Embrace the Cause

“All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:3 (NLT)

Pastor José Beroiza, Scarlett Mendez and IM missionary Dwight Bolick at Scarlett’s baptism in Padre Las Casas, Chile (details on next page, story on pages 8-9)
The Power of an Embrace

One of the most enduring biblical images of an embrace is found in Jesus’ Parable of the Prodigal Son. As the profligate son nears home, the loving father runs to welcome him, embracing and kissing him.

A hug brings close physical contact. For a moment there is oneness between the parties and a sense of surrender of self. For nearly two centuries International Ministries has been embracing the cause—responding to the Great Commission to “go into all the world” and make disciples of Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:15) This cause is dear to us, and we hold it close to our hearts. In truth we have surrendered ourselves to it.

I invite you to join me in recommitting to this embrace as we review the spectacular accomplishments of 2011-2012. In Jesus Christ, God embraces each of us and whispers ever so sweetly, “I love you!” Accept this hug and be empowered to live for Jesus where you are and to “go into all the world” through your partnership with International Ministries.
International Ministries (IM) experienced steady growth in 2011-2012 as it continued to embrace the cause to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We want to grow because, while a third of the world’s people claim faith in Christ, that percentage has remained unchanged since 1900. We grow with the help of partner organizations who invite us to work with them to bring God’s blessing by meeting people’s needs.

Our May 2012 World Mission Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin was preceded by a first-ever Call Retreat for people seeking to discern God’s call in their lives. By year’s end, more than 100 were discussing potential mission service with IM!

Throughout 2011-2012 IM sustained its current personnel on location while appointing two new missionaries (Mexico), four associate missionaries (Philippines and Honduras), a special assistant (Vietnam) and a missionary apprentice (Republic of Georgia).

IM also endorsed two couples to prepare for work (in Liberia and Macau) and provided services to some 1,800 volunteer short-term missionaries, special assistants and indigenous missionaries.

There is power in cooperation. The Amity Printing Company, founded in China as a joint venture between the United Bible Societies and our partner the Amity Foundation, is now the largest printer of Bibles in the world, having printed more than 100 million Bibles. In addition, we entered partnerships to enable ministry with the Baptist Union of Estonia and the Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches.

Public recognition of our work is a gracious gift of God. The Chinese Jiangsu provincial government honored Judy Sutterlin with the Charity Award for her work to care for the whole person. The Kenan Institute Asia issued the 2012 Thailand NGO Award to the New Life Center Foundation, where Karen Smith and Kit Ripley minister, for its “exemplary clinical care for victims of trafficking....” U.S.-based ministries also gave unsolicited comments: “We don’t know of any other mission agency that has the dedication, balance and variety in personnel and projects, and is any more on the cutting edge of fulfilling the Great Commission, than International Ministries.” (Bill & Carole Cowell, Heart Ministries, Inc., Hutchinson, Kansas)

Generous individuals and churches enable growth through their financial investment as partners in IM’s mission. During the past year we experienced increases in the World Mission Offering and in personalized gifts to support particular missionaries. The IM Platinum Rewards Visa card, initiated in 2010 through IM’s partnership with the Christian Community Credit Union, generated increased mission income. It doubled in 2011 and doubled again in 2012. Go to www.mycccu.com/imcard for details.

The cause we embrace continues to guide us forward.

Reid S. Trulson
When both he and his grandmother were critically ill, young Joel David García Martinez heard his mother pray, “God, you can take my child but not my mother.” As a result, Joel felt unloved during his formative years and later turned to drugs, alcohol and sexual immorality. “When we first met Joel,” says Ketly Pierre (left of Joel in top photo), “he was a young man desperately looking for a reason to live.” That was in 2001, a year after International Ministries (IM) missionaries Ketly and Vital Pierre began planting Bethel Church in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

As a young adult, Joel heard the life-changing message of Jesus Christ through Bethel’s after-school program where he was hired to tutor. At the beginning of the daily three-hour tutoring sessions, Ketly led a 30-minute devotional time for the students and tutors, which prepared Joel’s heart. Vital later invited him to give his life to Christ. Joel’s decision led him to earn a seminary degree, and he is now the pastor of a new church at Kukra Hill. Under Joel’s leadership, the congregation began a primary school in 2009 with 56 children. In 2012 secondary grades were added, and the student population reached 203! After a recent graduation, Joel said: “The children and youth need a school where the Bible is presented. This type of evangelism has resulted in our students going to Rama, Nicaragua to help with the construction of a new church building and school!”

