



# Reconnecting & Reimagining

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WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2022

**PRAYER BOOK**



Dear brothers and sisters at Second,

God has created us to be a kingdom of priests (Ex 19:6), lifting up the needs of our church and our world regularly to God in prayer. Even Paul, arguably the best missionary in history, asked churches to pray for him. “Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador” (Eph 6:19-20 NIV).

We may be tempted to put our partners on a pedestal, thinking they are uber-competent and always spiritually strong. While they are certainly extraordinary individuals, they are flesh and blood just like us, and can only succeed as God works in and through them. Let us therefore set aside time regularly to pray for our partners, that in word and deed, they might make the love of Jesus known among their people.

Pray that God would meet them where they are, even when that is in a hard place. Remember, Paul was in prison when he wrote this request. Surely he battled despair and depression. Surely he felt hopeless and discouraged at times. Paul relied on God, who responded to the faithful prayers of His people, to get him through. Our partners are “regular” followers of Jesus, with normal human struggles. Yet they have been strategically placed in areas of kingdom significance, where spiritual, and sometimes physical dangers are very present. Let us add them to our prayer lists and to our daily and weekly routines, asking God to pour out His Spirit in abundance upon them and upon the people whom they serve.

While they are apart from us in body, let us draw close to them in spirit, praying faithfully for them and their people.

Dan Burns

World Missions Pastor



# PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Listen to how Paul prayed for the Ephesians in Ephesians 3:14–19:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Let us follow Paul's example by praying that our missionaries, and those whom they serve, might be strengthened by Christ in their inner being, and that they might experience God to the fullest.

## IDEAS ABOUT PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

**PRAY** that they will have a consistent, meaningful devotional life in the Word.

**PRAY** for strong marriages, good parenting skills, and for the missionaries' families in their home countries. **PRAY** for their emotional needs—an assurance of God's love and presence.

**PRAY** for their adaptability to the culture, fluency in the language, and good relationships with national workers.

**PRAY** for the people whom they serve — that they might meet Jesus, be transformed by the Gospel, and be equipped to proclaim the Gospel faithfully to their own people.

**PRAY** for unity and maturity in the national churches that are being established.

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# **Southeast Asia**

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## **Dave & Joyce Briley**

**BIBLE TRANSLATION / PAPUA, INDONESIA**

Dave and Joyce have been stateside because of the pandemic, continuing their translation work remotely, with team members back in Papua. Dave is waiting for the consulate to reopen for visitor visas and/or a sponsor letter inviting him back for a short time. He plans to do comprehension checks in person for several OT books. They plan for Joyce to stay stateside. Both are still recovering from Covid, which sent them to the hospital for several days last October. However, despite that, Dave is completing the exegetical checks needed on drafts for the Bauzi Shorter Old Testament. He has also recently completed work on 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah. He continues to work with his co-translator Yormi on the Psalms.

- Pray for continued recovery from Covid, especially that Dave's sense of taste and smell will return.
- Pray for more workers to tackle the good work of providing an Old Testament translation to the Bauzi people.
- Pray for co-translator Yormi, back in Papua, and for improved internet for their virtual meetings.



## **Jackie**

**CHURCH PLANTING TEAM / INDONESIA**

Jackie serves on the ministry team of Covenant City Church in the capital of this predominantly Muslim country. Jackie rejoices over two events that occurred in late 2021, the return of in-person services and small groups at CCC and the launch of its church plant in the language of the country's residents. God has given this core team a heart for mission and a vision for the unreached who speak the native language. The Lord is using Jackie to disciple many new believers to persevere in the faith as they study God's Word together and to equip them with leadership skills. With a heart for the lost, Jackie uses creative ways to develop friendships with unbelievers and share with them the love of Jesus.

- Pray for the Lord to grow the new church plant in depth and breadth and that He would provide leaders for their small group ministries.
- Pray that all at CCC would proclaim the truth with boldness and faithfulness.
- Pray that the Lord would be in the center of Jackie and Paul's relationship as they prepare to be married this summer.



## **Daryl & Marlene Bussert**

**JAARS INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SAFETY /**

**U.S. BASED – SE ASIA**

Daryl and Marlene are based in Waxhaw, N.C., where they work with JAARS, Inc. JAARS exists to help make Bible translation and language development possible in remote and difficult places. Daryl has been asked to contribute to the Maritime Transportation section as they write process and operational manuals. On January 13, they held a center-wide dedication of the new R-66 helicopter which was an answer to prayer. Also, several trips were scheduled to various parts of Africa for recurrence training and maintenance crews. JAARS has two families assigned to SAMAIR Peru to work with the other team members operating out of the Amazon basin of Peru. They are grateful the ferry flight for the Cessna 206 to Peru for SAMAIR went well.

- Pray for wisdom as Daryl helps with the manuals used to ensure that operations are conducted in an efficient and consistent manner.
- Pray for relationship and team building efforts both individually and corporately within the JAARS family.
- Pray that the Lord would guide the search teams to the correct people to fill leadership positions.



## **Nicole**

**CHURCH PLANTING TEAM / INDONESIA**

Nicole continues her work as a church planting team member in a Muslim country in Southeast Asia. Many first-generation house churches were planted in her city this past year. She and other local planters hope to train members of these first-generation house churches to plant second, third, and fourth generation house churches themselves. Nicole has been forming relationships with students in her English classes as well as spending time in children's ministry. Her church hosted a National Bible Camp through Zoom, exploring the theme "Loving God and Loving the Church." Over 14,000 children from around the world watched the conference online! Nicole has been filming new episodes for a children's television program, which focuses on teaching hymns in the native language and sharing God's love with the viewers. Nicole has enjoyed her involvement in Third Culture Kids, which has weekly gatherings for children throughout the city.

- Pray that the Lord would use house churches to spread the gospel and be a light in their community.
- Pray that TCKs would grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another.
- Pray for the girls in Nicole's Bible study, that they would grow in their confidence in sharing the Good News with their families, co-workers, and friends.

## John & Dawn

### REGIONAL MINISTRY DIRECTORS / SE ASIA

John and Dawn serve in Southeast Asia as regional directors and coaches. They help to deploy new teams among some of the least reached people in the world. They remain in the U.S. due to Covid but recognize that the closed door on their return to SE Asia was God's provision for Dawn's treatment for breast cancer. Surgery was done in September to remove lymph nodes. A PET scan in November gave the "all clear" on any other areas of metastatic cancer, and now she can start radiation treatments. In December, John was teaching overseas and witnessed the immense power of Christ at work in as a small group of recent converts. After studying the power of forgiveness and the tremendous price paid by our Lord, these new believers expressed their desire to take these biblical truths back to their home country. As a result, more than 700 people have come to know the Lord!

- Praise God that Dawn's cancer doesn't require chemotherapy. Pray for a successful round of radiation with minimal side effects.
- Pray that John can continue to travel and teach overseas.
- Pray that John & Dawn can return to Southeast Asia following her treatments.



## Brian & Terri

### CAMPUS OUTREACH STUDENT MINISTRY / THAILAND

Children: Amy & Caleb

For the first time in two years the Campus Outreach team was finally able to meet in person. Brian's highlight was sitting down face-to-face with so many laborers, trusting God to multiply their lives and for God to build more laborers on campus for the lost world. The team was grateful to share in the 2021 baptism of students who had come to faith in Jesus. They are trusting God to see more and more come to faith in 2022. Brian said the Mao Jo Cafe has students now, and a freshman he spoke with said Brian was the first person he met other than his roommates. They are grateful the church has also reopened. As they say goodbye to team members returning to the states, they also welcomed five new team members in January.

- Pray that the 100 Asians who are involved with CO would be firmly established in their faith in Christ.
- Pray for the transition of the new team members as they minister and adjust to life in Chiang Mai.
- Pray for housing while Brian and Terri are on home assignment from June '22 through May '23.

## **Randy & Martha**

### **MISSIONS TRAINING / U.S. BASED – SE ASIA**

In 2018, Randy and Martha started their new position with EPC World Outreach doing cross-cultural missions training and coaching. Based in northern Virginia, they engage with mission teams throughout the world, holding trainings and working with key team leaders. Due to Covid, Randy and Martha held trainings, coaching sessions, discussion groups, and prayer times with missionaries via Zoom and video. This allowed them to continue providing critical support for missionaries around the world. They also do assessments and lead spiritual formation groups with prospective mission candidates. They have created a training toolbox to help field workers thrive in growing cities that are becoming more socially and spiritually complex. They also hope to use a room in their home to rent to an international student to whom they can minister.

- Pray for the training they facilitate to prepare missionaries going to the field.
- Pray that they can start traveling again soon, so that they can train and coach missionaries in person.
- Pray that they would find an international student to rent the spare room in their house.

## **Jeff & Lynne**

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CHURCH PLANTING / SE ASIA**

Children: Evan, Jayden, Calvin, Jenna & Darren

Jeff and Lynne serve as team leaders in a closed country. At the end of last year they completed the five year prayer project for the Mly people. They believe there has been a fundamental change in the spiritual landscape and are trusting that God is leading them into a season of harvest. They give praise for the first convert through their online media projects. Lynne continues to work with Rohingya refugees and is burdened by the needs of their children who have little access to education. As a former teacher, Lynne has been working with an NGO called, “Equal Start”, with a vision of starting micro-learning centers throughout the country. Now that their country is open again, they hope to start some pilot projects to test their concept. They hope this will be a low cost, community run, sustainable solution that is easily replicable in many refugee communities.

- Pray for Jeff & Lynne to walk in faith and discover a new season of harvest and openness from the people. Pray the Mly people will now respond to the gospel of Jesus.
- Praise for the man who came to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for the Lord to use their media team so that thousands more would hear and believe the gospel.
- Pray for the micro-learning center project to be a blessing to refugee children and help them break free from oppressive poverty and hopeless situations.



