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# Dear 2PC Family,

As we begin this new year of world missions at Second, it is with great momentum. God, in his faithfulness, has provided for us our new Director of World Missions, Andy Cheely. With his wife Brooke by his side, Andy has doubled our World Missions team. Many new young faces have joined our faithful legacy team, and we stand positioned for greater outreach to the nations.

Our motivation for World Missions has always been that the gospel of Jesus is just too big for any one people or nation. The prophet Isaiah announced the Lord's purposes to the nation of Israel in Isaiah 49:6. Introducing his suffering servant, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prophet said, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

The salvation that God would work is, indeed, far too valuable to limit. The price was the precious blood of his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of us in Christ will experience the vision that the apostle John saw in Rev. 7:9, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..." The great privilege and mystery is that God would allow us to join Him in the work. Not all of us can go to the nations, but all of us can give and pray toward that end.

In this booklet we have listed our missionary partners around the world. These ordinary heroes have answered the call to leave families and homes to take the good news cross-culturally. They need our prayers daily.

Jesus' clear prayer request in the Bible is to ask the Lord of the harvest to provide the laborers, for the harvest is still great, and the workers are yet few (Matthew 9:37-38). Let's ask God to teach us how to pray for them. May He fill us with His Spirit daily toward that end.

Thank you in advance for joining us in this wonderful, eternity-impacting labor of prayer.



**Mike Warner**  
*World Missions Team Chair*

# How to Pray for Missionaries

Our missionary partners are engaged in a cosmic spiritual war. The great news is that our Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory by his life, death, and resurrection! However, the battle continues until his return, and the greatest need of these Christian soldiers as they await is the prayers of the church. ***Let us join the battle.***

## GETTING STARTED

- Ask the Lord to teach you how to pray for our missionaries.
- Ask the Lord for whom he would have you pray, or establish a pattern to pray daily/weekly.
- Ask the Lord earnestly to send out laborers into the harvest field. (Matthew 9:37)
- Ask the Lord for the salvation of indigenous people—those who would believe and become leaders in their countries.

## IDEAS OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

- Pray for their physical needs.
- Pray for their emotional needs.
- Pray for their spiritual needs (Colossians 1:9, Ephesians 1:17).
- Pray that our partners would abide with Christ, that they might bear much fruit.
- Pray that the Lord would open His scriptures to them each day.
- Get on a missionary's personal email list for regular updates. (Contact Missions office for help.)

## KEEPING OUR HANDS OPEN

- Pray for our church.
- Pray that the Lord would call us to welcome, give, pray, and go.

## ULTIMATE GOAL

- Pray that the Lord would get great glory to the ends of the earth, among all people!

# Emeritus Missionaries of the Year

*Emeritus is an honorific designation given to someone who is retired from the public performance of a duty on account of age, infirmity, or long and faithful services. Because of the long history of World Missions involvement at Second, the faithfulness of some partners to serve for multiple decades in some very hard places and with uniquely distinctive impact, and the enduring consistency of 2PC in maintaining those partnerships, the World Missions Team has created the category of Missionary Emeritus for missionary partners who have made an exceptional contribution to Missiology, World Evangelization, and the ministry of the Second Presbyterian Church. Our first two Emeritae are Ms. Aileen Coleman and Rev. Judy Mbugua.*



## Aileen Coleman

**“There is always some reason not to do the work of God.”**

Aileen Coleman first visited the Middle East as a young Australian missionary nurse in 1956. She met Dr. Eleanor Saltau, an American, in the late 1950's while working at a Western funded tuberculosis hospital in Arroub, near Hebron. Aileen and Eleanor, sharing a love for the Bedouin people, felt called by the Lord to start a hospital in the desert of Jordan. They chose the name Annoor, which is Arabic for "Light." Many individuals and organizations told them that opening this hospital would be impossible. They sought out good friend Roy Gustafson, who encouraged them to fearlessly follow God's will. He challenged them to take a step of faith saying, "What are you doing here in my living room? Just go!" So, in 1965 she and Eleanor returned to Jordan and dedicated their hearts and lives to ministry to the Bedouin people, co-founding Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases. The nomadic Bedouin tribes affectionately call her "A'Raiisa," meaning *Leader* or *The Angel of the Desert*, though she calls herself the Desert Rat!

The Sanatorium treats tuberculosis specifically and lung disease generally, providing excellent medical care in the name of Jesus. Honored by the late King Hussein of Jordan and by Queen Elizabeth of England, Aileen has been called by one dignitary "one of the greatest servants God ever put on this earth." Aileen has spent most of her life there, faithfully sharing the love of Christ into her 90's. The Lord has brought many refugees from Syria as well as those from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict who need medical care. The nation of Jordan, under the leadership of King Abdullah, has escaped the fighting and remains a sanctuary for those fleeing the conflict.

For the complete story of Aileen and Annoor, *Desert Rat* is the story of her life and is available in Second's library and bookstore.



## Judy Mbugua

**“We will not be judged by what we began, but by how faithfully we persisted to the end.”**

In 1967, Judy was a new Christian, a new wife, and a young mother. Her husband did not share her faith; it took him another 28 years before he gave his life to Christ. He would join her at church, but not accompany her to the Couples Fellowship, and the other groups for people her age were the Single Parents and Widows Groups which she did not fit in either.

So, there she was in the “most friendly church in town” yet unable to fit within any group. She felt the Lord tell her to look around and see if there were other women in her situation, and she ended up counting twenty other women. She sensed the Lord urging her to invite them to her home for fellowship. They started meeting once a month and grew to over 100 women. Within two years, they numbered over 300, spanning several denominations but all seeking to pray for the salvation of their families.

Those monthly meetings birthed what would later be named Homecare Spiritual Fellowship. In 1985, after meeting for five years in homes and various church campuses, Rev. Dr. Judy Mbugua registered Homecare Spiritual Fellowship with the government of Kenya. While 80% of Kenyans claim to be Christian, only 15% go to church and practice their faith.

The Homecare Ministry is an interdenominational fellowship of born-again Christians who are committed to praying for the salvation of whole households. Their current project is to build a new Prayer and Training Center.

Judy serves as CEO, is an ordained minister and has two honorary degrees, one in Theology. She is also a lecturer at Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership. She has authored eight books on Christian faith and evangelizes through speaking engagements at churches. She hosts a weekly TV program, *Families under God*, and co-hosts a radio program with her son Robert.

You can read more about Judy and this wonderful ministry in her book *Relentless Faith*, a personal testimony by Rev. Dr. Judy Mbugua.



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# **Southeast Asia**

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**Dave & Joyce Briley**

**Nicole D.**

**John & Dawn**

**Brian & Terri Firpo**

**Randy & Martha**

**Jeff & Lynne**

**Maddie Lebeter**

**John M.**



## Dave & Joyce Briley

**Bible Translation / U.S. Based - Indonesia**

The Brileys have spent the last 48+ years creating a written language and translating the Bible for the Bauzi speaking people in Papua, Indonesia. Dave and the team are working on the translation of a shorter Old Testament. Last year, they finished three books in Bauzi (2 Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah) and have also been able to have 8 other OT books carried through their second comprehension check by native speakers. Currently, Dave is working with Yormi doing exegetical checks of Ecclesiastes, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. That will be followed by comprehension checks with native speakers which will require Dave being physically present or via Google Meet. Dave will also need to translate these books into English for the check and approval of a consultant prior to printing.

- Pray for Dave as he has also been assigned as consultant to check the book of Proverbs translated into the Da'a language spoken in Sulawesi, Indonesia.
- Pray that the Lord would use co-translator Yormi as an effective translator and provide for him and his family's needs in Sentani.
- Pray that the Lord would bring many Bauzi to Christ and raise up leaders among them.



## Nicole D.

**University Ministry and Church Teaching - Indonesia**

*Spouse: Feodor*

God drew Nicole back to Indonesia after living in the U.S. for high school and college. Since her parents are missionaries there, she grew up familiar with the field. God made her realize how much she missed Indonesia and that missions has always been a part of her life. She now serves on a team in which she spends most of her time on local university campuses sharing the gospel with those from the majority culture background. She leads Bible studies in local coffee shops. She also trains church members and seminary students in outreach to those of the majority religion. In the past year, she's begun a new work leading generosity workshops and helping raise funds for local urban ministries. She was married in December 2022 to Feodor, who shares her love for sharing the gospel.

- Pray for the Lord to bless their marriage and grant them children even as they work together to further His kingdom.
- Pray for the new believing students to root their identity in Christ as they gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and to grow in their fellowship with each other.
- Pray for evangelists to be trained and equipped to share the gospel effectively with people of the majority religion.



