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# SENT WITH A PURPOSE

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” (John 20:21). These were the words Jesus spoke to his disciples after the resurrection. Similarly, in his prayer in John 17:18, Jesus made a comparable declaration when he said, “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

I am convinced, every day it is more difficult for Christians to understand the depth of the purpose to which they are called. People today are constantly being influenced to adopt values that promote individualism, leading them to believe they are the main actor in God’s story. It is for this reason Jesus’ model confronts us so strongly. Jesus came into the world to serve and glorify his Heavenly Father. He lived his life decisively, never deviating from the purpose the Father had called him to. Jesus remained faithful, even to the point of death on a cross.

Just as the Father had sent Jesus into the world, Christ has sent you on a mission to serve and glorify the Father. If you are to remain faithful to your calling and finish well, you must persevere and know nothing is better than completing the calling God has placed on your life. Today, don’t be deceived into believing you are the main actor in God’s story. You have been sent with a purpose, to serve and glorify God!



**Hebert Bascur**  
Movida Missionary from Chile  
Serving as Movida’s South Region Leader

## MAC COSTA RICA

In March, I traveled to Upala, Costa Rica on my first international mission trip with a group of twenty-five college students and church members from the small town of Chadron, Nebraska. After 24 hours of travel, I found myself exhausted but well-received by the smiling, Spanish-speaking believers from the church Bíblica Nuevo Amanecer. In that moment, I did not imagine that one week later I would leave Costa Rica with such joy and thankfulness for the love shown by my teammates, the kindness of the church, and for the work our language challenged group accomplished. During the hot week spent doing service projects, serving the needs of the surrounding community, and leading afternoon children's clubs, I rediscovered God is king of the world and is not bound by language or geographical barriers.

After experiencing the richness of a new culture, I realized that living in the U.S. my entire life had lead me to subconsciously view

God as a god with only westernized values. What a fool I was! God is at work everywhere and speaks to all His children, even in Costa Rica! While there, I saw people who were completely different than me love the exact gospel I do. As a result, I was reminded that the gospel didn't originate in the U.S., but began with God and is expressed through Christ for people of all nations and languages. My desire is that you would think about God and choose to put Him above your own pre-conceived thoughts and ideas. As a result, I believe you will find that he is bigger than the social norms surrounding you and that he desires to work through you in new ways.

Sam Parker  
Chadron, Nebraska





# COSTA RICA GIVES THE WORLD A NEW HOPE

When Moses discovered he wasn't going to be allowed to enter the Promised Land, I am sure he worried about who would be the next leader of the people of Israel. I believe this is the reason he was intentional in his relationship with Joshua. Moses had learned that God's plans did not start and end with him. Instead, God's promise to make Moses' descendants into a great nation was done to serve the greater purpose of God's kingdom.

I was invited to speak at CIMA International 2017 in Costa Rica, where more than 600 young people from different Latin American countries participated. While in Costa Rica, I met various "Joshuas" who had fundraised for months to pay for CIMA. Some participants traveled over rough terrain for more than 25 hours to get to CIMA! These testimonies confirmed my conviction that the young people of Central and South America are ready and motivated to share God's grace with the world.

My experience in Costa Rica showed me that God is at work in today's generation and that he is doing great things through the young people who choose to get passionate about their relationship with Jesus. However, like Joshua, they need people to lead, guide, and teach them about the great heritage God has given them. This is exactly what participants experienced at CIMA during the small groups, workshops, and plenary sessions.

I am convinced conferences like CIMA are important because they show young people the way into the Promised Land by helping them understand they can be a part of God's mission. We, like Moses, should be committed to helping all the "Joshuas" of Latin America discover God's purpose for their lives!



**Jesús Londoño, Colombia**  
Speaker at CIMA International 2017



For years I have wanted to participate in a CIMA event, and this year I finally had the chance! Needless to say, I was not disappointed. God used the workshops on missions and worship to confront my dedication to Him. I returned to my church feeling transformed, renewed, and challenged to embrace God's plan for my life.

#### **María del Carmen, Paraguay**

CIMA 2017 will forever mark a change in my way of thinking and talking about missions. During the six days of training I understood that getting involved in my church, making disciples, and praying for new missionaries is something I should be doing as a Christian. I left CIMA challenged to grow spiritually and to continue to learn more about how I can use my gifts and talents to get involved in God's mission.

