

WMI Valentour World Travel Fellowship Award Winners

2015-2016 Gary Glasser

Gary traveled to South Africa, Zambia, and India to study missions primarily devoted to women and children with HIV/AIDS or other stigmatized conditions, such as a physical disability, a mental illness, or membership in a lower caste or marginalized minority.

2014-2015 Keith Sandell

Keith says: "As an individual entering into ministry, I wanted to learn more about how Global Pastors view their jobs, congregations, and spiritual lives. I believe I and the American Clergy can learn much from our brothers and sisters abroad. I embarked on a two month trip to India, Ethiopia, Niger, Burkina Faso, and Brazil to interview and learn from global pastors.

2013-2014 Brian J. Lays and Brendan A. Ashley

Brian and Brendan traveled to Kenya, Guatemala, and South East Asia to better understand spiritual warfare through the Global South churches' lens.

2011-2012 Amanda McGuire

Amanda traveled to three Asian countries, and two African countries, in order to study contextualized evangelism and how it has led to the burgeoning growth of Christianity in non-western countries. Her objective was to meet with church leaders, students, and professors to learn their approaches so that afterwards she could compare them with and apply them to North American contexts.

2010-2011 Kendra Buckwalter

Kendra spent more than six weeks in five African countries studying how worship is affected by development of indigenous worship music as opposed to the adoption of Western forms. By attending various worship services and through a series of interviews with university professors, church leaders, music directions, lay persons, and people on the street, Kendra compiled hours of recorded research that she used to complete her independent study of music in worship.

2009-2010 Daniel Voigt

Daniel traveled to Nigeria, South Africa, Egypt, Thailand, and Haiti, to study and observe mission organizations and missionaries and churches use of soccer as an aide in evangelism, healing/reconciliation, and interfaith dialogue. His study explored how sports can bridge relational and cultural gaps for Christians in this mission context.

2008-2009 Elizabeth Arnold

Beth traveled to Dominican Republic, Haiti, S. Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and other areas in Southeast Asia to study the long term effects (both positive and negative) of short term mission trips on the national/ indigenous church.

2007-2008 Michael Ludwig

Michael traveled to Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ghana, Senegal, Singapore, Malaysia, and elsewhere in Southeast Asia to study the contextualization of theological education in other cultures.

2006-2007 Abraham Peterson

Abraham traveled to Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, and Italy to study roots of monasticism in the Eastern Mediterranean.

2005-2006 Kimberly Merrell

Kimberly traveled to Singapore, Indonesia, India, and Kenya to become better informed about women's issues in these countries and to evaluate the church's response to such issues.

2004-2005 Richard Vitale

Richard traveled to Singapore, Cambodia and Myanmar and elsewhere in Southeast Asia to study conversion experiences of non-western Christians.

2002-2003 Michelle Hanna

Michelle traveled to Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, and Thailand to study the impact of traditional cultures on the gospel.

2001-2002 James Walker

James traveled to England, Italy, Senegal, Kenya, and Russia to study the church in other cultures and how it relates to the larger society.

1999-2000 El-Hannah Kim

El-Hannah traveled to Japan, Korea/Jeju, China, Indonesia/Madura, and India to study Asian's non-Christian religious practices.