

**JOURNALS** POSTED ON OCTOBER 5, 2018

## Fall 2018 Update



KRISTY ENGEL



GLOBAL

**Happy Pumpkin Season!**

Yes, it is true...I am one of those annoying people who loves just about everything pumpkin. Although I don't stand in line overnight waiting for Starbucks to open the door the first day of their pumpkin latte's, I am certainly enjoying my visits throughout the midwest and the many potluck's with their variety of pumpkin cakes, muffins, bars and crumbles!

I am several weeks into my travels during this [World Mission Offering](#) season for International Ministries and I am feeling very blessed. Churches and individuals are sharing their love with me for my ministry and the global work of International Ministries. They are excited to learn about Assets-Based Community Development and how to change their models of outreach so that it empowers communities and honors those who serve. And I'm seeing lots of people wearing their "Love simply. Simply love." t-shirts!

Blessed ... yes, I am!

The [World Mission Offering](#) is your opportunity to [support my ministry](#) or the global work of International Ministries **very intentionally**. If you have not yet decided to support my ministry on a monthly basis, please consider starting today with a monthly gift. I depend on committed donors to meet my goal.

**Will you join with me now by starting a \$25/month gift?**

[Let's Get Started](#)



### **Travel, Trainings and Relationships**

Fall is full of travel, trainings and relationship building. I've been on the road since almost June without many free days and will be continuing to travel both in the US and overseas until about March, unless a few trips are cancelled!

This June I returned to Cochabamba, Bolivia and the House of Hope to continue working with their ministries as well as support my home church, Parkway Baptist in Duluth, GA.

June was also time for the Conference for Overseas Missionaries, the Call Retreat and the World Missions Conference...all sponsored by International Ministries. I attended all three of these conferences, which took the remainder of June and the beginning of July. It was such a blessing to be with colleagues, share about my ministry and meet many ABC churches who were excited to learn more about Assets Based Community Development!

July was full of writing the training materials for the Community Based Response to Health 6-day training that I would use for the first time in August at Crossroads Church in Denver. I had a quick vacation with my sister and her family and then I was off to Central Seminary in Kansas City for Dan and Sharon Buttry's TCTT intensive 10-day training on Conflict Transformation. One day later, I began teaching my own training for two consecutive weekends in Colorado. That finished out the month of August!

The final weekend of August and for the rest of September, I will be visiting churches, donors and others throughout Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. Following this whirlwind of US travel, I'll head to Lebanon and then Bangladesh where I'll continue to build relationships with our partners overseas and learn about opportunities for continued healthcare programs. In Bangladesh, I'll meet up with colleagues, Walt and Jeanine White.

November is another time for conferences in the US. I'll be speaking at the Regional Youth Event (RYE) in the MidAmerica Region, followed by the regional pastors meeting. The Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, KY is just after these two events and then I'll have a chance to meet with Campbellsville University before returning to Atlanta.

Are you tired yet?? And that's just my schedule until Thanksgiving.

The most exciting thing about all of this is how diverse and widespread the work is! Around the world ...youth ...adults ...conferences ...churches ...universities...God just continues to build and expand the work that I'm involved with and you are a part of this! Thank you for all of your prayers and your support.



**Love Simply. Simply Love.**

It takes all of us working together. From different places, different backgrounds and skill sets, different ages and different languages but all coming together to help make our world better by showing love.

## **One last thing.**

I said it before, but it's true. I cannot do this work without your help. I need monthly committed donors to support my ministry financially through International Ministries. Now is the perfect time to start during the World Missions Offering. You, your church, your Sunday School class/small group or any group can come together to support this global work. Thank you, in advance, for all you are able to give and for the prayers offered on my behalf.

[Make a monthly pledge now](#)