

**TO: THE BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES  
FROM: MERCY JOHNSON, BGM'S REP. TO INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES**

**International Ministries (IM) celebrates its 200 years of Foreign Missions in 2013. It started with Adoniram and Ann Judson responding to God's call to India, but later serving in Burma. Today that same call continues to receive responses. The exciting news from our IM family is the endorsement of four missionary couples to four different mission fields. Larry and Rebecca Stanton to Liberia, Kyle and Katrina Williams to Congo, Emerson and Ivy Wu to Macau (China) and finally Kyle and Debra Witmer to Thailand. The plan is to recruit 10 new missionaries per year, and 25 associates.**

**The following is a brief update by Executive Director Reid Trulson on what is happening on Personnel and Position changes. Stan Slade took on the position of Associate Executive Director of Programs, and Catherine Heckman the position of Controller; she leads the Staff Finance team.**

**IM President Hopeton Scott, had this to say about the World Mission Conference held May 18-24, 2012 at Green Lake. "More than 500 persons were in attendance, some not staying for the entire week. It was just great to interface with 30 missionaries and their families, to hear of their exciting work, of their remarkable joy and their tremendous challenges. I was truly blessed to share meals, to hear their stories in the public sessions, to be in prayer sessions and to engage in one on one dialogue with our missionaries. What a wondrous gift!!"**

**Volunteers in Global Missions: Angela Sudermann, in her words. "Haiti Ignite in 2012, the first year of this next generation Xtreme Team, exceeded our expectations. Through their month long immersion, the team experienced Haitian culture, life struggles, and injustice while they learned quite a bit about their own spiritual journey, perceptions, and own career paths. All experienced what a true servant heart means as they moved from human doings to human beings, focusing more on the people they were with than the projects they could do.**

**Ignite 2013 Republic of Georgia is already being planned with Dan Buttry, Jeni Pedzinski, and leaders in Georgia. Jeni is a mission apprentice from Palmer Seminary, working with Ignite as her Theological Field Experience."**

**Missionary Partnership Teams/Networks: Ruthann Stevenson, in her words. "This year has begun with specific efforts to provide ongoing communication and networking between those who commit to serve alongside missionaries as members of MPTs or in supportive roles for the MPT/MPN Initiative. On February 11, there were two opportunities (morning and evening) set up for MPT Conveners to participate in a one-hour conference call with other conveners. The purpose was to provide a forum where Conveners could learn what other MPTs are doing." Another future opportunity will be just prior to the beginning of the Mission Summit, on June 21.**

**Finance: Paul Vick. IM's new auditors, Tail, Weller & Baker, were praised for their thoroughness, their knowledge of issues involving international mission organizations and their responsiveness to concerns raised, which validates the wisdom of selecting them as IM's auditors. They are continuing to work to consolidate accounts currently held in BONY under one umbrella with accounts maintained with JP Morgan Chase. Funds are currently held within restricted accounts; IM will move them to the Combined Fund. All Trusts and Charitable Split Gift Funds are now current and verified**

**Paul expressed thanks to Lisa Rothenberger for her day-to-day operations, Dave Worth for his lead role and wisdom in steering the reconstruction of the financial management team, and lastly to Alyson Stratton for her continuing involvement in resolving the many challenges.**

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