Ketly reflects: “Sharing the good news with Joel not only resulted in a whole new life for him, God is now using Joel to reach others with the transforming message of Christ’s love and power!”

IM invites people to faith in Jesus, helping them form churches to live together under God’s reign and work together in God’s mission of transforming all creation.

EVANGELISM WORLDWIDE THROUGH IM

11 MISSIONARIES
$750,000
527 VOLUNTEERS
Annie Dieselberg, an International Ministries (IM) missionary in Thailand, is the founder and CEO of NightLight, an international organization based in Bangkok, committed to anti-human trafficking efforts. NightLight offers sexually-exploited women and girls alternatives to their hard life on the streets and in bars. NightLight Design makes it possible for them to earn a living by making beautiful jewelry that is marketed worldwide. Women also find physical, emotional and spiritual healing and their dignity as children of God while learning practical life skills at NightLight.

Aom is a young Thai woman who entered the sex trade to support the demands of her impoverished parents. Working at NightLight Design was Aom’s way out of prostitution. When she became deathly ill, teams from NightLight went to her home to pray for her. As her health was restored, she made a decision to follow Jesus and eventually led her sister, brother and niece to Christ.

Aom serves as a deacon at Song Sawang (Send the Light) Church, a congregation begun in 2008, mostly with new Christians from NightLight. When a vendor, regularly located outside NightLight’s outreach facility, became very sick with AIDS, Aom shared the light of Christ by assisting her with getting medical help and encouraging her through prayer. Recently Aom won NightLight’s “Employee of the Year” award.

Through NightLight’s holistic ministry, Aom has chosen to COME to Christ, GROW in her faith, and CHANGE her portion of the world by introducing Jesus to others.

You can take part in NightLight’s ministry by purchasing hand-made jewelry at www.nightlightinternational.com or by hosting a NightLight party for your neighbors.
Just as Jesus fed the multitudes (Luke 9:12-17), so God is using a palm oil project developed by International Ministries (IM) missionary Ed Noyes to provide sustenance to 650 impoverished families in the Vanga region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Launched in 2002, this project has more than doubled the family annual income of $300-400, according to recent reports. For the most successful families participating in the palm oil project, sales have yielded $1,800 more per year, an increase in household income of 450%!

The project funds a team of agricultural agents who teach family planters each step for growing high-yielding oil palms—from working with pre-germinated seeds in a nursery to planting the resulting small palm trees a year later. The project’s original investment of $150,000—which provides sustained contact with agricultural agents—has laid the foundation for the 650 households to earn more than twice the original investment every year for the next fifteen years of the economic life of a plantation.

Eight years ago the Mukobo family, a typical hardworking household, struggled to send their children to school and pay for medical care. With the help of income from high-yielding oil palms, the family now lives in a sturdy house, a son attends college and the family employs a number of their neighbors.

Ed says, “One of the key factors for this success has been agricultural agents like Philippe Kikobo (right in photo below). They follow Christ’s example of servant leadership, working with farmers at a sacrifice of time, money and opportunities for professional advancement elsewhere.”

“I am not a prophet. I am a farmer; the land has been my livelihood since my youth.”
ZECHARIAH 13:5

Family Incomes Increase 450% Thanks to Palm Oil Project

IM mentors local leaders, helping communities build and strengthen their economies using expertise in agriculture, finance and technology to achieve short-term goals and long-term sustainability.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORLDWIDE THROUGH IM
14 MISSIONARIES
NEARLY $1 MILLION
166 VOLUNTEERS
HEALTH AND HEALING

A Healing Touch Arrives in Haiti

Deliris Carrión Rosa was gladly working in 1991 as a pediatric occupational therapist in her homeland of Puerto Rico when God called her to become an International Ministries (IM) missionary. After earning her Master of Divinity degree, she taught at Latin American Baptist Seminary in El Salvador from 1998 to 2008. She says, “I treasured every lesson I gave and every lesson I received. But there was something missing—I longed to help kids with special needs, and God knew it.”

