

# STOKES NEWS

When we were growing up in the 50-60's for every 10 young people that God called into missions one would eventually go into missions. You might be alarmed when you read those numbers. Well, in year 2015 the situation is not as good as the 50-60's. Today, for every 100 young people that God calls into missions one actually goes into missions. You read that correctly, 1 out of a 100. God is still calling but more young people are being sidetracked than in previous history.

The reasons why young people today do not go into missions are not very different than in previous years. For further reading on that subject read [In This Generation](#) by Todd Ahrend. This is a challenging book.

So what can you and I do to encourage a young person who wants to go into missions?

**Pray, Pray, Pray** and then pray some more for that young person.

**Challenge, Challenge, Challenge:** Potential missionaries need the challenge of the lost ever before them. In fact, missionaries young or old need the challenge of the lost ever before them.

**Encourage, Encourage and Encourage.** Young potential missionaries need encouragement from parents, friends and, in particular the local church.

Pray for these upcoming meetings;

March 29 A.M. Hale Baptist Church—Hale, Mi

March 30 Cowden Lake Christian Academy—Coral, Mi

April 12 A.M. Bible Baptist Church—North Adams, Mi

P.M. Medina Federated Church—Morenci, Mi

April 19 A.M. Montague, Mi

April 26 P.M. Manton Baptist Church—Manton, Mi

**Update on Kathy's ankle:** Kathy underwent additional surgery on her left ankle on March 18. The surgery included a bone graft to improve the healing of the ankle bone. The prayer request is for the bone graft to correct Kathy's limp and relieve the pain in that ankle caused by a bone that did not heal. Because of this operation we have chosen to cancel the work trip to the Missionary Training Center in Camdenton, Mo. in late May.

Please continue to pray for us as we look for 1 in 100 who will pray "here am I send Me."

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