIONARIES

Jacob, The Hanna Project



Jacob, an English teacher, received his B.A. in English from Welch College and

his TESL certification from the Tennessee Language Center. He served on ETEAM France, has done humanitarian work in Cote d'Ivoire, and helped with an English, music, and sports camp in Bulgaria. Jacob plans to work alongside Allison, Shane, and Joy using English as a means for improving the lives of North African immigrants living in Southern France. Jacob is currently stateside, raising funds and support.

Brenton and Debbie Driscoll



Brenton and Debbie were both born into missionary families, he in Japan and she in Bulgaria

(to the Trifonovs). Both were active participants in their parents' ministries. The couple married in 2019, the same year they received approval for a two-year missionary internship to Bulgaria. They hope to move this summer to have their first child—a baby boy due in July—in Bulgaria. They are seeking prayer and financial support partners to help them with this endeavor.