Following a year of speaking to congregations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, she began her work in Haiti, using both her pastoral and occupational therapy skills to minister to children with special needs and their families. In September 2011 she started A Touch of Hope, which trains college students to provide occupational therapy to children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other such conditions. Deliris explains the therapy classes: “We experience laughter, joy, misunderstandings, frustrations, lots of tears, but above all, we strengthen our resolve. Through this the young therapists learn to touch the children with love and hope, and the children feel it.”

By embracing the cause of Christ, Deliris has gone from Puerto Rico to El Salvador to Haiti. Even now she is anticipating taking A Touch of Hope beyond Haiti’s capital to the mountain towns. “I’m convinced,” she says, “that following God’s call means you receive the desires of your heart beyond your imagination.”

IM helps people experience abundant life, including physical and mental wholeness through our personnel serving alongside national medical professionals as doctors, nurses, therapists and preventive health care workers.
A baby is born, and someone asks, “Whom will you name this little one after?” It is a great honor when a newborn is given your name. This has happened to International Ministries (IM) missionary Ingrid Roldán-Román seven times, from 1989 to 2011!

The first baby is now 24 years-old (left). The youngest Ingrid (above) was named as a result of Ingrid’s work as the director and a professor at the Panamanian Baptist Theological Center of the Caribbean. She is also respected for her tutoring program, provided in her own home, for elementary and high school students.

Ingrid, who is Puerto Rican, was given a Scandinavian name. Because it is unique in Latin America, questions are asked of each Ingrid, which prompts a testimony about “Ingrid, the missionary” and the Christ she serves. No matter where she has ministered, Ingrid has reflected the love of Jesus—whether during the tumultuous years of war and post war in El Salvador (1985-94) or now on the Panama-Costa Rica border.

She says, “I don’t know how many more Ingrids are yet to be born, but it is my prayer that each one named after me will glorify God. My challenge is to faithfully serve in Jesus’ name so that the young Ingrids and their families can see what glorifying God means.”
International Ministries (IM) Global Consultant Dan Buttry led numerous workshops around the world during 2011-2012, including in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Providing activity-based exercises and role-playing, Dan coached church leaders to deal with the harsh realities of ethnic and religious conflict, exploring nonviolent options for transforming tension-filled situations. In one location some workshop participants shared how they were being denied the right to bury their dead by leaders in their Muslim-dominated country. Dan explored with these Christian villagers some eye-opening options. Using Esther 4:1-17, he showed how Mordecai and Esther, more than 400 years before Christ, helped their people become transformed—from being passive about the impending massacre of Jews to seeking to halt the calamity of genocide.

Dan encouraged the workshop participants to look for unexpected allies, including Muslims who hold to the ethics of loving their neighbors. He showed how a Muslim document, “A Common Word,” echoes the Bible’s call to love God and neighbor. Applying these principles, the participants later reported a distinct improvement in their community.

Learning can occur for individuals or organizations as well. One woman quietly shared with Dan how a role-play related to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount freed her from the emotional bondage of childhood abuse. A Christian relief agency, working in a number of countries in Central Asia, found Dan’s content so useful they invited him to train their staff in the skills of conflict transformation, reconciliation and trauma healing.
**EDUCATION**

“**You shall love the Lord your God...with all your mind...**”

MARK 12:30

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**How Chilean Girls Are Finding a New Horizon**

When Barbara Bolick first met eight-year-old Scarlett in Padre Las Casas, Chile six years ago, Barb wondered if she and her husband, Dwight, were “getting in over our heads.” She describes Scarlett as “a pretty little girl with long curly hair.” But under the surface were the effects of poverty, anxiety, social isolation and, like so many girls in her community, the vulnerabilities to sexual abuse. Though they recognized “needs that we would never be able to fill,” the Bolicks, both International Ministries (IM) missionaries, were not discouraged from providing education, faith formation and empowerment to girls like Scarlett in Chile’s Araucania Region.

