



New International™

TRANSFORMING LIVES GLOBALLY

Clarence Church of Christ  
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Dear Clarence Church of Christ,

It's been nearly 8 years since I took on the role of CEO for New International. Those very first days in the office, I felt God tugging at my heart to bring back our global conference – a gathering of our 200+ New International missionaries and their families marked by a time of connection, worship, retooling, and rest. Why? *The previous global conference had been 8 years prior, but it was still resonating as a very impactful experience in my life. And I was amazed at the good it did for our missionaries. They were energized and renewed!* **The connection, resources and encouragement that came as a result of 200+ missionaries spending time together in worship, prayer, and relationship was powerful.**

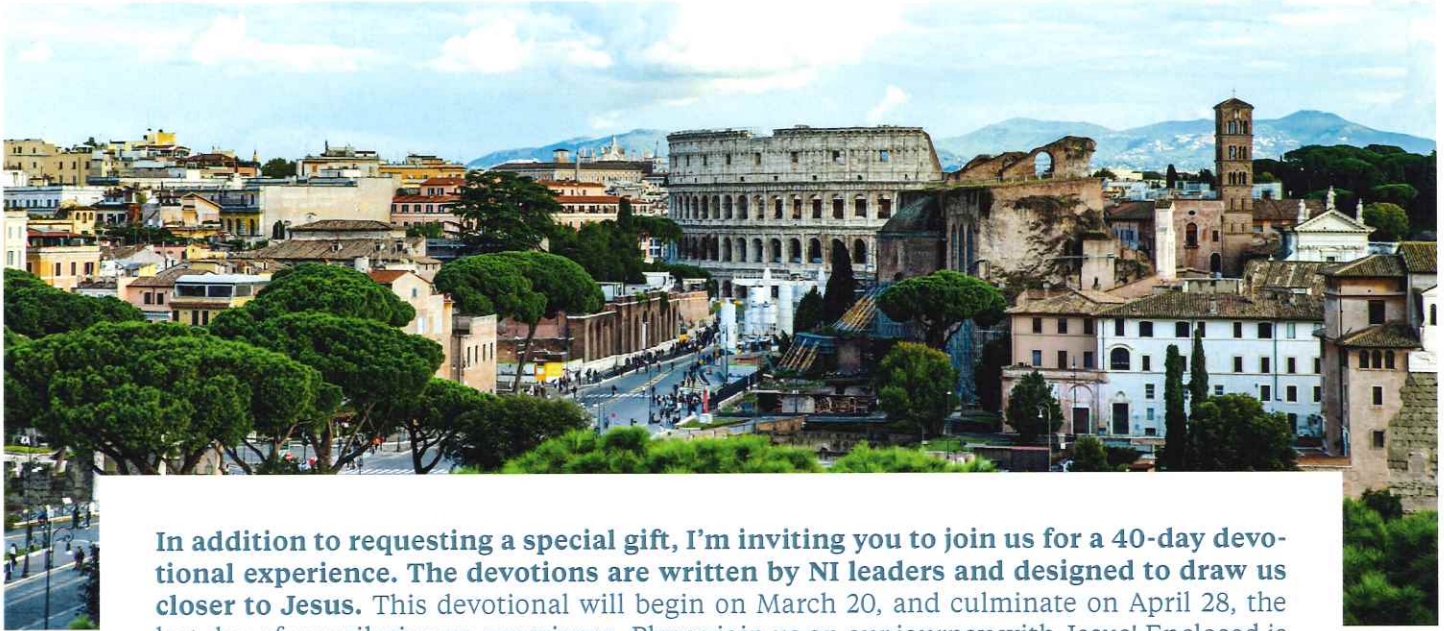
As I connected with our missionaries that first year, I realized I was not alone. One of the questions I was most frequently asked was, “When will we have another global conference?”

***Fast forward to today, and we are less than 2 months from our first mission-wide gathering in 16 years! This spiritual pilgrimage for our New International family would not be possible without your support. Thank you for your investment in missions and your faithful support of the missionaries we care for so deeply.*** It is because of you they are able to live out God's call on their lives everyday; proclaiming Christ and making disciples globally.

Planning this spiritual pilgrimage was not without challenges. It has been postponed by pandemic, rescheduled, and finally rerouted by war. But it is happening and we are overjoyed with anticipation for what God will do through our time together. ***On April 19, 2024, we will embark on a 10-day spiritual pilgrimage by sea from Rome, Italy. We will travel by cruise ship through several of the Greek Islands featured in the Book of Acts. Our journey will help Paul's ministry and events in Acts come alive for us. We will experience the same Spirit who called and empowered Paul working in us!***

Last spring, you received a letter sharing our plans for the pilgrimage. The letter announced an anonymous donor who committed to covering half the cost of this experience, up to \$275,000. **Today, we have raised \$252,600 in matching funds. We have \$22,400 left to reach our goal!** If you have already helped support this endeavor, THANK YOU! If you have not yet, will you consider a special gift to help make this possible?





**In addition to requesting a special gift, I'm inviting you to join us for a 40-day devotional experience. The devotions are written by NI leaders and designed to draw us closer to Jesus.** This devotional will begin on March 20, and culminate on April 28, the last day of our pilgrimage experience. Please join us on our journey with Jesus! Enclosed is a prayer card with a QR code that will allow you to access this devotional. Will you also use the prayer card to pray over our missionaries leading up to and during our time together? ***I pray you will join us in this and are blessed by the experience!***

This pilgrimage is an opportunity for us to pour blessing into our entire missionary family. **It will be a time of deep connection, worship, spiritual renewal, and rest.** It is an opportunity for our missionaries to fill up their spiritual cup in a way that will have a profound impact on their ministry and the lives of countless people who are touched by them in the years to come. Your gift today will have an impact that will last long after this pilgrimage is over.

As a support partner of our organization, I know you are passionate about proclaiming Christ and making disciples globally. Thank you for playing a vital role in that mission. **I have enclosed a self addressed envelope and giving slip to make it simple to give today. You may also give online at [NewInternational.org/give/campaign/pilgrimage](https://NewInternational.org/give/campaign/pilgrimage). Every dollar will be matched, making your gift twice as valuable.**

If you have any questions regarding the pilgrimage and how you can be part of it, please reach out! My cell is (513) 604-0047, and my email is [jeff@newinternational.org](mailto:jeff@newinternational.org). I would love to hear from you.

Thank you again for your ongoing, generous support. We appreciate you!

Blessings,

Jeff Metzger  
CEO



**P.S. Enclosed is a self addressed envelope for you to send a special gift today!** You may also give online at [NewInternational.org/give/campaign/pilgrimage](https://NewInternational.org/give/campaign/pilgrimage). As a partner of our organization, help us reach our matching gift goal, and make a spiritual pilgrimage a reality for our missionaries.

**Additionally, please join us in a 40-day devotional using the enclosed prayer card. Thank you for your support!**