



**AEC Botswana - First Missionary to Bolivia
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Mission Invest Africa**



Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known.



We believe that all we accomplish is through prayer and by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We praise God for those who partner with us through prayer and petition.

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From the Director

The Call of Christ Our Captain

Oh Church, Arise! The words of this hymn have been ringing in my mind as I write. The call for the church to arise, to put her armour on and hear the appeal of Christ our Captain is still very true for us today. The call is to reach out to those in darkness.

The risen Lord Jesus Christ commanded his Church and gave her what we call the Great Commission to proclaim the gospel in all the earth. The call is for the whole Church to take the whole gospel to the entire world. But it is also an individual call - whether you are involved as a sender, praying, giving and encouraging those who have gone or already in full-time Christian ministry. Matthew summarises this Great Commission very well when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to [Jesus] me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:18-20)

The disciples of Jesus were ordinary men, but God was able to use them because they made themselves available to God. Similarly, when God calls us and we respond obediently to the call, He uses us. The question is, are we open? Do we hear the appeal of our Captain Jesus?

This year SIM is celebrating a rich history of, when 125 years ago, Walter Gowans, Roland Bingham and Thomas Kent had a vision to reach out to millions of unreached people in Africa. Many men and women heeded the call of our Captain and travelled to difficult and hostile environments to share the gospel. In South Africa, AEF, which is one of the missions that merged with SIM, pre-dates our 125 years

when Martha Osborne, Spencer Walton and Andrew Murray founded The Cape General Mission in 1889.

Our purpose statement reminds us that we are "convinced that no-one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that he has called us to make disciples of Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known". Therefore we are compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share in the same work with the same passion and commitment shown by those before us who have obediently heeded the call of Christ our Captain. As saints of old, still lining the way, retelling triumphs of his grace, we hear their cries, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

Thank you for your continued support and partnering with us and our missionaries this year. Your prayers and financial support have put missionaries in the field to proclaim the risen Lord to those living and dying without him. My prayer is that we will see many taking the step of faith and go to the world to make disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. ■

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and blessed Christmas.

Siegfried

Siegfried Ngubane
Director SIM Southern Africa



The First Pioneers

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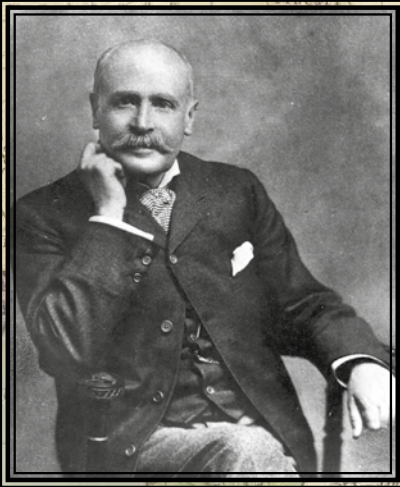
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and Thomas Kent



125 years of Mission service to the World

In 1889 Martha Osborn, Spencer Walton and Andrew Murray founded the Cape General Mission, soon to become the South African General Mission (SAGM).

By 1900 there were some 100 workers. SAGM spread into most of the African countries south of the equator.

In 1968 the name was changed to Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) to reflect this growth.

Within a year malaria had claimed the lives of Gowans and Kent.

In 1893 Canadians Rowland Bingham and Walter Gowans, together with American Thomas Kent, landed in present-day Nigeria.

Two local churches, Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) and Evangelical Church of South Africa (ECSA), grew out of AEF. Combined membership of these churches is around 23,000.

But Bingham persevered and in 1902 sent out a third team who successfully established a base 500 miles inland. From this base the Sudan Interior Mission was founded.

Following changes in the geography of Africa, the name ceased to be appropriate and the mission became known as Serving in Mission, thus retaining the SIM acronym.

SIM grew significantly by joining forces with other missionary organizations. On the tip of India in 1893, the Ceylon and India General Mission (CIGM) began working among Ceylon's Singhalese Buddhists and Tamil Hindus. In South America (Andes Evangelical Mission) and the Indian sub-continent (International Christian Fellowship), both of which also date back to the 1890's.

For many months, SIM worked with MECO to form a new SIM ministry entity in the Middle East. We were pleased to announce in 2016 that SIM Middle East come into being.

AEF joined forces with SIM in 1998. The latter's South African links date back to the 1930's but they hardly had a presence in any of the African countries where AEF operated. The first South Africans joined each of these organizations over 60 years ago.

Today SIM is a major international, interdenominational mission, headquartered in North Carolina, with some 4 000 missionaries in over 70 countries.

