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Dear 2PC Family,

Can you believe it has been 6 months since our annual World Missions Conference at Second? In that half a year, we have sent out 2 members of our congregation for long-term service. We have sent 8 short-term teams with over 100 members of the congregation going. We have brought on 7 new Missionary Partners since the conference as several partners transitioned to other areas of kingdom work. We have hosted an International Worship Intern from Japan during the spring months. We have had over a dozen missionary and mission agency partners share praise reports as part of our Sunday evening worship liturgy. We have added 15 new members to our World Missions Team. And we have prayed!

We have prayed corporately in our Sunday morning services of worship. We have prayed individually through daily email or text reminders. We have prayed in parishes and Sunday School classes. And each week two groups have gathered specifically to pray for the lost world and our part in seeing it reached and saved.

Our motivation and prayer for World Missions has always been that the gospel of Jesus is just too great to keep to ourselves. Everyone deserves a chance to hear and respond to the King's grace. So, we pray in the character, values, and mindset of Jesus himself: that all who the Father would draw to him would come and that no one would snatch them out of His hand, that all would come to repentance, that no plan of the Father's would be thwarted, and that every stronghold and power assembled against the Master's plans would be torn down.

In this booklet we have updated the list of 2PC missionary partners that we support around the world. Their requests reflect the needs and concerns they face in the second half of this year and provide us all with the most urgent requests to bring before God's throne of grace. We have also added the 2PC Strategic National Impact Partners, where our church has had longer term and large-scale investments in seeing the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. All these friends and covenant family members need our prayers daily!

Jesus' clear prayer requests 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

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

Dave & Joyce Briley

Nicole D.

John & Dawn

Brian & Terri Firpo

Randy & Martha

Joel & Michelle J.

Jeff & Lynne

Maddie Lebeter

John M.

Tyler Mobley



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 that Dave and Joyce will remain "connected to the vine" and see the fruit of these many years of labor to translate the Bible into the Bauzi language.
- Pray for Dan and translator Yormi as they continue checking the critical interpretations for Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Ecclesiastes.
- Pray for Kemus and Yulianus who must fly to the village from a government post to help them in determining whether or not the translations are accurate, acceptable, natural, and clear.



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 wisdom in their decisions about Feo's involvement with the work. Pray for the additional support to be raised, that this change and the new baby's arrival will necessitate.
- Pray that as more people get trained in sharing the Good News, that God will help Nicole and Feo meet people in their city who are seeking Him and open to His Word.
- Praise that the morning sickness and nausea have stopped. However, pray as Nicole is now dealing with hot flashes and headaches as she carries their baby due in November. Pray for their baby to continue to grow healthily and for a safe delivery.



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 John’s busy travel schedule as he visits many of the team in the four areas they serve. Ask the Lord to give him grace and stamina to deal with flight travel.
- Pray for the Lord to enable John to listen, learn, and encourage those who serve with their families in the harvest fields.
- Pray for Dawn’s father who is thrilled to have deep conversations with the gentleman who comes to help him and looks for opportunities to continue serving the Lord until he is called home. Pray for Dawn as she cares for her father and handles many other responsibilities as she serves in her various roles.



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 for the hundreds and even thousands of students Brian and Terri and the CO teams will be meeting throughout Thailand over the coming months. Pray for the CO short term teams from Lexington, Birmingham, and DC who will be arriving to support their work.
- Pray for the Lord to lead them to more supernatural appointments on all their campuses throughout Thailand. Pray for strength to continue meeting new students and for the relationships they build to bear fruit throughout the year.
- Praise for the successful renewal of their visas to remain there legally for another year. Pray for their relationships with their churches throughout SE Asia.



Randy & Martha

Missionary Training / U.S. Based

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.

- Pray for Randy and Martha as they transition from coaching EPC workers to leading their coop agency. Pray for the Lord to go before them and prepare the work of leading this agency.
- Pray for the logistics of packing up and selling their home in Virginia and finding a new home in Arizona.
- Pray that God will give Randy wisdom and discernment as he works within a new staff team and gets to know a whole new group of overseas workers.



