



WORLD MISSIONS

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 cross-cultural 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.



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH
GROWING DEEP REACHING FAR

November 17, 2024 - 10:00 Worship

Preparing for Worship

Opening & Welcome

Scripture: Psalm 136:1-12

Songs of Worship

Prayers of the Community

Reasons for Thanks

O God Our Help in Ages Past #22

Gift of Music

Moment of Thanksgiving

Message: Great Fullness: Forming a Life of Gratitude
Hebrews 13:1-16

Song of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated #359

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.

Join Us for Christmas Choir: Each Christmas a new group of singers from DBIC join together to celebrate the coming of the Messiah. You don't need to have sung with us in the past. You don't need to audition. You just need to come to rehearsal with the talents God has given to you and a pencil. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:30. If you have any questions contact Randy Fish at fishrs@hotmail.com

Deacon Nomination: We invite you to prayerfully consider nominating yourself or another member of our congregation to serve on our team of deacons. Nomination forms are in mailboxes today. Completed forms should be returned to Kathy Bennett's mail slot by November 24.

Advent Art: Calling all artists, crafters, photographers, poets, chefs... and more... for art contributions to the Advent Art Show! Like last year, we plan to collect art throughout the month of November, and display it in around the church as an act of worship during the Advent season (starting December 1).

Art can be left in the Church Office, with your name connected (with the exception of your culinary art— bring that to share on Sunday, Dec. 8!). Please also fill out this link to tell us more about your work: <https://tinyurl.com/advent-art>. Contact Julie Lerew at julie.lerew@dillsburgbic.org for more details, and thank you in advance for using your art to help celebrate our Savior this Christmas!

Men's Breakfast on Saturday November 23: Join the men in the fellowship hall for breakfast and a time of fellowship at 8:30 a.m. on November 23. This is a great time to connect with other men and to invite friends, neighbors and relatives. Sign up at <https://www.dillsburgbic.org/mens-breakfast/>

Poinsettia Orders: If you would like to order a poinsettia to benefit New Hope Ministries and to decorate the church in December, pick up an order form today! Orders (with payment) are due no later than Sunday, November 24.

Global Outreach will have Christmas cards available in the narthex for the congregation to sign for the missionaries we support. Please stop in the narthex to sign the cards and let these missionaries know that we're thinking of them and praying for them at Christmastime.

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

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.

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This Week's Prayer Focus:

Matt & Julie Walsh (Western Africa);
B & MB (Sensitive Location)
Family Promise;
Dillsburg Senior Center.

Statistical Notes November 3, 2024

Attendance: 141 in-person/68 online

Offering:
Worship \$ 16,319.00
Deacons \$ 15.00
Year-to-Date Statistics:
General Fund Budget \$ 463,988.46
General Fund Giving \$ 476,081.40

This Week's Calendar

Today

3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Family Promise Hosting begins

Wednesday

9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (201)
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
6:30 pm Fresh Hope (Orange Room)
6:30 pm Leadership Council (201)
7:30 pm Zoom Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday

8:30 p.m. Men's Breakfast (FH)

Next Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal