



Jim M. Ramsay
Vice President for Global Operations



EDUCATION

- B.A. in Mathematics, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky
- M.Div., focus on Intercultural Studies and Counseling, Asbury Theological Seminary
- D.Min., Focus on Global Leadership and Diaspora Studies. Bakke Graduate University

EXPERTISE

Through experience, education, and ongoing studies, Jim has expertise in missiology, mission strategy, and mission best practices. In recent years he has studied the phenomenon of mass migrations of people and implications and opportunities that presents the church in mission. He teaches in various areas of mission, including cross-cultural ministry, cross-cultural partnerships, theology of mission, and leadership.

RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established and led a stable bilingual primary and secondary school in Karaganda, Kazakhstan, now operating for more than 20 years.
- Discipled young people in Kazakhstan, who now live out their faith in their communities and churches.
- Developed a connectivity within the larger TMS Global community, anchored by biannual regional gatherings of our cross-cultural witnesses.
- Completed reading Dostoevsky's *Brothers Karamazov* and other classics in Russian.

ROLE AT TMS GLOBAL

Jim oversees the global operations division of TMS Global, which includes the departments of mobilization and candidacy, global engagement, and member care. Operationally, these are the departments that deal with our cross-cultural witnesses from recruitment and screening, to deployment and oversight, to ongoing care and support. Jim is the point person for strategic partnerships for the organization. He also serves as the liaison with the ministries committee of the board of directors.

BACKGROUND

Jim worked for 12 years in the information technology field as a programmer and IT manager prior to joining TMS Global in 1996. His family served for 10 years as missionaries in Kazakhstan, where he was part of a church-planting team and directed a school operated by the mission. He served as team leader for most of those years. The school and the church still serve the community today, fully owned and led by local leadership. Jim assumed the role of regional coordinator for Asia for TMS Global during his final two years in Kazakhstan. He joined the home office staff in 2006, initially as the senior director of field ministries, then assuming the vice president role in 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Jim is a regular contributor to *Good News* magazine, *Unfinished* magazine, and the Seedbed blog.

PERSONAL

Jim is married to Shawn, who works with the third culture kid ministries for TMS Global. They raised four children during their years as missionaries, all of whom are now adults. They have one grandchild. Jim enjoys languages and had attained fluency in Danish and a working knowledge of German prior to moving to Kazakhstan, where he became fluent in Russian. He loves observing and experiencing other cultures. Jim grew up in Kentucky and remains an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan.

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