



## TAKING BABY STEPS

By Matt Newman

We are reaching the end of The Mission of God series. I fear that after 6 weeks of talking about "reaching the unreached near and far", that we are only a week away from nothing changing. Honestly, while this is devastating, I know it's real. And the only way to try to hold back the presumable outcome of overwhelming nothingness is to TAKE SOME BABY STEPS.

Seriously, each of the 3 call to action points below will become distant memories if you don't plan on taking a tangible baby step towards it, and have the people in your community hold you accountable to it. These, by the way, are merely ideas for baby steps. I would hope you could take a night and discuss them as a family.

**Engage local internationals.** (Focus on both students and those who are here in NWA for work)

- Pay attention to internationals at work, at your school, in your neighborhood, and at gas stations. There are so many internationals around...take a step of courage, and get to know them.
- Volunteer at your child's school, go to school events, or take the kids to the park.
- Start eating at international restaurants and initiate meeting and knowing the staff.
- Host a Camp War Eagle summer international staff member (12 weeks = 1 night a week).
- Ask our [global team](#) about international students who need a host home for meals and laundry.

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## What's Happening?

### FEBRUARY/MARCH:

#### Reframing Marriage

February 17-18

Fellowship Fayetteville

[Register](#)

Weekend Conference led by Mark and Lisa Schatzman

\* \* This spring break, Mosaic Community is partnering with Camp War Eagle to do local block parties at international apartment complexes. Go as a family to help out! Email [Bonnie](#) for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

## Loving Choices Baby Bottle Campaign

February 25-March 11

*Fill a bottle with change and drop off in the Worship Center Foyer*

## 45NextGen

March 4

5:00 and 6:45pm

*4th and 5th graders worship with their parents*

## BLAST

March 4-5

New Life Ranch

[Register](#)

*For 5th and 6th graders*

## Transitioning Years

March 5

Various locations on campus

[Register](#)

*Several panels helping parents through key transition years*

## Spring Break Mission Trips

March 18-25

NWA, Kansas City, Guatemala

Middle school can still [register](#)

[for NWA](#)

*For more information on any of the events above, email*

[mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org](mailto:mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org)

**Go on a short-term mission trip** (Advance the work, experience the Gospel in another culture)

- This year Mosaic will be taking at least 6 short term mission trips (adult and student). Depending on the ages of children in your family, maybe one or more of you could participate. [view opportunities here](#).
- Talk as a family about the idea of trying something "easy". There are several cities within a 3-hour radius where you could go rather inexpensively, and serve with a partner church or ministry. [view opportunities here](#).
- Think local. What if your group tried a 48-hour local mission trip? Schedule it out and look at it like you would if you traveled far to get there. No phones or other appointments...purely a chance to minister together with the intention of making lasting relationships.

## Support healthy, long-term workers doing sustainable work

- Pray: Commit as a family to pray by name for our missionaries every time you meet. Use the [global prayer calendar](#) to help guide your family prayer times. Operation World is a great resource to help you understand where our missionaries live.
- Send: Which one of our long-term missionaries can your family financially back? Bless them through monthly support, but also think of creative ways to raise funds for them (garage sales etc....)

## RESOURCES

[Global Outreach Prayer Guide Calendar](#)

[The Torchlighters Series](#) - stories of heroes of the faith

[Operation World Prayer Handbook](#)

[The Master Plan of Evangelism](#)

[Window on the World](#) (Operation World for kids)

[10 Ways to Help Kids Love Missions](#)

[Let the Nations be Glad](#)

