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## Each One Reach One

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by Jonathon Im, serving in Pohnpei

My only goal as an SM this semester was to lead one student to Christ. The Lord graciously opened that door with an encounter during my first week teaching here in Pohnpei. Soke Cantero, a senior at the Pohnpei SDA school, approached me during PE class and asked if baptism is really that big of a decision to make. Surprised by the question, I stepped aside and began to explain the significance of baptism and stressed it to be one of the most important decisions anybody can make in their lifetime. I felt this urge to open up to him and ask him more about his spiritual walk. The conversation ended with my offer to lead baptismal studies with him if he was interested.

Three weeks after this conversation, Soke informed me that after much prayer and consideration he was interested in studying the Bible. What an answer to prayer! We started to study and dissect the core fundamental beliefs of the SDA church. I felt so unqualified to give baptismal studies, especially towards the beginning of our studies together. Once I asked the Lord to guide my words and thoughts, He showed me that I can do anything when I ask Him to supply me with His strength and wisdom. God does not call the qualified, but He qualifies the called.

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Jonathon Im (right), a senior Biology major at Southern, stands with his student, Soke. Jonathon is serving in Pohnpei.

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# Each One Reach One

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Jonathon Im, Student Missionary in Pohnpei

Studying the Scripture and discussing meaningful topics was such a growing experience for the both of us. Even though I had been raised in the church, I learned so much when I was able to teach Soke about the Bible and the love of God. The beauty of struggling through Scripture helped us to recognize our need for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Although we dove into many of the key beliefs of the church, we did not lose focus when applying the knowledge to our daily lives. Altogether we concluded three main things from the many topics we studied: relationship with Jesus is critical, Jesus is coming soon, and we as disciples of Jesus have to be intentional about the great commission.

## “God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.”

On a beautiful Sabbath day, October 27, Soke made the public recognition of his death to self and his desire to start a new life with Christ. There is nothing in life that brings me more joy than to see a brother in Christ dedicate his life and will to the Lord. Ultimately, I am so grateful to God for this opportunity and for revealing Himself through me and leading our discussions. My prayer is that God can continue to use me as His servant, so that I may hunger to share the love of God with those around me. May all of us continue to live by this motto: “Each one, Reach one.” 🌱



1 Jonathon and Soke do Bible studies together.

2 Soke getting baptized.

3 Jonathon and Soke up front in church in Pohnpei.

If you have stories from your Southern Student Missionary experience, we'd love to hear them!

Email your story to [studentmissions@southern.edu](mailto:studentmissions@southern.edu).

## STUDENT MISSIONARY ALUMNA INGRID MOON, '02



Ingrid Moon, class of '02, is currently working for uQuest Missions (short-term missions) at Southern. She went as a Student Missionary to Thailand in 1989. She shares her story about her experience with us here.

That year several student missionaries met up in Bangkok, but four of us were going to a place called Havyaie which had a little language school. There were a lot of levels of English, but we taught pupils who knew a little of the language already. In the summertime I remember having a vacation bible school for the little kids. We also did tutoring at the Thai Royal Air Force Base. We taught classes in the early afternoon, and again in the evening, from six to nine. After evening classes, we went to the night market with our students. We were really focused on friendship evangelism. Our students were our friends and we spend a lot of time with them.

Even though it was in 1990, it's still a highlight that I look back on. I had been on few small trips; for example, in high school I went to the youth congress in Mexico. I felt like going to another country would make me appreciate America so much more – and while I do appreciate America, I saw many things done in Thailand in ways that emphasized different values. I thought those values were so great, that I wanted to incorporate parts of that culture into my life.

I really hoped to go and get to know God better, and so I wanted to bring a spiritual book with me. I decided to take a book by Ellen White, and for some reason I decided to take *Diets and Foods*. We regularly went to the market at nine o'clock at night, and I was reading in my book that you shouldn't eat at night, you shouldn't do this, you shouldn't do that, and so on. I got so frustrated and thought, *I'm such a lousy Christian*. Eventually I took the book and I threw it! I threw it, literally, across the room. I said to myself, *if this is what it takes, then I don't have it*.

I don't know if it was the next moment, a couple days, or a couple weeks later, but I picked up a book called *To Know God* by Morris Venden. That book was transformative for me, because it wasn't about what I needed to do better for God to have a deeper relationship. It was about seeking God first, and letting Him change the desires of your heart.

