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LIFE AND ACTS OF THE HARVEST WORKERS

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BOLD

## A Tribute to Elder Hiner

A life marked by  
faithful action and  
commitment to  
the Lord.

### Mission Trip to **VIETNAM**

An extraordinary  
opportunity to spread the  
Good News of Salvation



## Elder Hiner

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A *Legacy* OF COMMITMENT,  
PASSION, AND LOVE

# PRESIDENT'S

M E S S A G E

Karen Holland

"For question number five, I got this," one student said, giving the answer to the whole class. I froze in my seat. The teacher had left the room, and here was someone openly giving out answers on the test. What could/should I do? I agonized for a while. It didn't seem right to just let it go, but I felt that saying something was risky.

Someone does something or says something that opposes your beliefs, and what do you do? Walk away? Counter them?

Remain silent, betraying your own convictions? Give in and deny your position?

Peter faced this kind of challenge. He had boldly stated that he would never deny Jesus; instead, he would die for him. Just a few short hours later when he was faced with questioning around the fire, he caved in, forcefully denying that he even knew who Jesus was. All his boldness melted into a puddle in the presence of the heat of accusation.

Just a few weeks later in the book of Acts, we find Peter preaching the word with boldness. When apprehended by the priests, he stood firm as a rock to his belief in Jesus. He was confident, unshaken, and able to speak boldly.

The transformation of Peter was not lost on the priests. This was not the same man that they had met around the fire just a few weeks prior. He had a totally different experience now. *The Acts of the Apostles* puts it this way: "The disciples of Christ had a deep sense of their own inefficiency,

Have you ever  
been in a situa-  
tion like this?  
when your  
values and the  
world's values  
**CLASH**  
what  
happens?

and with humiliation and prayer, they joined their weakness to His strength, their ignorance to His wisdom, their unworthiness to His righteousness, their poverty to His exhaustless wealth. Thus strengthened and equipped, they hesitated not to press forward in the service of the Master." (p. 57) In other words, they were able to be bold for Jesus.

"BE BOLD!" is the theme for our school year. It is taken from Proverbs 28:1, says "The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as BOLD as lions." How do they do this? What

does it look like? One quote I think answers these questions comes from the book *Education*, p. 57: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

In other words, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." May we, like the apostles, see our need for strength in Christ and by his grace and wisdom, stand strong for Him.

Oh, yes, what happened in the classroom that day? If you email me a story of how God has enabled you to stand bold for Him, or maybe even where you had the chance but were too scared or intimidated, I will send you the rest of the story. I would love to share some of your stories in our next newsletter. Email me at [info@oklahomaacademy.org](mailto:info@oklahomaacademy.org) and put "Be Bold" in the subject line.

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Life and Acts of the Harvest Workers

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OASIS is a newsletter created to inspire our academy's friends, families, and broader community by sharing the many stories that unfold both on campus and beyond. Through student spotlights, campus activities, service projects, and off-campus experiences, OASIS high lights the growth, creativity, and impact of our students in meaningful ways.

More than just a publication, OASIS has become a bridge that connects past, present, and future members of our academy. It allows us to stay in touch with alumni and longtime friends, celebrate shared milestones, and strengthen the sense of belonging that defines our community—no matter where life takes us.

Always thankful that you are an important member of our family.

May God continue leading us on the path to eternity.

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A T R I B U T E T O

# Elder HINER

Founder of Oklahoma Academy

1932 - 2025

Somebody  
said  
that

It couldn't be done  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

This poem by Edgar Guest describes well the life of Jim Hiner, Sr. He was born Nov. 9, 1932 and passed away June 1, 2025. In the early years of his life, he lived in Oklahoma, but during the Dust Bowl moved with his family to Washington State.

The Hiner family soon became acquainted with their neighbors, who were Seventh-day Adventists. Try as he might, Quinn, Jim's dad, could not refute the truths that were shared with him. Eventually he made the decision to move his family back to Oklahoma with the idea that he would get away from the Adventists. However, back in Oklahoma Quinn got a job at a local barber shop. At the end of the first week, the owner of the shop told him that his shop was closed on Saturday because he was a Seventh-day Adventist.

At that point, Quinn and his wife, Esther, stopped running and accepted the Bible truths of the Sabbath and the soon second coming of Christ. This was a pivotal point for the entire family. Another turning point came more

quickly than anticipated as they moved back to Washington state next to the same neighbors and resumed vegetable and dairy farming.