Today South Africans serve in 15 different countries, spread over 4 continents. Within South Africa there are both local and foreign missionaries, focussing essentially on HIV/Aids, cross-cultural outreach, youth work and theological training. All with a common goal of taking Jesus' message of God's redeeming love to unreached people all over the world.

Introduction to who **SIM** is:

SIM is an international, interdenominational, global mission organization with more than 4000 active missionaries serving on almost every continent of the world. We serve God among many diverse people groups in Africa, Asia and South America, and elsewhere. SIM members are international themselves, representing 70 nationalities. We are passionate about the Gospel, seeking to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

Here in South Africa we send South Africans to serve worldwide, and receive missionaries from around the world who

feel God calling them to serve Him locally. We serve and send from anywhere to everywhere. SIM personnel are involved in a wide range of ministries, including evangelism, church planting, discipleship training, theological education, medical work, HIV and AIDS programmes, children's work, media and radio, community development, teaching English, administration and financial support and many others.

How can you partner with us in fulfilling the great commission to reach all the world with the gospel?

You can PRAY; you can GO; you can GIVE.

SIM Purpose Statement

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known.

SIM Vision Statement

The vision of SIM is to see a witness to Christ's love where He is least known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centered churches among all peoples.

By faith we see in the world:

- ▶ A vibrant testimony to the gospel through character, word and action among communities where currently Jesus is least known.
- ▶ Followers of Jesus living out the gospel in unity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, making disciples who trust Him, obey Him, and play a full part in church life.
- ▶ Churches serving their communities and reaching out with the gospel locally and globally.

SIM Mission Statement

Therefore, compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit:

- ▶ We cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing His love and compassion among those who live and die without Him.
- ▶ We make disciples who will trust and obey Jesus, and become part of Christ-centered churches.
- ▶ We work together with churches to fulfil God's mission across cultures locally and globally.
- ▶ We facilitate the participation in cross-cultural ministry of those whom God is calling.



First AEC-Botswana missionary preparing for ministry in Bolivia!

By Sidney Berman, SIM Missionary



The Berman family, Sidney and Keneilwe with their three children, Tumi, Sydney Junior and Justin, have been accepted as missionaries with SIM. They are from the Tswana clan of Botswana; Sidney was born in Ramotswa while Cannie was born in Lerala. Currently, they are pastoring an Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) in Gaborone, while preparing for a teaching ministry in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

How did this come about? Sidney relates: "We first became interested in becoming SIM missionaries in 2014 when a SIM missionary couple invited us to pray and

consider being missionaries. Before that, we had admired SIM missionaries and liked reading their newsletters and prayed for them, but that was it. Fresh from a PhD graduation, I became less interested in joining a secular university, knowing of the spiritual challenges facing a Christian in such a university. Although the thought of missions was with us, we accepted at the time the invitation to teach at the secular university, as the remuneration was good.

Nonetheless, the invitation from the SIM missionary couple came once again two years later and we began to pray about

it. The Lord led us to embrace the idea, and from then onwards we handed our future into the hands of God. We took the step by faith and applied with SIM. They accepted us as their missionaries and now we are in the process of support-raising, gathering the church and friends to partner with us in prayer and finances so that we can be placed for ministry in Bolivia”



This is a great step of faith for Sidney who is highly qualified, having a Bachelors degree in Theology, a Masters degree and finally a PhD in Old Testament interpretation, focusing on the Hebrew and Tswana versions of the Book of Ruth. In-between these times he pastored a church in Tonota town, lecturing Hebrew at the University of

Botswana and later at North West University in Mafikeng in South Africa. Keneilwe started off as a secretary in a private firm in Gaborone, but then joined her husband for the pastorate in Tonota. She is the nurturer of the Berman family. Their eldest, Tumi, is currently studying at the University of Botswana and will not join the rest of the family in Bolivia. The two sons are preparing by learning some Spanish as they will need that for their schooling in Bolivia.

In Sidney`s words: “God has given us the assurance that we will never regret joining SIM as missionaries. We do not mean that we are naïve about the prospective difficulties, instead, we feel emboldened.”

Note from SIM personnel: Although the Berman family is eagerly awaited in Cochabamba, they still need many friends to partner with them in helping with finances to be able to live in Bolivia. Please pray for this family and maybe you can become a partner by financially supporting and/or praying for, this family. They are willing to share their story at churches and small groups.

