



LET LIVING WATER FLOW JOHN 4:14

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SHORT-TERM MISSION ENGAGEMENT

While I was speaking at a church recently, it struck me that Jesus referred to the “house of God” as a “house of prayer for all nations.” (Isaiah 56:7, NIV) That made me wonder about all the many ethnic groups that are represented or living in the streets surrounding the church. What if the church would invite them for prayer or meet with them for coffee at the church to bathe them in the flow of God’s living water?

Later in that church service, the pastor mentioned how Nora and I had been instrumental in preparing a short-term mission trip at a children’s camp in Belarus for him and a couple of churches. Belarus is one of dozens of countries in which we have hosted volunteers over the years.

In Ezekiel 47, we learn that from God’s house living water flows, and wherever it flows, life will flourish. Along the banks of this river of living water, trees will bear much fruit. (Psalm 1:3) This image beautifully describes what we have seen in the work of short-term volunteers in Europe. Though they may not see it during their brief stay in Europe, their ministry bears eternal fruit.

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The Kalkmans serve as coordinators for short-term mission (STM) with the European Baptist Federation. They facilitate life-changing mission experiences by matching the interests of volunteers with the needs of the 50+ Baptist conventions in Europe and the Middle East. With only 2.5% Evangelical Christians, Europe is a priority mission field. Nora and Pieter travel extensively, roaming the front lines of ministry while identifying STM opportunities for groups and individuals to effectively multiply mission efforts.

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