During those depressed economic times, Jim learned to work hard in the fields. At eight years old he was handling a team of horses to plow up the soil. He was also helping to milk the cows, morning and evening.

Funds were scarce as the money had to feed a large family. It wasn't possible to send Jim to the local SDA school. However, when it came time for high school, Jim went to Upper Columbia Academy where he could work to pay his tuition. By the end of his freshman year, Jim had milked enough cows to only have \$15 on his bill.

The next year, since he worked at a different job, he wasn't able to make enough money. One day the principal called Jim into his office and told him he needed to go home because his bill was not paid. So he went to his room, packed his bags, and went out to the highway





By Karen Holland

where he stuck out his thumb to get a ride home. After several eventful rides and a night spent in a local jail, he managed to reach home.

In church the next Sabbath, he was approached by a local farmer who noticed Jim was the only young person in church that day. “What brings you home?” he inquired. Jim explained that he had been sent home because of lack of funds. The farmer reached in his pocket, took a check from his checkbook, signed it, and handed it to Jim saying, “Go back up to school and don’t come home again because of money.” This made a deep and lasting impression on Jim.

After graduating from UCA, he went on to Walla Walla College to study theology. He married Donelda, and they had three children. Upon completing the Adventist Theological Seminary in Maryland, Jim entered pastoral ministry in the Upper Columbia Conference, eventually becoming an accomplished Evangelist, conducting evangelistic meetings in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Oklahoma, Montana, Georgia and Tennessee. In his approximately twenty years of public evangelism, his efforts led hundreds of souls to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

When his son turned high school age, Jim moved his family from the Pacific Northwest to Georgia where he became an evangelist in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. During this time, he held meetings in the Knoxville First SDA church and became acquainted with some really nice students from Little

Creek Academy. The positive influence of this encounter led Jim and Donelda to inquire about this school and its values. Eventually, all three children attended and graduated from this self-supporting school. Jim had never heard of self-supporting work before moving to the South.

Jim became convinced that the church and the world needed more schools like Little Creek, and he set about working to make that happen. He spent a year with Dr. Raymond Moore at the Hewitt Research Institute in Berrien Springs, MI. Then he accepted a call to become the business manager at a small school in Wisconsin called Alpine Springs Academy where he served for three years before deciding to return to public evangelism.

At that time the Oklahoma Conference offered Jim a position as the Conference Evangelist with an accompanying project—build a self-supporting school in Oklahoma. Jim and Donelda moved to Oklahoma in 1980 to hold public meetings and to start Oklahoma Academy. Property was purchased across from Summit Ridge Retirement Village, and Jim began transforming a wheat field into a school.

Finances were tight, so in order to help keep the school financially afloat and provide students with vocational training, the stove business was started. The students learned to weld and assemble wood-burning stoves for Blaze King, and later through Ken-Mar, build hand-trucks for Walmart and Sam’s Club.

Jim spearheaded the development of the original Seventh-day Adventist Ellen White Study Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy three-volume set, the Daniel and Revelation study set, and many other publications through Mission Publishing and Academy Enterprises. Many of these books now support Oklahoma Academy through OA Publishing.

## Oklahoma Academy

is currently in its 45th school year. The vision that Jim boldly began so many years ago has continued to develop and sharpen its focus. We are grateful for Jim’s founding role in Oklahoma Academy, **a ministry that has touched the lives of so many young people and sent out missionaries around the world.**



# Vietnam MISSION

## TRIP

By Karen Holland

As a child, and I confess, even sometimes as an adult, I have been afraid of the dark. Fear of what could be there, like what might be under your bed when your mom turns the light out, or who might be outside your window, can keep you awake at night. However, when the light comes on the fear dissipates. Can you relate?

Isaiah 9:2 says “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.” This darkness is not physical, but spiritual, yet just as real. Fear and hopelessness reside there. In the “dark” the pleasure of the moment becomes paramount causing all kinds of wickedness, corruption, and misery.

*The Desire of Ages* pinpoints the source of this darkness: “The earth was dark through the misapprehension of God.” (p.11) I haven’t ever personally known this kind of gloom, but many people do, especially in countries that are steeped in atheism, superstition, and spiritism, where ancestor worship and spirit veneration are commonplace. This metaphor of darkness applies perfectly to the communist country of Vietnam, with only about 10% of its 100 million inhabitants professing Christianity, and of those only 1-2% are Protestant.