What an opportunity to become part of world missions by standing with the Bermans! ■





CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

By Megan Jackson, SIM South Africa missionary

Chiang Mai, Thailand was a city I had not even heard of, yet God used it to expand my heart, deepen my calling, and cement my desire to come alongside those who answer to the call of the Great Commission.

God had already given me a desire to care for and support missionaries, leading me to join the SIM Personnel team in Cape Town. However, before I truly settled into that role, He provided me with the opportunity to live as a cross-cultural missionary myself. For six months in Chiang Mai, I worked with university students, teaching them English and sharing the Gospel with them.

Settling into a new culture where everyone looks and sounds different, where food is unusual yet delicious, and where I was dependent on others' advice and experience, was terrifying, exciting and challenging all at the same time. It

transformed me into a childlike version of myself and taught me lessons that will stay with me forever, some of which I'd like to share here.

I learnt that when you are studying a new language that contains five different tones, it is very easy to feel inadequate and at a loss. However, I also learnt that the Thai people are very gracious when you try out your newly learnt phrase in conversation with them.

I learnt that removing myself from my comfort zone for an extended period of time forced me to fully and genuinely rely on God. I learnt that being needy and feebly, asking for help from my fellow missionaries and Thai friends was OK and not a sign of weakness.

I learnt that in those moments when I truly missed my friends who have known me for years, the Lord came alongside and whispered comfort in my ears. I learnt that God brings new friends who

both enrich my life and remind me that no matter where you are in the world, there is always opportunity to connect with people at a heart level.

I learnt that working amidst a staff of diverse cultures can produce a wonderful atmosphere of resourcefulness and creativity. However, at the same time, that diversity can cause moments of confusion and sometimes hurt feelings. In those moments God gave me opportunities to resolve conflict in a meaningful and rich way that deepens friendships.

I learnt that Thai people are easy to love and be around. I learnt that they are open to hearing about this man called Jesus and are willing to grapple with and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Six months wasn't enough time to truly grasp Thai culture, but it did enable me to appreciate (meaningfully although not totally) the roller-coaster of transition into a new culture.

It was also long enough to endear the people, places and tastes of Chiang Mai, to me forever. Just because I am happy to now be in Cape Town, does not mean my heart won't often long to taste an authentic Phad Thai, to walk down a favourite Thai path, or to see the friendly smiles of my beloved students. ■



Pray for:

- ▶▶ those who have given their lives to the Lord, as they navigate what it looks like to be a follower of Christ in a predominantly Buddhist country.
- ▶▶ the missionaries who have dedicated their lives to reaching out and sharing the gospel in Chiang Mai and other areas in Thailand.

Missions Invest Africa

by Carmen Pauls Orthner, SIM Missionary

International missions work must be financially sustained and African churches and businesses have a God-given responsibility to make that happen. That is the key message behind Mission Invest Africa (MIA), which its organizers say is the first such initiative on the continent.

MIA's inaugural two-day conference was held in early August at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand. It drew together close to 100 people—African entrepreneurs, businesspeople, church leaders, and representatives from both local and international mission agencies—for an in-depth look at the need for “gospel patrons” from within Africa who will provide the financial resources needed for global missions work.

After years of close association with several Christian ministry organizations in Africa, MIA founder, Septi Bukula, said he's very impressed and excited by what God is

doing through agencies such as SIM, African Enterprise, Kingdom Business, and TBN Africa.

However, as both a Christian and an entrepreneur, Bukula said, “the biggest cry of my heart has always been to God: ‘Why is it that these ministries that are doing such great work and touching lives across the continent and really changing destinies are so often struggling in terms of (financial) resources?’”

In light of that, Bukula asked God for an “assignment” to see how he could help such organizations, both as an advocate in the business community and as a strategic planner, helping them to present their goals effectively to potential investors.

“I've been exposed to this need, if we can call it that, and it's translated into a personal burden both to see the gospel being preached on the continent, but to also see these ministries that God has





entrusted ... with that calling being resourced," Bukula said.

Speakers at MIA's inaugural event talked about the history of missions work in Africa and the impact of financial generosity on the advancement of God's Kingdom – from western churches supporting missionaries to plant churches in Africa, to African Christians dedicating resources to send their own missionaries across the globe.

"The saltiness of who you are (as a believer) is reflected in what you do in your community," said Pearl Kupe, a Johannesburg entrepreneur who shared one of several testimonies on generosity towards missions, both by individuals and by churches.

Attendees were introduced to several facets of the missions' work currently

happening in Africa, including gospel

proclamation, television ministry, and outreach work amongst university students, politicians, and the marketplace. They also heard about a new professional body for African church leaders and theological educators, and a new ministry accreditation agency.

