A HEART FOR

EAST ASIA
Heart for Asia

With a sharp focus on reaching East Asia’s UNREACHED PEOPLE, OMF remains true to a relentless vision birthed more than 150 years ago.

As James Hudson Taylor walked along Brighton Beach, wrestling with God, pleading for lost souls in China, God honored that prayer and months later, the China Inland Mission was born.

The mission drew workers who, compelled by the gospel and resolved in prayer, poured out their lives for the Chinese people. Today, OMF continues the vision Hudson Taylor started.

Moving beyond the shores of China, OMF missionaries now serve East Asian communities wherever they are, including in the U.S. among refugees, immigrants or international students.
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[OUR VISION]

Through God’s grace, we aim to see an indigenous biblical church movement in each people group of East Asia, evangelizing their own people and reaching out in mission to other peoples.
Go & make disciples of all nations

[ MATTHEW 28:19a ]
My life looks so different than I imagined it would. And it all started with a conference I attended as a college senior in 2009.

Though I had been a Christian since a young age, the Urbana Student Missions Conference introduced me to the reality that some parts of the world still lacked access to the gospel.

This news gripped my heart, but I didn’t know how to help. I hoped to graduate and work as a writer, perhaps with a journal or magazine. However, an OMF representative at Urbana proposed an unexpected option: what if you used your writing skills for missions?

After going on a short-term missions trip to Southeast Asia, I felt compelled to do just that – to serve God by writing stories about the needs among East Asia’s unreached people. This job required me to raise support and move to OMF’s headquarters in Colorado. The idea of raising support intimidated me, but God provided in miraculous ways.

Fast forward 7 years, and I got the opportunity to interview missionaries and local believers in Cambodia. The stories of lives transformed by Christ touched my heart. I started to wonder… could God somehow use me overseas?

Today, 13 years after that fateful Urbana conference, I’m serving as a church planter in Cambodia. I’m relying on God’s grace day in and day out as I attempt to learn the local language and share God’s love with the Cambodian people.

My life looks so different than I imagined it would, but God has been exceedingly faithful. Though I hope to continue serving him in Cambodia for years to come, my future is in his hands. And that’s exactly where I want it to be.

Megan is sitting with a Christian woman from the Krung tribe in Northeast Cambodia who she had just interviewed (via missionary translator).

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-MEGAN SARIAN
“Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.”

These words, spoken by Isaiah, were a large part of God’s transformative work in my life; but I could never imagine that saying “Yes” with Isaiah, even with such a flawed heart, would lead to such an adventure, such a life.

Yet there I was on a warm sunny day, a sky red with the anticipation of the sun’s setting on a field of green, trees set all around. Like something from a beautiful painting, I stood with a group of young people around me, a soccer team, on a field cleared by the local community in our village in Central Thailand.

The boys sat as we were having our post-practice discussion. Around the field were adults, some bystanders, but mostly men getting ready to play their pick-up games after our practice. Outside the field were ladies selling food, a small little market-type set-up, with people coming and going during one of the busiest times of the day. People on bikes and on foot populated the space outside the field, as cars and motorbikes went passing by. Across the street was a playground rimmed with trees and bush, where Meng En, my wife, was pushing our daughter, Hadassah, stopping to chat as all the Thai “aunties” gathered around to comment on how precious our little one was.

And then, all of a sudden, it seems everyone was leaning in, listening as one of the young players answered a question, “I know who you’re talking about coach; you’re talking about Jesus.” And just like that, we knew who

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Above: God uses our unique gifts and passions to minister to others, even on a soccer field.

Prior page: Soccer coach Will Brooks (right) using the game he grew up with to show God’s love in Thailand.
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- KELLY LAPIANA

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I think God knew I wasn't ready for the answer.

None of the mission opportunities that arose on our side of the world felt right. We just didn’t have peace about them.

Each time we prayed, I selfishly thought, “Anywhere except Asia. It’s too far from home—too far from family, friends, and comfort.”

Thank God that He worked on my heart and gently reminded me time and time again that He would send me where HE wants me to go for HIS glory, not my comfort. He graciously guided us to His answer through a few close friends. We heard of the need for the Gospel in Taiwan and felt drawn there more and more. It was clear that I had to give up control and follow God to the other side of the globe.

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Not only was God faithful in guiding us to OMF Taiwan, but He also opened the door for me to use my passion for teaching in mission work. I now teach 2nd grade at an international Christian school in Taiwan called Morrison Academy, which allows us to be “self-supporting” missionaries. In this position, I have the incredible blessing of teaching biblical truths to kids of missionaries, as well as to kids from non-believing backgrounds.

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FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP.

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Christ Jesus created in good works

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Have you ever thought, “I’m not sure where I fit in”?

The opportunities to show God’s love to East Asia’s peoples are as unique as the people who answer his call to serve...

church planting

creative arts

urban poor ministry

community development

education

sports outreach

medical care

business as missions

All this, and more, can be used to glorify God in missions.
HOW CAN THEY believe in the ONE OF WHOM they have NOT HEARD?

[ROMANS 10:14]
Your church is integral to God’s story and necessary for his purposes to be accomplished. But sometimes it can be a struggle to develop a plan, or find the time and resources when staff is stretched too thin.

We’ll help you develop an effective missions plan, one that engages your congregation about missions. And one that you’ll be able to successfully lead.

Scan the QR code below to learn how we can create a custom program that is unique to your church!

You have been uniquely shaped by God’s love.

Join us in sharing that love on a short-term missions trip to East Asia.

From two weeks to one year, you’ll join a team on a journey that will transform you, and those you work with, forever. You’ll use your unique skills and passion to partner with other missionaries and local believers.

We’ll walk alongside you as God expands your view of what’s possible in pursuit of his glory among all peoples.

Join us and find your place in mission. Scan the QR code below to get started!

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Your prayers could be the catalyst that opens doors for the gospel.

Today, millions of East Asians are completely unaware of how deeply God loves them. Imagine how he might use you, your church, small group or family to intercede on behalf of the people of East Asia.

Join the movement praying for nations, leaders and unreached people groups.

Through the OMF Prayer app, local prayer groups and downloadable prayer guides, you’ll pray with more passion and intentionality for the people of East Asia.

Scan the QR code below to start your prayer ministry!
What do I do next?

We know you have questions. Our coaches are ready to walk alongside you and help you discern your next step.

Scan the QR code to get started!
AS IT IS WRITTEN

how beautiful

ARE THE FEET OF
THOSE WHO BRING

good news!

[ ROMANS 10:15 ]
We’d love to hear how God is growing your heart for East Asia & come alongside you in your journey.

Connect with us to continue the conversation: info@omf.org

Learn more about us: omf.org/us

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We look forward to connecting with you!