**A Team Effort**

In partnership with the National Baptist Convention of Chile (NBCC) and with support by congregations like those from the American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky, Barb initiated a ministry of mentorship in 2007 by creating five Talita Cumi Girls’ Clubs. (Talita Cumi means “Rise up, little girl,” as in Mark 5:41.) Each was sponsored by NBCC churches as an outreach ministry to girls who did not have church contact and lived in vulnerable communities.

One of these first clubs was in Padre Las Casas. The clubs were founded with the conviction that long-term mentoring and spiritual care will reduce vulnerability, release girls’ potential and empower them to change the world—as girls and later as women. Barb remembers how Pilar Mendez, the long-time mentor of the girls’ club in Padre Las Casas, provided compassion to a shy, crying Scarlett when she first sat on Pilar’s lap. “Pilar kept whispering loving words in her ear, giving her the smiles and hugs she needed until she could join the group,” says Barb.

“Since then Pilar accompanies her every Friday afternoon to and from the church where Talita Cumi is hosted.”

**Empowering the Vulnerable**

Safety is a real concern for young girls in Chile. Sexual exploitation, molestation and teen pregnancy are all too common. Nationally, 15% of all infants are born to teen mothers. That rate is exaggerated in Chile’s most vulnerable communities, where the Bolicks are based. In 2005, 25 of every 100 births were to mothers under 14 years of age. That figure has slowly decreased due to recent government birth control programs, but adolescent pregnancies are still a sad reality in poor communities. “These teen mothers and their infants face a lifetime of poverty,” Barb says. “They have no vision of a life beyond their current circumstances.”

Early intervention that includes an invitation to grow in faith and self-esteem are key principles in breaking this cycle, according to Barb. “These changes give the girls power—not the power that popular culture tells them they need, but a power much deeper, much greater than money or sexuality or the media’s im-

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**EDUCATION WORLDWIDE THROUGH IM**

22 MISSIONARIES

$1.5 MILLION

185 VOLUNTEERS

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Barb and Dwight Bolick share the stories of the girls they are changing lives, releasing their potential, and empowering them to change the world—for girls and women. This includes the four cardinal virtues of justice, prudence, temperance and courage and the three spiritual virtues of faith, hope and love. Barb also writes age-appropriate lessons that make the Christian virtues relevant to the girls. “The pursuit of virtue, learning to become like Jesus, is a lifelong task,” says Barb, “that’s why it’s best to begin working with the girls when they are eight years old.”

In addition to responding to the needs of their own community, Scarlett and the girls in the other clubs raised funds through the year for a safe house in India that rescues girls who have been the victims of human trafficking. Last year they gave their own money and asked others to give so that more than $1,000 was sent to this project, started by a Chilean missionary in India. Scarlett describes the power of giving, saying, “It feels good to help someone else.”

**Sharing the Vision**

The same vision that changed Scarlett’s life is now changing the lives of other girls through Scarlet’s own efforts. She was recognized in 2011 by the Chilean government for the mentoring program she began in her school in Padre Las Casas. Scarlett’s initiative matches sixth graders with younger children in an effort to help protect them from bullying and the results of being exposed to drug and alcohol abuse.

Of Scarlett’s transformation from a reserved and intimately eight-year-old to a vibrant Christian teen who is a leader in her community, Barb says, “That’s the vision of the Girls’ Club Project—to remind young women who they are, who they were meant to be. It aims to send them off on the Christian journey of excellence so they can reach their full potential through Christ!”
Discerning God’s call to missionary service is a process that often requires time, patience and possibly even a setting away from “home.” Along with its ongoing counsel in this process, International Ministries (IM) offered its first-ever Call Retreat at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin, May 18-20, 2012.

Kyle Williams of Everett, Washington summarizes what more than 60 participants felt as a result of being at the 2012 Call Retreat, “My wife, Katrina, and I have had a passion to minister full-time in a broken world, and the experience at Green Lake reinforced that desire.”

