

Our Intake missionaries engage in evangelism here in Louisiana as they prepare to go to the ends of the earth. Maggie shares about one day of service:

Thursdays are service days and I have been assigned three separate services. I go to the nursing home in the morning and pray the rosary with the elderly; we have a communion service for them, too, and then pray with them and chat before we leave. After that I go on a home visit, and then after lunch I go to a trailer park and knock on doors asking if anyone has anything we can pray for, and also invite them to Mass and FMC's weekly Mission Formation. Thursday I was really touched by the home visit I went on. We visited an older man who lives with his two caretakers. We asked the man if he wanted any Scripture to be read to him and he wanted the story of Lazarus rising from the dead. Before reading the Scripture we asked his caretakers if they cared to join us, the husband agreed and sat down as the Scripture was read. After, we asked if they would like to comment on the reading. The caretaker said he was really touched by how Jesus had real feelings and felt for the death of his friend, Lazarus. The caretaker told us his daughter died at 19, she had been shot two months after her baby was born. He said he finds comfort knowing that Jesus hurt just as much as he hurts for the loss of his daughter. We prayed with him after he shared his story with us and he thanked us. Then he asked what the date was, as we responded "September 26th," he told his it was his daughter's birthday. It's crazy how God comforts his children right when they need it, he was so blessed for this Scripture to be read on the birthday of his daughter!



**"Go into the whole world and
proclaim the Gospel"**

Mark 16:15

Compelled by Jesus' missionary mandate, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Family Missions Company missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor. Always working in concert with the pastors of the Catholic Church, we strive to live the Gospel that we preach. We believe the Lord is calling many Catholic lay people, both singles and families, to serve in foreign missions, "the greatest and holiest duty of the Church" (Vatican II).

The need is urgent;

we must GO!



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Dear Friends,

The task of mission is daunting. Two-thirds of the world's population is in desperate need of evangelization. Multitudes of our brothers and sisters live in physical as well as spiritual poverty. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, urges us not to recoil at the gargantuan work before us, "Do not be afraid! When we go to proclaim Christ, it is he himself who goes before us and guides us." At FMC, we are not afraid, for we see Christ multiplying the fruits of our labor; when fourteen couples in the Philippines are married in the Church on the same day! We see him multiplying the laborers – 38 new missionaries are in Intake this year! We see his fidelity through you, our benefactors, who make all of this possible. Thank you for your constant prayers and support, thank you for not being afraid to tackle the incredible project of evangelizing the world with us.

THANK YOU

for your support of
Family Missions Company!



THANKS!

From the Field:



Sent By Christ — Megan Behrens

This year there are 38 new missionaries in Intake at Big Woods! (Meet all of them on our website: www.fmcmissions.com/missionaries/) Here, Megan shares her excitement at becoming part of FMC:

Lately when people ask me what I'm doing with my life, I get two very different reactions to my response. Half the people will light up and say "How exciting! What an adventure!" and the others will ask with confusion "Isn't that scary? Aren't you nervous?"



"On my own I couldn't be a missionary, for I am a sinner like everyone else. But when God calls us to share his love, we are never alone, for Jesus Christ goes with us."

Megan Behrens

God has called me to be a foreign missionary. I have been called to live in foreign countries, sharing the Gospel and working among the poor. This September, I joined Family Missions Company as a servant to the poor and a servant of God.

For the next three months I'll be living in Abbéville, Louisiana for formation and training with Family Missions Company. Towards the end of this time I'll be assigned with a small team to a foreign mission field, and in January we'll leave to live and proclaim the Good News in that country.

Am I nervous? I'll be away from everything I know for two years; I don't know yet where I'll be going, or who I'll be with, or what languages I'll have to learn, or if there will be enough donations to provide for all our needs and charitable work... the list goes on. Nothing about being a missionary is under my control. But am I nervous?

No! I'm excited! I'm filled with joy and thanksgiving and peace beyond understanding. My heart burns with the desire to do God's will. I am not afraid, because the Scriptures remind me that it isn't about me; it's about Him. Christ is the reason I go to share the love He has given me, the love He offers to all peoples. Christ is the reason I am no longer captive, a slave to sin. Christ is the one who called me to be a missionary, and this life of mission, this new journey, is His. I am sent by Christ.

On my own I couldn't do it, for I am a sinner like everyone else. But I'm not alone. Pope Francis said in his address at World Youth Day, "Do not be afraid! When we go to proclaim Christ, it is he Himself who goes before us and guides us. When He sent His disciples on missions, He promised: 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). And this is also true for us! Jesus does not leave us alone, he never leaves you alone! He always accompanies you."

I invite you to share in the incredible blessings of this mission. By your prayers and support you not only give, but you also receive grace in abundance. Keep missionaries in your prayer intentions, consider donating, and be open to God's call to be a missionary yourself.



Some of our Intake missionaries



Mission Snapshot

Praise God! Fourteen couples from Isla Bonita were married in the Church this month, thanks to the hard work of FMC missionaries, and generous donations from benefactors like you. A beautiful, blessed ceremony was enjoyed by the whole community.



Cajun Fun Day

Mission Message

"I want a mess in the dioceses! I want people to go out! I want the Church to go out to the street! I want us to defend ourselves against everything that is worldliness, that is installation, that is comfortableness, that is clericalism, that is being shut-in on ourselves. The parishes, the schools, the institutions, exist to go out!" —Pope Francis