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Great Commission

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- Works of Evangelism
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# DECLARE HIS GLORY

We never get tired of expressing our gratitude to you. Without your faithful financial support and your continued prayers for our missionary family, our task would be impossible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

At EMU International, our purpose statement has been widely published: The Purpose of EMU International is to bring glory to God by assisting churches and individuals in carrying out the Great Commission given to the Church Universal by our Lord Jesus Christ through (1) ministries of evangelism, (2) establishing indigenous churches, (3) and equipping nationals to do the same.

Underlying the three areas of focus above is our ultimate goal, "bring glory to God." One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 96. Verse 3 gives the command for us to "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" Literally all the people groups of the world. That is our passion at EMU, to declare His glory among the nations. As director that is my mission, but that is YOUR mission too. While evangelism is a huge part of

Umissions, our task is not primarily soteriological, it is doxological. Missions is all about the glory of God.

In preparing for an upcoming workshop that I will present at a Christian college, I found myself in Isaiah chapter 6, a very familiar passage. In these verses, we read where Isaiah, after seeing his sinfulness and declaring, "Woe is me," then surrenders his entire life to God's mission by expressing, "Here am I Lord, send me." Before all of that, he had to see the Lord, high and lifted up. He is given a glimpse into the throne room of the universe and beholds an incredible sight. He describes the Seraphim who are even today worshipping God on His throne. They cry out in verse 3, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" I was struck by that last phrase. Read it again. Is that some kind of exaggeration, particularly when we consider all of the bad things happening in our world today? Is this true when wildfires sweep across Maui, where more than 100 people died in the deadliest U.S. wildfire in over a century? Or what about when a hurricane slams into Florida and then carves a path of destruction and flooding across Georgia and the Carolinas resulting in an estimated financial loss of \$20 billion? Is the whole earth really full of his glory? In this time of global pandemics, political unrest, racial tensions, wars, and rumors of wars, mark it down, God is doing something.

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It is at this point that we must bow before God as the majestic Sovereign who is beyond our comprehension. Another familiar verse encourages us to “be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10). Literally, God is commanding us to quit striving and let Him be God. Why? The end of the verse says, “I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” We might not understand what is going on in our crazy, messed-up world, but one thing we can be sure of is that God is exalting Himself among the nations and He will be exalted in the earth.

Please pray that each of us will truly see the Lord, high and lifted up, and as witnesses of His glory, we will serve our Sovereign and obey His command to declare His glory among the nations. Please pray for me personally, particularly in my opportunities over the next two months to connect with other mission agencies and for my visits to Christian colleges. The Fall season is often the time of Mission Conferences. Let’s pray that God will raise up a new generation of missionary servants. His glory is worth it all! If anyone reading this note is considering serving God in missions, I would love the opportunity to pray with you and encourage you any way that I can.



*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.  
Matthew 9:38*



## looking ahead

### SEPTEMBER 2023

3 Palmetto Baptist Church, Powdersville, SC  
 9-13 Fellowship of Missions, Ft Lauderdale, FL  
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 18-20 Bob Jones University Global Opportunities Conference, Greenville, SC  
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### OCTOBER 2023

1 Open Door Baptist Church, Bamberg, SC  
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 21-22 Grace Baptist, East Flat Rock, NC  
 23-27 Global Reach Conference, – Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, IA  
 29 West Millford Baptist Church, West Millford, WV

### NOVEMBER 2023

5 AM First Baptist, Gunnison, CO  
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### DECEMBER 2023

1-13 Paris, France and Coprivnica, Croatia  
 3 Paris, France with Bixby Family  
 10 Coprivnica, Croatia with Crnkovic Family  
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I would love the privilege of visiting your church and sharing how God is using the ministry of EMU International around the world. If you are interested in me visiting your church, please email me at [jeff@emuinternational.org](mailto:jeff@emuinternational.org). As you can see there are a few open dates between now and the end of the year.



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