

2022 SUMMER THEME: AMBASSADOR



This summer at THE ARK we'll explore what it looks like to be an ambassador for Christ. Ambassadors in foreign countries speak with the authority of the President. It is like he or she is speaking to them. An ambassador's words are the words of the country and president they represent. How are we representing Jesus? How does it look for us to be strangers in a foreign country (this world isn't our home)? In a culture opposed to or at the best indifferent to Christ, how can we be His representatives?

SUMMER CAMP MISSIONARY: DOT

Each summer THE ARK hosts a missionary who lives on property and shares daily with the campers what God is doing in and through their mission. Campers and volunteers are invited to partner with the missionary by praying for them and giving financially. This summer we are honored to have Dot with us. All the offering campers and volunteers give will go directly to Dot's ministry in Italy. Here's a bit about Dot in her own words:

Hi, I'm Dot Elliott! I live near Rome, Italy. I serve with Team Expansion and follow our mission to make disciples and churches among the unreached. Italy qualifies as unreached because just 1.46% of the entire population knows Jesus. Many people in Italy have never read the Bible, few regularly attend church services, and even those who say they believe in Catholicism might not even believe in God.

I serve with a team; we've been discipling a group of young adults. They now are discipling the high school students from the church. We rejoice that there have been six baptisms from these two groups, with one more planned for when the weather is warmer. We also offer English lessons, using the Bible as text. This year I will be working on a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certificate. In addition, I am a part-time high school English teacher for a small International Christian Academy in Rome.

Using my gift of hospitality, I have used my apartment to host Bible studies, English lessons, a mini church camp, short-term mission teams, game nights, visitors from a variety of countries, as well as cooking lessons!

For most of my adult life, I lived in the greater Kokomo area; and THE ARK Christian Ministries has held a special spot in my heart. I've volunteered in various capacities and was even a dean in the Jungle Huts for several years. I've enjoyed getting to know many camp missionaries over the years, and I'm honored to be THE ARK's missionary this year. I'm looking forward to a great summer sharing with the campers and faculty!

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