

MISSION MESSAGE

Official Newsletter of the Board of World Mission



Celebrating 80 Years of Medical Ministry in Ahuas!

On June 16th, the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras, marks its 80th anniversary of medical mission service in La Mosquitia. What began as a small outpost has grown into a medical center with a wide range of services to support patients.

Dr. Dominga, born at the clinic in Cauquira and supported through medical school by a BWM scholarship, now serves as a physician on staff—a powerful testimony to the importance of long-standing relationships and faithful giving over decades. A nursing student is currently pursuing her degree on a similar BWM scholarship, and construction is underway on a new doctor's house to support the clinic's growing team. After 80 years, there are always new things happening in this "old" work—from the infant feeding program nourishing dozens of children daily to infrastructure that ensures the next generation of caregivers can live and serve in Ahuas.

We thank you for your dedicated support of the Ahuas Clinic! If you would like to make a gift in honor of this significant milestone, please use the enclosed envelope or go to MoravianMission.org/Give/ and designate your gift to "Ahuas Clinic."



BWM Service Camps

On May 13–17, 2026, the Board of World Mission organized a service camp at Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center. Nearly 30 volunteers — about half of them first-timers — gathered from a half dozen states to take on a variety of projects identified by the camp.

Thanks to their hard work, Mt. Morris now has a new set of campfire benches, a freshly painted parking lot, refurbished games, cleared trails, new carpet in the office, fewer invasive species, a generous supply of firewood, and much more.

The BWM is grateful for every volunteer who showed up ready to serve. We know our camps are an important part of the life of the Moravian Church and our shared call to mission, and we are glad to help care for these special places.

Moravian Church in Zambia Consecrates First Bishop

In late April, the Board of World Mission joined the Moravian Church in Zambia and partners from across the worldwide Moravian Unity for a milestone moment: the consecration of the Rt. Rev. John Sichilima.

Representing the Board of World Mission were Bishop Amy Gohdes-Luhman (BWM Director of Mission Engagement) and Executive Director Justin Rabbach. They were joined in Lusaka by partners from across the Unity, including representatives from ZZg (the Netherlands), all Moravian provinces in Tanzania, as well as a delegation from the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America. These many visitors served as a tangible reminder that this (relatively) young province in Zambia is being encouraged and supported by a global family of partners.

Bishop Sichilima's consecration was a celebration the Zambian church has been working toward for years - a moment of formal blessing on leadership the province has already trusted and followed. For BWM, it was a privilege to be invited and participate in the service as a partner. One member of the Provincial Board put it simply during our time together: "When you are in Christ, there is no Zambian, there is no American." That spirit of unity was constant throughout the entire visit.



Introducing our BWM Summer Interns

One of the joys of our summer at the Board of World Mission is investing in young Moravian leaders through our summer internship program. This summer, Katie, Tenna, and Wil will be joining us at service camps, summer youth camps, a visit to the Moravian Church in Peru, and more. While at home, they will also be supporting the BWM by helping us to organize global partner stories, develop our upcoming three-year strategic plan, create congregational resources, and other "behind the scenes" work. We are excited to introduce you to these incredible young adults.

Katie Owens grew up at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA, and is entering her senior year at Penn State University, where she is studying Genetics and Developmental Biology with the goal of getting a further degree and becoming a certified genetic counselor. "I am extremely grateful to the BWM for this opportunity to intern with them, as I have been lucky enough to benefit from their exchange camping program in past years, and hope I can pay it forward by doing work to further their mission and ministry. I am looking forward to a summer full of fellowship and service to the Moravian community and beyond!"



Katie Owens
Bethlehem, PA



Tennessee Derenne
Green Bay, WI



Wilberth White
Miami, FL

Tennessee Derenne grew up at West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay, WI, where the Moravian community has been a cornerstone throughout her life. From church camps to mission trips, she has always felt surrounded by support, encouragement, and a deep sense of belonging. This fall, Tennessee will begin studying Fisheries and Wildlife Management at Northern Michigan University. "As an intern, I hope to make a meaningful impact on the community that has helped shape me while continuing to learn more about myself and deepen my faith."

Wilberth White grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, and moved to Miami, Florida. The Moravian Church and the people around him in both Nicaragua and Florida shaped his path toward becoming a Board of World Mission intern. Wil studies Computer Science at Florida International University. "I'm most excited about the travel and getting to help others."

Door County Century Ride Sunday, September 13, 2026

You are invited to join the BWM in ministry in an extra-fun way! Spend a day in beautiful Door County, Wisconsin, at the Door County Century Ride on September 13th, 2026! Train for a 30, 50, 70, or 100-mile bike ride and raise funds for the BWM along the way... Together we'll pedal toward a future of lasting, global ministry! In addition to the ride on Sunday, we will have a spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening and find other opportunities for fellowship throughout the weekend.

Space is limited and registration is filling up quickly this year – the ride is already half full! If you are interested in joining us, please register ASAP (learn how at MoravianMission.org/CenturyRide!). Contact Sylvie Hauser at sylvie@moravianmission.org with any questions. We hope you'll join us!



YOUNG ADULT CONVO 2027: Across the Isles Following Moravian witness and community through England and Ireland

From June 27 through July 6, 2027, young adults ages 18-25 from across the Moravian Church Northern and Southern Provinces are invited to join us for a 10-day journey through England and Ireland visiting the British Province of the Moravian Church and following the witness of Moravian communities that have shaped our faith for nearly 300 years.

From London to Leeds and the historic settlement at Fulneck, to Belfast and Sunday worship at Gracehill, we'll explore the places where Moravian community took root and sent its witness into the world. Together, we'll worship, learn, and build community in real time – asking what it means to be a Moravian community today: across aisles, across seas, across the centuries. Cost is \$3,900 per participant, with a maximum of 40 participant seats available on a first come, first served basis.

Registration opens July 1, with full details – including the application, payment schedule, and travel information – coming soon at MoravianMission.org/Convo.

