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A busy fall began with the annual BIMi Director's Meeting. It was our second time to attend and we received a blessing! I gave reports on the Pre-field Ministries at BIMi for which we are responsible. It is our strong desire to expand our efforts to provide assistance to local churches and their missionaries as they reach the world.



Wrapping up the summer's activities, our very last 2024 CONNECT team left for service with Missionary Rick Demastus in Scotland. You will find an interesting article on his family's ministry in the next edition of the *BIMI WORLD* magazine. Europe Director Ed Hembree did a great job leading, and it was exciting to see our son, Anthony, step out by faith and go serve with the team. Many thanks to those who financially helped him. Your generosity made this important and formative time possible.



In addition to screening new missionaries, processing applications for CAMP BIMi 2025, and coordinating new CONNECT trips, I had the opportunity to preach multiple missions conferences and missions emphasis meetings. We represented BIMi at youth rallies, pastor's meetings, and college events from California to North Carolina.

I enjoyed encouraging God's people from the pulpit but my favorite was time spent speaking with busy college students, eager teens, and sharp young couples all exploring the idea of missionary service. God is still calling those who will answer!

Our travels were sadly punctuated by the loss of a good friend and mentor, Dr. Ron Bragg. He and his wife, Donna, have helped Mary and I even since before we were married. They introduced us 21 years ago and have encouraged our family every step of the way. Dr. Bragg will be sorely missed. Please pray for the family.



In the coming weeks we will assist with the candidate part of the Semi-annual Board of Trustees Meeting and complete a myriad of other duties and preparations needed for 2025. As we all celebrate the upcoming holidays, we gratefully reflect on God's travelling mercies, financial provision, and the spiritual fruit He has provided this fall. We want you to know how very grateful we are for your prayers and support. We could not do it without you! May God bless you richly in our Lord Jesus Christ!

In Christ for the Harvest,

Jason and Mary Ritchie, Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily, Allison, Jenna, & Madelyn