## John & Dawn

**Regional Ministry Directors / U.S. Based - Global**

John and Dawn have lived and served for many years in SE Asia and continue to provide leadership for roughly 35 teams and 130 staff in that part of the world. In 2019 they returned to the United States where, for various reasons, they now remain with John traveling extensively to teach and disciple new believers, especially in several African nations. Additionally, John is leading the global Soli Deo fellowship, which focuses on keeping God “front and center” in all that is done among their agency staff. Their personally lived message is “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

- Pray for safety and preservation of church members in an African nation where a number have been arrested for their faith and miraculously released, and for the gospel to be preached.
- Pray for Dawn as she has been treated for health issues, for stamina and strength as she cares for her father, a former missionary for 60 years.
- Pray for the reprint and distribution of Bibles for the Dani people group translated by Dawn’s father.



## Brian & Terri Firpo

**Campus Ministry / Leadership Development - Thailand**

Over thirty years ago, Brian and Terri helped launch CO Thailand where today Christian advances are numerous, but a plentiful “harvest” remains across SE Asia. While still being committed to grassroots college ministry, God is also using Brian and Terri to develop Thai CO staff and recruit laborers for Christ to go to Thailand and the Philippines, as well as every continent in the world. Praise the Lord that this past year Covenant Church (indigenous Thai-led church) in Khon Kaen Thailand celebrated its 25th anniversary. There were also over 30 Thai students that became believers this year through the Campus Outreach ministries they help serve. Brian and Terri’s vision is to see sustainable, labor-producing, indigenous, multiplying movements (SLIM2) ministries throughout Thailand and SE Asia.

- Pray that the Lord would draw near to Brian and Terri as well as to their adult children as they are living in different parts of the world.
- Pray for wisdom as they lead and shepherd Thai and American staff within the SE Asia network of Campus Outreach.
- Pray for incoming freshmen to be receptive to Christ’s message and come to faith in Him.



## Randy & Martha

**Missionary Training / U.S. Based - SE Asia**

After serving on the field in SE Asia for nearly two decades, Randy and Martha accepted the call to serve the kingdom by supporting, training, and overseeing over 30 couples and individual field partners all over the world. They are passionate about the word, prayer, worship with the local and global church, and engaging the Muslim world with the truth of the gospel. From their home base in the U.S., Randy spends his time developing missionary training tools, shepherding organizational leaders and families, and envisioning cross-cultural outreach strategies. Randy and Martha walk in faithfulness in seeking the Lord and cultivating healthy relationships while helping others in field positions do the same in their marriages, families, friendships, and working relationships.

- Praise for the launch of 12 couples and four single appointees. Pray for continued training for workers preparing to be sent, and thoughtful stewardship in overseeing workers still in the field.
- Pray for their efforts and encouragement in starting a Bible discovery study with several international Muslim students.
- Pray that God will continue to provide for their needs of staffing, support development, family transitions, transportation, and housing/leasing opportunities.



## Jeff & Lynne

**Business Development & Church Planting - SE Asia**

*Children: Evan, Jayden, Calvin, Jenna, Darre*

Jeff and Lynne have labored in SE Asia for more than 16 years. Their focus has been on reaching the people of their country through prayer for the unreached, but now they are focused on gospel proclamation and partnership. This has accounted for about 80% of Jeff's ministry time as he seeks to use social media platforms, including radio, to reach the local people. The radio station startup has been met with many government regulation obstacles and high-cost requirements. Refugees account for about 20% of the population or about eight million people. Most of these are of Muslim background. Lynne serves the refugee population in education. She uses micro learning centers to serve and reach those in the refugee community.

- Pray for the development and approval of the radio station and other social media platforms to proclaim the gospel.
- Pray for Lynne and the many refugees she ministers to through the micro-learning centers and for the gospel to be proclaimed through these efforts to students and their families.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts and minds of the people and that many would come to faith through the ongoing strategy of prayer, proclamation, and partnership of Jeff and Lynne and their team members.



## Maddie Lebeter

### Campus Ministry - Thailand

Maddie became a Christian through Campus Outreach Memphis her freshman year in college at SE Missouri State. The summer of her junior year, she attended a CO Cross Cultural Project in Thailand and felt God's call to global missions. After graduation, she made a two-year commitment to serve in Chiang Mai on a CO LEAD team. In 2019, she moved back to the U.S. with intentions and desires to quickly return to the Thai people, but Covid-19 and personal circumstances led to a three-year pause on those plans. She returned to Thailand this past August to serve with the CO team in Chiang Mai and minister to the Thai university students. Maddie shares that her recent Christmas in Thailand was difficult, mostly not being with family and because of her mother's death shortly before her return. She also spent time in the hospital.

- Pray for their newest team of two-year staff, called LEAD staff, who arrived earlier this year. Pray for their adjustment to Thai culture, the present team, and for their ability to learn Thai well. Praise that they find a team car and housing after months of "dry" praying.
- Pray for students, especially Fern who is not interested in spiritual things but enjoys hanging out. Pray for Fang who is Buddhist but is curious why the team and their lives are so different.
- Pray for Maddie as she learns to be the Team Leader/Supervisor. She longs for wisdom, discernment, and a close walk with the Lord.



## John M.

### Business Development & Church Planting / U.S. Based - SE Asia

*Spouse: Carlene*

In 2011, John felt the call to go back to the field as part of the EPC/WO Engage 2025 initiative. Working with an Engage 2025 missionary couple in SE Asia, they began exploring the possibility of a mariculture project. John had a vision to use a sea cucumber business to employ local villagers and eventually plant a church. They commenced growing and selling sea cucumbers, eventually building a hatchery. A church planter joined their team, and the hatchery is making progress toward commercial levels of production. The hatchery has not scaled as quickly as John hoped, but they are encouraged by the five communities they are working with. John's team employs more than 20 nationals, both believers and nationals. Pray for discipleship and mentorship in those relationships.

- Pray for wisdom for John and his team as they navigate the next season of their project.
- Pray for a national church planting team leader who can move on site to the islands.
- Pray for continued progress in a post-pandemic world and for the team to hit their 2024 hatchery business goals.

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# East Asia

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**David & Aliece**

**Roger & Abi Lowther**

**Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre**

**Tim & Huilan**

**David & Lisa**

**Craig & Stacy Pohl**

**Jeff & Katie Saunders**

**Enoch**

**Virginia**



## David & Aliece

### Theological Education & Christian Counseling

*Children: Zebadiah, Zemirah, Ziera, Zetabel*

David serves as Academic Dean of an unregistered, in-country seminary, helping train 60 missionaries who have been sent to unreached peoples. He works with a large church network to help them develop over thirty seminaries to train “family church” leaders. With persecution, they can only meet in groups of fewer than fifty people. There is a great need for these small church leaders and for Sunday School material for adults and children. Last year, five hundred people attended the Reformed Theology and China Conference. Aliece’s Tree of Life Counseling Center had graduates in the Biblical Counseling Master’s program, and she teaches over 200 church leaders on counseling in the time of suffering.

- Pray for David as he travels, teaching and providing discipleship training to local churches. Please pray for his health, ability to manage a heavy workload, and resolution of his medical issues.
- Pray for Aliece’s stamina as she expands her teaching and supervising while also doing counseling and offering counseling classes to leaders within local churches.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to bless their family in times of persecution and that they would be a counter-cultural witness for Jesus in the brokenness of their culture.



## Roger & Abi Lowther

### Church Planting and Community Outreach - Japan

*Children: Aidan, Eastin, Coen, Kaizen*

As classically trained musicians, Roger and Abi Lowther felt led to use their musical talents to serve the Lord in Japan. Roger is the founder and director of Community Arts Tokyo, director of Faith & Art at Grace City Church Tokyo, and coordinator for the MAKE Collective, a global network of artists who are working in foreign missions. Some exciting highlights from the last twelve months include discipleship efforts that have resulted in the growth of Japanese artists and the baptism of a dancer named Kanako. There was also the guiding of young people into full-time missions, the installing of a new pastor at Grace City Church, the launching of the previous Japanese pastor as a missionary to Australia, and the continued publication of Roger’s books. We will be hosting a worship intern from GCC at 2PC this summer!

- Pray for relational peace and unity with fellow overseas workers and missionaries. Pray for the Spirit’s presence, humility, and healing as peace and unity are pursued.
- Pray for health and energy levels as the stress of the past few years continues to be something to work through.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to grow the church and that native Japanese believers would continue to be raised up to take roles of leadership in the church.





## Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre

### Church Planters and Community Outreach - Taiwan

*Children: Ashlee, Tyler*

Thomas and Jennifer are grateful to have many opportunities to share the gospel in their current ministry and for 30 regular attendees at their park ministry in Xingang, an unreached town where they moved to plant a new church. Thomas preaches at the new Xingang Presbyterian Church with a focus on young families that speak Mandarin. Thomas has opportunities to teach at a local university about American culture and life where he can include a section about Christianity with a clear gospel message. They hope that seekers at the Alpha course, which continues every other Saturday evening, and others to whom they have been sharing the gospel will have hearts softened to hear and respond to the good news. Evangelism continues to be their major focus. Praise the Lord that the Sanhe Gospel church in Zhongpu, started by Thomas and Jennifer, continues to grow and effectively share the gospel!