Jim Bell, IM’s Director of Recruitment observes: “Our first Call Retreat gave international mission candidates an opportunity to ‘rub shoulders’ with active missionaries over meals and in casual conversations. They also were able to pray and talk with IM staff as they explored God’s call on their lives. We’re thankful that this was far more than an informative event; it was a deeply spiritual and transformative experience!”

Discernment of one’s call is an essential part of IM’s effort to match requests from international partner organizations with candidates who feel led to serve so that people around the world can come to faith in Jesus, grow in their relationship with God, and change their worlds through the power of the Spirit. IM walks alongside those who are responding to God’s call to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19), but who have yet to discern “where” and “how.” IM also works with persons who are answering a “Macedonian call” (Acts 16:9), certain that they should minister in a particular place. In both instances IM partners with candidates to help them secure the prayer and financial support needed for global service to God through IM.

By the end of 2012, one couple who attended the Call Retreat, Larry & Rebecca Stanton (right in photo below), were endorsed by IM for missionary service in Liberia, Africa. Their discernment process was capped by the May event, where they made personal contact and gained more information about the need for their skills in education. They met with Charles Jones (far left), IM’s Area Director for Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and Olu Menjay (right of Charles), principal and chief administrative officer of Ricks Institute, an English-speaking boarding and day school in Liberia.

IM is continuing the critical process of matching requests from partner organizations with several other 2012 Call Retreat participants who discerned God’s call and are eager to serve. As Jim Bell remarks, “We recognize that ‘recruitment’ involves much more than ‘enlistment,’ it entails facilitating the personal, spiritual and professional development of people to effectively serve Jesus across cultural boundaries.”

For a current list of opportunities for international cross-cultural service, go to: www.internationalministries.org and click on GET INVOLVED
Mission became the heart of activities at Siloam Baptist Church in Norristown, Pennsylvania when members of the congregation joined the Missionary Partnership Network (MPN) in support of International Ministries (IM) missionaries Bruce and Ann Borquist in Brazil and Charles and Sarah West in Zambia. Even more, the church found renewed vitality to fulfill its local mission as members of the congregation provided specific prayer, encouragement and financial support for these IM missionaries and their ministries.

“I’m thrilled with the results of our Missionary Partnership Network,” says Ann Borquist. “My husband, Bruce, and I have been surprised to see how God has used it to draw us closer to those who care about our ministry. And the MPN has also energized churches to be more involved with God’s mission not only in other parts of the world but also within their own communities.”

Embracing this momentum for mission, Siloam Baptist Church initiated a capital campaign to build a new facility to enhance its “Meals of Hope” program, which provides food and clothing for the homeless. The church remains actively involved in a prison ministry in addition to a monthly door-to-door evangelistic outreach.

Several Siloam parishioners serve on the Borquist east coast Missionary Partnership Team (MPT) and are at the forefront of mission activity beyond their local community. They assist Ann and Bruce’s work by sending newsletters, raising financial support and encouraging others to be personally engaged in the Borquists’ ministry. Two MPT members, Barry and Rachael Wilford (left in photo below), have traveled to Brazil to work alongside Ann and Bruce, teaching a computer course and conversational English classes for missionary students at JAMI, the international mission agency of the National Baptist Convention of Brazil.

For more MPN information, email: Ruthann.Stevenson@abc-usa.org
“Mission projects on the International Ministries (IM) website are successful,” observes Karen Mason, IM’s Web Content Manager, “because people want churches to know that the money they give has a direct impact on people’s lives.”

Global mission projects were first listed on the IM website in 2010. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year $427,600 was contributed toward 67 mission projects. This was a 62% increase in giving compared to the previous year.

Each project is selected by an IM missionary or an IM partner organization that can identify an immediate need which is not likely to be funded through any other source. The missionary/partner closely monitors the project to ensure that principles of good stewardship are followed and the funds given by donors are wisely used.

