

GREAT COMMISSION

Mission



What's Happening

God is so good! Deputation continues to go well, and our support level is up to 23%. The Lord has given us good meetings in many different states already this year. This summer, we have enjoyed being in churches in the northern states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

I am thankful to see some progress with my health. Many of you have been praying for my health to improve, for the neck treatments to be effective, and for the ability to continue serving the Lord as we travel on deputation with GCM. Let me start by saying that God has answered all these prayers. He is so gracious and merciful.

Over time, the Lord has given me wisdom regarding some practical things to help me manage the head turning. I also continue to receive treatments at Mayo Clinic every three months, and last month I received my fourth treatment. The doctor has slightly increased the dosage at each treatment, which has resulted in continued improvement.

During the more difficult weeks before and after each treatment, my functionality has increased from 25% to 35%. During the easier weeks, approximately halfway between treatments, my functionality has increased from 65% to 75%. While this improvement is a great blessing, Mayo Clinic is only treating the symptoms. The movement disorder, idiopathic cervical dystonia, remains very active, and we ask God to heal it if it is His desire and will.

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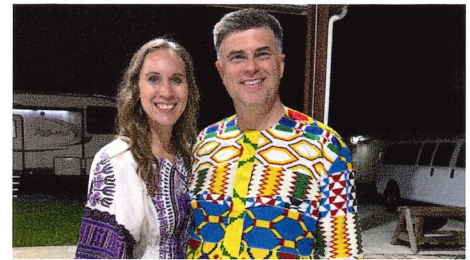
A Glimpse of the Deputation Trail



A great weekend of ministry and time together with Pastor and Mrs. Ray



A refreshing and encouraging week with Pastor and Mrs. West and their church family



A fun time teaching in the children's service about ministry in West Africa



An enjoyable time of fellowship with friends from Bible college, Pastor and Mrs. Burrick



A tremendous missions conference with Bro. O'Malley and some missionary friends

Did You Know?

A common question I am asked is, "What will ministry look like for you once you finish deputation?" Another is, "Will you move to the mission field, or will you live stateside?"

I do have a gameplan for how to serve in this ministry once deputation is complete, though there may be some adjustments along the way. At this point, my goal is to spend about two and a half months in a region of Africa, the Caribbean, South America, or another area of need and then return to the US for a couple weeks to reset before heading back out for another two and a half months. I would then continue repeating this pattern. This approach would enable me to receive treatment at Mayo Clinic every three months while still being able to work with national pastors in evangelizing, equipping, and establishing local churches in various villages.

Every trip will have unique goals, opportunities, and challenges. Each trip will also accomplish different objectives. Some trips will be more heavily focused on evangelism and seeing souls saved in venues where we can share the Gospel. Some trips will primarily involve teaching and training national men in soulwinning, discipleship, and various aspects of church ministry. Other trips will focus on helping national pastors understand how to conduct church ministry and how to keep their churches grounded in sound Bible doctrine.

Collectively, all of these efforts are intended to promote the complete fulfillment of the Great Commission. We must give out the Gospel to see souls saved. We must teach, train, and disciple our converts. We must also see churches established and guided for the glory of God.

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God is so good! Final preparations are being made for our missions trip to Africa. The plane tickets for Togo '26 have been purchased, and our departure is now just days away. It has been exciting to see how God has provided the bulk of the needed funds. Various churches, supporting churches, and individuals have graciously given to make this trip possible. What a blessing!

Please pray for God to supply the remaining \$1,800 needed for food, lodging, and other expenses. Pray that many national men will be able to attend. Pray that God will greatly bless the many teaching and preaching sessions. Pray for safety and for souls to be saved. Pray for our team of five, and especially for Pastor Neal, as he will be conducting the majority of the sessions. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we assist church plants in various villages. Finally, pray for Bro. Goungampo as he hosts the conference in Lomé and coordinates our time in Togo.

-David Crews, Director



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