## **John M.**

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CHURCH PLANTING /  
U.S. BASED - SE ASIA**

Spouse: Carlene

John works in Southeast Asia, developing a sea cucumber hatchery as an inroad to plant churches in the surrounding area. Their team reached some important milestones last year, even though John was gone for almost 20 months due to the pandemic. Their hatchery capacity has reached commercial production levels, and they signed agreements with several government and non-government organizations. These milestones give them the means to build partnerships with more villages in the area. The population in this region believe in what is considered “Folk Islam,” a combination of animism and Islam. The church planters are leading a small weekly worship service and meeting in nearby villages once or twice a week. During one visit, they met a witch doctor who did not want the powers that had been given him. Their team is praying for opportunities to free this man and others like him from the spiritual darkness at work.

- Pray for wisdom, protection, courage, and success as they build relationships with villagers and partnership organizations. Ask the Lord to lead them to hearts that are open to the Gospel.
- Praise God for orchestrating ongoing business milestones. Please pray that they can continue selling sea cucumbers locally at their target price.
- Pray for entry permits and encouragement as they continue dealing with disruptions caused by the pandemic.



## **Brandon Prichard**

**STRATEGIC PARTNER / RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT /  
CAMBODIA**

Spouse: Emily

Brandon serves as the country director for World Relief Cambodia, which seeks to bring holistic care and support to some of Cambodia’s most vulnerable citizens. Brandon works with veteran national staff to equip local churches, both cell churches and “brick-and-mortar” churches, to implement programs that care for children, adolescents, adults, and families. They teach life skills, such as how to live as a community, as well as basic health and safety instruction in areas of maternal health and anti-trafficking measures. They do this holistically, so that spiritual teaching about God’s reconciling work through Christ connects with important life skills that empower them to experience God’s blessings more fully. Churches are connected to other churches through “Church Network Committees,” which then connect more broadly through district “Church Empowerment Zones.” World Relief provides replicable training to the CEZ’s, so they can equip their churches to multiply this training.

- Pray for wisdom for the World Relief Cambodia team as they determine next steps for a new Church Empowerment Zone to start this year.
- Pray for guidance for the team as they seek to contextualize their Families for Life program to Cambodian culture.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would so move among the churches in Cambodia that the neighbors outside the faith (97.5% of the population) would be drawn to Jesus.



## **Tezar & Tatiana**

### **CHURCH PLANTING / INDONESIA**

Children: Elena & Liam

Tezar serves as the pastor of Covenant City Church in Jakarta, Indonesia. After 20 months of online worship, CCC was able to meet in person again in November of 2021. The logistics were not simple, as they had to change their meeting locations due to Covid protocols and had to train volunteers to help attendees follow local guidelines, which require advanced registration and limit the number of people not only in the venue, but even in the elevators. They have begun meeting in person, not only in the English service, but also in the Bahasa service. The Indonesian language service held their first service online in the spring of 2021, but finally met in person in December of 2021. Tezar continues to train elders and deacons, develop staff, counsel individuals and couples, and give overall direction to the ministry of CCC.

- Pray that Tezar and the elders would have wisdom to restart and further develop the major ministries of the church, including both Sunday services and weekly community groups.
- Pray for new leaders to be raised up and trained to be both officers in the church and volunteers in their many ministries.
- Pray that God would connect the members of CCC with relatives, neighbors, and coworkers, that the gospel might continue to spread throughout Jakarta.



## **Teresa**

### **CHURCH PLANTING TEAM / THAILAND**

Teresa Weber is one of Second's newest mission partners. In 2018-2019, Teresa interned with a church planting team in Bangkok, Thailand. After that experience in a country where fewer than 2% are Christians and there is much suffering due to human trafficking, Teresa sensed the Lord calling her to full-time ministry there. Teresa is now raising support to join that church planting team. As she waits for the Lord's provision, Teresa is making time to study the Thai language. Teresa is a professional cook and is excited about using her culinary skills as a bridge for the gospel, since most people love a good meal. Parts of Teresa's role on her new team will be evangelism, mercy ministry, and discipling new believers.

- Pray for the Lord to daily build her up in His grace and truth and provide all she needs to return to Thailand.
- Pray for the Lord to give unity, vision, and favor to the church plant where she plans to serve.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to descend in power on Thailand, softening hearts and turning many to faith in Jesus.

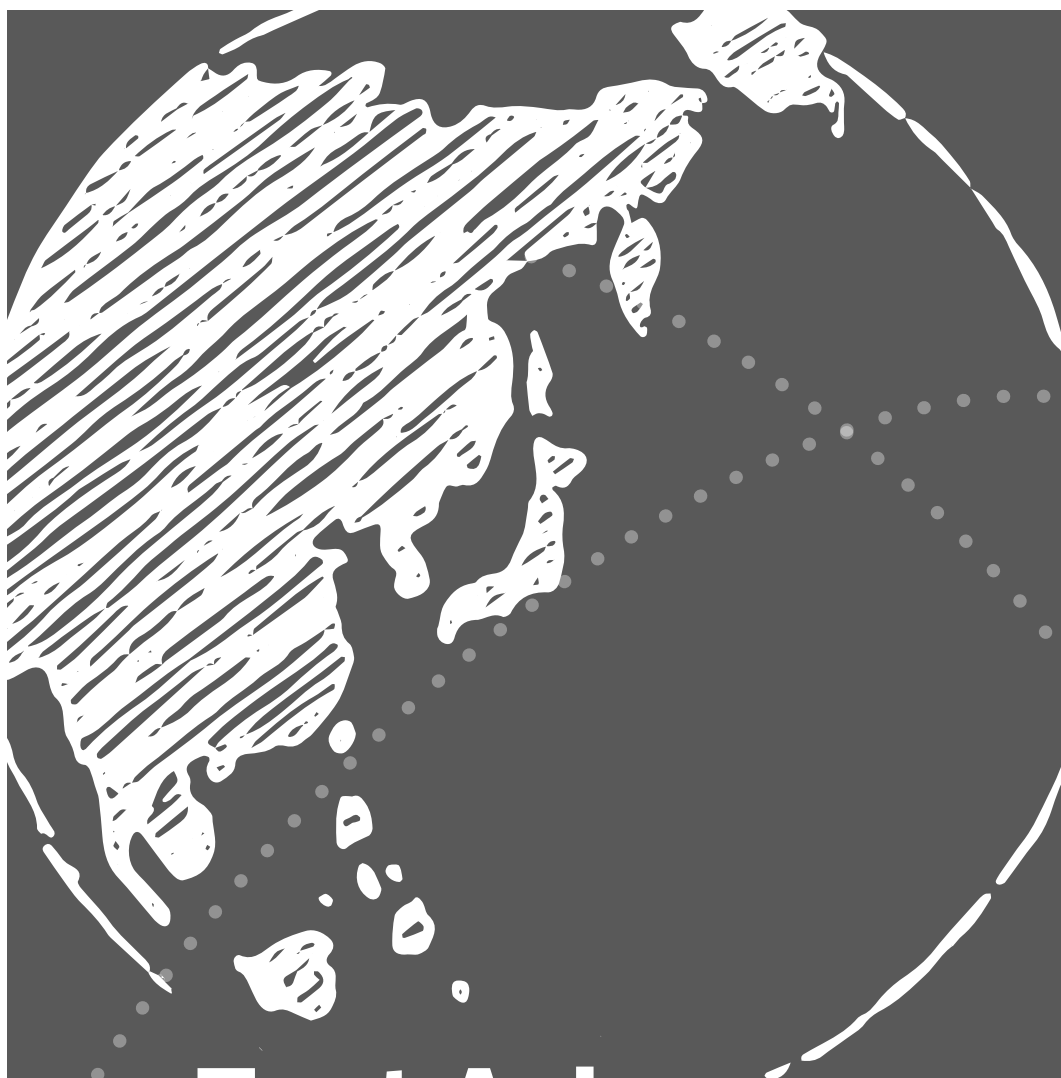


## **PARI**

### **CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK / INDONESIA**

PARI is a network of indigenous Indonesian church planters who enter West Javan communities with the goal of sharing the good news. These villages are basically 100% followers of the majority religion, so those who decide to follow Jesus typically experience ostracism and physical threats from their community. “Responding to persecution from relatives” is the second lesson in their follow up material. In 2021 our six teams shared the gospel with 4,051 people, 271 of whom professed faith in Christ. 56 were baptized, and 17 new house churches were formed. One team reported that after doing follow up with a new believer, they received a text from his adult son, challenging him to a “duel to the death” for leading his father away from his original religion. The team member diplomatically declined the invitation but decided that future follow up meetings would take place outside of his home.

- Pray for PARI staff and their families, that they would continue to remain healthy and safe amidst the pandemic.
- Pray for their new disciples, that they will continue to actively share their faith, multiply themselves, and open new house churches.
- Pray that PARI teams could meet with key people whom the Lord has already prepared beforehand.



# East Asia

**Jamila**

**Andy & Brooke Cheely**

**David & Aliece**

**Roger & Abi Lowther**

**Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre**

**Tim & Huilan**

**David & Lisa**

**Debbie Pixley**

**Craig & Stacy Pohl**

**Jeff & Katie Saunders**

**Hannah**

**Enoch**

**Virginia**



**Jamila**  
**ESL TEACHER / EAST ASIA**

After waiting over a year to leave for East Asia, last fall Jamila and her team felt led to pursue an opportunity in Thailand. Chiang Mai has the largest population of East Asian people outside of East Asia, between 6-9 million people. Because of their contract with East University, they are able to teach classes online. They are also taking language courses from the native East Asian people in Chiang Mai. Jamila recalls a dinner with her East Asian friend named Penelope.

“Conversation started about food, then out of seemingly nowhere, my teacher friend and I were BLASTED with questions! Then after a question, too sensitive for me to repeat, something amazing happened. I looked over to my friend who was right next to me, and she simply opened her mouth to reveal the brightest Light I’ve ever seen. My teacher friend and I spent about 8 hours with Penelope and her friends.”

- Pray for Penelope to ask more questions and come to personally know Jesus!
- Pray for borders to open to foreigners so that Jamila and her team can move to their East Asian country.
- Pray for many to come to Him through Jamila and her team.