That quote from *The Desire of Ages* continues: “That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan’s deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the

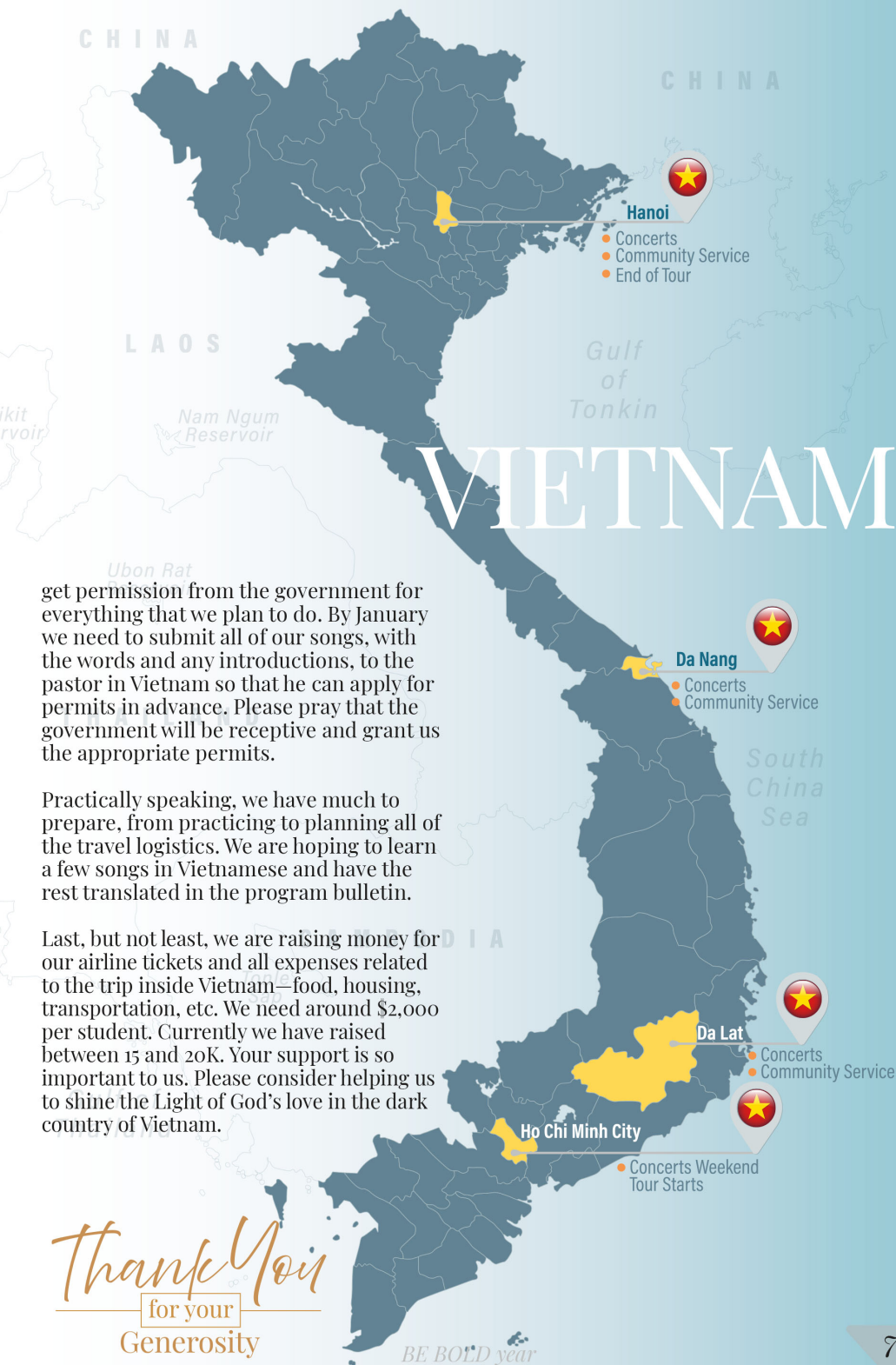
principles of God’s government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world’s dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, “with healing in His wings.” Malachi 4:2.

All of us who love Jesus are called to let the light of God shine through us. During the General Conference this past July, we received the invitation to go to Vietnam with our students and be that light. We have been asked to share the light of hope, faith and love through our musical groups and community service.

