

## **Candidate Event Week Approves Six New Missionaries for The Mission Society**

(Norcross/Atlanta, GA – October 7, 2008) – Six new missionaries were approved for service with The Mission Society at the conclusion of the Missionary Candidate Event (MCE) on October 4th, 2008. The week consisted of time for the candidates to get to know the staff and other missionaries, participate in a variety of ministries around the Atlanta area, meet with The Mission Society's staff counselor, and interviews were held with each candidate to assess their readiness for cross-cultural ministry.

This group of cross-cultural workers will join other teams of Mission Society missionaries in various locations around the globe. All of the newly approved missionaries will participate in two weeks of Orientation Training in Teresopolis – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 2009. After raising their own financial support, the missionaries will then attend language school for a period of time before departing for their field of service.

The new missionaries include:

### **Jennifer Gale**

Jennifer, a current resident of Hazel Green, Alabama, earned an associate's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in business. She worked in the corporate world for several years before going into missions. For the past two years, Jennifer has been involved in short-term mission trips in various locations around the globe. She will serve with The Mission Society team in South America.

### **Elliott and Katherine Stotler**

Originally from Texas and North Carolina, Elliott and Katherine have made a home in Peachtree City, Georgia. Elliott attended Davidson College and earned a degree in economics before pursuing a MBA from the University of North Carolina. Katherine attended Queens College and worked as a preschool teacher for several years before staying home full-time with their children. Elliott and Katherine have three children - Emily, Ryan, and Cason. The Stotlers joined The Mission Society for a career term and are exploring serving in Africa.

### **Faith Thomson**

Faith joined The Mission Society team for a minimum of a one-year term. She hopes to teach high school mathematics to missionary children overseas. After earning a degree in finance from Texas Tech University, Faith gained her teacher's certification and has been teaching math for several years in San Antonio, Texas. Her field of service is yet to be determined.

### **Bill White**



Bill joined The Mission Society as a Global Resource Team member. Currently residing in Lawrenceville, Georgia, Bill desires to travel to various Mission Society fields and offer help in his area of expertise. He has earned degrees in business systems and accounting, as well as a juris doctorate with a specialization in tax law. Bill has previously served in Kenya doing micro-finance work.

One additional missionary was approved for service in a secure location and her name cannot be released.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society recruits, trains, and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. At present, The Mission Society has more than 225 missionaries in 32 countries. The Mission Society develops diverse programs and ministries in accordance with its missionaries' unique callings and gifts, ranging from well-drilling and the arts to more traditional ministries such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops, and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their own communities and throughout the world. For more information on The Mission Society, call 1.800.478.8963 or visit [www.themissionsociety.org](http://www.themissionsociety.org).

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