**Andy & Brooke Cheely**  
**CO SERVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS /**  
**U.S. BASED – WORLDWIDE WORK**

Children: Esther & Abigail

Campus Outreach, now in its 43rd year, seeks to reach and disciple college students on 122 campuses in the US and around the world. Andy is the Director of Operations for CO Serve, which offers training in discipleship, ongoing shepherding, member care, and regular feedback assessments for its 700 CO staff around the globe. Andy recently led multiple sessions at CO’s eight-day Pre-Deployment Training Conference, a staff training event to help workers successfully launch to their campuses, teams, and partner churches. The Cheelys are thankful that the Lord has answered their prayers for a much-needed CO Serve Benefits and HR Specialist. In 2022, CO Serve plans to retain and resource 60 non-American staff in their home countries, deploy 25 missional leaders to various cities around the world, and host 10 training events for over 100 staff.

- Over 1,000 students met Jesus through CO in 2021. Pray that the Lord would grow the faith of these students in 2022.
- Pray for the Cheely’s daughters—Esther at home, and Abigail at college—that they would continue to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to use CO Serve in equipping their leaders for life-changing discipleship on college campuses around the world.

## David & Aliece

### THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION TRAINING & CHRISTIAN COUNSELING / EAST ASIA

Children: Zebadiah, Zemirah, Ziera & Zetabel

David continues to teach throughout the week and preach in local churches on Sundays. Due to the government crackdown, meetings are held in numbers of no more than around 20. Although this has placed a great demand on pastors, groups are growing, and members are sharing their faith with friends and neighbors. This has challenged many Christians to answer the call to be full-time servants of God. David spends most of his time teaching in underground seminaries. The Westminster Reformed Theological Conference in East Asia was recently held with over 2,000 church leaders participating in the online conference. David is working on publishing everything he has done so far in East Asia (preaching, teaching, lectures, etc.) This will be offered free-of-charge to local churches. Aliece's ministry, the Tree of Life Counseling Center, is growing. The first masters-level class has completed their requirements, and the center is recruiting for a second class.

- Pray for wisdom, strength, and safety for David and Aliece as they preach, teach in seminaries, and operate a counseling center.
- Please pray for David's health (for his high blood pressure, heart complications, and recent loss of voice) and for God to provide a good way to manage and control these issues.
- Pray for Christians as they are being persecuted for gathering for worship and sharing the gospel.



## Roger & Abi Lowther

### CHURCH PLANTING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH / JAPAN

Children: Coen, Eastin, Kaizen & Aidan

Roger and Abi lead a community arts team in Tokyo, providing resources and input with many church plants in the city. They saw the Lord begin much good work during the Summer Olympics. They are currently on furlough, extended until June 2022 because of their son Aidan's medical emergency. In December 2021, he suffered a traumatic head injury from a bike accident and was out of the house for a while. God showed great mercy to him and their family as he survived and miraculously was home by Christmas. Aidan has a long recovery ahead, but the doctors are optimistic about its trajectory. The Lowthers have a new team member, Debbie, who expects to join them once the borders open.

- Pray for Aidan's body to continue to heal, as his strength and energy increase, and for wisdom regarding each step of recovery.
- Pray for Debbie joining their Tokyo Community Arts Team, that many will support her in prayer and that the Lord will go before her to prepare hearts for gospel grace and truth.
- Pray for God to continue the many good works begun during the Tokyo Summer Olympics.



## **Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre**

### **CHURCH PLANTERS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH / TAIWAN**

Children: Ashlee & Tyler

For over a decade, Thomas and Jennifer have helped establish and minister at Sanhe Gospel Church in Zhongpu, Taiwan. Over the years they have seen conversions, begun a weekly worship service, performed baptisms, appointed elders, and hired a local seminary-trained pastor who was ordained last May. While stateside for their home ministry assignment, Jennifer has been speaking, writing, and teaching. Thomas has been preaching at local churches and began work on his Doctor of Ministry through Knox Theological Seminary, which he can continue when they return to Taiwan this summer. The McIntyres plan to return to Taiwan in June to begin a new church planting ministry in Xingang, an unreached town not far from Zhongpu. They look forward to advancing the gospel in this city of 30,000, which has no church to their knowledge and has one of the largest temples in the area.

- Pray for the family's visa renewal, which is essential for their return this June and has been very challenging.
- Pray that the Lord would prepare Ashlee and Tyler for their move this summer and give them His comfort as they adjust to a new home.
- Pray for the people of Xingang, that the Lord would already be preparing their hearts to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.



## **Tim & Huilan**

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING / TAIWAN**

Children: Ethan, Micah & Cianna

Tim and Huilan serve in Taiwan, training church leaders throughout East Asia as regional leaders for MTW. They are excited about a new initiative, the Center for House Church Theology, where Tim is a fellow. They're also excited about a new missionary family recently placed in their region. WCCT Seminary graduated 36 students and welcomed 20 new ones last year. Parakaleo (the women's ministry) completed another year of training wives of house pastors in gospel-centered living and ministry. The difficulties in East Asia still weigh heavily as they connect with leaders throughout the country. Stories of harassment, detentions, and government pressure continue, and some seminary students report being unable to finish their assignments. They face discouragement daily and remember the arrest and ongoing imprisonment of Wang Yi, which began three years ago. New regulations are expected in March 2022 that will create more hurdles for online worship and any corporate gatherings.

- Pray for the resources and means to adapt online work to new internet regulations coming in March 2022. These regulations restrict religious groups' internet use in China.
- Pray for their sons Ethan, graduating from college and looking for work, and Micah, considering where to attend college.
- Pray for Steve and Sehee, stuck in the US because of travel restrictions, and the rest of their leadership team, as they seek to equip the national church to do theological education.

## David & Lisa

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING & MIDWIFERY / EAST ASIA

David and Lisa have faced difficult times over the past two years. The border closing due to Covid reduced the number of religious workers in their city from 200 to 30. People have been stranded for many months outside the place David and Lisa call home. The church went from having to move 7-8 times over 20 years because of growth to meeting online, and now in small groups. Despite the challenges, David has continued to meet with couples to discuss how they can reach out to others and ask questions about God and man. He has instructed others on how to conduct discipleship Bible studies. Lisa has mentored women and helped to provide a Vacation Bible School for children. They minister in everyday situations, taking a meal to someone, striking up conversation while riding in a taxi, walking outside, going to the grocery store, and even eating at McDonald's.

- Pray for their visa renewal process beginning in January.
- Pray for the International Fellowship—that it would be fruitful and that the Holy Spirit would move and create passion for more of Christ.
- Pray for continued health for their entire family.



## Debbie Pixley

### CHURCH PLANTING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH / JAPAN

Debbie will soon be joining the Tokyo church planting team with the Lowthers. After working for years as an automotive engineer for a Japanese auto firm and earning a master's degree in engineering in technical Japanese, Debbie felt the Lord's calling to serve alongside Grace City Church through MTW (Mission to the World). On her many business trips to Tokyo, she served as a translator for sermons, prayers, announcements, and even power point slides. With her language abilities, affinity for Japanese people, and heart for missions, she sensed a great partnership forming, and in 2019, made the mental shift to full-time ministry. She especially looks forward to using her organizational skills on the Community Arts Team. Covid has slowed down her transition process, but she is close to having all her support raised and hopes to be in Japan as soon as her visa application is approved.

- Pray for the last of her support to be raised and her visa to come together smoothly as soon as possible.
- Pray for her transition into Tokyo as a full-time missionary, that she would continue to learn about Japanese culture and be able to build deeper relationships now that she will be staying in country long term.
- Pray for effective use of her organizational skills as part of the Community Arts Team, especially since the Lowthers have extended their furlough through June 2022.



## **Craig & Stacy Pohl**

### **CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING / JAPAN**

Over the past 20 years the Pohls have ministered in Ecuador and Chile. But after their last term, they began to sense a change in their call. After participating in the MTW virtual mission conference, conferring with colleagues in Latin America, and lengthy interviews with MTW leaders in Japan, they believe God has now called them to relocate to Japan. The plan is to move to Japan in March or April. The MTW team they are joining is hoping to plant a new congregation to reach the Bay-Park neighborhood, to grow and strengthen the KM Grace Church in Bay-Town, and to begin a campus ministry at two high schools and a college nearby. The leader of their team has prayed for eight years that a “seasoned” missionary couple would join their team. Once they reach their initial level of Japanese, they will begin an internship at KM Grace Church.

- Pray for discernment as they decide what to take with them to Japan. Pray also for the provision of long-term storage for items they decide to leave behind.
- Pray that their family would be totally dependent on Christ and have gospel winsomeness in their relationships.
- Pray for their daughters, Karis, and Aimee, who are students at Covenant College.



## **Jeff & Katie Saunders**

### **RUF / JAPAN**

Children: Emerie & Ezra

Jeff and Katie, who serve with RUF, returned to Japan in October 2021 after three months of training and home assignment. They continued teaching and building relationships with students, hosting home parties at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They hosted their largest Thanksgiving gathering to date, with students committing to a Christmas Bible study afterwards. They were able to teach a new phrase in English, “carving the turkey,” which doesn’t translate well into Japanese, so they used two other languages to get the idea across (Korean and Chinese). In 2022 they plan to explore many avenues of outreach, including monthly home gatherings, coffee get-togethers, museum outings, and ESL practice sessions. Often during these get-togethers, they distribute Bibles to students who don’t have one and have never opened one before. They are especially grateful for the unexpected connections with students longing for hope and love.

- Praise God that the karate class Bible study continued while the Saunders were stateside. One participant (Yumi) asked to read the passage each time. Please pray for her salvation, as well as the rest of the karate class.
- Pray for the monthly home gatherings, that the warmth and goodness of God will bring many to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the process of interviewing, hiring, and training RUF interns. Pray for qualified and eager students who could aid the contextualization process and reach even more students on Tokyo campuses.

## Hannah

**FIRST RESPONDER / OUTREACH & MERCY MINISTRY /  
EAST ASIA**

Hannah has been led by God to serve cross culturally for many years, having served both in Japan and in Lebanon during her college summers. In Beirut, while working at a home for children who had experienced loss and trauma, she developed a heart for “the least of these,” including those with disabilities. She has now been called to a two-year term in East Asia, working with a team that partners closely with a medical Christian organization ministering to orphans in their province. Some of their ministries include regular visits to orphanages and medical clinics and ministry to foster families of children with disabilities. The children in each of these ministries have special needs, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, blindness, and developmental delays. Hannah will spend significant time during her initial term learning the local language, tutoring English, and assisting with the team’s ministries.

