

WE BELIEVE the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writing, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

WE BELIEVE in One God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, having precisely the same nature and worthy of equal worship and obedience.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. Having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a substitutional sacrifice for our sins. He arose bodily from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where He continues His High Priestly ministry at the right hand of the throne of God.

WE BELIEVE that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

WE BELIEVE that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin through Adam and is therefore totally depraved, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

WE BELIEVE that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

WE BELIEVE that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.

WE BELIEVE that the true Church is composed of all who through personal faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together as the body of Christ of which He is the Head.

WE BELIEVE in the personal and pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. We believe the destiny for the believer is to be present with the Lord and for the unbeliever is to be separated from the presence of the Lord in everlasting punishment.

WE BELIEVE the great evangelistic and missionary commission given by Jesus Christ to the disciples and to the continuing church is that of making Christ known throughout the world by word and example and bringing to maturity those who believe in Him through instruction from the Word.



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the **HISTORY** *of*
**INTERNATIONAL
MESSENGERS**

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:15b

Concept of International Messengers (IM) takes place in the mind and heart of Robert Rasmusson.



God opens the doors for this new missions organization to be born as a branch of Oak Hills Fellowship in Bemidji, Minnesota. IM is designed to motivate and train believers in world missions. IM sets out to provide effective cross-cultural, short-term missions experiences for college-age students and adults.

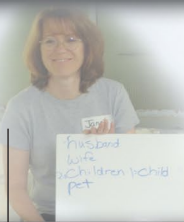
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First overseas full-time staff consisting of two Polish nationals; joined a year later by some American staff.

EELC camps begin in Hong Kong and other Eastern European countries.

EELC camps expand to communist Poland



Birth of a new and innovative ministry concept called Evangelistic English Language Camps (EELC) with a camp in Austria.

1988

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International Messengers

IM becomes an independent, non-profit mission organization.

IM offers 2-1/2 week opportunities aimed at involving adult lay people and impacting the local church.

Winter camps begin. IM starts to focus on recruiting church teams, where all team members are from one church.

IM offices move from Bemidji, MN to Clear Lake, IA.

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Messengers of Hope starts and will focus on revival and evangelism in North America.

IM provides EFCA, SEND Int'l, and various churches with curriculum and teaching materials to start their own EELC programs. Since then IM has trained a number of other mission organizations how to use English camps for evangelism.

Basketball camp outreach begins in NW Poland and later branches out to Hungary too.

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Facility in Libby, Montana is given to IM and serves as the Mountainside Missionary Training Center for those wanting an intensive look at missions.

Camp concept continues to expand into medical, nursing, educational and professional English camps to have an effect on the adult population of Central/Eastern Europe. Family Camps, a variation of the regular Evangelistic English Language Camp, begin. The Gospel can be shared in a comfortable, relaxed setting and also provides families the unique opportunity to interact and spend time together.



1998

LATE 1990s

God accomplishes much through the willingness & heart of our staff and short-termers. Over 250 short-term workers go and conduct 50 outreaches annually. These include sports camps, discipleship camps, EELCs, family English camps, Nurses, Business & Teachers' English camps, conferences, quilting retreats, children-at-risk ministries, women-at-risk ministries, and Pastor, Elder and Marriage Quest retreats.

Bob's last vision had been for a mentoring based training center in Central/Eastern Europe. God helped us open the Seaside Missionary Training Center in Odessa, Ukraine in the fall of 2004.

Bob Rasmusson is taken home to be with the Lord on November 4, 2003.

2006

2004

2003

IM has over 110 adults (50% North American) serving as career staff in Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Middle East, Nepal, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Uganda, and Ukraine. There are about 50 adults working with IM in North America to assist & serve our overseas staff.



We anxiously wait to see God's plans unfold for IM in the coming years

2006

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