It is now Africa's turn to be a mission force instead of just a mission field, said SIM South Africa country director Siegfried Ngubane. SIM and other agencies are preparing to send workers, but those workers must be financially supported to do that work effectively.

"Some people whom God has called - they will be released by your and my generosity," Ngubane said. ■

Generosity in Missions

by John Berry, SIM Missionary

On the 15th October we invited Septi Bukula, and his wife Asanda, to visit Cape Town where he presented a one-day seminar at Tokai Community Church entitled "Generosity in Missions." The seminar was attended by a cross-section of SIM staff and missionaries and a number of pastors.

Septi shared from his personal testimony of how he learnt generosity from his father growing up in the Eastern Cape, where the family always shared what they had with their neighbours. His early experience of working with the Student Christian Movement and Africa Enterprise revealed the lack of resources

that most mission agencies experienced. Later, as a businessman and a board member for Africa Enterprise, he visited Madagascar on a short-term mission trip and this gave him the vision to challenge and engage businessmen to help fund mission work.

Septi explained that the purpose of business is to glorify God and that we are merely stewards of His resources. He gave us practical examples and models of funding for mission work and how it can be resourced. All in all, a very stimulating and challenging day that gave us all a new perspective on generosity and how we can partner with business people to fund mission work. ■



Let's have a heart - to heart

Do you have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ with a daily dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Do you study your Bible and share your faith with others?

Is regular prayer an important part of your life?

As you can imagine, these are all essential elements for the life of a missionary!

Are you ready to say YES?



Can you ask for support

Missionaries who serve with us are not salaried. We will come alongside you and resource you. Each individual is encouraged to raise the financial resources needed for living expenses, travel, medical cover and administration. This is done by partnering with churches, supporters, friends and family. We will provide the tools to share your testimony and experiences with your community.



You need to be able to laugh

Missionaries need a good laugh, too. Do you have a sense of humour? In missions - and in life! - Our plans don't always work out as we imagined.

Attitude is everything in sticky, stressful situations. Are you able to maintain humility, perseverance, flexibility, even when things take a different course?



It's all about Lifestyle

Crossing a border will not make you a missionary.

Your life now should reflect what you hope to do in missions! Are you committed and involved in your local church? Have you talked to your church leaders about this decision?

Because the church does the sending, they should be involved in discipling. If you haven't yet, talk to someone you trust about the next step you're considering.

How to get into missions



More than a job it's about ministry

Do you feel called by God to serve in missions, or is it your own decision? Loneliness, cultural differences, financial limitations and other frustrations are common for a full-time missionary's life. Really take a moment to consider what led you here. We believe that with a strong conviction of God leading you, your foundation of faith will keep you grounded no matter the storm!



Teamwork makes the dream work

Going out with a mission agency means joining a team! Are you ready to work with a group of other passionate, international and interdenominational missionaries? Be sure to read through our statement of faith, core values and purpose statement at www.sim.org.za to make sure you will feel at home with the team's beliefs, goals and methods.

Steps to Mission Service

Contact us via our Website or telephone
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Receive Initial Connect form
Receive Official Application form

SIM reviews application forms
Connects with your Sending church

References are collected

Police clearance
Supporting documents
Medical clearance
Doctrinal Assessment

SIMStart – approximately 10 day orientation
Personnel Committee interviews you
Committee's decision communicated to you

If accepted – Budget discussed
Placement finalized

Begin to gather a support team to help raise finances
Pre-field reading and preparation

Before leaving – attend pre-field orientation

Leave for your ministry field
Receive on field orientation

Opportunities for:

You may choose from many service opportunities in more than 65 countries worldwide. Go to: sim.org.za

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Teachers, Doctors,
Theological College
Lecturers, Electricians,
IT specialists, Admin,
Carpenters...etc

Africa Evangelical Church – Uganda Trip

By Victor Fredlund, SIM Missionary

Luke Profitt is a Mission kid that grew up on the mission field and is the younger son of SIM missionaries, Alan and Jeni Profitt. Whilst he was

working as a doctor at Mseleni Hospital, he and his wife Lucy became part of the church fellowship at Hlulabantu AEC. In 2015 they started to mention their desire to join a TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team with African Inland Mission. As their vision developed and the issues of the Ik people came into focus, the vision was taken up in prayer by the Hlulabantu church fellowship, and the

women offered to help Lucy learn some of the skills she would need for living in a very rural community – like killing and plucking a chicken and grinding corn. The church was sad to see them go but happy to recommend them to the ministry the Lord was laying on their hearts. In April 2016 a commissioning service was held and many prayers offered on their behalf. Church members maintained contact with them via WhatsApp and kept them in prayer.