Here is the plan: We will fly into Ho Chi Minh City on Friday and spend the weekend giving concerts; then we will fly to the cities of Da Lat and Da Nang to perform concerts and provide community service. The following weekend we will be in Hanoi to conclude our tour with concerts and community service.

WE ARE EXCITED to share JESUS in a country where He is mostly unknown! Please PRAY for us. The book *Education* states that music can touch hearts when other things cannot, making choosing the right music so important. They want us to focus on faith, hope, and love.

Because Vietnam is a Communist country and not open to evangelism, we have to



get permission from the government for everything that we plan to do. By January we need to submit all of our songs, with the words and any introductions, to the pastor in Vietnam so that he can apply for permits in advance. Please pray that the government will be receptive and grant us the appropriate permits.

Practically speaking, we have much to prepare, from practicing to planning all of the travel logistics. We are hoping to learn a few songs in Vietnamese and have the rest translated in the program bulletin.

Last, but not least, we are raising money for our airline tickets and all expenses related to the trip inside Vietnam – food, housing, transportation, etc. We need around \$2,000 per student. Currently we have raised between 15 and 20K. Your support is so important to us. Please consider helping us to shine the Light of God’s love in the dark country of Vietnam.

Thank You  
for your  
Generosity

BE BOLD year



# MISSION Week

By Tammy England

Missouri



Adventist Heritage Village

Oklahoma



Gideon Rescue Company



Home for All Nations

Texas

Oklahoma



Elementary Group



Chinle SDA Church School

Arizona

In November we had the honor of serving during an incredible mission week, reaching different areas of need across the United States. What began in the last week of October became a life-changing journey for our students—one marked by compassion, purpose, and a deep commitment to serving others.

Six groups of students accompanied by members of OA staff embarked on this adventure, each traveling to a different state: Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Though the locations varied, their mission was the same—to serve with willing hands, open hearts, and a mindset focused on making a meaningful difference.

Throughout the week, students participated in a wide range of missionary projects. They helped repair homes, supported the elderly and individuals with disabilities, organized donation drives for food, clothing, and hygiene supplies, led activities for children, and took part in private and public cleanups. Every task, no matter how big or small, was an opportunity

to bring hope, encouragement, and practical help to communities in need.

More than just acts of service, these experiences deeply impacted the lives of our students. Through serving others, they developed character, strengthened their faith, and gained valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and empathy. Most importantly, they learned to connect faith with action—understanding that true service means living out compassion in tangible ways.

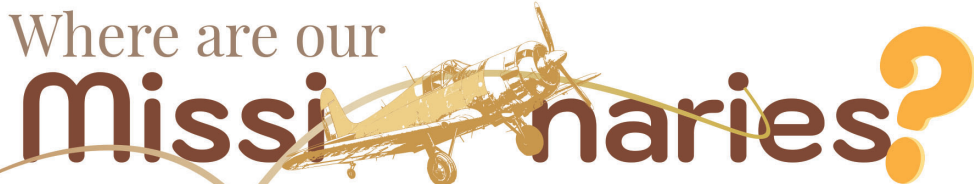
This mission week was not only about meeting immediate needs, but also about shaping hearts and minds for a lifetime of service.

The lessons learned and relationships built will continue to inspire our students as they carry the spirit of compassion and service into their everyday lives.



Oklahoma Canvassing Group

# Where are our Missionaries?



Mission Track Oklahoma Academy Students Serving Around the World

An Interview with Clif Brooks by Alyssa Araujo

This year, ten Oklahoma Academy graduates are serving as missionaries in six different countries around the world. From remote jungle airstrips to dental clinics, banana plantations, and small-town classrooms, these young people are putting their training, faith, and character into practice—and discovering what it really means to serve.

In Zambia, Caleb, Adam, and Zach are serving at Riverside Farm Institute. One of their key responsibilities is working on the banana plantation, where Adam and Zach harvest bananas with machetes—a physically demanding and essential task. Caleb supports the media team with digital content and also assists with dental outreach. He's involved in the aviation side of the ministry and asks for prayers as they await government permits to complete a new airstrip, crucial for expanding their reach into remote areas.

In Senegal, Sophie spends her mornings supporting the Fisher family with homeschooling and childcare, and her afternoons assisting in a rural dental clinic. Her hands-on work includes procedures such as tooth extractions. She's currently translating the book *Where There Is No Dentist* into Portuguese for an upcoming outreach trip to Cape Verde. This translation will help equip more communities with basic dental knowledge in their own language.