Samples of successful efforts from 2011-2012 include the Picture Books/Story Cards Project, managed by IM missionary Roberta Stephens serving in Japan. This project has helped kindergarten children deal with the trauma resulting from the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power plant meltdown. Support totaling $2,300 was distributed to five different locations. Roberta says: “Through these resources the traumatized children can, for a moment, be transported to another world—a better one, the world of the Bible. Teachers report how rewarding it is to spread the gospel to the children in this way.”

Rick Gutierrez, an IM missionary doctor in South Africa, supervised the Poultry for Protein and Profit Project. During 2012 church groups from Clovis, California to Castro, New York gave more than $30,000 to raise chickens and build coops so that hundreds of family members devastated by the death of parents could have good nutrition and increased income. Rick says, “The path from poverty to plenty passes through poultry!” Part of a poem he wrote adds:

Boys without fathers, girls whose moms died last week—
The finely curved egg is strong enough to withstand
These crushing realities.

Projects for Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas are available for church groups and individuals. Go to www.internationalministries.org and click on PROJECTS where new projects are added regularly. Donations of all sizes are helpful, and fully funded projects are noted.

For more information, contact Chris Marziale at: chris.marziale@abc-usa.org
### 2011/2012 Financial Snapshot

**Sources of Operating Revenue for Ministry**

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**Other Revenue:**
- Endowment Income $2,523,000 16.4% $2,682,000 18.3%
- Other Contributions 1,248,000 8.1% 695,000 4.8%
- Bequests, Legacies & Planned Gifts $257,000 1.7% $552,000 3.8%
- Other Revenue 821,000 5.4% 691,000 4.7%

**Subtotal Other Revenue** $4,849,000 31.6% $4,620,000 31.6%

**Total Operating Revenue** $15,341,000 100.0% $14,623,000 100.0%

### Where Operating Ministry Dollars Were Spent

**Program Services:**

- **Africa** $1,379,000 9.4% $1,761,000 11.6%
- **East Asia & India** 1,120,000 7.7% 900,000 6.0%
- **Europe & Middle East** 1,032,000 7.1% 1,020,000 6.7%
- **Iberoamerica & Caribbean** 4,427,000 30.2% 4,548,000 30.1%
- **SE Asia & Japan** 2,725,000 18.6% 3,154,000 20.9%
- **Global Consultants** 370,000 2.5% 425,000 2.8%
- **USA Mission Engagement & Education** 887,000 6.1% 855,000 5.7%

**Subtotal Program Expenses** $11,940,000 81.6% $12,663,000 83.8%

**Support Services:**

- **Home Office Support — General & Administrative** $1,936,000 13.2% $1,776,000 11.7%
- **Development & Fundraising** 765,000 5.2% 677,000 4.5%

**Subtotal Support Services** $2,701,000 18.4% $2,453,000 16.2%

**Total Operating Expenses** $14,641,000 100.0% $15,116,000 100.0%

**Operating Net Income (Expense)**

- **(Expense)** ($700,000) ($493,000) *

*Substantially due to Haiti disaster funds received in 2010 which were released in 2011

Note: Management reports represented here are unaudited financial statements.

Note: For a copy of International Ministries’ audited financial statements, please visit our website or call 1-800-222-3872 ext. 2188.
### Africa
- South Africa: Anita & Rick Gutiérrez, Ann & Bill Clemmer
- Zambia: Charles & Sarah West

### Iberoamerica & the Caribbean
- Bolivia: Mario Morales, J.D. & Rhonda Reed
- Brazil: Ann & Bruce Borquist, Corenne & Phil Smith
- Chile: Barb & Dwight Bolick
- Costa Rica: Sue Hegarty, Ruth Mooney, Mylinda Bates, Gary Baits (thru 8/2012)
- Dominican Republic: Kristy Engel, Madeline Flores-López
- Haiti: Nancy & Stephen James, Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga, Deliris Carrion-Rosa
- Mexico – CICEM: Doris & Ricardo Mayol, Debbie & Keith Myers, Chuck & Ramona Shawver
- Mexico – Baja North: Mercy Barnes, Rick Barnes (thru 12/2011), Patti & Tim Long, Adalia Schellinger-Gutiérrez & Ray Schellinger
- Mexico – Baja South: David & Joyce Reed
- Nicaragua: David & Laura Parajón, Kety & Vital Pierre
- Panama: Ingrid Roldán-Román
- Spain: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti

