

WORLD MISSIONS

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December 13, 2018

Dear Friends,

This Christmas, we celebrate Jesus making his home among us.

Entering our world, Jesus spoke the local dialect, cooked with and ate the region's produce, practiced a family trade.

At BIC U.S. World Missions, we recognize *incarnation* is at the heart of the gospel: **God sent a person to live and minister among us** so that we may be restored to him. As a missionary sending agency, we value sending and equipping individuals to live and minister among communities in specific contexts around the world. They share the ultimate *message of hope* — *that our God longs for the peoples of the world to be reconciled to him through Christ*.

This year, we celebrate how our program to train, equip, and send global workers has grown through God's grace and your support:

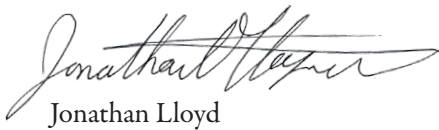
- **We're pleased to share seven new long-term global workers deployed in 2018.** Leaving successful careers in the business and nonprofit sectors, these individuals are passionate about using their professions and gifts to share God's love. *We have recently deployed missionaries to Colombia, the Middle East, Thailand, United States (Lexington, Kentucky), Zambia.* Professions represented by the global team deployed in 2018: healthcare, engineering and computer science, education, nonprofit communications.
- **We doubled enrollment in the Missionary Development Program (MDP),** our training program for prospective global workers. With more than 100 years of experience equipping missionaries, we prioritize preparing individuals for cross-cultural service. MDP areas of focus: cross-cultural education and exposure, theology, missiology, calling discernment, spiritual growth, interpersonal relationships.
- **We have a new opportunity to minister among Muslims.** Following an exploratory trip to Dearborn, Michigan — the city with the highest population of Muslims in the United States — we've identified new ministry partnerships for our global team serving among Muslims here and abroad.

We rejoice how God has connected us to individuals called to use their professional skills, gifts, and talents to share Christ's message of hope: **Would you consider giving a year-end gift** to help us equip more individuals to share the life-changing message of the gospel?

Please join us by giving online ([HTTPS://SECURE.ETRANSFER.COM/BIC/WORLDMISSIONS.CFM](https://secure.etransfer.com/bic/worldmissions.cfm)) or sending a check to 431 Grantham Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17102. (Make checks payable to BIC U.S.; note "preference for World Missions" in memo line.)

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel.

Merry Christmas,



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