- Pray for the growth of Xingang Presbyterian Church in rural areas where there is false religion. May Thomas, Jennifer, and the whole church, be effective witnesses for Jesus.
- Pray for great impact for Jennifer's newly published church planting manual for missionaries in their field.
- Pray for Ashlee and Tyler as they adjust to living in a very rural area, and pray for wisdom, unity, and clarity for Thomas and Jennifer about the next steps in life and ministry.



## Tim & Huilan

### Leadership Training - Taiwan

*Children: Ethan, Micah, Cianna*

Tim and Huilan moved back to East Asia in 2010 to start a seminary in their city. Tim recruited teachers who helped create ordination exams for local house church pastors. Last year, they started a new initiative, the Center for House Church Theology, where Tim serves as a fellow. Three missionary families moved to different cities in their region in 2023 which brings the total units in the region to 11, despite increasing religious persecution. They rejoice that one pastor, held in prison for a year, has been released and is now with his wife and family. Also, three new Parakaleo groups are starting (online and in person), to encourage spiritual growth for women. The political climate is still stifling, but they are hopeful as they see increased openness in people's hearts. They are also glad that the book *Faithful Disobedience*, featuring the writings of many house church leaders, has been published to teach and inspire churches around the world facing persecution.

- Praise that coworkers have stayed safe. Ask for continued protection and faithful service.
- Pray for the new Parakaleo groups to start well, be blessed with the fruit of the Spirit, and have much gospel growth.
- Pray for Tim's elderly mother, for provision and care. Pray for their children to know Christ and understand him more deeply.



## David & Lisa

### Leadership Training & Midwifery - East Asia

*Children: Bella (Deji) - Foster Child*

David and Lisa labor among the mountain people of Central Asia utilizing their training and professional skills. Their ministry focuses on consulting, training, counseling, one-on-one discipleship, and evangelism. They also train and equip some leaders of the local church. They face significant travel restrictions linked to their fostering of Bella, yet Dave and Lisa creatively persevere. They are using DBS (Discovery Bible Study) with locals and expats in their city. Many of their students (representing at least 30 different nations) participated in a DBS small group and learned how to lead one with friends and family back home. Praise the Lord for the baptisms of mountainous people, locals, and expats last year. Dave and Lisa trained those who shared, led people to the Lord, and did the baptisms.

- Pray for physical, mental, and spiritual health of their family.
- Pray for their foster child Bella to receive medical care and possible gene therapy for her eye (partial vision). Pray for a passport which is needed to travel for treatment.
- Pray for the continuous multiplication of DBS small groups and discipleship groups in the church.



## Craig & Stacy Pohl

### Church Planter Training - Japan

In May 2022, Craig and Stacy Pohl arrived in Japan to begin their new mission there after 20 years of service in Latin America. Their mission duties in Japan (serving with Mission to the World) is to reach the people of Chiba, Japan, with the gospel while working with a local church, Kaihin Makuwara Grace Church. They are also expecting to be involved with church planting in Japan. Right now, most of their time is involved in aggressive language learning and reaching out to people in the community through engagement activities through their church. They are also excited about the recent wedding engagements of their daughters Karis and Aimee to Jonathan and Nathan (all are students at Covenant College in Chattanooga).

- Pray that in their last four months of language study they make significant progress in their ability to speak, read, and understand Japanese.
- Pray that their recent church activities with non-church members during Christmas and New Year's celebrations might plant seeds and lead people to faith in our Lord.
- Praise for the ordination of MTW teammate, Josiah Momose, as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Japan and for recent wedding engagements of their daughters.



## Jeff & Katie Saunders

**Student Ministry / RUF - Japan**

*Children: Emerie, Ezra, Naomi*

Jeff and Katie moved to Tokyo as part of a church planting effort and to do university ministry. Jeff has started the first RUF in Japan and Katie has a ministry to the moms from the children's playgroup. Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world. Outreach activities include home parties, sports outings, English classes, and Bible studies all focused on a non-Christian audience with outcomes both joyful and occasionally dark. A recent survey showed that 35% of Japanese young people felt hopeless about their futures. They share poignant stories of Christ's work in one-on-one conversations such as friendship inquiries by the wife of a Buddhist priest, "T"'s excitement over the "community of God", "M"'s study of Luke and questions about "who Jesus really was", "R"'s blossoming understanding of God's unconditional love, and "K"'s inquiry about "How do I become a Christian?"

- Pray for wisdom as Jeff and Katie navigate how, if, when, and where to meet these students and friends they love so dearly.
- Pray for God's help with delicate conversations with those ready to turn a corner to faith and for God to instill a sense of hope to frightened and uncertain students in Tokyo.
- Pray for local church plant, Setagaya Grace Church, with their fellow missionaries. Pray that it will be a place for friends and neighbors to encounter Christ and grow in love and knowledge of him.



## Enoch

**Church Planter Training & Equipping / U.S. Based - East Asia**

*Spouse: Karen | Children: Calvin and Chara*

As International Director of the East Asia Partnership, Enoch can now travel back to his home country after being locked out due to the pandemic. The newest equipping track is the focus of teaching, equipping, and counseling house church pastors by several teams of Partnership staff working with Enoch to grow and strengthen the national church. The Jakarta 2023 convention, their fourth triennial gathering of pastors and leaders, brought over 1,500 together in December to celebrate and encourage gospel theology bringing focus on Christ the King to growing numbers of East Asians. The Partnership continues its Leadership Institute via multiple cohorts of both team led and local pastor led trainings to grow the church there, despite growing persecution and worsening economic conditions. Enoch maintains strong relationships with many leaders in the network and close friendships with 30 to 50 of the top leaders.

- Pray for next year's pastoral and church planting forum outside East Asia, a more secure environment, for training, encouragement, and fellowship not possible in-country.
- Pray that God allows the church to mature and flourish in the face of severe persecution and continue to evangelize passionately.
- Pray for Enoch's daughter, Chara, who is preparing for college while Enoch resumes a heavy travel schedule, and that ministry support will return to pre-pandemic levels.



**Virginia**  
**Theological Education & Discipleship - East Asia**

A highlight of this past year was the dramatic increase (doubled) in the number of students taking her theology course. In addition, a 10-year-long labor with others has produced a theological dictionary project this year. Virginia has also experienced the fallout of the pandemic with many of the churches she used to be able to work with forced underground it seems. Though Virginia is a national, she spent most of her life in a similarly cultured city in a neighboring region. Now she ministers in one of East Asia’s largest cities which affords her some flexibility that is not available elsewhere in the country. She works with a wide range of “team” members from seminaries, lay leader discipleship programs, and local churches. Doing so, she can be a teacher and a missionary, speaking their language, knowing their culture, experiencing the same things they do.

- Pray for Virginia’s mother who is in failing health away from Virginia.
- Pray for the salvation of her brother’s family—Virginia is the only Christian in her family.
- Pray for Virginia’s physical strength and health to meet the demands of the field.

**Updated Prayer Requests + Notes**

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# Central / South Asia

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**Jonathan**

**Allison**

**Dan & Catherine**

**Paul & Jackie**

**Silas & Zoe**

**Ruslan & Zhanna**

**The Youngs**



## Jonathan

### Leadership Development - South Asia

*Spouse: Sharon | Children: Alicia, Priya, Gia*

Jonathan works with Development Associates International (DAI). He is blessed with a wonderful family—married to Sharon with three young daughters. Though the family lives in one country, their work extends beyond the borders and has enabled ministry and relationships in other South Asian countries. Jonathan trains and mentors teachers and leaders in the faith while also teaching at church, running retreats, leading sessions on marriage and family, just to name a few areas of service. This past year, amongst many other accomplishments, Jonathan ran several youth camps in various churches, led a training course for leaders in DAI on spiritual formation, and finished leading his 20th leadership course reaching 500 people. In addition, Jonathan was a member of the selection committee that helped select the new president of DAI.

- Praise God for the successful completion of a long process toward adoption of their youngest daughter Priya. Pray for her continued growth and adjustment to her new family.
- Pray that God might give the gift of encouragement to His church in their home country.
- Pray for encouragement, strength and wisdom for families struggling through persecution.



## Allison

### Medical Training / Relational Evangelism - Central Asia

Allison works as an occupational therapist and is also involved through her agency in relational evangelism. Allison is visiting several different churches in her host city, but currently is attending Word of Life Church. Since arriving in the country in the late summer last year, Allison has spent most of her time doing language study and building relationships with those in her profession and with local believers. Allison is working to deepen friendships with local believers through church activities, her landlord, and those teaching her the language. Allison is spending time getting to know her mission teammates and feels that they are warm and hospitable.

