EVERYONE HAS A CALLING

Bob and Ann Cramer have been supporting SIM missionaries for years. They’ve also had the privilege of visiting several mission locations around the world—a wonderful experience.

But Bob sees his main role as a sender of missionaries. “See, there are goers and there are senders” he says, reflecting on the Scripture that describes the process: “And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15 NIV). “And right now, at this stage of life, Ann and I have been called to be senders. And each is a sacred calling in ministry, and each relies on each other.

“So Ann and I would like to ask you to be a sender with us, to be a financial partner with SIM. There’s no greater significance, there’s no greater calling, there’s no greater joy than to partner and be a sender with somebody who will go to those who have never heard Jesus before.”

SIM USA 2015 FINANCIALS

See how your donations are being used for God’s kingdom

Year ending September 30, 2015

INCOME
Support and revenue $52,370,011
Net investment losses (1,494,997)
Interest & dividend income 488,535
Change in value of annuities, trusts (648,888)
TOTAL INCOME $50,724,661

EXPENSES
Program services $44,227,224
Management & general 6,551,983
Fundraising 2,530,922
TOTAL EXPENSES $53,310,129

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $(2,585,468)

Note: SIM USA’s financial statements are independently audited by Capin Crouse, LLP, of Columbia, S.C.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

SIM USA is helping missionaries around the world bring the gospel to unreached peoples.

55 Missionaries Trained
56 Missionaries Deployed
760 Missionaries Serving Worldwide in 2015
Dear Friend,

Do you ever feel like there’s nothing but bad news in the world today? Well, the stories you’ll read in this year’s report will lift you up and remind you that God’s light still shines in the darkness. As we review the testimonies of these bold believers, I’m overwhelmed with appreciation for their courage and commitment. I think you will be too.

They also bring to mind an important point—that your generous giving is helping real people in need around the globe. Each one has a story, and I wish we could share them all with you. But as you read the ones we’ve included here, take heart—your help is having a powerful effect where it’s needed most.

It was over a hundred years ago that SIM’s parent organizations established missions in Africa, Asia, and South America. In the 1980s they banded together to form SIM—a worldwide mission body and South America. In the 1980s they banded together to form SIM—a worldwide mission body and

President SIM USA

**GRIEVE MEMORIAL CLINIC**
A CITY SET ON A HILL

Patients at the Grieve Memorial Clinic receive quality medical care—and the gospel.

For decades, the people of South Sudan have suffered from war, hunger, disease, and a lack of adequate health care. Now things are getting even worse. Refugees from troubled areas and neighboring countries are stretching resources beyond the breaking point. In the midst of this chaos, the Grieve Memorial Clinic serves as an oasis of God’s love and care.

The clinic staff is working hard to meet the overwhelming physical needs they see every day. That has opened a door for the gospel, as health program manager Cathy Hoezer says, “The whole goal was to turn it from just a medical clinic into a ministry center,” she notes. “Our full passion is providing quality, Christ-centered healthcare—and giving people a chance to also hear the hope of the gospel.”

**TRAUMA HEALING**
TREATING THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART

Trauma Healing facilitators help victims overcome emotional pain.

War. Disease. Earthquakes. We see the physical devastation they cause. But there’s unseen devastation too—the emotional wounds that often surface after the crisis.

In 2015 SIM coordinator Stacey Conard received an urgent plea from a pastor in Liberia. His country had been hit hard by the Ebola outbreak—which followed a devastating civil war. Local people were coming to his church for help.

The pastor said, “We can’t even help them because we ourselves are so traumatized and hurting. Is there any kind of community-based program you can help us with?” Stacey responded—and the SIM Trauma Healing ministry was born.

So an, a team was in West Africa training pastors and leaders to bring God’s healing touch to emotionally wounded people.

Stacey recalls one man from a Muslim background who was completely transformed. “He said, ‘I came here thinking I was a believer … I really thought about that after that that I did not know Christ and now I do, and I am going to follow Him.’”

This man also made amends with his wife, who had borne the brunt of his emotional alienation. “I had so much anger inside of me, and hurt and pain, and I didn’t know what to do with it until I came here,” he related. “At first when I came here I thought, Oh, it’s just another training. But I knew right away it was different—because it was actually healing me.”

The Trauma Healing team brought the same training to pastors in Nepal after the devastating earthquake there. They’re showing traumatized people around the world that Jesus didn’t just come to bear our sins—but our grief too.

**SPORTS FRIENDS**
PLAYING WITH A PURPOSE

Sports Friends emissary, Michelle, works with young people like David around the world.

What’s the best way to expose young people to the gospel? One approach is to start with what they’re already passionate about—sports.

Sports Friends equips church leaders to develop Christ-centered sports ministries in their local communities. Kids can come to a sports camp, have fun, learn valuable life skills, and hear the gospel all at the same time.

Michelle Palacio travels the world as part of the Sports Friends support services team. She recalls David, a boy in Ethiopia who received Christ at a Sports Friends camp. He went back to his community and began preaching the gospel—much to the dismay of the local witch doctors.

“He prayed God would use him to be the one to fight against the witch doctors,” Michelle says. “To see this 15-year-old boy with no formal education or anything like that just saying, ‘Now I want to be used by God,’ was just really incredible.”

David is now a Sports Friends coach himself, training others in the things he’s learned. As Michelle says, “No one is too young to be used by God.”

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**A Real-Life Bible Story**

One young woman from a faraway village walked for hours to reach the clinic. She received the medical care she needed—and the good news of Jesus too. Then like the Samaritan woman in John’s gospel, she went back to her village and told everyone what had happened to her.

After a while she came back to the clinic. “Everybody wants to hear the story you told me,” she said. “I’m all better now and they see that. And they want you to come back.”

A team from the clinic journeyed to her village, the people received Christ—and a church was born. “It was truly a New Testament type of story,” Cathy says. And through amazing events like this, “The clinic has become a real focal point, a city set upon a hill.”

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**RESPONDING TO NEED**

**EQUIPPING THE CHURCH**

**PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL**

I so appreciate your partnership in this vital ministry. The amazing things God has done in the past year make me eager to see what the coming year will hold.

Let’s walk through it together with faith and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, “who alone allows such wondrous things.”

Your partner in mission,

**Bruce Johnson**
President SIM USA