- Pray for Hannah to be granted a visa to enter her country, as pandemic restrictions have made this difficult.
- Pray that Hannah would be granted grace to learn the local language, which is not very much like English.
- Pray for the children the team currently serves, that they might experience God’s saving grace and compassion through the current work of the team.



## Enoch

**STRATEGIC PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING &  
EQUIPPING / EAST ASIA**

Spouse: Karen

Enoch serves as the International Director of the East Asia Partnership. This ministry provides church planter training, theological education, and personal pastoral mentoring and envisioning for the underground church in East Asia. Until a few years ago, this entailed much travel to and throughout East Asia—teaching, training, and doing individual mentoring. Since the government crackdown on house churches and the strict controls during the pandemic, these ministry activities have shifted to Zoom. Nevertheless, Enoch continues to spend concentrated time mentoring and envisioning house church leaders in this country. Weekly reports of arrests, harassment, and the seizure and closure of church property continue, which weigh heavily on Enoch’s heart. Every pastor and pastoral candidate knows the reality of impending arrest. In fact, the standard five-day jail sentence for being caught preaching is coming to be viewed as part of the pastoral training program.

- Pray for the pastors and church leaders of East Asia, that they would be strengthened and empowered to faithfully preach and serve despite severe opposition.
- Pray that Enoch would have strength each day to personally connect with key church leaders, despite the extended period of physical separation.
- Pray that the senior leaders of the East Asia Partnership and the house church movement would have wisdom to organize and serve the body of Christ in this period of overt persecution.



## Virginia

### THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP / EAST ASIA

Virginia serves in East Asia, teaching and training emerging church leaders in the country's largest city. Last fall, with the political situation at its worst, many churches were forced to close their doors and meet online. Virginia's church decided to rent a hotel conference room and invite other churches to have a joint Christmas Lessons and Carols worship service. Since many of the attendees had never attended a Lessons and Carols service, leadership had to search for the best Chinese translation of each carol and teach each congregation to sing them. They initially planned for 150 but ended up having over 200 people attend! She shares, "Despite everything being new to them, they really put themselves into the entire event, and God honored their devotion! When things were getting tighter, controls getting harsher, and the atmosphere towards God's Church getting more hostile, God did a great thing among us!"

- Pray for E. Asia—starting in March, online religious activities will be illegal based on a new law that includes virtual worship services and teaching theological courses via Zoom.
- Pray for Virginia to be able to continue teaching her classes without any interference.
- Pray for her mom who is in poor health and who lives too far away for Virginia to visit often.



# Central / South Asia

Jonathan  
Raju  
Arman Arenbayev  
Dean & Kyria

Ruslan & Zhanna  
The Youngs



## Jonathan

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT / INDIA

Spouse: Sharon; Children: Gia, Alicia & Priya

Jonathan trains pastors from South Asia alongside several UN organizations in Delhi, while Sharon has one year left to finish her MA in organizational leadership. Last year, Jonathan led a class on servant leadership for students from India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. One student's wife called to thank him after the experience changed her husband so much. Together, they are helping lead The Harbour School and have secured a building to rent, starting in-person classes in January 2022. Jonathan thanks the Lord for receiving permission to bring home their 3-year-old adopted daughter Priya in late September 2021. She is bonding well with the rest of the family. They will appear before a judge (online) to make the adoption final sometime in 2022, Lord willing.

- Pray for Jonathan's classes to continue building up the faith and fruitfulness of pastors and church leaders throughout South Asia.
- Pray for their leadership of The Harbour School, that they could faithfully serve children and help them experience love in their homes and neighborhoods.
- Pray for Priya's adjustment to the family and for a successful hearing before the judge later this year.



## Raju

### PHYSICIAN & CHURCH PLANTER LEADER / INDIA

Spouse: Catherine

For over 15 years, we have partnered with Raju and Catherine in their ministry to the poor and marginalized in South Asia. Second has helped through women's conferences, joining in Biblical instruction of church planters, house church leaders, and worked with physicians administering medical care and performing surgeries at their hospital. Last year, due to the pandemic, Raju and Catherine moved to a different part of the country, leaving the ministry in Shankar's capable hands. Raju recently returned to Kachhwa to do in-person training for a Home-Based Care (HBC) ministry that uses nurses and church planters to take healthcare and the gospel to people's homes. They had eight mission hospitals taking part in this six-month training program. Raju also recently taught a theological course on the History of Redemption in a large city nearby.

- Praise God for His provision and protection over the past year and for the new believers. Pray for Raju and Catherine as they manage various health issues.
- Pray for the launch of the HBC ministry. Pray this brings many to the Lord.
- Pray for the selection of candidates for future HBC training.



## **Arman Arenbayev**

### **STRATEGIC PARTNER & PASTOR / KAZAKHSTAN**

Spouse: Marina; Children: Arthur, Amir & Miya

Arman serves as the pastor of Almagul Church and is the Moderator of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (although it now includes a church in Russia and a church in Kyrgyzstan). Arman was granted a sabbatical by his church and spent several months in the US, including a month in Memphis. Despite the refreshment from the sabbatical, the past year has been particularly challenging for Arman. He helped his church navigate the constantly changing pandemic protocols, suffered himself from Covid twice, mourned with his wife the loss of his mother-in-law, who had lived with them, and watched his city descend into chaos for about 10 days at the beginning of 2022. He has returned to Kazakhstan with renewed zeal to preach the gospel and see new churches planted in Kazakhstan and beyond.

- Pray that Arman would have wisdom to help his church, and other churches, reestablish in-person worship and regather the flock after both the pandemic and the political chaos of January.
- Pray for Arman and Marina together to experience God's healing grace as they grieve the loss of Marina's mother, Tanya.
- Pray that Arman and the leaders of Almagul would have wisdom and guidance to engage in new outreach and the possibility of church planting.



## **Dean & Kyria**

### **CHURCH PLANTING / CENTRAL ASIA**

Dean and Kyria work with Mission to the World to plant and revitalize churches and ministries in Central Asia. However, this past year was full of challenges. First, their church was not allowed to meet in person because of Covid. Next, their team leaders left the field because their children's schools had been closed for so long. Then Dean faced a medical issue with his Achilles tendon, requiring a 3 month medical leave in the US. Finally, their virtual team failed to develop as they had hoped. As a result, they made the difficult decision to relocate. They are currently in the US seeking direction for their next placement. Kyria has announced they are expecting their first child and her due date is late May.

- Pray for Dean and Kyria as they seek God's guidance on where to transfer with MTW.
- Pray for fruitful ministry opportunities and unity within their new ministry partners.
- Pray for good recovery for Dean's Achilles tendon and good health for Kyria, who is due with their first child in May.



## **Ruslan & Zhanna**

**STRATEGIC PARTNER / YOUNG LIFE CENTRAL ASIA & CAPERNAUM PROJECT / KAZAKHSTAN**

Children: Rostic, Danislav, Odelia & Gloria

Ruslan is the regional director for Young Life Central Asia, and Zhanna is the director for the Capernaum Project, a special needs ministry, both operating throughout the Former Soviet Union. While they continue direct ministry in their home city of Almaty, they now are training and supporting area and country directors throughout their region. Ruslan shared about a youth outreach in T\*stan, where refugees from a high conflict neighboring country crossed the border and were in great need. His partners developed an outreach to provide food, clothing, and activities for the youth in those refugee camps as part of their relational ministry. Zhanna continues to equip and support the growing ministry to young people with special needs and their families. This ministry of compassion is opening doors that had previously been closed and building bridges across cultures to share the reality of the good news.

- Pray for peace and stability in Kazakhstan after the protests in January.
- Pray that Zhanna would have patience and wisdom to equip new leaders, cast vision throughout her region, and be able to balance the demands of ministry and family.
- Pray that God would give Ruslan wisdom and discernment to equip and empower new staff to carry out and expand their ministry vision in each area and region.



## **The Youngs**

**CHURCH PLANTERS & AREA DIRECTORS / CENTRAL SOUTH ASIA**

2021 was a year of upheaval for the Youngs, in which they saw God's faithfulness both in their role as church planters and as area directors for United World Mission (UWM) in Asia. Their planned move to another South Asian city was delayed because of the devastating impact of Covid in that nation. Nevertheless, the Lord gave them favor with their former and present landlords so that they did not need to seek temporary housing. The Lord timed their planned trip to the States so that they could accompany a young protégé on his first trip to the west to attend college. While in the States, they met and encouraged UWM missionaries who face hostility in their places of service. Upon their return home, the Lord spared Mr. Young's life from the effects of a subdural hematoma and allowed them to providentially meet several Christians (including his nurse) in their new place of service.

- Pray for continued recovery for Mr. Young and for health, strength, and wisdom for ministry.
- Pray for the Lord to establish both a body of believers to encourage them, as well as for opportunities to share the gospel with unbelievers in their new city.
- Pray for UWM missionaries, ministering in difficult places, to be daily encouraged in the Lord.



# Middle East

Aileen  
Sameh & Samah  
Robin Dillard  
Robby  
Herb & Heather  
Mike

Greg & Elizabeth  
Brian & Joanne  
Haley  
Sheridan  
Nick & Amanda

**Aileen****STRATEGIC PARTNER / NURSE / MIDDLE EAST**

Since 1965 Aileen has served at Annoor Sanatorium in Mafraq, which she founded with Dr. Eleanor Soltau. She and staff there share the Gospel as they minister to Bedouins' health needs. One aspect of Aileen's remarkable and sacrificial service is her care for the most vulnerable. From those suffering from TB, to orphaned children who lost their parents to disease, Aileen cares for them all as if they were her own. Now into her 90's, Aileen is thankful for more freedom to visit former patients and Bedouin friends in their tents where she has the opportunity to rejoice and mourn with them while sharing God's love. Each time she visits she hears stories of God's mercy and salvation revealed in everyday life.

- Pray that God would continue to give Aileen the stamina and opportunity to visit her beloved Bedouin friends.
- Pray for the hospital staff to experience God's presence each day as they treat and minister to the sick.
- Pray for her visits with former patients, some who still need to respond to the "Giver of Life".