- Pray for Allison to have good health, for adjustment to life in the country, and for success in ministry.
- Pray for fluency in the local language. (Allison is already fluent in Russian).
- Pray for good relationship building with team members and building friendships with local people.



## Dan & Catherine

### Leadership Training & Special Needs Ministry - Central Asia

Dan and Catherine began serving in Kazakhstan 30 years ago. Following 12 years in Memphis, both Dan and Catherine felt called to return to the field. Dan will be focusing on teaching and training leaders through biblical and theological courses as well as mentoring and coaching church leaders and church planters. Catherine will support the local Capernaum Young Life ministry to the moms of kids with special needs. During a recent Capernaum ministry event, Catherine spoke with one mom who said that she had come to faith because of the six-week summer team 2PC sent in 1992. She wanted to share that all five of her sisters had come to Christian faith, as had their parents, and extended relatives.

- Pray for their quick and smooth transition back into the field.
- Pray for more to join in the Capernaum ministry.
- Pray for the health of the new Skala church plant and the encouragement of the Almagul body as many of the core members left to help plan Skala.



## Paul & Jackie

### Special Needs Ministry & Church Planting - Central Asia

Paul and Jackie moved to Central Asia in July of 2023 to minister to special needs children, teens, and their parents. Since then, they have been working diligently in language studies, building relationships with their ministry partners, and establishing community in their new field location. In a culture that marginalizes the disabled, they are part of a team that teaches these kids that they are valued by God and are precious in His sight. Since most of these children come from single parent homes, Paul focuses on building relationships with them so that they have a male role model whose strength and joy is in the Lord. Jackie uses her teaching gifts to share the gospel of hope with teens and parents alike. Paul and Jackie are hoping to reach and recruit more national volunteers to assist them in leading programming for their groups of young adults with disabilities.

- Pray that Paul and Jackie will be diligent as they pursue learning their new language.
- Pray for faithfulness as Paul and Jackie work to develop national leaders to lead programming and build relationships with participants.
- Pray that the Lord will use Paul and Jackie to bear eternal fruit among the people whom they serve in Central Asia.



## Silas & Zoe

### Bible Translation - Central Asia

*Children: Amos, Yael, Ruth, Shiphrah*

Now in their second year, Silas, Zoe, and their four children continue their ministry to an unengaged people group with the goal of translating the Bible into their native language. Amazingly, they are learning both the primary language of their country of service and the heart language of the people group they are trying to reach. They are grateful that the Lord has given them a special relationship with Naomi, a people-group lady who helps them in their home and communicates with their small children in people-group “baby talk.” Silas and Zoe are aware of the many challenges that the nationals face. Divorce rates are high and familial relationships are strained since many men leave home to seek jobs in Russia. Simultaneously, they have experienced the kindness and gentle temperaments of the nationals. They look forward to future opportunities to share the gospel’s hope with these dear people.

- Pray for their continued language learning—for wisdom, good memory, practice, and for discipline.
- Pray for their house helper Naomi and her family to come to know Christ, his love, and his mercy.
- Pray for open doors in their closed country so that team members can join in this ministry.



## Ruslan & Zhanna

### Young Life & Capernaum Ministry - Central Asia

*Children: Rostik, Danislav, Odelia, Gloria*

Ruslan and Zhanna work with Young Life as regional directors, overseeing the work in Central Asia and beyond, into countries formerly part of the Soviet Union. Ruslan recruits and develops current YL staff while also initiating relationships with churches throughout Central Asia who want to start clubs of their own. Zhanna started the Capernaum 8 ministry to support families with special needs children. She teaches and trains its leaders and volunteers while networking to multiply their work. Several moms have come to faith and now bring their children to Bible studies and church. She is also overseeing YL staff in the five clubs in their own city. Last year, both helped launch the Rock, a new church plant in their city. Ruslan has been preaching, training, and organizing its growing leadership with much time and energy provided by Zhanna.

- Pray for God’s love to be poured out on all Young Life staff affected by enormous loss and grief.
- Pray for the Lord to give Ruslan and Zhanna personal renewal, joy in Him, and deep roots in His sovereign grace to avoid burnout.
- Pray for their Young Life division that is reorganizing. Pray for wisdom, provision, and grace amid relational and vocational shifts.





## The Youngs

### Church Planting / Area Directors - India

Although the Youngs live in India (and have for 18 years), they are Asia regional leaders for United World Mission. They oversee teams and workers in often difficult and religiously closed countries around the continent. Another part of the role is expansion possibilities. Finding new places that are good fits for UWM to place people. Right now, southern Bangladesh is an area of real interest for them! They recently got back from a trip visiting, and it was great to get others' input as they learned about the situation there. They feel that they have taken two steps forward and one step back in trying to get things moving in the Middle East. They have recently connected with a church in their new home city to continue developing a network of local relationships.

- Pray for possible ministry expansion to southern Bangladesh.
- Pray for building deeper relationships with nationals in their city.
- Pray for strength and stamina for health during very busy seasons.

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# Middle East

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**Jamila**

**Sameh & Samah**

**M. & Sarah**

**Robby & Joyce**

**Cierra Hunter**

**Herb & Heather**

**Mike & Stephanie**

**Greg & Elizabeth**

**Aaron & Katie**

**Brian & Joanne**

**Sheridan**

**Nick & Amanda**



## Jamila

### ESL Teaching - Middle East

Jamila is a joy to encounter and brightly shines the joy and light of her Savior. She walks with Him faithfully and has continued to walk into the opportunities to love and serve women that He has provided to her through “hearing His voice and following His lead.” Jamila is a part of an English teaching team and invests in her students as she teaches them English. Outside of teaching, she engages young and middle-aged Kurdish, Syrian, and Iraqi women. She ministers by lifting up requests on her knees as well and has been thankful for Abba’s answer to her request to increase the number of Kurd’s at their fellowship’s weekly meeting. She is thankful for the care with which the 2PC family has surrounded her!

- Pray for longevity of their language center which needs potential students to be aware of its presence, and for more students to be enrolled.
- Pray for others to join the work in her city and in other countries that her agency seems to always be looking for teachers.
- Pray for quality time and opportunity with young Kurdish and Syrian women.



## Sameh & Samah

### National Partners - Middle East

*Children: Selim*

Sameh and Samah are graduates of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. Sameh is Christian background Egyptian while Samah (the wife) is Muslim background Egyptian. Egyptian religion laws don’t allow their marriage nor recognize Sameh’s fatherhood of their son. In 2017, they moved to Brazil where Selim was born and received citizenship which led to Sameh and Samah receiving citizenship as well. Now they are “legal” and thus able to return to the Middle East where they are serving in discipleship ministry at Resurrection Church, leading “spiritual tribes.” Sameh is leading the youth ministry, and Samah serves the online ministry for the church, which mirrors the physical church in everything it offers, and translation. They connect and walk beside local believers at a Bedouin church on the border. They have empowered local leaders to multiply house churches and hope to start meetings for women, youth, and children.

- Pray for their country suffering from inflation, energy blackouts, and shortage of resources (water and electricity) due to war. Pray for God to provide daily needs amid this crisis.
- Pray for Selim, their 6-year-old son, struggling to sleep due to the fighting nearby from the war. Pray for Jesus to bring peace to their country and to Selim as he sleeps.
- Pray for Sameh and Samah’s marriage—that fears for physical safety would strengthen their marriage and trust in Jesus and would be a powerful light to neighbors and friends.

## M. & Sarah

### Theological Education - Middle East

At 20 years old, M. fled his Muslim majority native country and became a refugee in Greece. He visited a church where he heard the gospel for the first time. He met a group of short-term missionaries from Canada and, through them, became a believer. When he started attending Bible studies, he discovered the teachers really didn't know their Bibles that well, so he joined the Athens Intensive Ministry School. In Athens he spent two years as a pastor, then went to Canada to work with a mission serving other refugees. It was there he met Sarah who had just returned from serving overseas. They married, and in 2011 left for a Middle Eastern country where they started a Bible training institute to help educate the underground church in the region. They have seen over 50 graduates, some of whom returned to their home countries to plant churches.

- Pray for Sarah's complete healing from cancer and for physical and spiritual rejuvenation for both M. and Sarah after a long battle with this illness. Pray also for clarity as visa issues are becoming a challenge in their country of service.
- Pray for two national teammates unable to raise support due to security concerns.
- Pray for the peace of Jesus to transcend upon all in this region and for many to come to know Him as the Prince of Peace and Ultimate Comforter.



