

Jim Ramsay

Vice President for Mission Ministry



EXPERTISE

- Mission Team Leadership
- Missionary Adjustment
- Ministry in the post-Soviet Union
- Language Learning
- Training in Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Current Trends in World Missions
- Missionary Kids

RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1982

Received fellowship to study Mathematical-Biology at the University of Utah

1996

Received President's award for excellence from employer in Danville, Kentucky

1998 – 2006

Field Leader of The Mission Society team in Kazakhstan

2004 – 2007

Asia Regional Coordinator for The Mission Society

2005

Completed reading Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment* and *Brothers Karamazov* in Russian

2009

Approved as an instructor for *Perspectives of the World Missionary Movement*

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ROLE AT THE MISSION SOCIETY

As vice president for mission ministry, Jim oversees the ministry arm of The Mission Society, which includes field ministry, church ministry, and international mobilization. He provides oversight for these three ministry departments in the home office. He works with missionaries on the field, field leaders, regional coordinators, and national partner ministries to provide strategic planning, encouragement, decision support, and accountability. Jim also assists in the screening and preparation of new missionaries. Jim assumed the vice president role after serving nearly five years as senior director for field ministry.

BACKGROUND

Jim and his wife Shawn served for 10 years as missionaries in Kazakhstan, where he served as field leader for the mission team, director of a private school for local children, and instructor in the seminary the team established there. He also served as the regional coordinator for The Mission Society's work in Asia. Prior to serving as a missionary, Jim worked as a systems programmer for a mid-sized company in Danville, Kentucky, and then served 10 years as their manager of information systems.

PUBLICATIONS

Jim is a columnist for *Unfinished*, and before joining The Mission Society, he wrote technical articles for a technology trade magazine. Several of his photographs have appeared in *Unfinished* and other publications of The Mission Society.

EDUCATION

- B.A. in mathematics from Berea College
- M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary
- Currently pursuing a D.Min. from Bakke Graduate University

PERSONAL

Jim and his wife, Shawn, have four adult children who grew up in Kazakhstan. He enjoys travel, photography, and language. He speaks Russian fluently and in his younger years he spoke Danish fluently. He studied German for six years. Jim and Shawn are members of Centenary United Methodist Church in Danville, Kentucky, and currently attend Grace Fellowship in Snellville, Georgia.