**Sameh and Samah****NATIONAL PARTNERS / BEIRUT / LEBANON**

Child: Selim

Sameh and Samah have been on a long and complex journey that now has them ministering in Beirut. Originally from Egypt, they met in Beirut as students at the local seminary, then emigrated to Brazil where their Christian marriage would be recognized. Samah is from a Muslim family, so her marriage to a Christian man would not be recognized in her country. After serving for 3 years in Brazil, working with refugees and others displaced from the Middle East, they have returned to Lebanon to partner with Resurrection Church of Beirut, a dynamic multi-site multi-cultural church in the city. Sameh serves as a pastor of discipleship and also works with refugees and others from a Muslim background. They are also able to connect with a small church for Syrian refugees they served during their student days.

- Pray that Sameh would be able to effectively equip new leaders to serve those from a Muslim background.
- Pray that Resurrection Church of Beirut would have insight and perseverance to serve the vulnerable, including a huge refugee population, during this difficult time in their country.
- Pray that Sameh and Samah would be encouraged and strengthened in their family relationships, that they might be able to lead others to establish godly homes.



**Robin Dillard**  
**MERCY & REFUGEE MINISTRY**  
**U.S. BASED / MIDDLE EAST**

Spouse: Dave

Robin continues working with Servant Group International (SGI) in Nashville in an expanded ministry role. She is focused on forming relationships in the Muslim community, teaching English to refugee women, managing outreach programs for new volunteers, and serving as finance director for SGI. Robin manages several programs providing basic training for women in churches across Nashville to meet and build relationships with Muslim women. These programs include Walk and Talk (WAT) and Lunch and Laughter (LAL). Around 70 women and children have met at a local park to walk and practice English. LAL provides the opportunity for volunteers to visit a refugee home for lunch, allowing the refugee women to host American women and further their cultural exposure. Robin is also passionate about building intercessory prayer teams to pray regularly for the Lord to intervene in the Muslim community.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for Robin as she cares for SGI's domestic and international ministry staff.
- Pray that the Lord would draw more Muslim women to SGI's outreach programs.
- Pray that the Lord would provide additional volunteers who deeply care about spreading the gospel throughout the Muslim community.



**Robby**  
**PASTOR & GROW PROJECT DIRECTOR /**  
**U.S BASED / LEBANON**

Spouse: Joyce

After seeing the plight of poor, underserved pre-school children who were receiving minimal care while their parents worked at low paying jobs, Robby and Joyce felt the Lord leading them to begin the Philemon Project's GROW Center. This Christ-centered pre-school provides rich learning and development for little ones in Beirut, Lebanon. Last year, despite unprecedented hardship due to hyperinflation, limited government services, trauma from the 2020 Beirut blast, and Covid, Philemon Project was able to regroup and come through even stronger. Day by day, faithful teachers were at school giving children much needed stability. The Philemon Project was blessed to be able to purchase a new site for the second GROW center, which will also house a new church plant of Resurrection Church Beirut. The Lord is using Philemon Project to introduce many to the love of Jesus. Robby and Joyce are grateful that many are coming to faith in Him.

- Pray that the Lord will continue to use the GROW Centers to introduce many to the grace and truth found in Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord will bring political and economic stability to Lebanon.
- Pray for the Lord to provide all that is needed to remodel and equip the new GROW center.





## **Herb & Heather**

**ADMINISTRATOR & NURSE / ANNOOR SANATORIUM**

Herb and Heather have been serving in Jordan for 35 years, ministering to patients with tuberculosis. Most of their patients in the TB wards are displaced refugees, isolated Bedouins, incarcerated prisoners, drug addicts, contracted third country laborers, and vulnerable domestic workers. There are many needs and opportunities to share the gospel. This past Christmas was a great time to present the gospel to patients waiting to see a doctor. A video, “Christmas Cradle to the Cross,” was played in the waiting room. Herb shares, “We have the privilege of telling our patients all year long that God loves them. Heather and I are privileged to be there amidst the unfolding story of God’s love for a lost and dying world.”

- Pray that God will open the eyes/hearts of unbelieving patients to receive the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray that Annoor volunteer residence permits would be renewed without excessive costs.
- Pray for energy, stamina, and good health for the hospital staff as they care for the physically and spiritually sick.



## **Mike**

**TEACHER & ITEN SPECIALIST / U.S. BASED /  
ARABIC SPEAKING WORLD**

Spouse: Stephanie

Having served as missionaries and educators in the Muslim world for many years, Mike and Stephanie have a passion to train and equip leaders from that part of the world through the work of ITEN, International Theological Educational Network. While much of the training is online because of Covid and for security reasons, Mike uses limited travel opportunities to countries like Lebanon, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Syria to train young leaders who are passionate to serve Jesus and make His name known to their countrymen. This spring, Mike is teaching the course, “Perceiving God in Christianity and Islam.” One new project that Mike and Stephanie are excited about is training a former student living in Sudan who is developing servant leaders for the Sudanese church. Living in the States, Stephanie ministers to refugees in the Pacific Northwest.

- Pray for the Lord to anoint Mike as he speaks and give him open doors to fellowship with those he serves.
- Pray for the Lord to use the servants whom Mike trains to bear much eternal fruit.
- Pray for protection for Mike and his colleagues as they proclaim the name of Jesus in hostile settings.



## **Greg & Elizabeth**

### **CHURCH PLANTING / MIDDLE EAST**

Children: Hermione, Naomi & Silas

Greg and Elizabeth have been in Beirut as part of a church planting team for three years. Late last year, as the situation in Beirut deteriorated, they made the decision to return to the States on home assignment for the sake of Elizabeth's health. While in the U.S., their team has reevaluated their strategy and recast their vision. They've held many virtual meetings as a team and with supervisors in anticipation of returning to the field with more effective practices. Greg traveled to Lebanon in early 2022 to oversee a company moving their belongings from their original apartment to a new one, as their lease expired. Elizabeth delivered their twins, Naomi and Silas, on Feb 9, and while they were born a few weeks early, they are all recovering nicely. They have rented a house in Louisiana close to Elizabeth's parents for the remainder of their home assignment.

- Pray for Greg's safe travel to and from Lebanon, for negative Covid tests, and for a quick and easy move of their belongings to their new home.
- Pray for Elizabeth's recovery from carrying twins, for healthy development for Naomi and Silas, and for wonderful relational bonds to develop between older sister Hermione and her new siblings.
- Pray for productive team meetings as they rework their goals and objectives for serving refugees and other unreached people for the sake of the gospel.



## **Brian & Joanne**

### **CHURCH PLANTERS / ARAB GULF**

Brian and Joanne continue their ministry at Covenant Hope Church in the Arab Gulf. They are encouraged by the number of new Christians attending their church over the last several months. Their pastoral intern program has continued over the course of the pandemic, with four current interns from Zambia, India, and Nepal. The interns are responsible for reading selections from assigned textbooks and writing reflection papers, all of which are discussed at their weekly meetings. The church has had the unique challenge of changing their day of corporate worship, as the government has authority to change the country's observed weekend days. The church was excited that weekends have changed from Friday-Saturday to Saturday-Sunday, allowing their church to experience corporate worship on the Sabbath with Christians worldwide. Even though members' work schedules, as well as communicating these changes to the church body, have been a challenge, the congregation is thankful to now worship on Sundays.

- Pray that the Lord would continue to bless Covenant Hope Church with more members and those seeking the truth of the gospel.
- Pray that God would continue to draw Brian and Joanne into deeper relationship with Him as they minister to others.
- Pray for "Susan," a church member who is being forced by her Muslim family to marry a Muslim man.

**Haley****NURSE / MIDDLE EAST**

Haley moved to Jordan two years ago to work as a nurse at Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Disease. Annoor serves patients with tuberculosis. God has deeply worked in Haley's life, and she is content to stay where God has led until He calls her to move. Some of their patients have multi-drug resistant TB, making it difficult to treat. Haley is burdened over addiction issues impacting most patients in one way or another. These kinds of issues are widespread in the Bedouin community, who don't have many treatment options. Haley is praying about being more involved in this kind of ministry next year. On a happier note, Christmas is always celebrated in a big way among workers and with their patients. Last year the celebration brought joy in the midst of the aching and pain-filled world of their patients.

- Pray that the Bedouin people would see God, and that He would free them from their addictions.
- Pray for continued resources and staffing for Annoor, that Haley would have a solid team to serve their patients.
- Pray for continued unity among the foreign and local staff, that they would work together for the glory of God.

**Sheridan****OUTREACH / MIDDLE EAST**

Sheridan is a First Responder who just arrived in the Middle East to serve along existing partners as she seeks to discern her long-term placement in the Arab-speaking world. Sheridan worked as a news broadcast producer in Peoria, Illinois when she felt the Lord call her to overseas service. When she spoke with the interim pastor of her church, a certain S. Willson, she was encouraged to pursue this call. She engaged with the local Arabic-speaking community in her city and began to pursue long term options within her denomination. She will spend six months in one location and six months in another before determining where to serve long-term. At both assignments, she will study Arabic and learn from long-term workers in their countries. One team is engaged in planting house churches and the second works with Syrian refugees.

- Pray for grace in adjustment to her new team, the culture, and the dress, as well as for patience as she transitions between two different countries.
- Pray that God would give her discernment regarding long-term placement, that she might complete her year with a greater understanding of her call.
- Pray that God would give her insight into Arabic language and culture, that she might begin to be able to understand and minister to women in the Arab world.



## **Nick & Amanda**

### **CHURCH PLANTING / MIDDLE EAST**

Children: Ellie, Hazel, Gus & Everett

Nick and Amanda are part of a church planting team in a country where one out of five people are refugees. As they build relationships with these displaced persons, they hope to lead them to Jesus and establish a church. Last summer, while their family was on a 3-month home leave, the infrastructure in their host country collapsed, and they were forced to stay in Memphis. While this closed door was unexpected, the Lord has used it to reveal more of Himself and His plan to them. The Lord has given their family time to heal from past trauma, assess their ministry, and become better equipped for their return. Nick was able to take a course from Gordon-Conwell seminary in January. Amanda was able to return for a visit with refugee friends to bless and encourage them. This family hopes to return in June.

