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New Missionaries: Church-planting in SE Asia

Acknowledging God's leading to move overseas, this couple sold their home to clear away their remaining student loans. They wanted nothing to hold them back from accomplishing His purpose for them.

Gabe and Erica Wait decided to pray separately about where God was leading them. After they discussed it again, both brought the name of the same country in Southeast Asia.

Missions is not a new concept to Erica, who was born in Bolivia. Both her parents, Joe and Faith Trussell, and her grandparents, Leland and Mary Trussell, served the Lord there, as well as her aunt and uncle, Paul and Lois Confer.

Now, Gabe and Erica, along with their daughter Claire, have their eyes on the opposite side of the globe, where their degrees in business and nursing will help them minister among unreached Muslims.

In March of this year, the World Mission Board approved the Waits' application to serve as missionaries.

Their desire is to partner with World Missions and Pioneers to see the Kingdom expanded in Southeast Asia.



Southeast Asia

Stay tuned to hear more specifics about this new ministry! In the meantime, please add the Wait family to your prayer list:

- Pray for Gabe, Erica, and Claire as they take a trip to Southeast Asia this month to investigate ministry opportunities.
- Pray for the Wait family as they pursue moving overseas in 2016, as God leads.



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Ghana

Stay tuned to hear more specifics about this new ministry! In the meantime, please add Oleta to your prayer list:

- Pray for the investigative groundwork and fundraising for a medical clinic in Gurumbelle.
- Pray for Oleta as she continues working here in the States and preparing herself for this new venture.



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Medical Missionary in Ghana

After participating in two medical trips to Ghana, this operating room nurse is willing to leave a comfortable job, a suburban house, and her friends and family to follow God's call.

Living a missional life is really a matter of obedience for *every* Christian. The Great Commission was not only given to those who feel led to move overseas; it was given to all of us. But as a teen, Oleta Witt felt a specific burden for Africa. She wrote in her Bible that she wanted to be a medical missionary there.

The village of Gurumbelle is located in rural northern Ghana, next door to Mole Game Park. It's a bumpy, three-hour drive from the closest city, and currently has no consistent electricity supply. It's also home to one of our most vibrant, growing churches.

By nature of its very remoteness, however, there are also a host of medical needs represented there. Most of the villagers have no money for medical treatment and are too far away from it even if they had the funds. Treatable illnesses like malaria can be lethal.

But Oleta and the board have a vision of a medical clinic with living quarters, solar energy, and a newly-drilled well. Oleta envisions treating illnesses and injuries, training women about health issues, and ministering to children. All of these can be avenues to introduce others to Christ.

In March of this year, the World Mission Board approved Oleta's application to be a medical missionary in Ghana.

Following in the footsteps of her aunt and uncle, Lonnie and Leta Witt, who served as missionaries in the Caribbean and Eagle Pass in the 1970s and 1980s, Oleta is willing to put comforts aside to show the love of Christ in Ghana.