

The missions ministry is searching for ambitious and caring people to walk with our missionaries on the road they travel. The road isn't easy and isn't even always paved, but it is filled with opportunities and blessing. We are blessed to have great mission partners in so many areas of the world.

Our task, as the church in Bentonville, is not to sit back and watch others work, but to actively participate in their walk. We participate financially by giving, spiritually through prayer, and physically by sharing our knowledge, gifts and talents.

Our theme: **"Walk with Me"**, is intended to foster a bond between our missionaries and Bentonville church members. From the youngest to the oldest members in Bentonville, we can all have a role in missions. Our youngest members brim with potential for the future. Our oldest members help us navigate unclear paths by sharing their wisdom and experience. First John chapter one illustrates that as we walk with Jesus in Bentonville, our missionary brothers and sisters walk with Jesus wherever they are, creating a fellowship and partnership in service. The missionaries we support invite us to walk with them and be part of their missions, as they give us direction and insight into their world of evangelism.

This year has been filled with great blessings. The Bentonville church raised enough money for 2017 to fulfill all our obligations to our missionary families, as promised. We were also able to fund all the budget items for scholarships and programs, including Eastern European Missions, Harding scholarship, and city of Children. We also have a third tier of funding that is more of a "dream" section. We look at our efforts throughout the world and consider what else could be done if the funds were available. Although we have not yet funded any of these proposed endeavors, we have been able to do some other special things.

For example, we have committed to assisting a young missionary family from Venezuela, the Damalis family. You can read more about the Damalis family in the Missions section of this booklet. Also, we are so excited to be hosting many of our missionaries during Mission Emphasis Sunday so you can get to know them and can encourage and honor them for their faithfulness and hard work in the kingdom.

From the missions committee, we are very thankful to God and to all of you for your generosity and willingness to serve. Bentonville Church is so blessed.

Thank You!

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