- Pray for wisdom to guide their children through all the changes and transition.
- Pray for wisdom in guiding their team and future teammates to a new and more effective contextualized ministry strategy.
- Pray for the Lord to restore their host country and bring healing and hope that comes from Jesus.

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# Europe

**Leonardo Di Chirico**

**Lenden Fleeman**

**Hans & Carolien Euser**

**Rob & Tunde Futo**

**Chris & Debbie Gibson**

**Stephen & Belinda Kelley**

**Leslie**

**Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc**

**Valery & Janna Morozov**

**George Tolias**

**Theo Visser**



## Leonardo Di Chirico

**STRATEGIC PARTNER & CHURCH PLANTER / ITALY**

Spouse: Valeria

Leonardo serves as the pastor of Breccia di Roma in Rome, Italy, while also teaching as a professor at the IFED and serving as a leader in the Rome Scholars and Leaders Network. On the church side, Leonardo is part of the City to City Europe network that seeks to plant multiplying churches in the major cities of Europe. They have planted a daughter church in the Sao Paula neighborhood of Rome and have pastoral residents preparing to start additional churches. On the scholarly side, Leonardo recently released a new book, *Same Words, Different Worlds, Do Roman Catholics and Evangelicals Believe the Same Gospel?*, which he is uniquely qualified to address, as his church is literally located just a few blocks from St. Peters Basilica. Leonardo is equipping new church leaders to address the pressing issues of modern-day citizens of Rome.

- Pray for Leonardo's envisioning and equipping residents in Breccia di Roma and for unity among their team as they reach out in their city.
- Pray for Leonardo's scholarly work, including his recent book, that it would equip people to better understand the gospel and truly know Christ.
- Pray for "Il Soggiorno," their church's outreach to immigrants in Rome, that they would be able to care for the material and spiritual needs of refugee families.



## Lenden Fleeman

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR / BELGIUM**

Spouse: Gemma; Children: Jazmine (Jazzy) & Aubrey

Since leaving their prior field in Central Asia, the Lord has called the Fleeman family to minister in an English speaking, international church in Belgium. Lenden will serve as an associate pastor, working with congregants and seekers from all over the world. He will also serve as mentor to an associate pastor pursuing ordination. Lenden will be working with the International Presbyterian Church to help them further develop their Reformed resources for new churches. Gemma will use her gift of hospitality to bless those in their community. Having had a background serving in a Muslim country, they are keenly aware of the many Muslim refugees in Europe and hope to reach out to them.

- Pray for the Lord to smooth the way for their transition, giving them all that they need for their new ministry.
- Pray that the Lord will give Lenden and Gemma His vision and resources to grow their new congregation with a greater love for Jesus and the people in their community.
- Pray for the Lord to send His revival to Belgium and Western Europe.



## **Hans & Carolien Euser**

**STRATEGIC PARTNERS & CHURCH PLANTERS /  
NETHERLANDS**

Hans and Carolien serve as the directors of InterCultural Church Plants in the Netherlands. This network of 35 churches engages dozens of different ethnic groups and social subcultures with the gospel, seeking to develop churches that reflect the diverse neighborhoods of the Netherlands. Hans equips and trains church planters with tools to engage new communities and plant new intercultural churches. However, this past year was particularly difficult for the Eusers, as Carolien was diagnosed with MS in June. “That is my prayer,” Carolien writes, “that God gives me so much grace that I can handle it, knowing He is on my side. I want to trust that the way God has me walk is good for me. I want to choose not to be swept away by sorrow. When it hits me, I call upon Jesus for help.”

- Pray for Hans and Carolien, as they learn to work with her MS, that God would give her strength and grace for each day.
- Pray for BLEND, their new initiative in Rotterdam that helps people from diverse backgrounds connect and communicate over complex issues.
- Pray that the conferences, training seminars, and printed material would be used to equip and empower new church planters to launch intercultural churches in the Netherlands.



## **Rob & Tunde Futo**

**CHURCH PLANTERS / HUNGARY**

Children: Csenge & Hajni

Rob and Tunde remain busy in their work at Cornerstone Church, which they helped plant in 2015 in the heart of Budapest. Rob serves as head pastor and feels called to continue planting churches. With the help of other local evangelical churches and Redeemer’s City to City church planting training center, he is currently developing an internship program for young men considering ministry. Rob is encouraged by the church’s youth program, which has expanded to over 40 youth with two new leaders. This is an answer to many prayers. Recently the youth participated in a weekend getaway for the high school and 20+ ministry (aged 14-25). Close to seventy young people attended and learned more about a relationship with Jesus Christ. Tunde is the church’s worship leader and leader of three small groups. She recently completed her Master of Arts in Counseling at Westminster Theological Seminary.

- Pray that their daughters Csenge and Hajni would grow in their love for Jesus and His word.
- Pray that the youth program at Cornerstone would multiply in number.
- Pray that Cornerstone would continue to be a light in the darkness in Budapest.





## **Chris & Debbie Gibson**

### **MISSIONARY CARE / HUNGARY**

Chris and Debbie serve EPC/WO and Ministry Essentials International through Sunrise House in Budapest. Sunrise House is a ministry and counseling center where the Gibsons provide counseling, prayer, and a quiet, healing space for missionaries and their families. Chris and Debbie spent time stateside last year, which allowed them to attend a conference on prayer and provided connection for Chris with his new director and others in leadership training in Orlando. Since returning to Budapest, they anticipate the need for care to dramatically increase as the Covid stress and trauma that workers have been through begins to surface. Their calendar has been full, counseling missionaries from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The Gibsons are grateful they have been able to return to local ministry at the Danube International Church, where Chris is an elder, and Debbie is involved in women's ministry and local counseling.

- Pray for mercy, wisdom, and discernment as they counsel and serve His workers around the world.
- Pray that the Lord would refresh Debbie and Chris as they faithfully serve Him.
- Pray that God would use the Gibsons to draw many in Budapest into a personal relationship with Him.



## **Stephen & Belinda Kelley**

### **REFUGEE OUTREACH MINISTRY / EUROPE**

With an Egyptian heritage, Stephen has a passion for sharing Christ with Muslims. In 2013, Stephen started the European Training Center (ETC) which provides Biblical discipleship training for leaders from Muslim backgrounds. The ETC offers support, encouragement, and training for them to mentor their house church groups. Stephen also serves with EPC World Outreach, heading up their refugee ministry in Europe and recruiting Arabic and Kurdish speakers to help with the relief work. For the past two years, most of their work has been done remotely. Recently Stephen has begun traveling again to pastor, pray for, and encourage relief workers and refugees who have been displaced due to war and strife. Late in 2021, Stephen helped organize the very first International Conference on Discipleship, bringing leaders from the Arabic and Iranian church together for the first time.

- Pray for the European Training Center, that it would equip laborers from among Muslim born believers.
- Pray that gospel bridges will be built between Arab and Iranian Christians after attending the International Conference on Discipleship.
- Pray for the Lord to strengthen Stephen and Belinda physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

## Leslie

### TEAM COACH / GERMANY

Leslie continues her work with Greater Europe Mission (GEM), coaching new missionaries as they arrive in Germany. She helps new missionaries develop healthy and holy work/life rhythms and helps families with children get acclimated to German culture. She often travels between Frankfurt and Berlin to help these new families adjust to their new life and language in a new country. Her main goal for the new missionaries is that they would lean into God and learn how to live life well in their new context. Leslie asks for prayers for her workers in Berlin, Cologne, and Frankfurt, that the Lord might give them grace as these workers continue to learn the language and build relationships with their local communities and neighbors.

- Pray for Leslie's spouse and child, that they would be encouraged in their relationships with the Lord.
- Pray with Leslie for the hope of the gospel to penetrate the hearts of the hopeless and the 10,000 homeless in Berlin.
- Pray that the Lord would send more missionaries devoted to spreading the good news in Germany.



## Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc

### AWM DIRECTOR & PIONEERS TEAM LEADERS / FRANCE

After doing overseas ministry from the U.S., Norm and Ruth Ann felt led to return to France, to the same city in which they lived and started ministry 30 years ago. Norm rejoined the Arab World Media team, and Ruth Ann engaged in field-based member care. They feel honored to be part of God's work across the Arab world and Europe. They relate one story about a man named Hamzaa, who first heard about Christianity listening to a Christian radio station while he was working. He wanted to learn more and found their Arabic ministry website. He sent the message, "I am a Muslim, and I am convinced that Christianity is the true way. I want to become a Christian, but I don't know how." A member of their team picked up his message and replied. She explained the gospel to him, led him in prayer, and Hamzaa became a Christian. He now meets with local believers in Iraq.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as they budget and plan for 2022 ministries, that they would be good stewards not only of financial resources but of Kingdom opportunities for more church-planting.
- Pray for fruit in the harvest and changed lives across Europe and the Arab world.
- Pray for Hamzaa, that he will continue to grow in his faith and build strong relationships with fellow believers.



## **Valery & Janna Morozov**

**NATIONAL PARTNERS & BIBLE TRANSLATORS / RUSSIA**

Having led Wycliffe Bible Translators-Russia for over 20 years, the Morozovs are grateful that the Lord is blessing their ministry, despite Covid shaking their country significantly. In 2021, five new missionaries were added to their team, work was begun in Papua, New Guinea and Mongolia, and oral Bible stories were created and distributed in many areas where they serve. Valery is grateful for the glimpse of God's glorious work among the nations. Recently, Valery met a ministry partner who was serving the Mewari people group of India and learned that the Mewari New Testament was almost completed. For 20 years, the Lord has moved Valery's heart to pray for the Mewari but did not know how the Lord was answering his prayers until this providential meeting. Tragically, the Morozov family experienced personal loss last year when their 32-year-old son, Kirill, succumbed to cancer on October 8, 2021.

- Pray for the Lord to provide for Kirill's young widow, Anastasia, and their son, Leo.
- Pray for health, strength, and energy for the Morozovs in all their ministry efforts.
- Pray for the ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators-Russia to continue to bear much eternal fruit.