## Robby & Joyce

### GROW Project Executive Directors / U.S. Based - Lebanon

Robby and Joyce lead the Philemon Project in Lebanon, which recently celebrated their 10th anniversary of the first GROW center. GROW is a Christian preschool that serves the most at-risk children in Beirut. They fight food insecurity by providing two meals and two snacks a day, gender discrimination by empowering their all-female staff, and child labor and trafficking by educating and caring for these at-risk children. It is most often the only place these families encounter the gospel and the love of God. They hope to open GROW2 in early summer 2024 in another area of Beirut and are close to that goal. The building will also host a church plant they are involved with on the top floor. Their success has led them to dream of a third center sometime in the future to multiply the gospel impact of the center on the families of Beirut.

- Pray for peace in the Middle East and that war does not spread to Lebanon.
- Pray that God would provide the remainder of the funding in order to open GROW2 this summer and then GROW3 in the future.
- Pray for the safe arrival of their first grandchild this year.



## Cierra

### Refugee Ministry - Middle East

Cierra is a member of Second's daughter church, The Avenue, and joined the Engage 2025 team in the Middle East this past summer. Her focus has been language learning and cultural acquisition as she engages with the local people. She has enjoyed getting to know her team and entering life and ministry with them. After only being on the field for three weeks, she and her team had to evacuate for a month due to the rising conflict in the nation south of them. Cierra is eager to finally establish her home and community in the place she had been longing to be in for so long. For this year, she will continue to work hard on language learning and growing in cultural understanding to be able to serve Syrian refugees there.

- Pray for resolution of the conflict in the Middle East and for the Lord to sustain Cierra and her team through it.
- Pray for Cierra's assimilation into a new country and culture as she continues to learn the language.
- Pray for the relationships that Cierra builds and that she will be able to share the light of the gospel to those living in darkness.



## Herb & Heather

### Administrator & Nurse - Annoor Sanatorium

Herb and Heather work at Annoor Sanatorium treating tuberculosis among the Bedouin people. However, the current reality is that less than half of the patients are Jordanian, and Bedouins are only a percentage of that number. They increasingly serve patients from Yemen to Sudan and all over the Middle East. Although there is a much smaller percentage of Bedouins in their clinic, they have a team in Ras An Naqab and a mobile dental unit that serves the isolated Bedouin communities. After pursuing approval of new residence permits for a very long time, Annoor was granted permits for 19 volunteers. These permits were the first granted since 2021. The remaining document to provide medical and other services has been sent to the Prime Minister's office for implementation.

- Pray that the work of the Sanatorium would be effective in reaching the Bedouin who are still an unreached people group.
- Pray for unity among the staff members and volunteers as they serve the Lord together.
- Pray that the patients whom they serve, both in the hospital and the clinic, would be receptive to the gospel and receive salvation.



## Mike & Stephanie

**Teacher & ITEN Specialists - U.S. Based**

Mike and Stephanie served as missionaries and educators in the Muslim world for many years and have a passion for training Arabic speaking believers. Mike, who is fluent in Arabic and is a gifted teacher, leads the EPC World Outreach's International Theological Educational Network (ITEN). The ITEN is having an amazing impact and has great relationships with its national partners. Of special note to 2PC, Dan Burns works with Mike on this network. Mike is also a highly regarded author and is actively working on translating and publishing his recent book on Peter's spiritual formation into Arabic. Mike is encouraged by the large number of Spanish speakers training for missional involvement through the ITEN ministry at the Central America Theological Seminary. Mike is grateful for Second's long years of partnership and support.

- Pray for their upcoming training sessions for ITEN leadership in Vietnam, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan to be fruitful in equipping Arab-speaking believers to share the gospel.
- Pray for ongoing partnerships in Sierra Leone, Ukraine, and Pakistan to continue to grow and expand the reach of the gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to give Mike and Stephanie direction and wisdom in their leadership of ITEN.



## Greg & Elizabeth

**Church Planting - Middle East**

*Children: Hermione, Silas, Naomi*

Greg and Elizabeth have recently returned to their country of service with their team after making the difficult decision to evacuate for a short time due to nearby conflict in the Middle East. They are celebrating the achievements of new milestones in language proficiency, which has greatly aided in the ability to pray and share with neighbors on home visits. They were even able to facilitate a Bible study with a local family of new believers! They continue to partner with their host church and consistently minister to Muslim-background refugees, many from Syria. One ongoing ministry equips Syrian women with crochet skills and provides yarn to make blankets for other refugees living in areas that are very cold.

- Pray for emotional and spiritual well-being amid stress and escalating tension in the Middle East.
- Pray for patience and perseverance in ministry to refugees, many of whom have suffered great wounds, are hesitant to trust others, and can be reluctant to hear the gospel.
- Pray for the families of new believers and that the ongoing Bible study would draw them closer to the Lord each day.



## Aaron & Katie

### Refugee Ministry - Middle East

*Children: Ethan, Caleb, Jack, Aiden*

As children of missionaries, Aaron and Katie want to participate in taking the gospel to a place where Christ is not yet known. After prayerful consideration, they have felt the Lord calling them to a Middle Eastern country to share the love of Christ with refugees who have fled nearby war-torn areas. For two years, they have persevered in raising support while living in Memphis and worshiping at Second's daughter church, The Avenue. During this time Aaron and Katie have befriended an Iranian family, telling them of the love of Jesus and helping them get acclimated to Memphis. At the time of our World Missions Conference, this dear family is packing only their essentials and preparing to go at the end of March.

- Pray that Aaron and Katie will know the Lord's provision, guidance, and peace in this season of transition.
- Pray that their young boys will know the stability and love of Jesus as they leave all that is family to them.
- Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of those they will serve to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.



## Brian & Joanne

### Church Planters - Arab Gulf

Brian and Joanne minister at CH Church, a reformed Baptist church in the Arab Gulf, with approximately 25 different nationalities attending. They are greatly encouraged by the many new visitors they have had since Covid subsided. Brian preaches and teaches, leads the church staff team and elders, evangelizes and disciples, counsels, and serves as the student ministry Board Chairman. In the last year, the Lord has added an Indian/Hindu background elder, baptized three new believers from Ghana, Kenya, and India, and added an Emirati to their membership, which is extremely rare. The church membership has grown from 65 to over 130 since 2017. Praise God for members who are actively evangelizing and discipling. Last year's pastoral interns were from Bangalore and Nepal. The class of 2024 consists of three men from North India and one from Cameroon. Please pray for God's blessing on these men.

- Pray for God's blessing on the associate pastor who is leaving to help plant a church in the US. Ask the Lord to provide the worker to replace him.
- Pray that the Lord would provide a new location for their church so that they can leave the current church building that the government forced them to use.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to move among the many Muslims and Hindus in the Arab Gulf region and their city.





## Sheridan

### Outreach - Middle East

After returning in 2022 from a 12-month internship in the Middle East, Sheridan knew she would be called to return to life and work in the Arabian Peninsula. In the last year, she has walked through a difficult season of discernment and preparation while also, alongside her dad and community, caring for her mother amid an Alzheimer's diagnosis. Through these trials of various kinds, God has been faithful to strengthen her faith and guard her passion to spread the truth of the gospel to those who don't yet know. She has been working, and will continue part-time when abroad, in a position which will give her flexibility and legitimacy in entering the Middle East. She hopes to return at the right time so that the Spirit can spark a movement and so that people will know His love.

- Pray that she will receive wisdom and guidance in the timing of upcoming fundraising and returning to the field.
- Pray that her family will remain rooted in truth and connected as her mom receives care for Alzheimer's.
- Pray that she continues to receive encouragement through the local church and the work opportunities she is currently engaged in.



## Nick & Amanda

### Church Planting - Middle East

*Children: Ellie, Hazel, Gus, Everett*

Nick and Amanda lead a church planting team in the Middle East in a country where 15% of the population are Muslim refugees. They have established relationships with some of these displaced people, showing them the love of Jesus as they care for their physical and emotional needs. This practical ministry has allowed them to share the hope of the gospel as they open His word with their friends. Over the past year, unrest in the region has been difficult for local people, as well as their team. Amid these challenges, they hope that the Lord will use their team to reflect the love of Jesus, bring many to saving faith, and help establish His church in the Middle East.

- Pray for the health of their family as they navigate living in a difficult and unstable culture.
- Pray for the unity and health of their team of over 20 people.
- Pray for their ministry to Syrian refugees and local nationals that God would draw people to Himself over the next year.

