



Dear Friends of International Ministries,

Hello and greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus!

The gospel of Jesus Christ is changing lives around the world, and we, like you, are privileged to be a part of fulfilling God's global mission *on earth as it is in heaven*.

Jesus invited his disciples, "come, follow me." (Mark 1:17) For those men, it meant leaving fishing nets behind to become "fishers of men." Today, that invitation is still ours to take in and live out.

IM global servants work in cross-cultural settings to extend Jesus' invitation through American Baptist churches and beyond in many creative ways. This year, we've put a brand new effort into filming how this work is taking place through three major initiatives: Peace and Justice in Egypt, Abolishing Global Slavery in Thailand and Economic and Community Development in Chile. The videos will help those of us on the home front to see the sights and hear the sounds of the ministries and global servants that we support as they fulfill God's mission on earth in Jesus' name. The scope of God's work in the world is truly breathtaking.

I can say from personal experience that nothing compares with visiting global servants where they are stationed when it comes to getting a tangible sense of their good work. These videos are the next best thing. In them, you will see what your sacrificial giving is making possible around the world—how so many people have come to know and follow Christ as the Good News carried by your global servants changes lives and communities.

The World Mission Offering makes it possible for us to train new global servants, care for the ones on the field and provide the services and resources that they need. I urge you and your church to set aside time on four Sundays in September or October to show these videos during your service. I recommend showing the three longer videos first, followed by the final compilation on the last Sunday. As a former pastor, I fully understand that time during Sunday services is always precious and in high demand. But I invite you to prayerfully consider showing these videos as an opportunity to remember our global servants and the great work being done by our great God in communities around the world.

Please join me in praying for our global servants together and in giving cheerfully and generously to the World Mission Offering as the Lord Jesus leads us to give.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Koh". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

Sharon Koh
Executive Director / CEO

P.S. You may have noticed that we've changed the IM brand mark. The new logo is meant to convey that God's work in and through IM encompasses the entire world and makes an impact beyond what the eye can see, just as the letters "IM" stretch across the entire circle and continue invisibly beyond. The new color represents our vibrant and passionate endeavor to *respond to God's call* to global mission. We're working hard to bring a new and refreshed look to our 203-year-old mission society. We are very proud of our centuries of global ministry and continue to strive to communicate our stories better. We also encourage you to experience our redesigned, mobile-friendly website at www.internationalministries.org.