Sam Nxumalo, a church deacon, was very keen that a group should visit the Profitts, and so in May 2018 two pastors, two

nurses and myself went to the Ik ridge in Uganda.

The TIMO missionary team have been reaching the Ik through Bible storytelling.



Our focus was to encourage the Profitts and to express the love of Christ. We washed and tended the feet of people whose language we could not speak, whilst we observed the work of missionaries amongst them. We learnt to greet, we walked, sang, and prayed with the people, and saw the tragic need that remains unmet.

The trip has had an impact, not just on those who went and the Hlulabantu Church, but the wider AEC family. Each of us experienced some things we did not really understand or expect. We saw

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that there is a whole world out there that needs to be set free by the love of Christ and each of us has a part to play. Mission is not just for a few days, or in one place but is a way of life and reaches across the whole world. Those from Hlulabantu realised that they have a part to play and that they have resources and skills which could be used. They saw the great need.

After their return, they were able to share their experiences with the wider church, and already we have seen the stirrings of interest in mission. We pray that this will be used by the Lord of the Harvest to send out more workers into His fields. ■

(The African Evangelical Church is a church plant of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship – AEF – that merged with SIM in 1998 – Ed)





Faith from Hearing

by **Greg and Yvonne Cameron, SIM South Africa missionaries**

Deep, grey dust beneath a tangle of bleak, black bush abruptly ends where long lines of glossy green crops defy expectations of what the Chaco desert could yield. Yet here in the margin, between Paraguay's north-west border and the fences of commercial farms, is where the Manju live - a mere thousand people among Paraguay's seven million whose language is indigenous and unique. As goat herders, sleeping under tarpaulin tents, they would migrate with the changing vegetation, but a more industrialised landscape has offered jobs in one hand and society's vices in the other. For the last four decades, New Tribes missionaries have worked to translate and

print the completed Bible into Manju. However, these Bibles, still boxed up in a village store room since 2015, have not been accessible to the people. Why? Because Manju is also an oral language that very few can read.

Xavier Bohorquez, having worked for ten years on SIM's Guarani recording project, aims to have the whole Bible recorded in all 19 of Paraguay's indigenous minority languages. He spent five weeks during August and September collaborating with Manju believers, through a partnership with New Tribes Mission, to record Genesis and the New Testament into Manju. Using technology that is now present in these formerly

isolated places, audio Bibles and teaching materials can be distributed using apps on their phones! Faith comes from hearing the Word!

Since Xavier and the Manjui believers working with him were without a fridge, Greg Cameron took two of SIM Paraguay's new missionaries and made a trip to bring some fresh supplies to them. The Manjui reader, Xavier and a co-worker were sweating with the laptop under a drapery of sleeping bags as a camp-style sound-room, tediously checking through each clip for errors. And praise God for the backup hard-drive they saved these on, since back in Asuncion the laptop died during the post-production!

Xavier remains steadfast even though he has had to begin re-editing the whole New Testament all over again. The task is great and takes years of combined effort between mission groups. The workers are few and they don't always have what they need. ■



Pray for:

- ▶▶ God's provision of a replacement laptop to continue the recording and editing work.
- ▶▶ these audio files to be widely distributed and have a great impact in this border community.
- ▶▶ God's providence for Xavier's financial support, health and for his wife and daughters who soldiered on at home without him for five weeks.
- ▶▶ God's guidance in this vital ministry to give 19 people groups a way to hear the Word!

Support:

- ▶▶ this project: Donate through SIM, reference number 45706 "Paraguay Scripture Recording Initiative" (PSRI)
- ▶▶ this missionary: Donate through SIM, reference number 91634 Xavier Bohorquez

Greg and Yvonne Cameron are newly-appointed Personnel Coordinators for SIM Paraguay. Pray for them as they seek to support the ministry needs of every member of this team.





Worker for the Harvest

By Eugene Chuang, SIM Missionary

There are never enough workers for the harvest, so an SIM missionary family is helping others prepare themselves to join the work.

Eugene and Eva Chuang serve at Durban Bible College in Merebank, Durban, he as a teacher and she as the librarian.

"The joy is to see students equipped well with Biblical knowledge and the Word of God and take that forward to their ministry," Eugene said.