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# Europe

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**Drew De Sanctis**

**Rob & Tunde Futo**

**Chris & Debbie Gibson**

**Adam & DeAnna**

**Stephen & Belinda Kelley**

**Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc**

**Sarah**

**Meghan Rintoul**

**George Talias**

**Valery & Janna Morozov**



## **Drew De Sanctis**

**Campus Ministry - United Kingdom**

Drew De Sanctis grew up in Memphis, TN, graduating from the University of Memphis. As a freshman in college, God opened his eyes to the gospel through Campus Outreach. Since that point, Drew has had a desire to share the good news with many around him which grew his heart to make Him known among the nations. Last year, Drew moved to Birmingham, England, to continue to share the gospel with students on the college campus. Some of the areas where Drew is sharing the gospel is on the Lacrosse team and through working out with students from other countries. Drew gets to serve as the Lacrosse Coach, building influence and deep relationships with the players in hopes of creating opportunities to open his home to them and share the gospel!

- Pray for Drew to continue to have influence with the Lacrosse team and that every player can hear and respond to the gospel this year.
- Pray as he continues to transition into the body of believers in Birmingham, finding and building deep friendships.
- Pray that Drew would continue to grow his love for Christ and trust God in prayer in deeper ways this year.



## **Rob & Tunde Futo**

**Church Planters - Hungary**

Rob and Tunde have been in Hungary for nearly 25 years! Rob serves as the head pastor of Cornerstone Church, (which he planted in 2015) and they are in the middle of two more church plants, one just launched this past fall, and another will launch in May. Amid much preaching and leading of the church,

Rob is also teaching apologetics in Germany and Hungary every year and has written a book on Biblical theology, which he will be studying with all three churches. A big focus for Rob this spring is the writing of the by-laws, with his elders, for their church and the training of new elders, small group leaders, and children's teachers for the new churches.

- Pray for Rob as he trains his elders and for both church plants. Pray that there will be unity and diversity reached among the churches.
- Rob and Tunde's daughter, Csenge, will be getting married this spring. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on this new family!
- Pray for Rob and Tunde to have quality time together as empty nesters despite the busyness of their ministry.



## Chris & Debbie Gibson

### Missionary Care - Hungary

Chris and Debbie have served overseas for 20 years through World Outreach by providing counseling and pastoral care to missionaries and their families. Based in Hungary, they host the "Sunrise House," where God's servants taking the message of Christ to the Muslim world can be refreshed during times of crisis on the field. Seeing the need for missionary care grow rapidly, they have added members to their team and received training in trauma, marriage counseling, and even wound care as the spiritual warfare of this world brings many wounded workers to their door. Chris and Debbie are so thankful for the prayers they have received while in the U.S. recovering from recent health issues. They are also thankful that even in their absence, the mission house continues to host those in crisis, as 17 members sheltered there recently. We are so thankful for their service to God's servants.

- Pray for a complete recovery for Chris from his surgery and procedure.
- Pray for wisdom for new team members and discernment about a possible new location for the mission house.
- Pray that the Lord continues to sustain the Gibsons physically, spiritually, and financially as they minister to so many.



## Adam & DeAnna

### Campus Ministry - United Kingdom

*Children: Hallie*

Adam and DeAnna have prayerfully and faithfully followed God's direction to Birmingham to serve the Muslim student community. Parenting a toddler away from family has been challenging, but God has been so good, and Adam and Deanna are trusting Him as they navigate these new roles together. Building relationships with the pastor and members of Hope Church, and students at Aston University and Birmingham City University, they have seen an interest in spiritual conversations with some students, and even one who has asked to be equipped to reach his Muslim friends. What a blessing! Adam has engaged with students through sports, and Deanna has gained the trust of students as she brings her adorable little girl along for meetings. Praise God for the glimpses of hope in each interaction that they have. They pray that the Lord would bring them more opportunities to serve and show Christ's love in Birmingham.

- Pray for Adam and DeAnna as they form relationships with their CO team and local church, and to begin to feel at home in Birmingham.
- Pray that the Lord would equip Adam to reach his Muslim friends, and that they would long for a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the CO team and for Adam and DeAnna, that they would turn to the Lord to strengthen and give them the words to say when ministering to their new community.



## Stephen & Belinda Kelley

**Refugee Outreach Ministry / U.S. Based - Europe, Middle East**

Stephen has a passion for sharing the good news of Christ with Muslims as well as teaching and training believers. He, along with his wife Belinda, do ministry across the Europe, Middle East, and North Africa region. Stephen founded the European Training Center (ETC) in 2013 and within the past year has been able to transfer the executive responsibilities to a new chief executive officer allowing him to focus further on his opportunities to teach and train. We rejoice with Stephen that he had the opportunity to lead Muslims to Christ over the past year along with leading a training of over 150 Christian leaders via Zoom. Stephen has also had the opportunity to develop a course in house church planting in hopes of creating more ways for the gospel to be shared to entire families.

- Pray for Belinda as she experienced a mini-stroke and has faced health complications. Pray for the Lord's healing hand and for trust in the Lord's provision.
- Pray for the continued fruitfulness of Stephen's ministry to Muslims. Pray that many will come to know the trust of Christ and for many to express interest in being taught and trained by Stephen or the ETC.
- Pray for continued encouragement for Stephen as he continues his work of ministry across the region while supporting Belinda and her needs in the wake of the recent health troubles.



## Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc

**Arab World Media Director / Pioneers Team Leaders - France**

Norm and Ruth Ann are stationed in France with their ministry focused on Europe as a whole and the Arab world. Their ministry involves the leadership of Arab World Media, a digital platform engaging with Muslims who have interest in or are seeking the truth of Jesus Christ, and the caring for other missionaries on the field who have been sent out by Pioneers, an organization empowering gospel-driven Christians in the pursuit of the unreached. The Lord has been kind in blessing their ministries. Their work with Arab World Media has seen over 400 professions of faith during 2023. Ruth Ann has had the privilege of leading groups of prayer across cultures and age groups at conferences across Europe.

- Pray for the Arab World Media executive team as they search for the next Executive Director to whom Norm would report. Pray that the Lord would raise up His choice for the next leader of the organization who would continue the fruitful work already begun.
- Pray for continued fruitful relationships with their church congregation which has been the main connection to the people of France.
- Pray that they would continue to see fruit in their ministry to Muslims both in Europe and in the Arab World and that many more place their faith in Christ.



## Sarah

### Campus Ministry - United Kingdom

Sarah became a Christian at a young age, and God has graciously transformed her life as she has grown in her knowledge of and love for Him. In high school, she began to have compassion for those who don't know Jesus or have hope in eternal life. As she began to share the good news of Christ's death and resurrection in college, she sensed a calling to vocational ministry and joined Campus Outreach Memphis as staff. She has been sharing her faith with women at Rhodes College and helping them grow into spiritual leaders for the past four years. Since then, God has continued to stoke a fire in her life to see people from every nation across the world worshipping at the throne of the Lamb. She is excited to be part of the work of redemption God is doing in Birmingham!

- Pray for God to fortify her heart and fill her with His Spirit as she prepares to move.
- Pray for God to go before her and prepare the hearts of the college women she will meet to be softened towards Christ.
- Pray for the team she is joining in Birmingham—that God would provide for all their needs, that they would be united in Christ, and that their love for one another would be a powerful witness to their community.



## Meghan Rintoul

### Campus Ministry / Resource Team - United Kingdom

Meghan Rintoul became a Christian in 2013 through the ministry of Campus Outreach Memphis at Southeast Missouri State University. After catching a vision for sharing Christ with college students, she came on staff with the Resource Office and worked on the Rhodes College campus. After serving for five years, through prayer and seeking to discern the Lord's leading, Meghan was called to take the skills she had learned in Memphis and use them to advance the gospel overseas. In August of last year, Meghan moved to Birmingham, England, where she is now serving as assistant to the Regional Director. In addition to serving on the Resource Team, Meghan's ministry includes sharing Christ with college students of diverse backgrounds in Birmingham.

- Pray for God to strengthen Meghan's new relationships in Birmingham, that she might experience deep, gospel-centered friendships as she misses friends and family back home.
- Pray for God to continue opening doors for friendship with Muslim neighbors in Birmingham. Pray for God to save many.
- Ask God to establish the work of Meghan's hands as she seeks to help the CO ministry in England implement effective systems.



## George Tolias

### Church Planter - Greece

*Spouse: Phaedra | Children: Olivia, Nikolas, Zoe*

George pastors Glyfada Evangelical Church in Greece which has a ministry to refugees from the surrounding countries, especially Muslims from the Middle East. Recently, the church celebrated the baptism of three refugee families. George has been working to develop their Timothy Program, a discipleship training process. This year, one of the graduates from the program expressed interest in planting a church, which would be Glyfada Church's second daughter church. The church also helps refugees be successful in Greece through program support, training, and help with job placement. A refugee mother with two sons has recently seen success after graduating from the program. Also, praise God for the small group ministry that has started, a successful VBS, and received requests from both Greeks and refugees for discipleship opportunities.

- Pray for the Glyfada Church as it develops an evangelistic focus.
- Pray for the training of new church leaders so that they may be equipped to serve the congregation.
- Pray for the provision of a new church facility.