## **George Tolia**

**STRATEGIC PARTNER & CHURCH PLANTER / GREECE**

Spouse: Phaedra; Children: Olivia, Nikolas & Zoe

George serves as the senior pastor of Glyfada Church and team leader of the Pangrati Project, a new church plant near a major university in Athens. The Pangrati Project launched last fall, as Covid restrictions were loosening. Their launch day was a day of celebration through worship and preaching. Their community center serves a bridge into the surrounding community, hosting game nights, college workspaces, and children's workshops. They have also developed a small worship team, a welcome team, prayer circles, and a neighborhood library. In 2022, they are praying to multiply their small group ministry, to spur members on to discipleship and faith, as well as for closer fellowship. With all these initiatives, they are most grateful for the people coming forward, asking for Jesus to meet them where they are, despite their doubts and skepticism.

- Praise God for His provision and protection over the past year and for the new believers who have joined their fellowship. Pray these new believers will grow in their relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for wisdom and care in discipling new believers and training church leaders as they grow into who God intends them to be.
- Pray for George's deepening relationship with God, for a Community Space coordinator, for financial provision, and for one or two more elders for their growing church.



## Theo Visser

### STRATEGIC PARTNER & CHURCH PLANTER /NETHERLANDS

Spouse: Rieneke

Theo Visser is the visionary founder of Intercultural Church Plants Europe. He planted two intercultural church plants in Rotterdam, helped them to plant other churches, and then multiplied his efforts by founding ICP Netherlands. As a serial entrepreneur, he passed that responsibility over to Hans Euser and is now envisioning and empowering catalytic movement leaders to bring that same ministry dynamic to other European countries. This model begins with a neighborhood-based approach that focuses on one ethnic group (Iranians, Chinese, Afghan, for example) or one self-identified community (blue-collar workers, artists, refugees). The ministry team seeks to develop authentic ways to serve and provide care and resources for that community. The church planting aspect then combines 3-7 of these groups in a collective worship service that sometimes alternates music styles between ethnic communities. As these churches grow and become established, they seek to multiply through a similar approach: Plant-Establish-Repeat.

- Pray for Theo to find and empower a co-worker to follow up and implement the intercultural church planting strategy in the various fields in Europe in which they operate.
- Pray that Theo's ministry would be empowered by the Spirit to equip church planters to reach ethnically diverse groups of migrants and refugees across Europe.
- Pray for the members of each church plant to see the needs and issues of their multicultural neighborhoods, that they might effectively witness in their communities.

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# Africa

**Larry Brown**

**Jeremiah Davis**

**Pieter Ernst**

**Faith Ludanga**

**Matilda Matitha**

**Judy Mbugua**

**Scott & Ellen**

**Allison Neubert**

**Aaliyah Nicholson**

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**Steve Winstead**



**Larry Brown**  
BIBLE COLLEGE PROFESSOR / MALAWI

Larry is a professor at African Bible College where he teaches World History, Church History, Systematic Theology, and Hermeneutics. Larry believes that communicating and investing in his students is crucial, so he invites students over twice a week for pizza and keeps an office on campus so he can be accessible to them. He occasionally preaches at Maula Prison and at various Malawian churches. The Malawian church has its challenges because many worshipers have not been taught even the basics of the true gospel. Larry is currently on home leave in Memphis but plans to return to Malawi at the end of June to prepare for the new academic year. His son Carey will remain in the U.S. where he is a freshman at John Brown University in Arkansas.

- Pray for Larry's ministry at African Bible College and for deeper relationships with students.
- Pray for his return to Malawi and his adjustment to life as an empty nester.
- Pray for Carey as his freshman year has been tough and Carey has been feeling unhappy at JBU.



**Jeremiah Davis**  
CO SERVE COLLEGE MINISTRY / ZAMBIA

A year ago, Jeremiah moved from Memphis to Lusaka, Zambia to minister to college students through Campus Outreach Serve. He has experienced God's faithfulness and sufficiency as he meets new teammates, adjusts to a foreign culture, studies Nyanja (the local language), and leans on the Lord to provide all that he needs for life and ministry. He has been blessed by days spent in focused prayer alone and with his team. One of the year's ministry highlights was the Leadership Project, where students were challenged to lose their lives for the sake of the gospel. Another was the Cross-Cultural Project. Because of the rampant spread of Omicron in Zambia, the conference was virtual. Nevertheless, it was a powerful time as Jeremiah spoke on evangelism and shared his desire for more minority students to be involved in cross-cultural mission.

- Pray that the Lord will daily refresh Jeremiah with His presence and equip him for ministry
- Pray for students who attended the virtual CCP to develop vision for their lives and how they want to live for the gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to lead many Zambian students to repentance and faith in Jesus.



## **Pieter Ernst**

**STRATEGIC PARTNER & GAZA WORKS DIRECTOR /  
MOZAMBIQUE**

Pieter serves as the director of Gaza Works, the successor ministry to World Relief in the Gaza province of Mozambique. Pieter oversees both the development of collective agricultural farms that empower small communities of believers and the discipleship programs that serve these collective groups. Despite several interruptions due to the pandemic, the community discipleship groups continue to meet. Pieter and his colleague, Michaque, have developed a new picture curriculum that will take believers through the entire Bible. They hope to have it published this year. One participant reported, “I’m very thankful to the Lord because of the things I’m learning in the Community Discipleship Group [that] I have never heard before in my life... I count it as a great privilege to know that the whole Bible is composed with 66 books and the fact that we are saved by faith through grace not by our works.”

- Pray for Pieter’s health, as he deals with a variety of issues that periodically take him back to his home country of South Africa for treatment.
- Pray that Pieter and Michaque would be able to publish and implement the use of the whole Bible curriculum this year to help their communities grow deeper in their faith.
- Pray that the key volunteer leaders in this discipleship movement would be able to introduce others in their community to Christ and help them take their first steps in faith.



## **Faith Ludanga**

**FIRST RESPONDER & COMMUNITY OUTREACH /  
UGANDA**

Spouse: Seme; Son: Elias

Now that the pandemic is easing up in Uganda and the second lockdown has lifted, Faith is relaunching their church’s women’s and children’s ministries. She is also helping to start a new special needs organization serving the many vulnerable people in their area. Throughout her week she is often teaching as she meets with church members in various home groups. Caring for baby Elias is still an adjustment for them both, but they used the lockdowns to start a family Bible study. Their church’s Commitment Class has continued helping teenagers prepare to join the church, and before the second lockdown, Faith led a women’s retreat with over 300 attending, far more than expected! She is currently waiting on a work permit she needs to extend her visa.

- Pray for Faith’s work permit to be granted soon.
- Pray for a joyous and successful relaunch of their church’s women’s and children’s ministries.
- Pray for strength and stamina as they raise Elias and serve the church, even though Faith misses her “alone” time very much.





## **Matilda Matitha**

**STRATEGIC PARTNER & WORLD RELIEF COUNTRY DIRECTOR / MALAWI**

Gibson Nkanaunena, the long-time director of World Relief Malawi, was promoted last March to serve as World Relief's Director of Developing nations, which include Burundi, Cambodia, Kenya, Malawi, and Rwanda. Matilda Matitha, who most recently served as the manager of the WR Malawi Nutrition project and was a part of the Malawi leadership team, has taken on the new role of country director. She is grateful for the ability to serve the most vulnerable during the complexities of a pandemic, as they have had to shift their methods frequently as travel and meeting size restrictions have been applied. The staff were pleased with a recent visit by the U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, who assessed their involvement in pandemic response and vaccine distribution and expressed his appreciation for the way the churches had organized and cooperated to serve under-resourced communities throughout the country.

- Pray for World Relief staff as they begin the process for expanding the Outreach Group Initiative to a new Church Empowerment Zone.
- Pray for protection, favor, and strength for the WR Malawi Covid vaccination teams as they lead the national response.
- Pray for our adopted district of Ntchisi, that a new district coordinator would be raised up to replace Fletcher Mdeni, who retired last October. Pray that the churches trained over the past 10 years would continue to serve the most vulnerable around them.



## **Judy Mbugua**

**NATIONAL PARTNER & HSF DIRECTOR / KENYA**

Judy is the founder of Homecare Spiritual Fellowship (HSF) that ministers to the under-resourced in the Kibera section of Nairobi. HSF ministries include the Bethel School of Dressmaking, HIV and health wellness programs for women, VBS and educational programs for orphaned and vulnerable children, the Karen Retreat Center, and evangelistic outreaches on radio and TV. Last year HSF celebrated 40 years of ministry! Due to Covid, it wasn't the celebration they had hoped for, but they give glory and praise to God for His faithfulness to them over these 40 years! They are also thankful that women and children continue to thrive amidst challenges and are growing in their relationship with the Lord. In January, Judy and her husband Richard both contracted Covid. Judy recovered, but sadly Richard passed away from complications. He was a huge part of Judy's testimony as he came to Christ through her ministry.

- Pray for HSF programs to continue to be a blessing to the vulnerable and under-resourced in Kenya, sharing the gospel of Christ.
- Pray for Judy and her family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Richard.
- The elections in Kenya are slated for August 2022. Pray for peaceful elections and a God-fearing president.



## Scott & Ellen

### CHURCH PLANTING / SENEGAL

Children: Gideon & Abigail

Scott and Ellen are currently in France learning the first of 3 languages necessary to communicate with the Fula people of Senegal. When individuals from this Islamic culture begin to follow Jesus, they are typically cut off from their families and communities. Scott has a master's degree in agricultural science and desires to use that background to equip new church leaders with tools to support themselves as they re-enter their communities. Ellen is an entrepreneur who loves to help people successfully launch and expand their small businesses. Together, they seek to walk with Fula believers and help them grow in their faith and ministry skills to reach others in their people group. They hope to move to Senegal this summer, where they will begin two years of language study by living in a Fula village. They join a small team that has been laboring to this end for many years.

- Pray for Ellen to pass her French competency and for Scott to make progress in his Fula language studies.
- Pray for their family, as they move through transition from the U.S. to France and soon on to Senegal.
- Pray for the current team in Senegal, that God would bless their training and equipping of Fula church leaders.



