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*Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*  
*John 4:35*

John 4 is an incredible mission story. The woman at the well runs back to her village, leaving her water pot behind, and tells everyone, even those who had scorned her, about the Man who told her all things that she had done (v. 29, 39). As the people from the village came to the well, Jesus took the opportunity to teach his disciples, challenging their biases and prejudices, and bringing to their attention the needs of the world around them. These words of Jesus challenge us to lift up our eyes and look on the fields because a desperate world is ready for the life-giving message of the gospel.

### **Lift up your Eyes**

Jesus tells his disciples to “lift up their eyes.” Like the disciples we often are wrapped up in our own lives, with a rather myopic focus on what is happening around us. Jesus reminds us that we need a change of perspective in order to become aware of what God is doing around the world and our part in it. Thank you for lifting your eyes to see the needs of our mission fields.

### **Look on the Fields**

The second part of Jesus’ command is to “look on the fields.” He invites the disciples to see the approaching villagers. He challenges them to see the spiritual needs of people right in front of them. This past year, our missionaries have continued to faithfully serve on their mission fields. We have grown with new missionaries in Utah and the home office. It is exciting to see what God is doing in these fields. We are encouraged by your participation through prayer and financial support.

### **For They are White Already to Harvest**

As we look to the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities before us, including graduating churches, new mission candidates, and potential new mission fields. We pray that many will trust in Jesus and be disciplined through the ministries of our missionaries.

May we continue to lift our eyes to see the fields ready for the harvest. Thank you for the way you help meet the most urgent need of a lost world by partnering with our missionaries to see churches planted around the world.

Serving His Servants,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck Mathias".

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