

Elisha Sites Update

CARING FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

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Two hundred missionaries, representing work in 32 countries, plus 70 missionary kids, gathered in Spain in January for a time of rest and refreshment. Living as a cross-cultural missionary can start to feel heavy sometimes. Some of the weight comes from language and cultural learning, raising a family in a place that has very different family and parenting values, the emotional and spiritual toll of seeing the depths of the brokenness of your host culture, and much more. Here is what two participants shared as a reflection of the time:

"The theme of the conference this year was "Anchored" and we spent time talking about the implications of living with Christ as your anchor. We were reminded that the stability and security of being anchored in Christ is a huge part of what makes it possible for us to live cross-culturally successfully and in the long term. Without an anchor of Christ below and before us, we would become more easily overwhelmed and crushed by the volatility and challenges that surround us."

- Brigette, International Staff Serving in Portugal

"We feel like a big weight has been lifted from us after being here."

- Athletes in Action Staff Family



Some of the missionaries and support staff from Latin America and Africa at the mid-year conference. I helped organize our times together.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the interns as they make the most of their last few months and figure out their next steps.
- We've had to make some difficult decisions at work (not my favorite part of working in Human Resources). Pray for me to trust the Lord with it.
- The effects of all the stress/grief from the past year are still present. Pray that I would give myself grace as I keep processing.
- For wisdom as we seek out some therapies/treatments for some medical needs my family has.

With love and gratitude,

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