## Valery & Janna Morozov

### Bible Translation - Russia

*Children: Anastasia (daughter-in-law), Leo (grandson)*

Janna and Valery Morozov have led Wycliffe Bible Translators in Russia for over 20 years. Most of their work now consists of training new missionaries and helping them adjust to the field. This summer, Janna was able to organize a retreat for mothers serving on the field to encourage, train, and teach new skills. They also were able to help lead a Wycliffe Camp and were encouraged to meet prospective missionaries before they launched into the field. Life and conditions in Russia continue to worsen as more countries close their borders to them and the political atmosphere worsens. Amidst all of this, they continue to serve, as the most senior members of their team, by encouraging their younger colleagues and hosting a Bible study for believers in their area.

- Pray that they are strengthened and encouraged as they, and most believers in Russia, feel more and more isolated as the political atmosphere grows more repressive.
- Pray for continued healing as they grieve the loss of their son and are unable to visit their children outside the country.
- Pray for wisdom as they strive to be faithful parents and grandparents to their daughter-in-law Anastasia and grandson Leo who live with them.



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# Africa

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**Dean & Kyria**

**Larry Brown**

**Grace Bulkley**

**Alicia Hubbard**

**Allison Neubert**

**Aaliyah Nicholson**

**Steve & Marion Spencer**

**Steve Winstead**



## Dean & Kyria

### Church Planting & Bible Translation - Ethiopia

*Children: Thomas*

After medical leave for Dean's Achilles tendon injury and visiting a few possible ministry sites, they found a Mission to the World (PCA) team in Ethiopia. They have spent the past year learning Amharic and the local culture.

Kyria will now be able to continue her interest in Bible translation in this multilingual nation. Dean plans to lay the groundwork for a new "Faith and Farming" project starting summer/fall of 2024. A watchman and housekeeper help them with language and culture learning, as well as with childcare. They attend a small Presbyterian church plant with about a dozen adults and up to 20 kids. Several ordained (or soon-to-be) Ethiopian men take turns leading the services. Most of the attendees are connected to the church via a local medical NGO.

- Pray for good progress in language acquisition and culture learning.
- Pray for balancing cross-cultural work with the needs of a young child.
- Pray for the start of Dean's new Faith and Farming project to start this summer/fall. Pray for God to go before him to soften the hearts of those he will target with this new ministry.



## Larry Brown

### Bible College Professor - Malawi

*Children: Thomas*

Larry has been with African Bible College and Christian Academy (ABC) in Lilongwe, Malawi, for over 30 years. He teaches courses in Missions, World History, and Church History. He is grateful to see graduates working in many

areas of service throughout the country. ABC has a new Campus Director, and the Board of Directors has named a new President, Blessings Chibombo, one of Larry's former students. Each Christmas, Larry shares bibles at the Maula prison. He preaches at a local church and asks that we pray for the Lord to move in the hearts of the many young people there. He is grateful for the freedom to share the gospel in schools where scripture may be read and prayers lifted in the name of Jesus. He is concerned for the people of Malawi, who are affected by a devalued currency, food insecurity, and rising crime.

- Pray that Larry would effectively teach and guide his ABC students and the seminary to make a difference for the Lord in Malawi and throughout Africa.
- Pray for the new leadership at ABC to make positive changes. Ask the Lord to anoint the staff, faculty, and students and prepare them for fruitful ministry in Africa and around the world.
- Pray for son Carey who is currently a student at ABC but hopes to return to the U.S. to follow the Lord's guidance for his future.



## Grace Bulkley

### Campus Ministry - Zambia

Grace is a graduate from Arkansas State University who was involved in Campus Outreach Memphis on campus. Grace developed a heart for overseas mission work during a short-term mission trip to Lusaka, Zambia, while in college. Now Grace is on the CO LEAD campus staff committed to serve two years at the University of Zambia. Grace is convinced of sharing the gospel to the lost world, and she looks forward to pursuing students on the college campus in Zambia. She is planning for a mid-2024 launch.

- Pray for the Lord to have mercy and bring His healing hand upon Grace and her parents, all of whom are dealing with health issues.
- Pray for the Lord to go before Grace, preparing the way and the hearts of those she will encounter, that quick friendships may form.
- Pray for the logistics of Grace's move and that the team in Zambia will receive her well.



## Alicia Hubbard

### Administration / Resource Team - Zambia

Alicia Hubbard returned to serve in an administrative role with Campus Outreach in Lusaka, Zambia in 2023. Alicia previously served in Lusaka and, upon her return to the U.S., felt the Lord calling her to return in a long-term capacity. In her new position, she focuses on equipping team members, as well as building relationships and ministering to students in the nearby universities. A few ways that they have connected with students this year is through Thursday game nights and a Friday series titled "Who is Jesus?" In the fall, they held their fourth annual Leadership Project with over 100 students participating and an event to serve and share the gospel with leaders at a local orphanage. Alicia is also thankful for a growing partnership with the orphanage and loves getting to know the children there as an additional ministry opportunity.

- Pray that the Lord would show Alicia how to best serve her team as she continues to grow in her new administrative role.
- Pray that the Lord would move on the campuses in Lusaka and that many would come to Christ!
- Pray that the Lord would continue to provide for Alicia so that she can stay in Zambia.



## Allison Neubert

**Administration / Resource Team - South Africa**

Allison is in her eleventh year of ministry with Campus Outreach and in her fourth year specifically with Campus Outreach South Africa. Allison is currently on the Leadership Team as their Operations Director. There are many responsibilities within Allison's title, but the main ones are thinking for the overall roles, responsibilities, and health of the Resource Team. She also helps the Director execute functional leadership of the ministry that includes three universities. They saw over 20 college students profess faith in Christ last year. In 2024, they are hiring six South African interns, which will make their team 66% indigenous and 33% American with a total of 30 staff members. God continues to grow Allison's vision for sharing the gospel as she is building genuine relationships with new friends at CrossFit, many who are students and unbelievers.

- Pray for renewed energy and vision for Allison and other Campus Outreach workers laboring on campuses in South Africa.
- Pray for Allison to be better connected in their local church. Specifically, pray that the Lord would supply a close friend in the next year from the church.
- Pray that the Lord would encourage these students who are new believers, that they would grow in their knowledge and love of God and His Word and be equipped to share that faith with others.



## Aaliyah Nicholson

**Teacher - Ethiopia**

*Spouse: Surafel | Children: Samayah*

Since the fall of 2020, Aaliyah has been a teacher at Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa, a school founded to primarily serve missionary families. She has seen students surrender their life to Jesus and desire to learn more about Christ and God's word. Aaliyah has also volunteered at local schools and worked alongside her husband in the church's children's ministry. This year was especially exciting for their family as they welcomed their baby girl, Samayah. As Aaliyah continues Amharic language classes, she is also learning to minister more fully to mothers and children in the local context. Together, we can praise the Lord that Aaliyah and her family have a great bonded relationship with their warm and welcoming community.

- Pray for direction and wisdom for their family in this new season of life, specifically to be humble and attentive parents.
- Pray for them to prioritize time with God and prayer, individually and as a family.
- Pray for them to keep healthy rhythms and prioritize their marriage.



## Steve & Marion Spencer

### Genesis University Leadership - South Africa

*Children: Samuel, Esther*

Steve and Marion served 30 years at African Bible College in Malawi where they were involved in Christian higher education, leadership development, curriculum design and administration. For the past five years, the Spencers have endeavored to launch Genesis University, a Christian liberal arts university in Cape Town, South Africa. Recently, Genesis University purchased a commercial building in Stellenbosch, Western Cape. In addition, they turned in the application to the government for accreditation for their first degree. While Genesis waits for government approval, they hope to begin offering "short courses" as early as April or May of 2024. The mission of Genesis University South Africa is to provide exceptional scholastic education that is both biblically centered and deeply practical, preparing students to lead and impact their communities, countries, and continent for Jesus Christ.

- Pray that the government of South Africa, Council of Higher Education, will approve and accredit their first-degree program.
- Pray for wisdom for Steve, funds to renovate their new building, volunteers for short courses, future faculty and staff hires, and ultimately students to attend and develop as Christian leaders of Africa.
- Pray for a vehicle for the Spencer family as they minister and travel in America.



## Steve Winstead

### Pastor, International Evangelical Church - Ethiopia

*Spouse: Margaret | Children: Samuel, Noah, Benjamin, Daniel*

Steve serves as the lead pastor of International Evangelical Church (IEC), a non-denominational evangelical church in Addis Ababa. IEC is a congregation of over 1,000 members from more than 60 nationalities. The church ministers to children, youth, young adults, and adults through discipleship, community outreach, and missions. The church leadership and several members serve, with ministries, the many orphans who are homeless. Over the next year, Steve and IEC propose to strengthen the ministries of the church by working to train national pastors through the national Evangelical Believer's Council. Steve and his church do quarterly training for over 300 pastors and church leaders. Steve and IEC also plan to provide training for the Evangelical College that meets on the church campus with over 600 students (90% of pastors in Ethiopia have no training).