That year has definitely given me a heart for missions. Additionally, it also provided service as a foundation for my own family. My brother went to work for Adventist Frontier Missions for ten years, and my family saved up to visit him. All five of us – my husband, the kids, and myself – went to Africa for three weeks, and it was a fabulous experience. I decided this was on my bucket list: I wanted to take my family on a mission trip every two years. And so far, we've done it. In fact, Africa was so good that I wanted to bring other people, not just my family. We had friends in the community who went on a trip with us and now they want to go with us every time. When we moved from Colorado, they got baptized. Mission trips provide an immersive

# impact BOLIVIA

Bolivia is located in South America, and is almost three times as large as Montana. Bolivia has 37 official languages including Spanish and indigenous languages. Each missionary in Bolivia lives in a house with students from difficult backgrounds, serving their physical, emotional, and educational needs.

## Lucia Hudgins

Lucia Hudgins came to Bolivia last year, but loved it so much she decided to stay this year as well. She is adored by all of her students.



## Tatiana King

Tatiana King enjoys making science come alive to her classes. She recently went to great lengths so her class could dissect a cow's brain for science class.



## Mason Clark

Mason Clark models a Christlike character and work ethic to the boys he cares for. He's also improving his soccer skills.



## Kaitlyn Savery

Kaitlyn Savery was one of the first to arrive in Bolivia. No sickness or rainy day can stop her energy.



## Seth Bermudez

Seth Bermudez was only planning to stay one semester, but God had other plans for him and he has decided to stay a full year. The children are so thankful.



## Melanie Wilhelm

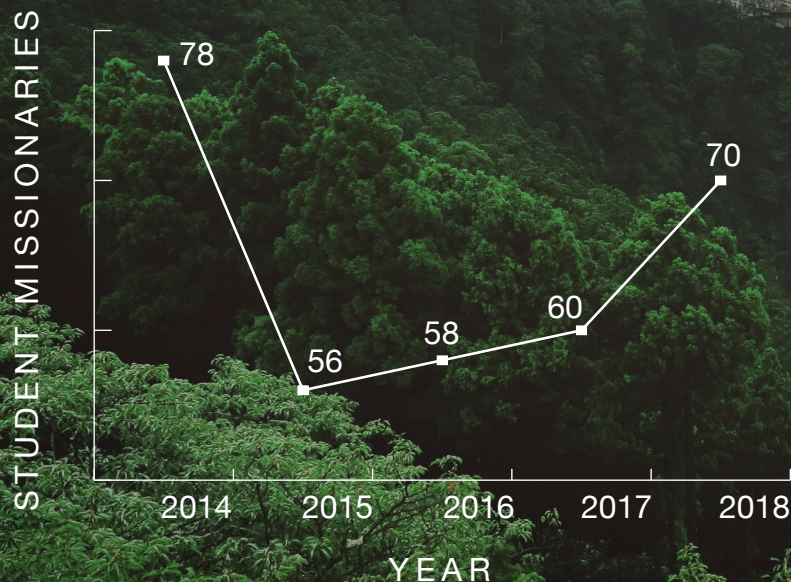
Melanie Wilhelm recently had a birthday, which means she was thrown into the river multiple times throughout the day. Her joyful spirit never wavered.



## Gaby Garcia

Gaby Garcia always has a smile on her face. She works hard to make everyone around her feel like they belong.

## student missions BY THE NUMBERS



**20** COUNTRIES

**\$400,000**  
ADDED TO MISSIONS ENDOWMENT

**70** STUDENT  
MISSIONARIES  
THIS YEAR

# Student Missions

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

- In August, we started a new school year, and Student Missionaries flew around the world to their locations.
- In September, last year's Returned Student Missionaries met for a Re-Entry Retreat at Fall Creek Falls in Tennessee. This year we had extra sponsors to help offer emotional support for the attendees.
- On October 19, Chelsea Campbell (Zambia '17) hosted a vespers at her home for the Student Missionary Club.
- In October, we hosted our annual Missions Emphasis Week. We constructed a giant map in the Student Center to show the paths of our SMs.
- Student Missions Vespers was held in the Collegedale Church on October 26. We also hosted a meal for SM Alumni before the program.
- On November 10, we partnered with the Collegedale Church to ship out Christmas packages to all our SMs!



- 1 Our giant map charted the journeys of our SMs.
- 2 SMs representing with flags at SM vespers.
- 3 Christmas packages on their way to Student Missionaries!
- 4 Returned SMs gather around a bonfire at Re-Entry Retreat.

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