

Dear NU Community,

Have you ever been “put out” by someone else’s actions? Perhaps, like me, someone has annoyed you with what they have decided to do. For me, it happened with my neighbors’ children. A few weeks ago, I started finding small nerf gun darts in my back yard. The natural conclusion was that my two small neighbor boys were shooting their nerf guns over the fence into my yard. Yes, It annoyed me at first. As a matter of fact, I must admit that I mowed up the little darts into my mower with a slight attitude. Then God spoke to me to wake me up to his reality. A few days later while working in my yard, I heard the boys anticipating their father’s return from work. They were eagerly waiting to engage in a nerf gun battle. As I waited, I heard their dad make his entrance in the back yard and the battle began. I heard wild laughter as the dad played in the backyard with his boys. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, “You have a choice. You can be annoyed that two little boys shot darts in your yard, or you can participate in helping a father be a good dad to his boys”. Of course, the right choice was not a difficult one to make. Weekly, I pick up a handful of darts and throw them back over the fence, helping a dad make lasting memories with two little boys who are blessed to have a father who is engaged with them.

Too often, we are annoyed by the actions of people around us. It may even seem like their actions have become inconvenient for us. But God intends for people who live on mission to engage with people in spite of the inconvenience. God has called us to love people and be a part of the process of leading them to Christ. My friend Dr. Dave Cole, in his book *Re-Focus*, said, “God’s love is not a passive type of love, leaving humankind to solve their own dilemmas; it requires outward-focused action”. As you think about being a person on mission this week, what is God asking you to do that might be inconvenient, but will make a difference in someone knowing the love of God?

*Jesus, speak to us as we engage in the Missio Dei (Mission of God). Many people around the world need us to be inconvenienced so they might know God’s love. Amen.*

#### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Mon, Oct 8** | Chapel: Megan Netherton | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

**Mon, Oct 8** | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

**Tues, Oct 9** | “Why Short-Term Missions?” Panel\* | Pecota Lounge, 7pm **\*Spiritual Life**

**Credit Offered**

**Wed, Oct 10** | Chapel: Eddie Rentz, Convoy of Hope | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Wed, Oct 10** | Taste of Missions/Unwind | Pecota Lounge, 7:30pm

**Thurs, Oct 11** | Last Lecture: Dr. Alaine Buchanan\* | Perks Lounge, 7pm **\*Spiritual Life Credit**

**Offered**

**Fri, Oct 12** | Chapel: Jay and Cheryl Taylor, Assemblies of God World Missions | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Fri, Oct 12** | Assemblies of God World Missions Reps Dessert Meet n Greet | Argue HSC Fireside, 2:30pm

**Sat, Oct 13** | Herzl-Ner Tamid Synagogue Field Trip | Meet at Pecota Lounge at 9:15am, contact [globalmissions@northwestu.edu](mailto:globalmissions@northwestu.edu) for more information

# **GLOBAL MISSIONS WEEK**

**OCT 8-13**

**10/8** Global Missions Chapel (Megan Netherton) - 10 & 11:20am  
Global Missions Pursuit - 8:30pm

**10/9** Why Global Missions Panel - 7pm Pecota Lounge

**10/10** Chapel with Eddie Rentz from Convoy of Hope - 10 & 11:20am  
Taste of Missions - 7:30pm in the Aerie

**10/11** Global Missions Last Lecture with Dr. Alaine Buchanan - 7pm GPC Lounge

**10/12** Chapel with Jay and Cheryl Taylor AGWM Missionaries to Africa - 10 & 11:20am  
AGWM Reps Dessert Meet & Greet, 2:30pm, HSC Fireside

**10/13** Global Missions field trip to Synagogue

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