



# The Harvest Times

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## Near and Far: Director's Travels

Director Steve Elsey and his suitcase are pretty well acquainted these days. His trips just this year have included preaching in the Cayman Islands, hiking in Haiti, dedicating a new church building in Ghana, and eating dog in Asia. And while those travels have been necessary and rewarding in their own ways, and without a doubt he has enjoyed fellowship with God's people in every country, he has also done some important traveling here at home.

In June, Steve traveled east to Tennessee to connect with two churches there. The Pepples, new pastors at Kelley's Chapel in Burlison, and the good folk in Gates welcomed him so warmly.

Just last month he spent a weekend with the Clites in Wichita, Kansas, where he represented World Missions on Sunday morning and gave a missions challenge on Sunday night.

Also in October, Steve motored to the Rocky Mountains to see the Stearns at Faith Covenant Bible Chapel in Colorado Springs and the Carys at Mountain View in Loveland. By request, he extended his trip an extra day and enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the Carys and Skeens that Monday.

Other churches in the Midwest have been visited, too, including Carthage, Wheatland, and El Dorado Springs.

The bottom line is that finances are *not* the bottom line. Steve is not just traveling to receive an offering for World Missions. Warm hospitality, renewed prayers, and increased interest in missions can be even more meaningful results.



*Director Steve Elsey became an honorary grandpa for the week while visiting Asia.*

**So if you think your church is too small or too out-of-the-way to merit a visit, think again!** Feel free to contact us, and Steve will do his best to add your city to his calendar.

Christian fellowship, laughter around the table, learning how God is moving around the world: this is Kingdom work.

But there is one word of explanation needed: your church dinner doesn't have to include anything as exotic as canine cuisine. So far, that has not made Steve's list of favorite foods.

*We currently also have missionaries at home, available for missions services. To schedule your church, call Ashlee at 913-432-0303 or contact us via our website: [www.coghworlmissions.org](http://www.coghworlmissions.org).*

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*Amaziah and Lawrance with new brother, Jacob*



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## **AROUND THE WORLD**

### **ANNUAL HARVEST OFFERING**

This month's Annual Harvest Offering for World Missions will go toward efforts to show the life of Jesus to others around the world by means of the Jesus Film. This tool has been used powerfully in our church plants in Ghana and in our established churches in Haiti, and your gift can help purchase a projection kit, help fund a mission team, and help reveal Jesus to a searching soul. Will you donate?

For more information, including a video about the offering and a bulletin insert for your church, go to

[www.coghworlmissions.org](http://www.coghworlmissions.org).

### **NEW MISSIONARIES**

Both the Woods and the Doyles have added new missionaries to their families over the last few weeks.

On September 17, Larry and Christy Doyle celebrated the birth of Jacob Benjamin. He was 7 lb., 10oz., and 20 inches long. Jacob joined big brothers Lawrance and Amaziah, and both mother and baby are doing well.

On October 7, David and Zenia Woods celebrated the adoption of their two sons, Joseph Miguel and Noah Alejandro.

Originally, the Woods thought this adoption would happen in 2013, but after many delays beyond their control, God added these boys to their family.

When you pray for our missionary families, please don't forget to lift up the children. They, too, have adjustments to make and experience culture shock and homesickness. Ask God to bless the parents as they work in their *first* mission field, the little souls in their home.