### Development Workers
- Catherine & Taku Longkumer
- Joel Hoeffe & Trish Magal
- Lori & Matt Mann
- Debra Mulneix
- Bucky & Carole Sydnor

### Regional Missionaries
- Kim Kushner Dominguez

### Endorsed as Missionary Candidates
- Larry & Rebecca Stanton
- Emerson & Ivy Wu
- Dagoberto & Dilia Zelaya

### Mission Apprentice
- Jeni Pedzinsky

### Special Assistants
- Volunteers assisting specific International Ministries staff in global mission under formal agreement.
- Gail Aita – Myanmar
- Paul Aita – Myanmar
- Greg Creasy – Russia
- Rob Ely – Youth Leaders Training in India
- Samuel Escobar – Spain
- Vic Gordon – Haiti
- Max Hill – Fraternity of Cuban Baptist Churches
- Joseph Huse – Christian Stewardship Development in India
- Anthony Ng – Capacity Building Ministry
- Herb Rogers – Haiti & Volunteers in Global Mission
- Carla Romarate-Knipel – Philippines
- David Sagar – Leadership Development in South India
- Bob Santilli – Global Prayer
- Ron Schlosser – Media Distribution and Archiving
- Sandra Schoeninger – Finance
- Alan Selig – Vietnam

### Seconded Missionaries
- Personnel from other agencies temporarily serving under IM auspices.
- Dar and Tim Ratzloff

### Colleagues in Mission
- American Baptists in recognized relationship with IM serving with other agencies.
- Carol Simpson – France: pastor, International Church of Strasbourg
- Dan Sparkman – Japan: teacher, Kanto Gakuin University
- Leonardo and Waleska Florez-Febres – Columbia: church planting

### Partner Missionaries
- Personnel from international partners whose ministries are partially supported by IM.
- Africa – 14
- East Asia & India – 169
- Europe & Middle East – 9
- Iberoamerica & Caribbean – 3
- Southeast Asia & Japan – 53
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The Luther Rice Society

Given by: Individuals

The Luther Rice Society (LRS), established in 2001, has more than 700 members who express their commitment to mission through higher levels of giving to International Ministries (IM). The Society is named after Luther Rice (1783-1836), a missionary colleague of Adoniram and Ann Judson who found his life’s ministry back in the U.S. raising financial support for the Judsons and the first generation of American Baptist missionaries. Today, people who help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by donating a minimum of $1,000 annually are honored by being named LRS members.

Evelyn Krause from Minnesota is one of those, saying: “I’ve always had an interest in IM and, having served on its Board of Directors years ago, I’ve personally observed IM’s integrity. That’s why I celebrate the many ways to give. For instance, when people who have IRAs turn 70½ years old, there’s a required minimum distribution. Even if they don’t need it, they have to receive that money, and they pay income tax on it. But if those distributions are donated to IM, they save paying that tax and actually get a tax deduction.

“I had the privilege of taking a mission trip to Estonia, Latvia, and Russia with other American Baptists in 1993. I was amazed at how strong the Christians there were after 70 years of Communism. I’m glad that my IM gifts help people like that. I’ve recently decided to give more generously now instead of just through my will. I know it’s needed now by our exceptional missionaries and staff, and I don’t know what the future holds.”

World Mission Offering

Given by: Churches

Each year congregations promote the World Mission Offering (WMO) to focus on the biblical imperative to share the good news of Christ “to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Churches use WMO materials, received in July, to build worship and educational programs, encouraging congregational understanding and participation. Gifts to WMO enable the giver to support the entire spectrum of IM’s mission.

Generous giving through the World Mission Offering is the single largest source of support (20.3%, see page 13) for all of IM’s work around the world. WMO dollars fund current missionaries and also help IM appoint and send new personnel. This enables IM’s holistic work, as seen on pages 2-9, to grow.

