

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION



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You'll be my witnesses...

Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth," and this month, we're gearing up for two exciting ways to live that out together! On **August 2**, we'll be serving locally through **Missions Saturday**, prayer walking and helping with landscaping. Then in **August and September**, we're partnering with the **IMB** to adopt and support new missionary families during their training. From welcome bags and sweet treats to consistent prayer, we're showing the love of Christ as they prepare to go. As you read, we invite you to consider how God might be inviting you to take part- by **going, giving, or praying!**

Upcoming MISSION Opportunities



Operation Christmas Child mountvernon.church/missions

Operation Christmas Child is coming! School supplies are on sale-perfect for grabbing early shoebox items. We have shoeboxes available NOW for anyone who wants to start packing. Please note: soap is now on the *Do Not Send* list this year. Collection Week is November 16-24, and we'll need volunteers- greeters, loaders, cartonizers, and more-so there's a place for everyone to serve and make a difference!

Start packing today and sign up to help during Collection Week!

MISSIONS Saturday



Missions Saturday • August 2

EHA • 9am-12pm

Prayer Walk at ILC • 1pm-3pm

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Adults are invited to complete a youth-initiated landscaping project done on August 1 at Elijah House Academy. We will finish trimming bushes and beautifying the campus to bless the students and staff. Families are encouraged to participate in a Prayer Walk & tour at the ILC (Inter. Learning Center) where we'll cover the campus in prayer for Field Personnel Orientation. We'll also deliver welcome bags prepared by our SummerJAM kids.



INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

MVBC/IMB-FPO Partnership August 3-September 18

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Mount Vernon is honored to adopt a group of IMB missionaries during their seven-week Field Personnel Orientation as they prepare for global service. We will support them through weekly prayer prompts, campus prayer walking, welcome bags with healthy snacks, homemade sweet treats, and chocolates for the women's fellowship chats. Church members are also invited to attend their Cultural Worship Service and final Commissioning.

Let's join together in blessing & encouraging these families as they follow God's call to the nations.

MISSION Partner Spotlight



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AIM (Alpha International Ministries) began 55 years ago, when two ordinary people from India made an extraordinary leap of faith. They left everything behind to spread the gospel in a region where only .05% of the population were Christians. They traveled 1,319 miles to minister to a city in South Asia where they would be ostracized, experience great loss, and be persecuted for their faith. AIM's mission is to raise heroes of faith who provide hope to hurting communities with the gospel. They equip national leaders around the world to spread the gospel through missions training, church planting, and community projects. AIM primarily works in regions where Christ's name is least heard.

MISSIONARY of the Month

Leslie van den Berg

Summer Missionary to Thailand



Can you share a little about your past experience serving overseas and how that shaped your faith and calling. I've loved missions since my first trip at age 12. After teaching in North Carolina, God called me overseas to teach in Shanghai and later in Taiwan, where I shared both academics and the gospel with students from around the world. In 2018, God clearly led me back to the U.S., and I've continued to follow His call ever since.

What will your mission work in Thailand involve during your stay in July?

I'll be working with AIM under Tanya's leadership, visiting various ministry sites to observe and support their work-such as child & pastor sponsorships, refugee ministry, and teaching English. I'll also help lead the children's sessions at a Family Camp, focusing on music & VBS-style activities. This is a visioning trip to explore future involvement with AIM.

How can our church family support you-whether through prayer or encouragement?

Please pray for boldness as I share the gospel and for open, receptive hearts in those I meet. I'm so grateful for the encouragement, prayers, and generous support I've received-it's been a clear reminder that God is guiding and providing every step of the way. Your partnership means more than words can express. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION Prayer

Christy Holland- summer in SE Asia
Leslie van den Berg-Thailand
Gary & Michelle Robertson-England

Tuesdays • 3:30-4:30 • M106
Praying for missions & ministries of the church.
Everyone is welcome.