

THE HARVEST TIMES

Ghana Convention

For the last two years, safety concerns led to canceling the annual convention in Ghana. This is a time meant to encourage and strengthen the 7 village churches. Then, at the end of last year they were able to hold their convention at the Dicie church, Dec. 30, 2025–Jan 1, 2026.

The theme for the event was Building a Spiritually Strong and Self-sustaining Ministry. Activities included worship, sermons, panel discussions, leadership and discipleship sessions, and a health session where a local nurse named Newton taught, took blood pressure, etc.

One highlight was the final night when the churches took their convention into the community. They met in the heart of the Dicie village under a tree. Many villagers attended, including some Muslims. About 10 chose to serve Jesus that night!

After convention when Pastor George was driving a truck full of people, two tires were damaged in a dangerous part of the road. He wrote, "I truly believe it was the saving hand of God that protected me and the others from harm. What the enemy meant for danger, God turned into a testimony. Hallelujah!"

Pray for Ukraine Seminary

Russia Attacks Zaporizhzhia

Air raid sirens have been sounding almost constantly in Zaporizhzhia, and civilians have been attacked. The seminary where missionaries Gordon and Nancy Snider worked from 1996-2011 is surviving off generators, as the electricity and heat in the town have been shut off. Pray for protection and wisdom.



The local dam was hit in 2024.

Dr. Jim's Travels

Please pray for Dr. Jim as he ministers in various churches over the next few months:

Grace Meadows Fellowship, Feb. 22

Pasadena, TX COGH, Mar. 20-22

Two or More, Mar. 28-29

Gravette, AR COGH, Apr. 11, 12

Gregory Hills, Apr. 18-19

Free Methodist pastor's retreat, Apr. 23-24





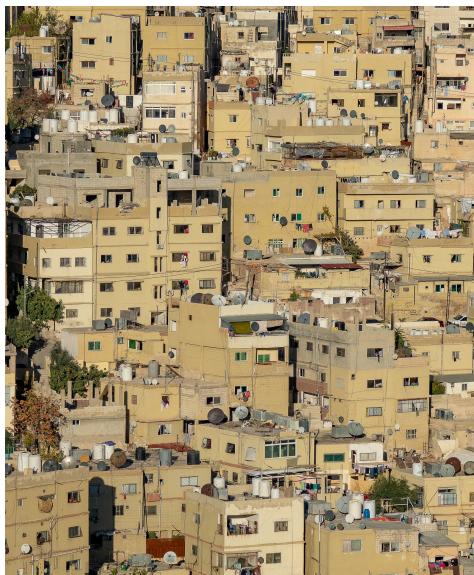
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TEACHING LEADERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: DISCIPLING AND EQUIPPING

Imagine a building site. The neighbors watch excitedly as machines dig a hole and concrete is poured for a solid foundation. But soon their excitement turns to confusion. Workers keep coming to add on to the foundation. There are no plumbers or electricians or framers. No walls are added, only more cement for the foundation. The efforts never grow to be a blessing to others if they are left at this phase.

When Christians share the gospel with a people group, a foundation of building relationships and evangelism needs to be laid. This is about 5% of the work. But the real work, the 95% of effort, needs to go toward discipleship and equipping the new body of believers to make Kingdom impact themselves. Training local leaders to lead their own congregations and reach their own people is vital.

The World Mission Board is excited to direct more of its resources and energy to this vision of discipling and training local leaders.



UPDATE FROM ECUADOR

Dr. Jim Lo and Chairman Joe Trussell enjoyed visiting Ecuador during their recent exploratory trip. Doug and Bridgette Wallace have hearts of love for the Waodani, and they were able to introduce Dr. Jim and Pastor Joe to some wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. In

part because there is such a strong Christian presence there already connected with other mission organizations, the World Mission Board has decided not to pursue this ministry at this time. We are looking forward to another trip this year to seek God's leading in a new location.

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