## Allison Neubert

### CO SERVE RESOURCE TEAM / SOUTH AFRICA

Allison is in her eighth year of ministry with Campus Outreach and has been serving with CO South Africa for over a year. Through this ministry, Allison and the staff have built relationships with students, led Bible studies, shared the gospel, and watched God work in students' lives. In the last year, her team has welcomed 4 new South African interns and 2 American interns to their staff. The team looks forward to adding one more American intern to their staff later this year. CO South Africa remained busy during the pandemic last year, hosting 2 conferences with 60 or more students in attendance. Staff reached over 300 students across 3 campuses, while 35 were intentionally disciplined throughout the year. Four students professed faith in Christ for the first time!

- Pray that God would raise up more men in their ministry, as more male students need to be reached on campus.
- Pray for the students, that they would continue growing in gospel identity and that this identity would continue to shape how they make decisions and live their everyday lives.
- Pray that the Lord would sustain the staff spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically as they take the Good News across college campuses in South Africa.



## **Aaliyah Nicholson**

**FIRST RESPONDER & TEACHER / ETHIOPIA**

Aaliyah has served as a teacher at Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa since the fall of 2020. She currently teaches Social Studies for grades 6 and 7, Sociology for grades 11 and 12, and a Service-Learning course. Aaliyah enjoys the creativity of lesson planning with the middle school students and learning about future goals of her high school students. She is engaging with the local community through a group called Yetesfa (Hope), which seeks to build relationships with girls ages 7-17. The girls gather on the Bingham campus twice weekly for a Bible lesson, art project, and games. Aaliyah is also learning the Amharic language, taking classes for her Master of Divinity degree, and serving in children's ministry at her church. Due to the current armed conflict and civil unrest in Ethiopia, Aaliyah and other teachers had to temporarily relocate to Kenya for the last two months of 2021.

- Pray for Aaliyah and her fiancé Surafel as they wed in May, that their marriage would be rooted in Christ.
- Pray for the children of Bingham Academy, that they would grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would bring stability and peace to the people of Ethiopia.



## **Steve & Marion Spencer**

**UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS – GENESIS UNIVERSITY / SOUTH AFRICA**

Children: Charlotte, Samuel & Esther

Steve and Marion Spencer saw the impact that a Christian college can make on a country after three decades of service at African Bible College in Malawi. In 2019, they learned that there was not a Christian liberal arts university in South Africa, so the Lord led them to found Genesis University. For three years they have been laying the groundwork for this vital work and have learned to wait on the Lord to provide. They have formed a team of advisors and consultants to write a curriculum, one necessary step in acquiring school accreditation. They have found property in Johannesburg and are encouraged by a million-dollar gift to jumpstart its purchase. At the beginning of this year, they feel they are in position to make an offer on a school campus and hope that Genesis University will soon be a reality.

- Pray for the Lord to encourage and guide the Spencers as they wait on Him to establish Genesis University.
- Pray that God will provide all the necessary resources for this place of learning.
- Pray that Genesis University will bless South Africa through quality Christian education.



## **Steve Winstead**

**PASTOR INTERNATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH /  
ETHIOPIA**

Spouse: Margaret; Children: Samuel, Noah, Benjamin & Daniel

The Winsteds have just completed their first year of service in Ethiopia, where Steve serves as the Senior Pastor of the International Evangelical Church in Addis Ababa. The past year has seen civil unrest and war threaten the capital and cause many to temporarily relocate. Nevertheless, they have returned and continue to serve through their church. Over the past year IEC has grown both in new members and those who have engaged in discipleship. Through the generosity of donors, the church has added tents for outdoor seating, begun construction on a new youth ministry building, began remodeling their Christian education building, and added additional security guards and cameras. They have also been able to sponsor students at the Bible college, send an Ethiopian missionary family from their congregation to the unreached, and respond to the inflation crisis by raising the salaries of national staff.

- Pray that Steve would have insight and understanding to faithfully preach and teach God's Word.
- Pray for an end to the unrest and armed conflict in Ethiopia impacting those who are going without food and needed supplies.
- Pray for Margaret as she continues Amharic lessons.

## ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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# Central / South America

Guille MacKenzie  
Gabriel Morales  
Juan Patt

Marcelo Robles  
Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman



## **Guille MacKenzie**

**NATIONAL PARTNER & CHURCH PLANTER / ARGENTINA**

Spouse: Debbie; Children: Camilla, Catalina & Benjamin

Guille and Debbie serve in Buenos Aires where Guille is pastor of Iglesia Nuevo Avivamiento church, a multicultural community with a strong desire to share their faith in God. Guille also heads up Mision BETA, a pastoral development initiative that includes a two-year training program for pastors that helps them network together with other pastors in serving their city. Guille reports 2021 was a good year for Mision Beta, despite the fact that it was all virtual. They shared the vision for church planting and taught pastors and leaders through various sessions. They are encouraged to see more people becoming interested in this program and are planning a full Incubator program for next year with some of these pastors and leaders. Guille continues work on his Ph.D in Biblical Studies with several residency weeks in the U.S. this year.

- Pray for Mision Beta, that God will bless new and revitalized churches with whom they are working.
- Pray for strength and energy to do and balance ministry, Ph. D studies, and family life.
- Pray for Iglesia Nuevo Avivamiento, that God will give them wisdom as they strive to impact their city with the Kingdom of God.



## **Gabriel Morales**

**NATIONAL PARTNER & CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR / MEXICO**

Spouse: Norma

Gabriel (“Gaby”) serves as the administrator for the Shalom network of churches and Blas Paschal School. He was part of the team that planted Shalom church in 1993, which has now grown to 750 members. Gaby serves the mother church, along with the daughter churches, as the administrator of the church network system. He also works with other churches on the Yucatan Peninsula, helping pastors receive training and support in their smaller churches. Gaby gives thanks that despite the pandemic, they were able to host three missionary groups from the U.S. who helped them do construction work for the development of the local church. The teams shared wonderful experiences during the trips to the construction projects. Everyone worked together as a team, and spiritual growth was incredible.

- Pray for Gabriel as he recruits families for a vision team.
- Pray for various construction projects they are developing that were stopped because of the pandemic.
- Pray for Gabriel, Norma, and their family to all stay healthy and ready to do God’s work.



## **Juan Patt**

### **NATIONAL PARTNER & PASTOR / BELIZE**

Spouse: Maria; Children: Stephanie & Joanna

Juan is the pastor of Prince of Peace church in Corozal, Belize, and also serves in leadership of his local presbytery. Juan and his team planted Harvest Church, now led by pastor Ismael Lopez, in Orange Walk several years ago. Juan reports that pastor Lopez is helping a lot in ministering to their brothers and sisters by nurturing the church. New leaders are being raised up at Prince of Peace, where Juan has seven active leaders (four women and three men) who are using their gifts in leading the services. Three men from this pool of leaders assist Juan with the Bible studies and preaching. Juan will start training leaders at Harvest as well, with the aim of equipping them for ministry. Maria continues to pursue her master's in Education and received The Alice Vanderkooy Transformation Education Award this year.

- Pray that the Lord blesses the strategic revitalization plan they have started to implement in their churches.
- Pray these leaders would be empowered with a vision for ministering not only in the churches, but also to those in their communities.
- Pray for continued good health for Juan and his family, and for energy and strength to serve in their various ministries.



## **Marcelo Robles**

### **STRATEGIC PARTNER & CHURCH PLANTER / ARGENTINA**

Spouse: Susi; Children: Vicky & Brenda

Marcelo is a church planter and pastor of La Mision Church in Buenos Aires, which has five congregations around the city. La Mision focuses on caring for children and the poor, working with university students and training church planters and pastors. Throughout the pandemic, La Mision has been able to assist around 250 families on a weekly basis. Many people have turned their lives to Christ and joined small groups through online evangelistic events. Small groups and leaders have been growing in numbers. Marcelo and Susi met through a Gospel Coalition event and spent most of the last year trying to schedule their wedding. Susi and her daughter were stranded in their home country of Brazil due to Covid restrictions. The couple was finally able to tie the knot this past December and are now adjusting to being a blended family of four.

- Pray for the ministries of La Mision and its five congregations as they care for the marginalized and do outreach to university students.
- Pray for the 2025 vision of ten congregations with sixty to eighty members at each site.
- Pray for Marcelo & Susi as they adjust to married life together and parenting their two teenage daughters.





## **Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman**

### **DEVELOPMENT & OUTREACH / ARGENTINA**

Children: Sarah & Abegail

Kyle and Claudia serve at La Mision Palermo campus in Buenos Aires, with one of their focus areas being youth ministry. Claudia started a ministry to children in youth homes who are victims of abuse. Kyle continues to teach carpentry classes with this season being one of the best. His students learned quickly and two students who are unbelievers heard the gospel. Their church held an Alpha Couples course, and Kyle and Claudia were the coordinators for the class at the Flores site. It was a huge success, having five new couples come to the meetings. Everyone said that the course impacted them in major ways. One woman shared that her husband was a transformed man after attending the classes!

- Pray for Kyle & Claudia as they continue working with these couples and sharing the gospel.
- Pray for La Mision Palermo to find creative ways to stand in the gap to help those in need during Argentina's economic crisis.
- Pray for each of the students that Kyle & Claudia continue to walk with as they express strong interest in moving forward spiritually.

# MISSIONARIES IN TRANSITION



## **Paul & Violette Bridgman**

After a lifetime of partnership with Second and service in Japan planting Sakuragaoka Church, Paul and Violette Bridgman have returned to Arkansas to begin their life of retirement.



## **Josh Berkey**

Josh has completed his three-year commitment in Jakarta teaching high school math at the Kemang Village campus of Sekolah Pelita Harapan school and will be returning to the U.S. at the end of the school year.



## **Clarke & Khrystya Norton**

Clarke and Khrystya have returned to the U.S. so that he can pursue his M.Div./Counseling degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. They plan to return to Ukraine upon completion of his degree.



## **Jon & Mo McGuirt**

Various challenges over the past 18 months have prevented Jon and Mo from beginning their work in Indonesia. In light of this, they have decided to complete their pastoral residency prior to departing for Jakarta. During this time Jon will serve at Second while he completes his seminary studies.

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