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Personalized Support

Given by: Churches, Individuals

IM missionaries, global consultants, and development workers can “embrace the cause” of Christ because they receive a living allowance, benefits, and ministry funds through IM. Churches and individuals help meet these needs through Personalized Support—sending contributions to IM for the support of named individuals. This is called “Targeted Giving.” Givers then receive personal news that enables deeper involvement and informed, intercessory prayer.

“I’ve always been impressed with the quality of our IM missionaries,” says the Rev. Bruce Young, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boise, Idaho. “And targeting some of our giving helps us know our missionaries better. We’ve given this way to Ketly & Vital Pierre who serve in Nicaragua (see story on page 2). In a sense we’ve felt they’re ‘our missionaries’ and anticipate their visits with us. Some of our church members have also gone on mission work tours to Nicaragua. One time I (right in photo) joined Vital (background in white hat) in visiting a couple who lived near the construction site of a new church start in Kukra Hill.”

To become closer to IM missionaries through Personalized Support, churches can send contributions as Targeted Giving on the American Baptist Mission Support form. Also, churches and individuals can choose a missionary and send gifts directly to IM or give online at: www.internationalministries.org/give.
Planned Gifts
Given by: Individuals

The American Baptist Foundation (ABF) connects people who care to ministries that matter, like those carried out around the world through IM. ABF helps donors select the option for planned giving best suited to their needs and interests. An endowed gift to IM, for instance, is an option that “keeps on giving.”

Donald L. and Ellen (Betsy) Ellis were IM evangelistic and educational missionaries in the Belgian Congo (1956-65). Their love for the Congolese was evident in their work and in naming one of their daughters Tonda (“thank you” in Kikongo).

Tragically, Don and Betsy were among missionaries attacked by insurgent soldiers in 1960. Don said, “We knew we were done when the Congolese troops made the four of us take off our shoes and lie on the ground beneath the muzzles of their rifles and submachine-guns.” But Don and Betsy were not “done.” They survived the insurgents’ abuse and were safely evacuated along with other missionaries. The Ellises returned to the Congo in 1962!

Decades later they also were not “done” sharing their love of Jesus and their desire to continue in God’s work of blessing the nations. After Don’s death in 1997, the family established the Donald L. Ellis Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment that has almost doubled in market value and yields financial support for each aspect of IM’s mission every year...and in perpetuity.

As you consider how you can support IM, you may want to choose an endowment or another type of planned gift. A Charitable Gift Annuity, for instance, provides immediate tax advantages and guarantees you fixed income for life. In naming IM as the annuity’s beneficiary, the portion that remains will go to the work of IM. You may also want to consider making gifts from a retirement plan, appreciated stock, life insurance, or real estate.

To learn more about any of these planned gifts that can support God’s work through IM, contact ABF’s Executive Director, Perkin Simpson at 1-800-222-3872, ext 2281, or email him at: Perkin.Simpson@abc-usa.org. For general information on planned giving, go to: www.abcofgiving.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing
Given by: Churches

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a congregational offering that provides relief and development grants for natural disasters, conflict and severe economic hardship.

In fiscal year 2011-2012, OGHS emergency grants went to families displaced by ethnic violence in western Assam (India) and flood victims in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Among development grants were those that helped people in Haiti dealing with extreme poverty. For more information, go to: www.abc-oghs.org.

White Cross
Given by: Women’s Groups, Churches

Organized at the conclusion of World War I, White Cross offers a variety of opportunities to provide urgently needed supplies for health, medical and social ministries throughout the world. In 2011, White Cross met needs in 22 countries through gifts to 40 IM partner organizations with a total value of $330,650. American Baptist women have long given leadership in White Cross—from rolling bandages to preparing health kits. And men, youth and entire congregations are increasingly participating with them in this critical ministry. For further details go to: www.internationalministries.org/topics/white_cross

United Mission
Given by: Churches

American Baptist congregations provide financial support for mission everywhere—regionally, nationally and internationally—through United Mission (UM).

This type of support is often given through a church’s mission budget and helps fund IM missionaries, global consultants and development workers so they can “embrace the cause” of Christ. IM receives 2.2% of UM contributions.
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