

## **Six new missionaries approved for service**

(Norcross/Atlanta, GA - September 20, 2010) – Six new missionaries were approved for service with The Mission Society at the conclusion of the Candidate Assessment and Orientation event on September 16, 2010.

The week consisted of time for the candidates to get to know the staff and other missionaries and participate in a variety of ministries around the Atlanta area. Interviews were held with each candidate to assess their readiness for life overseas. 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 three weeks of Orientation Training in Huancayo, Peru in July 2011. 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.

Three of the six new missionaries are planning to serve in secure locations and their names cannot be published for security purposes. They will join fields in locations such as India and the Middle East.

The Rev. Dick McClain, The Mission Society's president and CEO, remarked, "Reaching least reached people groups with the Good News of Jesus has been at the heart of The Mission Society's ministry from the very beginning. Today it is a matter of strategic priority. We rejoice that 50% of the current class of missionary candidates hope to serve among unreached people groups in restricted access areas of the world. This continues a trend that has been evident among our new missionaries for the past two years. For at least a generation, we have understood that 'nations' in the Bible refers not to 'countries' as we know them, but to distinct *ethne*, or 'people groups.' If we are to take seriously Jesus' declaration that 'the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all peoples will hear it,' (Matt. 24:14, NLB), then focusing our efforts on the remaining groups that have yet to hear the Good News must be our highest priority."

The new cross-cultural workers who are going to non-secure fields include:

### **Paul and Kelly Wiegert –**

Paul and Kelly Wiegert reside in Mt. Olive, Alabama with their three children - Madeline (10), Trent (7), and Megan (2). They plan to minister in Mexico in the areas of church planting and discipleship. Paul is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University, and Kelly is a graduate of Radford University.



**Natalie Brown –**

Natalie lives in Youngstown, Ohio, with her son, Ryan. She currently leads VBS for her church, among other ministry involvements. She plans to serve in Haiti.

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 200 missionaries in 39 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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