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JULY 31-AUG 2





What is GIC? What's the goal?

Almost 20 years ago WHBC leadership embarked on a path to refocus our mission's program. Missions has been a major part of the DNA at Washington Heights since the beginning, but the leadership team wanted to bring a renewed sense of vision and purpose by, among other things, creating a conference event we now know as the Global Impact Celebration (GIC). This conference has brought missionary units (individuals or families) to Washington Heights for several events with a different focus for each one. While the conference looks a bit different today than when it started, the goals remain the same.

For the past ten years, I have had the privilege to work closely with the Global Outreach (GO) Team, the missions committee here at WHBC. In that time, I've enjoyed being part of the team, planning, dreaming, and executing GIC events. This is by far one of my favorite events that happens at WHBC. Heading into the conference each year, I have two goals for GIC. The first is to focus on our Global Outreach Partners (missionaries). We want our GO Partners to have a phenomenal weekend, full of rich fellowship, dynamic ministry, and refreshing conversations. We continually adjust the schedule to maximize the impact of GIC on our GO Partners so that they feel loved and cared for by the WHBC family. Secondly, we want to focus on the people of WHBC who will attend the conference. We pray that through GIC, hearts will be touched by God and will respond to a call to full time ministry whether in missions or local ministry.

Which GIC events should you attend?

All of them—they all serve a different purpose! When looking at the event schedule don't be tempted to think you will hear the same stories and information at all the events. We have developed each event with its own unique focus. At the Cottage Meetings, GO Partners are asked to share their ministry reports, like a traditional missionary visit. At the Men's and the Ladies' Brunches we provide a chance for you to spend time in fellowship with our Partners and interact at a more relaxed level. Sunday morning our GO Partners are assigned to ABFs to share the story of their call to ministry and how they came to devote this season of their lives to full-time ministry. And finally, Sunday evening concludes with our GO Partners sharing fun stories and how God is working in amazing ways in their life and ministry. Our GO Partners give us a full weekend of their valuable time to hang out and share with us—let's support and love them!

We also have a list of other events we line up for our GO Partner guests. Everything from unstructured social time to special meals with the GO Team and pastoral staff and small group debriefs designed to share our love, care, and concern for these incredible people.

I know I am biased, but the GO Team (with the coordination of Amanda Kwast) provides a top-notch missions conference! Come join us!

Justin Hoppe
Executive Pastor

FRIDAY 7.31.26

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cottage Meetings

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 28

We encourage families to attend Cottage Meetings together, with kids 5th grade and up participating with their parents. Each GO Partner has been paired with a host home for this event. Come share appetizers and desserts and enjoy hearing ministry reports from our GO Partners. **CHILD CARE AVAILABLE AT WHBC (BIRTH–4TH GRADE)**

CHILD CARE *(registration required)*

- Available at WHBC for ages birth–4th grade
- If you don't have time to feed your child(ren) before heading to your cottage meeting, feel free to pack them a dinner (must be nut-free), or opt in for a WHBC provided dinner (CFA nuggets, applesauce pouch, and chips).

REGISTERING

- Choose an option for each family member—either a cottage meeting location or child care.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Bringing Children Hope (BCH) *HOSTED BY Brad & Sandy Hayward*

Dave Drullinger *HOSTED BY Wally & Karen Hoppe*

Bruce & Laura Edgar *HOSTED BY Kenneth & Hannah Ross*

Megan Kuhn *AT Washington Heights*

Mark & Sue *HOSTED BY Scott & Chrisina Ryan*

Christian & Nicole Pilet *HOSTED BY Andre & Cara Van Rynbach*

Child Care *AVAILABLE AT Washington Heights*

- Choose an appetizer or dessert to share. Both are needed at all cottage meetings.

**COTTAGE MEETING
CLICK TO
REGISTER**

SATURDAY 8.1.26

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Men's & Women's Brunches

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 26

Attend our Men's & Women's Brunches, Saturday, August 1, 10:30a–12:30p. This event is for the whole family (*children registered for child care will eat with their parents*). **CHILD CARE PROVIDED (BIRTH–6 YRS)**

MEN'S BRUNCH

A home-cooked brunch will be held in the Activity Center for our men and boys. This event will include a panel discussion with our GO Partners.

LADIES' BRUNCH

A catered brunch will be provided in the foyer for our women and girls. This will include a panel discussion with our GO Partners.

CHILD CARE *(Birth–6 yrs.)*

Activities and childcare will be available for children (birth–6 years) during the panel discussions. All children will be with their parents for the brunch portion of this event.

**FAMILY BRUNCHES
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REGISTER**



SUNDAY 8.2.26

Missionary Focus

Morning Worship Services

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Scott Ryan

Lunch With GO Partner

Would you like to host a GO Partner for lunch (or take them out) after the morning services?

Register to reserve the GO Partner you would like to host.

LUNCH HOST
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Evening Family Picnic

6:00-8:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 20 (for boxed meal).

Registration for the picnic will remain open through August 2.

Bring the whole family. We will gather for dinner in the field/picnic area, spending a relaxed, family-friendly time with our GO Partners. Water and cups will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen, sunshade/tent, and lawn games.

Food (choose to pack or pay)

- **Pack** - Pack your dinner. This includes food, plates, utensils, drinks, etc.—anything your family needs to enjoy your meal.
- **Pay** - Order a boxed meal when you register. Includes a sandwich, chips, and dessert. Gluten-friendly options are available. Cost is \$12.50, available through July 20 only.

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ABFs and Class

9:00 A.M. ABF/SS CLASSES

JAM City—Megan Kuhn

Disciples—Christian & Nicole Pilet
Bereans—Craig Freyenberger, BCH

Ambassadors—Dave Drullinger

10:30 A.M. ABF/SS CLASSES

Youth - Christian & Nicole Pilet

Pathfinders - Bruce & Laura Edgar

Thrive - Craig Freyenberger, BCH

Vision/Journey - Mark & Sue

HomeBuilders - Dave Drullinger

Meet our GO Partners with us this weekend

Bringing Children Hope (BCH)

BCH provides holistic Christian care to families in crisis. They desire to see transformation by restoring hope through Christ so they can help themselves and turn around to do the same for others. Craig Freyenberger, CEO, will be sharing their vision and ministry with us.

Dave Drullinger (ABWE)

Dave has been serving in Cape Town, South Africa since 2008. Before being called to the mission field in Cape Town, he was a professor at Cedarville and preaching partner at Washington Heights. Dave teaches university level classes at the Ministry Training Center, Mountain View Baptist Church. He loves teaching and has been doing so for close to 50 years!

Bruce & Laura Edgar (ABWE)

The Edgars have spent the past 20 years working in Nicaragua, focusing on church planting, theological training and mentorship, and hosting short-term teams. They will be transitioning to the role of Executive Director of the Latin America and Caribbean region and are in the process of moving to Harrisburg, PA.

Megan Kuhn

Megan is an elementary school teacher at a Christian international school in Madrid, Spain. She teaches students from around the world using a Biblical perspective. This year she is studying Spanish intensely to deepen her friendships and share the Gospel more effectively.

Mark & Sue

Mark & Sue have served for 36 years with ABWE's LiveGlobal division, working with national partners globally. Their work is concentrated in Eastern Europe, Asia, and the Middle East where they have over 150 ministry partners in 55 countries.

Christian & Nicole Pilet

Chris serves with ABWE as pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in Geneva, New York. He also trains pastors in Nepal and Myanmar with Tri-M. Nicole serves in various church ministries and is active with their local library, their children's school, and their adult children.

**Your WHBC
Global Outreach (GO) Team**

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