"I just want to help anywhere," Eva said, adding that she enjoys helping and encouraging students.

The college has been open for over 60 years and offers a three-year diploma in theology and a one-year certificate in Christian service. Students serve in a short-term mission trip each year, which alternates between local areas and nearby countries. They also learn and practice door to door personal evangelism, help at children and youth camps, participate in Sunday services and revivals, and work alongside a local church in hands-on ministry every week.

The Chuangs came to Johannesburg late in 2010 and moved to Durban a few months

later, initially focused on making disciples. SIM South Africa's connections with Durban Bible College later helped leaders realize the Chuangs would be a good fit for the school. Eugene began as a student in another missionary's classes. That blessed him with experience as a student in their newly adopted culture and with practice, improving his English.

Since 2014, he has taught courses on missionary subjects: Biblical Perspective of Missions, Mission History, Missions Sending, Missionary Life and Work, Unreached People Groups, and Church Planting and Growth. This term, he has taken time off from teaching in order to pursue another degree himself, studying through distance learning for a master's degree in inter-cultural studies from Wheaton College in Illinois, USA. He continues to mentor and disciple students at college.

"The study is for better service in teaching ministry and for discernment and understanding in cross-cultural setting," he said.

Eugene expects to complete his degree and return to teaching next year. He continues to play the role of chaplain and visits the college twice a week. ■

NEW APPOINTMENTS

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Siegfried has served as SIM South Africa director since 2010. Previously he was a lecturer in African church planting and leadership ministries at George Whitefield College, whilst

serving as senior pastor of Mandela Park Community Church. He planted a church among Xhosa people in one of the fastest growing townships in South Africa. He holds two masters, one in industrial psychology and one in theology of missions, as well as a PhD in missiology.



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During the last 28 years Dave served as a pioneer church planter in rural Paraguay, using his veterinary skills, then as Paraguay Country Director, followed by the role of Deputy International Director for East and Southern Africa. In 2014 Dave and Nikki were approached to design and launch a leader development initiative for senior SIM leaders. A team of six was formed, and together an environment and structure was developed to grow leaders in areas of leadership that are most beneficial to them. Dave and Nikki are most delighted to be heading up this new and growing ministry, developing Christ-like leadership.



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Emma joined SIM in 2012 as a UK member, based in South Africa. She has helped pioneer SIM engagement in universities in many countries. She has served with the IFES

movements in the UK and South Africa, and has travelled widely, training and equipping in evangelism, mission, leadership and discipleship in relation to university ministries. Emma holds a master's in mission and leadership from All Nations College.



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David has served on SIM South Africa's Board, chairing its Personnel Committee. He is a pastor and has held leadership roles in the Baptist Union of Southern Africa and related associations.

His business experience includes senior farm management, business formation and project management in the building trade. He holds qualifications in farm management, agriculture, animal husbandry and Theology.



No one should live and die without hearing the Good News

By John Berry, SIM Stewardship Officer

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ who left heaven to come into our world as a baby, to live a sinless life amongst us and then die on a cross to bring salvation and forgiveness of sins to those who would believe in Him. But there are still thousands of people who have never heard this message and live and die without hearing God's good news.

SIM's purpose statement reads "Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known." Many of SIM's missionaries are working amongst people who have never heard of or know little about Jesus and His love. Let me introduce you to three of our missionary workers.

Jules and Marie Josee Kazura left Rwanda to take the Good News to the Wolof people in Senegal.

Greg and Yvonne Cameron left South Africa to take the Good News to people of Colmena and Barrientos in Paraguay.

Jonathon and Genine Thomas left South Africa to take the Good News to the people of Nakhon Si Thammarat in South Thailand.

We are so grateful for these dedicated servants of God. They make sacrifices in their lives and those of their families to share

the Good News with people who would otherwise live and die without ever hearing the Gospel.

Thank you for your partnership with SIM through your prayers and financial support. Without your support, our missionaries would not be able to go and serve amongst people that have not heard the Good News. As you celebrate Christmas, please remember those who

have not yet heard and cannot celebrate as we can. Your gift of R100, R200, R500 or R1,000 or an ongoing monthly SIM debit order, can help spread the

message of God's love to a needy world. With your support, we can reach more people for Christ and see lives transformed by the power of God.

Please complete the form if you would like to make a donation to SIM's Christmas appeal.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas as together we thank God for the gift of His Son who came to earth to be our Saviour and Lord. ■



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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, the three Magi travelled there with gift of gold, incense and of myrrh for the child who was to be King of the Jews.

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