#### **Mariana Glacoman, Bolivia**

The outreach at CIMA called "Operation CIMA" helped us put into practice what we learned. We must go and share with others the love of Jesus!

#### **Danilo Zul, Guatemala**

Glory to God for all that happened during CIMA. It makes me so happy that many young people made important life decisions.

**George Verwer,**  
Speaker at CIMA International, Founder of OM

CIMA marked the first time I ever spoke to someone on the street about Jesus.

#### **Ricardo León, El Salvador**



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Country		PARTCIPANTS	SPEAKERS	MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS	MISSION TRIP DISTINATIONS
Argentina	- Buenos Aires	357	26	65	11
Bolivia	- Tarija	217	22	42	4
Brazil	- Colombo	72	18	24	4
Chile	- Temuco	287	24	61	10
Costa Rica	- Guapiles	648	52	110	13
Paraguay	- Cnel. Bogado	59	14	26	6
Peru	- Lima	90	21	50	5



# CIMA... WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As a ministry, we don't want to leave young people after just one week of CIMA. Rather, we hope participants take a step beyond the theoretical and into the practical by experiencing missions first-hand. For this reason, after CIMA, youth are invited to participate in short-term outreach trips, called "Experience". During the trips, teams are formed and serve in differing contexts, cultures, and countries. The relationship they have with God and their passion for mission lead them to share the Good News with people who do not know Jesus in the streets, schools, hospitals and nursing homes. Many "Experience" groups also do practical service projects like construction or cleaning.

Every year we pray as these young people experience missions, God will place within them a passion to continue spreading Jesus' love where His name has yet to be made known.



**Luciana Toranzo**

Movida Missionary from Bolivia  
Serving in Argentina



## Cima Testimony!



My short-term mission trip was unforgettable. The people in the small suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina received us with arms open wide. During the trip, I was challenged to plant seeds of God's love and trust that over time, God would make them grow. I was also confronted by my own sense of comfort and routine. I realized how important it is to step out and be part of what God is doing. As I took steps of faith, God used me to bring food to the homeless, give clothes to families in need, play with children in parks, and share my testimony with people in the streets. I learned when I am ready to take a step into the unknown, God starts moving. "Experience" gave me a new viewpoint on outreach and helped me understand what I can do to get involved in God's mission!

**Pablo García**, CIMA Argentina Participant



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## FROM CIMA TO BECOMING A MISSIONARY

In 2008, I was invited to be a volunteer for the first CIMA conference organized in Bolivia. It was an unforgettable experience watching youth get excited about missions and open their hearts to serving God in whatever way He called them. Looking back, I see how this was also the moment God began to move in my life by helping me understand his mission.

The following two years I served with Movida, organizing CIMA in Bolivia in 2009 and CIMA International in Argentina in 2010. The results were incredible! I was amazed as I watched more than two thousand Latin American youth get excited about missions and disperse into different countries to do short-term missions trips.

Working as a volunteer in CIMA gave me an unfading passion for missions and made me aware of how much I still needed to learn. So, after two years of serving I went to Colombia to a missionary training camp, where I met my husband, Melvin. Instantly we discovered our shared passion for helping Latin American youth get involved in missions.

In 2014, we returned to Bolivia and volunteered with Movida. I led short-term mission trips and Mel took on the challenge of teaching sports evangelism workshops. To this day, I remember going with CIMA participants and reaching over 100 children through a sports outreach. I believe it was during this outreach God gave us the confidence we needed to commit to traveling the country so more churches could learn how they could do evangelism through sports ministry.

Today, we are still involved in sports ministry and are passionate about training youth to go into the world and reach the lost. However, God has placed it upon our hearts to take our ministry a step further and become missionaries in Venezuela. As we move into a deeper commitment with God and his mission, we know we have been blessed from the training, experience, and support we received from Movida!



Karina Tarrazas, Bolivia

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## SUMMER 2017

With an international team you will be traveling to the jungle of Peru to minister to an ethnic group called the Nomatiquengos. Over the past years, they have suffered tremendously at the hands of terrorists and drug traffickers. Now is a special moment in their history because they are hungry and excited to hear the Gospel Come and serve!

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