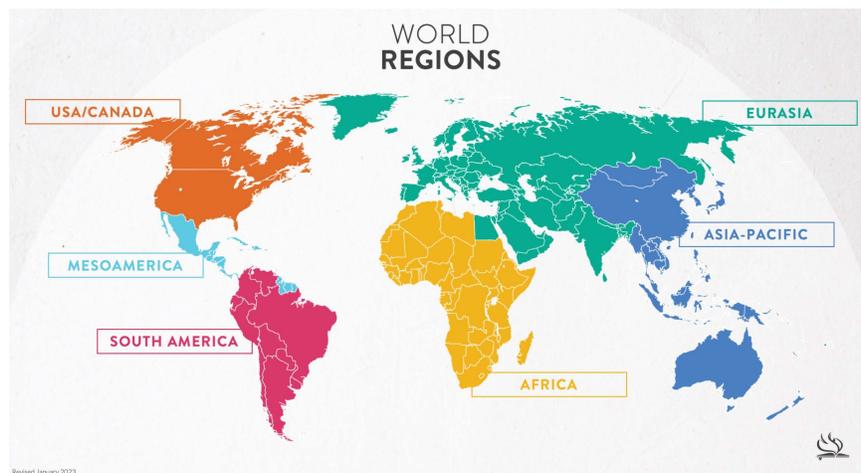


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Discover Missions Event Attracts 150 Participants from Around the Globe



Discover Missions is an immersive experience designed for young adults to discern God’s call on their life—to be the next generation of missionaries whom God can use wherever He chooses.

Hear what some of these participants said about their experience:

“I knew I had a passion for missions, but it was at Discover in Kenya where I knew God was calling me to be a cross-cultural missionary. I am ready to serve!” - participant from Mesoamerica

“God really used this event to show me that I can serve as a doctor in missions. I want to be a missionary doctor!” - a participant from the United States

“God really used this event to confirm my call to missions [in hard-to-reach contexts].” - a participant from Mesoamerica

“I go to university in another country than my own. My mobilizer helped me to see that I am already a cross-cultural missionary. I can be a missionary now, serving the world for Christ, right where I am!” - participant from Mesoamerica

“I’ve always heard that I was a part of the global church, but because of my passport and funding, I never got to see that. I never thought I would leave my country, but God is so good, and I was able to go to Kenya. I really feel like I am a part of our global church now! Praise God!” - participant from Eurasia

“One workshop presenter really challenged us to ask, “What are the needs where I am now?” “What is in my hands already that can help?” It made me realize that my city is really broken and has large needs. I can be serving now! When I get home, I am going to talk to my pastor.” - a participant from the United States

“I came to Discover after a really hard time in my life. This event really gave me hope and vision for the future. I know God had me here on purpose.” - participant from Africa

“I always had an interest in missions but never felt called to be a traditional missionary. God has given me a passion for reconciliation work in the world. At Discover, I learned there is a place for me to do these kinds of ministries in missions! God used this event to show me how I can use these gifts and passions to serve the world.” - participant from USA and Canada



PRAYER

- Pray for these young people who understand that saying ‘Yes’ to serve the Lord may involve risks and that they will follow through and trust the Lord with their lives.
- Pray for discernment as to how God may use their skills and that they will continue to develop those skills, focus their education, and prepare well to be effective in missions.



PRAISE

- Praise God for the powerful worship services where God was clearly present, and participants were confronted with various cultural styles of worship. This stretched their worldview...a necessity for anyone who goes out to serve.
- Praise God for all the preparations for this Discover event; that God was in the planning and He was in the event that emerged.

NMI SNAPSHOT



Could God Use Me?



Have you ever asked the question, “Could God use me in His mission?” 150 participants from 42 countries who joined the Discover Missions event in Nairobi, Kenya, in June came asking that question. And God answered them with a divine ‘YES!’



Lindell Browning, a retired veteran missionary who served as field strategy coordinator in the Eastern Mediterranean, was one of the speakers. He asked that each participant consider what is in their skill set that could be used ‘here and now.’ Each person wrote on a piece of paper what they believe they have ‘in their hands’ that God could use if they would surrender that to Him. Browning said, “I brought all of those responses home in a special bag that sits next to my chair where I have my daily devotions and pray. I promised I’d pray every day for this new generation of missionaries, and I am blessed to do that.”

Prayer is so important to the process of discerning one’s call, nurturing it, preparing to ‘go’—and deployment. NMI prays for next generation missionaries, as it prays for those currently serving.

Missionaries pray for those who will replace them in the next generation. You can pray, too! Do you? It is one way in which everyone can join God in His mission to our broken world.

Participants in multiple focus groups went out to encounter and experience the needs of various areas around Nairobi. They joined up with several ministries in and around Nairobi that are seeking to make a difference in the lives of orphans, the abused, and the vulnerable. These ‘outings’ were informative and, in some cases, ‘transformative.’ The worship services and workshops were blessed, each presenting opportunities for response. These young people were searching their hearts, and God’s heart, regarding what He may want them to do and in what context they might serve. They were challenged to confront their own preconceived ideas about missions and consider contexts where missionaries get assignments to be Jesus in communities where He is not yet known.



Missions is about building bridges and crossing bridges, and over 40 of these young adults said that they felt a call to ministries in areas that are hard to reach with the Good News of Jesus. Meals were shared, small groups met and prayed, and relationships were built as participants mixed cross-culturally and cross-generationally. Browning concluded: “The hearts of this new generation of missionaries are open to God, and we have good reason to be hopeful for what comes next in these young lives and in the places to which they may be sent in the future.”

Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to participate in His mission? For more information about the steps to prepare for a life of missions, click [here](#).

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