Serving in Belize, Rosie is putting her auto mechanic training to work in the mission's shop. She's also been active in ministry through Bible studies and church preaching—bringing both practical skills and spiritual encouragement to the community. After her training in Belize, she will transition to serve in Colombia.

Cherise and Keira are serving at Peru Projects, outside Pucallpa, where they assist in the local bakery and support medical evacuation flights to remote Amazonian villages. These flights help transport critically ill or injured patients from isolated areas to hospitals—often their

only chance at receiving urgent care. Cherise and Keira assist with logistics, patient support, and supply preparation, gaining firsthand experience in mission aviation and rural healthcare.

In Dillingham, Alaska, Ezekiel and Christian are keeping a small Adventist school open by assisting the local teacher. Their work with Uplift Alaska includes preaching, working with local youth, launching a Pathfinder club, and preparing to begin door-to-door canvassing in nearby villages. The Alaska Conference has emphasized how crucial their presence is—without them, the school just wouldn't be able to operate.

Meanwhile, Jolene has just departed for Southeast Asia where she'll assist with education and music outreach through Adventist Frontier Missions. Her work will include teaching English and supporting local community development. While she has just arrived, she's eager to integrate and begin serving where she is most needed.

One of the most common questions we hear is, "Why should a student take a year off to go overseas—away from family, friends, college, and their career—to serve as a missionary?" Here's why:

Taking a year to serve in missions gives young people a broader perspective on life, the world, and their own calling. It pulls them out of the cycle of school-to-school and gives space to grow in maturity, confidence, and spiritual depth. It also provides hands-on experience that often clarifies career direction in ways that classroom learning can't.

These students aren't waiting for "someday." They're serving now—learning, growing, sharing Jesus and making a real difference in the lives of others around the world. Whether through aviation, agriculture, mechanics, education, or healthcare, they are discovering that mission isn't a future goal—it's a **present calling**.



# ALASKA

## MISSION

By Christian Jagitsch & Ezekiel See

### Christian:

**W**hat would I do for breakfast?

On the morning of August 19, I awoke at 4:15 a.m. to leave for Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City. My journey to Alaska was beginning. On the way to the airport, excitement and a twinge of nervousness surged throughout my veins as I pondered the trip ahead. This would be my first time flying alone, and it wasn't going to be a short trip either. First, Oklahoma City to Seattle. Then, another flight to Anchorage and, finally, Dillingham.

When we arrived at the airport, I started to feel nervous about the trip ahead. How was I going to navigate the SEA TAC airport? It's huge. Was I supposed to call when I reached Dillingham? How? I wouldn't have any cell service.

Questions surged through my mind as I went to check my baggage in. The attendant asked me about my trip out of curiosity and discovered that it was my first time flying solo.

While she was checking the bags, she asked, "Do you want a window seat or an aisle seat?" I

*"God always has us in His mind. Whatever the problem, Trust God"*

told her I preferred a window seat but didn't really mind either way. "Well, I put you in first class," she responded.

I was taken aback for a moment. Knowing that it was my first solo trip, she moved me to first class as a kind gesture. I couldn't thank her enough.

Beyond it being my first trip, the upgrade fixed another problem I had. That morning, as we left home, I wondered what I was going to do for breakfast. We hadn't packed anything, and I

didn't know if I would have time for anything before my flight. God, knowing this, sent me to first class, which served breakfast, by the gesture of a kind lady.

At that moment, I realised that God uses whatever is available for his service... even first class. If God needs you to live in a palace to accomplish His plans, He'll even find you a palace. Often, we worry about the little things, like breakfast, but God always has us on His mind. Whatever the problem, big or small, trust God.

Ezekiel and I are currently serving with the kindergarten class at the church school, and we will soon be canvassing in Dillingham and the surrounding village.





es. Additionally, we have been contributing regularly to the church's music program.

### **Ezekiel:**

Greetings From Alaska!

I can't believe I am already in Alaska! I want to thank you for your continuous prayers and support that have helped me get here and will continue to help me stay! Even in the two weeks that Christian and I have spent here, we have already had so many amazing new experiences!

To start off, we are both helping teach the small school at the Dillingham SDA church. As of right now, we have only three young students, but we are praying for more. None of the kids are Adventist, which makes this a unique ministry opportunity.