- Pray for son Samuel's college decision.
- Pray for renewal of work and residency permits.
- Pray for healthy rhythms of ministry and rest.

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# **Central / South America**

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**Gabriel Glory Morales**

**Guille MacKenzie**

**Juan Patt**

**Marcelo Robles**

**Shayla Wolfe**

**Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman**



## Gabriel Morales

**Mission Trip Coordination & School Administrator - Mexico**

*Spouse: Norma*

Gabriel, the brother of Chucho Morales who is the pastor of Esperanza Church here in Memphis, serves as an administrator at Blas Pascal Christian School in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. For nearly 29 years, he has attended Shalom Presbyterian Church, and for 25 years, he has worked with the Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship. Gabriel also serves as the coordinator and host to different missionary groups from the U.S. Through the help of these missionary groups, they have experienced the blessing of continuing several church repair and construction projects. This past summer, seven adults and 40 high school students from Second helped in building the roofs of four churches and two houses. They also partnered with the youth group at Shalom to run VBS programs after school with under-resourced kids in Yucatan.

- Pray for wisdom for Gabriel in how to best use his time and resources for the construction of a new campus of the Shalom Church West Headquarters.
- Pray for the staff at the Blas Pascal Christian School to be encouraged and emboldened to share the gospel with their students.
- Pray for the physical and spiritual health of Gabriel and his family.



## Guille MacKenzie

**Church Planter - Argentina**

*Spouse: Debbie | Children: Camila, Catalina, Benjamin*

Guillermo (Guille) and Debbie live in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they serve the Lord in a variety of ways. Both native Argentinians, the MacKenzies lived in St. Louis, MO, while Guille completed his seminary training. Today, Guille teaches at Mision Beta, a church planting center that seeks to glorify God and promote the expansion of His kingdom through the multiplication of Christian churches and the transformation of cities. Guille is also a pastor at a multicultural church called Iglesia Presbiteriana Nuevo Avivamiento (New Revival Presbyterian Church) and is involved in various theological education initiatives. In the upcoming year, Guille will begin to transition more to teaching and leading a new seminary in Buenos Aires. He will remain in his role at Nuevo Avivamiento and will be writing his PhD dissertation.

- Pray that new leaders will be raised up for Mision Beta to fill the gap that will exist as Guille spends more time and focus on the new seminary.
- Guille has cystic fibrosis, so pray that his current treatment will continue to keep him out of any physical concern. Pray that he continues to do very well.
- Pray for God to use Nuevo Avivamiento and Mision Beta to make a great kingdom impact in Buenos Aires, a city that influences the rest of Argentina.





## Juan Patt

**Pastor - Belize**

*Spouse: Maria | Children: Stephanie, Joanna*

Juan and his family serve in Belize, Central America. Pastoring at Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church in Corozal Town and planting churches in Calcutta Village, Corozal District. Belize is a country of great cultural and linguistic diversity. Mainly recognized for its paradisiacal areas and the warmth of its people, it is also a country hit by difficult economic situations that closely affect the members of the church. Several of them have lost their jobs, which also impacts the finances of the church. Even so, their faith in God's work does not fade and they continue to commit themselves to teaching the Bible and forming leaders who can accompany them in the rewarding task of pastoring and discipleship.

- Pray for the Prince of Peace church and their mission outreach in Calcutta Village. Ask that the members will continue to be committed to the Lord and devote their lives totally in consecration and obedience.
- Pray for Stephanie who has begun her university career and will soon finish her first semester. Pray for the Lord to continue to provide so she can continue with her studies.
- Pray for Maria who battles migraines almost every week. Her lack of sleep sometimes is a factor that triggers it. May the Lord give her strength and wisdom to confront the daily challenges of being a teacher.



## Marcelo Robles

**Church Planter & Pastor - Argentina**

*Spouse: Susi | Children: Vicky, Brenda*

Marcelo is a church planter and pastor of La Mision Church in Buenos Aires. This church has five congregations around the city and is celebrating its 25th anniversary. La Mision's outreach strategy focuses on caring for children and the poor, working with university students, and training church planters and pastors. Small groups and leaders have been growing. Marcelo is also the coordinator of The Faith and Work Initiative and part of the consulting board of the City-to-City Network, which equips and supports new church planters and city catalyzers in Argentina and all Latin America. La Mission cares for high-risk children through the Early Childhood Center, which provides a nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. This also allows their parents to go to work knowing their children are safe and well cared for. They invite families in under-resourced neighborhoods to come receive care and support.

- Pray their ministries of word, deed, mercy, and proclaimed faith in the workplace would bear fruit and new church planters would be equipped to serve throughout Buenos Aires.
- Pray for continued growth in La Mision's youth and women's ministry outreach events.
- Pray for Susi as she becomes more involved in the women's ministry. Pray for the Lord to give Marcelo and Susi wisdom, open hearts, and ears to listen, as well as an abundance of grace as they raise their teenage daughters.



## Shayla Wolfe

### Sports and Youth Ministry - Argentina

Shayla grew up in a non-Christian home but came to know Christ in high school through friends inviting her to sports events at their church, youth group, and dinner with their families. She has always had a desire to move overseas and use sports to impact and empower communities. After surrendering her life to Christ, the Lord used this desire to give her a vision to use sports outreach as an opportunity to share the gospel. After working in sports ministry and young adult outreach here at Second for the past few years, she is excited to be a part of advancing God's kingdom in Argentina later this year.

- Pray for all the logistics and travel requirements in this transitional period from Memphis to Buenos Aires.
- Pray for boldness and courage in language learning and cultural acquisition.
- Pray for the Lord to go before Shayla and soften the hearts of the kids, young adults, and families that she will get to share the gospel and do life with.



## Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman

### Development & Outreach - Argentina

*Children: Isaiah, Sarah, Abegail*

In 2007, Kyle and Claudia returned to Buenos Aires and La Mision Church, where Kyle had served for a period after college. Currently, the Zimmermans serve at La Mision's Palermo campus, a suburban area, where they are both involved in teaching. Kyle is an industrial engineer and is using his skills to teach carpentry and woodworking to young men living in shanty towns. These young men come to learn a trade, but many have said they stay to hear the gospel lessons Kyle shares with them. The economy is expected to reach 140% inflation this year. Their church is stepping in to help fill the hunger gap by serving 200 meals each Saturday. Through the carpentry classes, Kyle has been able to provide stipends to two advanced students, which has helped their family during financial need as they refine their carpentry skills while producing several products to sell locally and stateside.

- Pray that God would continue to bless Kyle's ministry, both as an elder at La Mision and as a carpentry teacher, and that he might reflect Christ's love to those around him. Pray for Claudia as she shepherds the women and for their continued spiritual growth.
- Pray for La Mision's ministries to the under-resourced, that in these difficult economic times they might know and experience the Lord's provisions.
- Pray for their three children, that God would guide Isaiah at Covenant College, Sarah as she decides which college to attend, and Abegail as she remains at home in Argentina.

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# Missionaries in Transition



## Tezar & Tatiana

have seen their church grow to the point that they are now able to financially support them on their own. It is a testament to God's faithfulness and provision, that they can roll off as 2PC supported missionaries at this stage of their growth.



## Daryl & Marlene

are in their mid 70s and are permanently in the U.S. Due to several factors, this long season of partnership has ended. We are grateful for their many years of faithful service to the people of South America and helping missionaries around the world with transportation issues.



## Raju & Catherine

have retired from Kachhwa Transformational Ministries and UP Mission. With the hospital in good hands under new leadership, Raju and Catherine, who are now in their 70s, decided to relocate near their son Jonathan and his family. Second remains very involved in the ministry at Kachhwa and will be sending a team there this spring.



## Greg & Sally Livingstone

retired from World Outreach several years ago. Now in their 80s and permanently based in California, the Livingstones continue to field phone calls and emails from leaders with Frontiers that seek their wise counsel on reaching the Muslim world for Christ. We are thankful for these faithful servants of Jesus.



## Leslie

has recently encountered some health issues that will prevent her from continuing her service with GEM. She will officially end her service on March 31 but will continue to live in Germany with her German husband and their teenage daughter. Let's continue to pray for this dear family.



## Haley

was exhausted from four intense years of medical ministry at Annoor. After a much-needed sabbatical to receive counseling and perspective for future ministry opportunities, she is being led by the Lord to leave support-based ministry and return to the U.S. to pursue a traveling nurse position, where she hopes to use her Arabic as much as possible. Haley plans a May departure.

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