

Missionary Explorer Shares Gospel with UUPGs



Some days June Estes pinches herself to make sure she isn't dreaming. As an International Mission Board missionary explorer, she experiences a lot of things she never imagined doing in her lifetime:

Like, standing under a string of prayer flags flapping in the wind along a remote hiking path. Or zooming around a noisy city via a bright green rickshaw. Or tears rolling down her cheeks when she finds a group of people who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

Estes, an SCSentOne and Palmetto Collective graduate, is part of an IMB initiative called Project 3000. Her job is to find and research the culture and beliefs of unengaged, unreached people groups living at the edge of spiritual lostness. The IMB hopes to send 300 missionary explorers over the next few years to kick start strategies in bringing the gospel to 3,072 unengaged groups. The young adult explorers aren't alone. They work with veteran missionary teams and local believers all over the world.

Explaining her job can be hard sometimes. So, join Estes as she answers questions sent by her friends and family and see how this great pursuit to the edges of spiritual lostness is becoming reality.

Q&A with a Missionary Explorer

Q: Why Project 3000?

Estes: I don't think there's a better way to describe the "why" than Paul does in Romans 15:20: "...I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named..."

God is calling us to these people and places where Christ has not yet been named! There's a reason these are the last unengaged groups. If it were easy, it would already be done. Many live off the beaten path or hide in plain sight within busy cities, while others have not heard the gospel because there's a very real cost for following Jesus — their homes, jobs and sometimes their lives.

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