So far, my job has included playing with the kids, helping them with their school work, telling the morning worship story, and teaching a Spanish class. Who knew? The kids are so much fun and bring a smile to my face every day!

Aside from the school, we have been able to meet many of the church members, going on hikes and eating at their homes. Last week, I had the opportunity to give the sermon and was able to meet many of the church members after the service.

The people here are very kind and have welcomed Christian and me with open arms.

Alaska is beautiful! Right now, the weather has been very pleasant, although I don't expect that to last for much longer. A few days ago, we went blueberry picking, which I had never had the opportunity to do before. It is lots of fun.

While spending time outdoors, I have discovered the Alaskan No-see-em, which is very similar to a fruit fly in size, but

bites and leaves tiny red marks on your skin. Wearing a sweatshirt seems to help keep them from finding skin to bite.

I am not entirely sure how much I will be able to fly because I am not certified to fly the particular plane that is here right now. However, there is another pilot from AWA who has moved here with his family, who plans on helping the aviation part of the program continue forward.

Already, we have several outreach project plans which include canvassing, Bible working, a community concert, VBS, and much more! As we continue to develop these ideas, please pray that everything goes well and we are able to bring more to Jesus as a result!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support! I plan on sending pictures here in a few weeks so you can see what I am experiencing a little better. Have a wonderful week!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Ezekiel See  
Check Out The Website!

Pray For Us!

- More Kids for the School
- Outreach Projects



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**“He calls for undivided service, for the entire devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength. Christ has brought us into church capacity, that he may engage and engross *all our capabilities* in devoted service for the *salvation of others.***

**Anything short of this is opposition to the work. ”**

# BELIZE

## MISSION

By Rosie Serrano

The three weeks that I have been at MOVE here in Belize have been an incredible and life-changing experience. In such a short amount of time, God has already given me so many opportunities to grow and serve.

I have had the privilege of sharing both a sermon and a Bible study, and each experience has strengthened my faith and reminded me of the joy that comes from serving others.

Every Sunday we spend time playing with the village kids, and those moments have quickly become some of my favorites. Their laughter, energy, and joy are contagious and serve as a constant reminder of God's love and simplicity. Although it has rained quite a lot since I arrived, I am truly grateful for it because it cools the weather and brings refreshment to the land.

God has truly been blessing the work here, and I can see His hand moving in both big and small ways every day. I am excited and hopeful for what He has planned next, and I can't wait to see how He continues to work in and through this journey.



# SENEGAL

## MISSION

By Sophie Coelho

I arrived in Senegal, Africa a month ago. I live around an hour from Dakar, the capital, helping the Fisher missionary family with homeschooling their kids and assisting with dental treatments. Since nobody from our team owns a car, we always take a local taxi when we go to Dakar for dental outreach, shopping, or even touristic outings.

This past Wednesday the Fishers (Luke, Chantée and their six children), two single ladies and I crammed into a seven-seat taxi to Dakar.

We couldn't wait to get out of the taxi and stretch our legs, but we were making good time on the road. About halfway to our destination, a cop pulled us over for some car problems and the driver got out. While we were waiting, Chantée noticed steam coming out of the hood and called everyone to get out. By the time all the eleven people got out of the car with our bags, smoke was rising several feet into the sky.

Soon we realized the issue would not be an easy fix, so we walked away, looking for a place to settle. The kids ate a picnic breakfast while the adults were figuring out what to do next. When the children started complaining about the fumes again, we looked to the roundabout where our taxi was and found

*In loving  
ministry we are  
to meet the sinful  
and the needy,  
and lead  
them to the  
cross*

ChS 7:5



a vehicle in flames. Black smoke filled the sky, traffic suspended, and people were stunned.

Finally, firefighters came to put out the fire. Traffic resumed; life moved on. Unfortunately, insurance here is not reliable, and the taxi had come to a total loss. The driver was devastated, having lost his job and his car at once. Even

**“The  
safest  
place to be  
is in the  
center of  
God’s  
will”**

(Corrie Ten Boom)

though we were still far from our destination, our team paid him the full amount as “consolation money.”

At last, we found a safer taxi and continued our trip. God is faithful! He sent an angel cop to pull us over and helped us notice the smoke rising. By just a few minutes, our lives were spared.



