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## The Fields Are Ready!

In **John 4:35**, Jesus said to His disciples:

*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”*

For almost 29 years, EIM has asked God to place us in those unharvested fields, and He has faithfully answered that prayer. We have had the privilege of planting our feet in **32 different countries** to proclaim the Gospel.

Over the years, God has also blessed us with the opportunity to take teams with us, people who have answered the call to go and help reach these unharvested fields. From Africa and Asia to Central and South America, we have gone to places where the Gospel has never been heard.

For all of this, we simply say, **“Thank You, God!”**

## Could 2027 Be Your Year to Go?

Perhaps you have wondered how you could become part of a mission team. EIM can help make that opportunity a reality by placing you on one of our teams.

**2027 can be your year to travel with EIM and reach the fields that are white and ready for harvest!**

We are already preparing for our 2027 **Overseas Bible School (OBS)** and **Shepherd’s Bag Ministry™** team opportunities. During the summer of 2027, we will have:

- **Four opportunities** to serve on an Overseas Bible School team
- **Two opportunities** to serve on a Vacation Bible School team here in the United States
- **Two opportunities** to serve on a Shepherd’s Bag Ministry™ team in Honduras

## Overseas Bible School

Our Overseas Bible Schools are conducted much like the Vacation Bible Schools many of you hold in your local churches. EIM has developed its own curriculum that tells the Gospel story from **Creation to the Cross**.

For four days, our teams pour the truth of the Gospel into the lives of children, teaching them who Jesus is and what He has done for them.



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## 2027 OBS Dates

**Honduras:** June 21–26

**Mexico:** June 21–26

**Honduras:** July 5–10

**Mexico:** July 26–31

## Vacation Bible School in the United States

We will also have an opportunity for a team to serve in **Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and Orange, Texas.**

**Orange, Texas:** June 7-12

**Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN:** June 21-26

This will provide an opportunity to serve right here in the United States while sharing the Gospel with children through VBS.

## Shepherd's Bag Ministry™

Our Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ trips are **five-day, Monday-through-Friday trips to Honduras.** While in-country, team members will visit four schools each day for three days. At each school, we distribute Shepherd's Bags and, most importantly, share the Gospel.

If you have never been on an international mission trip, this is a trip we highly recommend. It provides an excellent opportunity to experience missions firsthand while being directly involved in evangelism.

## 2027 Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Dates

**Honduras:** June 7–11

**Honduras:** July 26–30

## Evangelism That Leads to Discipleship

Because we believe **evangelism is the first step in making disciples**, every EIM team is focused on clearly sharing the Gospel.

But sharing the Gospel is not where our responsibility ends.

The next steps in making disciples are to **baptize, teach, and help believers grow in their faith.** That is why EIM works alongside local church planters and pastors who can provide follow-up and ongoing discipleship after our teams return home.



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Our goal is not simply to make a trip. Our goal is to **share the Gospel, see lives changed, and help establish the foundation for lifelong discipleship through the local church.**

## What Does It Cost?

The cost for each team member is:

- **Overseas Bible School:** \$2,500 per person
- **U.S. VBS:** \$1,500 per person
- **Shepherd's Bag Ministry™:** \$1,800 per person

These costs include **airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, and meals.**

If giving online, a **\$50 one-time payment** will be included in your first payment for processing.

The cost of our Overseas Bible School and VBS trips also includes Bible School supplies and helps defray a portion of the expenses for the EIM team leader.

## Ready to Go?

If you are interested in joining one of these teams and would like more information, visit [www.eimworldwide.org](http://www.eimworldwide.org) and click on **"Take a Trip."**

For OBS and Shepherd's Bag trips, contact our OBS/Shepherd's Bag Coordinator:

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**870-226-3626**

For VBS trips, contact our VBS Coordinator:

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**870-315-0362**

Simply complete the application for the appropriate team and trip, and Fonda or Sarah will contact you with additional information.

The fields are ready.

**Come join us in reaching them for Christ!**

**The harvest is waiting. The fields are white and ready. Will you go?**