

Missions Moment | October 2024

Dearborn, Michigan is a very culturally diverse area in the U.S. It is home to the largest density of Arab and Muslim people in the United States. Over the last several decades, many refugee families from Syria and other countries have relocated there.

Brethren In Christ U.S. World Missions has been sending teams to this area since 2021. During our annual trips to Dearborn, we partner with Kids LIFE, a summer camp program serving refugee children, which provides team participants with an opportunity to learn and serve together while experiencing a new culture.



In addition to supporting refugee children in their educational success, Kids LIFE volunteers dedicate themselves year-round to building relationships with local families and addressing practical needs such as securing furniture and transportation. Through the trust established and the love shared, volunteers are now able to share Bible stories with the kids. Our summer trips to Dearborn play a crucial role in this mission, offering team participants valuable learning experiences that they can apply at home as they welcome new neighbors and connect with people from various backgrounds.

This year, we sent three teams which consisted of 31 participants from 13 different congregations! BIC U.S. World Missions believes it is strategic to have multi-congregational teams to serve together. This trip to Dearborn is particularly unique in that it offers individuals and families a very practical way to serve while sharing Jesus' love. A trip like this also offers an opportunity to encounter God at work around the world, be a witness across cultures, and grow deeper in personal faith.

Short-term service often has a profound impact on those who participate. Many team members have shared stories of how transformative their experiences were after returning from their trips. The chance to immerse oneself in another culture and utilize one's gifts in ministry is truly meaningful. We hope that those who take part in these short-term trips will return with a clearer sense of where God may be guiding them toward crosscultural service, whether in the U.S. or abroad.



The 2025 Dearborn trips will take place for three consecutive weeks—July 27 through August 15. If you have an interest in exploring this trip or any other cross-cultural service, please email us at missions@bicus.org.



Preparing for Worship

Opening & Welcome

Scripture: Psalm 84

Songs of Worship

Prayers of the Community

Gift of Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #44

Message: That You May Have Life John 6:25-51

Be Thou My Vision #441

Prayer & Closing

Postlude

There will be individuals available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary following worship.

The church nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. worship service for children ages 0-4 (any kids not yet in kindergarten). You can sign in your children in the nursery room (next to the library) and pick them up after the service.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and at DBIC we have a lot to be grateful for as we reflect on all that our pastors do for our church family and extended community. Please take time this month to offer your gratitude via cards or other means to our pastors: Rob, Jeff, Naomi, Colin, and Esther. "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Collaboratory?? What kind of word is that? Has it made the Oxford English Dictionary yet? We have a unique opportunity to connect with our people who lead teams of Messiah students to other countries (Tim Van Dyke, Randy Fish, Ray Knepper) and find out what they've been doing. Saturday morning, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall, brunch will be available at 10:00 a.m. with a program to follow for all including families and children! Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A9A722A20-52415705-collaboratory

Our family promise guests will be at our church from November 17th through the 24th. At present, there are two families consisting of three parents, two tweens, and one school-age child. If you are interested in participating, there are several ways in which you can help. First, we need people willing to serve as evening and overnight hosts. Next, we need donations for breakfast and lunch foods. And finally, we will be providing evening meals for them. Descriptions of each role with further information can be found on the sign-up genius sites listed in the weekly email for by going to www.dillsburgbic.org/family-promise. For any other question, feel free to contact Scott and Cindy Raboci at (717)432-9140 or sraboci@yahoo.com. Thank you for being a sweet blessing!

Save the Date! Erika Pease and Joey Hecker are getting married on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 1:00 here at DBIC. Everyone in the congregation (ages 7 and up) is invited to attend the ceremony. Due to space constraints, the reception is by invitation only. We hope you can come celebrate with us!

Do you have a prayer request?

Would you like:

To receive emailed prayer requests? To receive the weekly DBIC email? A church mailbox? Offering envelopes?

You can contact us by email at connect@dillsburgbic.org or by using the individual contact info below.

Welcome Guests! To better connect with you we encourage you to email us at connect@dillsburgbic.org.

This Week's Prayer Focus:

Jay & Judy Smith (US/Global); A & TW (sensitive location); Paxton Ministries; Peace Promise.

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Statistical Notes October 6, 2024

Attendance: 139 in-person/41 online

Offering:

Worship \$ 17,892.00 Deacons \$ 15.00

Year-to-Date Statistics:

General Fund Budget \$ 421,807.69 General Fund Giving \$ 427,482.40

This Week's Calendar

Monday

7:00 pm Ministry Council (Zoom)

Tuesday

6:40 pm Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday

9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (201)

5:30 pm Corner Life Meal (FH)

6:30 pm Shine (K-Grade 5)

6:30 pm Thrive (Youth)

6:30 pm Sharing and Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday

5:30 pm Martin Brass Rehearsal 7:30 pm Zoom Prayer (Zoom)

Next Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service