## MISSION

By Caleb Brooks

### First Week in the Land of Livingstone

Around six in the morning, I jumped out of bed, grabbed my Bible and pens, tossed on my Chaco sandals, and started down the path towards the river. Up the hill I found a rock overlooking the fields and the low winding Kafue river. “Perfect spot,” I said to myself, “to have my first morning devotion here in Zambia!” In the story of Jesus I read in the gospel of John, I found comfort and encouragement for the day I was beginning.

Here at Riverside Farms Institute in Kafue, Zambia, there is never a dull moment. From cooking breakfast to picking bananas on the 3,000 acre farm and then finishing the day with outreach or simply playing with the missionary kids on the compound, it all goes quickly. Each day is a new opportunity to serve the Lord.

As of right now, I have been working in the media department, where my purpose is to spread the mission and impact of Riverside (shortened reference to the organization) on social media and in the community. I work alongside another man who specializes in video editing, and we have a great time.

Our home is comfortable. Three other student missionary guys and I, share a two bedroom house with a small kitchen, living room, and bathroom. As far as our bachelor pad goes, the food is phenomenal. We eat lots of bananas and avocados, rice, bread, pasta, eggs and cereal.

Many aspects of this mission field are very similar to home in the United States, while others are vastly different. The language, for instance—English is the official language, while Tonga is spoken most commonly. Although many grocery items are available, the water is not at all safe to drink. The water comes straight from the Kafue River where crocodiles and hippos are always around. Nevertheless, each day is filled with countless blessings to be thankful for.

As a student missionary, especially in these first few weeks of adjustment to jet lag and the new environment, it is easy to only look at the things we do not have. Nights when it is hard to sleep become prime opportunities to pine for the comfort of home. Although it is not easy, I am excited for each new challenge!

I am finally in Africa—the land where David Livingstone first blazed through with the light of the gospel. I am not here to think and wish about the sleep phone I missed or the fact that my is often dead. I am here to make an impact on others, to spread the love of Jesus! Each day is an opportunity to grow and develop not only in my own experience, but also in the lives of those around me. As I wake up each morning I am greeted by the dawn of the bright orange African sun. Everyday I want my prayer to be for a greater experience with the love of Jesus and the chance to bless someone around me. Thank you for being a part of this mission.

Together we are making a positive difference in the community here in Zambia, whether through direct involvement or by your continued prayers. God is doing an amazing work!





# the Heart behind our Music



## Mrs. Rutsuko Chung's Inspiring Journey

By Alyssa Araujo

This year, our school has been blessed by the leadership of Mrs. Rutsuko Chung, who stepped into the role of music director for the first time. Originally from Japan, Mrs. Chung is a devoted wife and mother to three boys—Asher, Joseph, and Isaac. Despite a full life at home, she has taken on this new position with incredible dedication and joy.

Mrs. Chung's musical journey began at age eight when she started violin lessons. She went on to play in orchestras for over ten years and has taught violin to many students. While she's always been musically talented, this was her first time conducting a choir—a challenge she calls both a blessing and a growing experience.

In addition to leading the choir, she teaches music theory and speech classes, and gives private lessons in violin and voice. When asked

how she manages so many responsibilities, she humbly credits “deep breaths, one step at a time, communion with God, and love for what I do.”

Even with the demands of her role, Mrs. Chung finds great joy in her work. She especially loves connecting with young people through music and watching them grow in confidence and skill. “It’s exciting and fun,” she says.

Brought to Christ through music itself, Mrs. Chung hopes to offer that same experience to others. She believes music is a powerful gift—one that crosses all cultures and languages, and speaks straight to the heart.

Her passion, faith, and commitment have brought new life to our school’s music program, and we’re grateful for the joy and inspiration she brings to our community.

## MEET Azariah

Hello, my name is Azariah Anton, and I am honored to be recognized as a worthy student this year. Ever since I was just four years old, I have dreamed of becoming a mission pilot. After graduation, I plan to obtain my helicopter license as well. Although I am not sure where I will serve, I am ready to go wherever God leads me.

Looking ahead to next year, I am excited to share that I plan to join Mission Track, a program designed to train individuals to become missionary pilots. This path is significant to me because I want to use my skills to serve communities and spread God’s love to those in need.

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your generous donations to the worthy student fund. Your support is making a remarkable difference in my life and bringing me closer to my goal of becoming a missionary pilot. I am truly grateful for your kindness and investment in my future.



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