Joel & Michelle J.

Church Teaching & Forming - SE Asia

Children: Esther

God saved both Joel and Michelle before they went away to college. For Joel, it was in college that he began to realize the mission that God had saved him for. As he began to befriend international students, he learned just how many had never met a follower of Jesus or heard the gospel. He began to pursue international missions. Michelle took a Perspective course that turned her heart toward a call to missions. After they married in 2022, they went on a vision trip led by former 2PC Missions Pastor Dan Burns to one of 2PC's Strategic National Impact Partners. An invitation to join and approval by their home church in Knoxville has their young family preparing to launch later in 2024.

- Pray for their support team to be complete, that their hearts would be right before God and that he would provide for them. Pray that they would abide in Jesus and that he would purify their hearts as they prepare for service in Indonesia.
- Pray for their language study to be effective that they might not just live, but serve, love, and share well in the heart language of their host people group.
- Pray for protection from the enemy who will accuse them falsely, tempt them in their flesh, and seek to normalize worldly ways as good and the Lord's good as bad.



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.

- Jeff and Lynn and their family have felt the burdens of a difficult year. Pray that they would be able to come to Jesus and give Him their burdens. In doing so may he transform those burdens into blessings and testimonies of His faithfulness.
- Pray for Lynne's education team who are hoping to see two more refugee learning centers started this year in addition to the one they opened earlier in the year. Pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers for the new schools.
- Pray for a great turnout for the Peace Camp and that they find local men and women of peace open to explore the scriptures. Pray their interactions with their guests will result in ongoing gospel opportunities.



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 continued renewal of Maddie's heart and mind in God's Word each day, and for her personal time with the Lord to be rich and encouraging.
- Pray for the LEAD team, that Maddie directs, as they continue to develop their relationships with one another and engage Thai culture. This transition can be really hard. Pray for good time in the Word and for strong dependence on God.
- Pray for their campus planning times that God would give them vision and clarity on how to spend their time strategically as they continue investigating CMU. Pray for fruit from their engagement with students.



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.



Tyler Mobley

Campus Ministry - Thailand

Tyler is one of our new missionary partners. He came to Christ through Campus Outreach Memphis in college. After conversion, the Lord opened his eyes to see the eternal realities and the needs to tell others about Jesus. Through the CO Summer project, he felt the call to bring the good news to those who have never heard the gospel. He spent over two years serving with CO where he enjoyed working with Thai college students and learned the language. He decided to return to Thailand and will work with COServe in Chiang Mai as a full-time missionary.

- Pray that Tyler would develop in intimacy in his walk with Christ.
- Pray for his role and the growth of leadership development. Pray that he would get to know and build relationships with his new team members.
- Pray for him as he completes his support team and prepares to launch. Pray for peace of mind during this transition and for all the logistics involved in moving back overseas.

East Asia

David & Aliece

Graham & Emily

Roger & Abi Lowther

Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre

Tim & Huilan

David & Lisa

Craig & Stacy Pohl

Jeff & Katie Saunders

Virginia



David & Aliece

Theological Education & Christian Counseling - East Asia

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 frequently, teaching and providing discipleship training to local churches. Pray for his health and ability to manage a heavy workload.
- Pray for Aliece’s strength and health as she expands her teaching and supervising, while doing counseling, offering counseling classes to leaders within local churches, and to home schooling their children.
- Pray for son Zebadiah as he prepares for college next summer and decides on future career paths and chooses a college. Please pray that the Lord will give Him insight on how to follow Him in his college life.



Graham & Emily

Student Ministry/RUF - Taiwan

Children: Caleb, Abigail, Lydia

Graham grew up in an atheist family in China. A disappointing result in the college entrance exam sent him to a less than well-known college that the Lord used to get him to meet believers and hear the gospel. He began to trust and follow Jesus. Upon graduation he served at a local Christian school before coming to the US for seminary at Reformed Theological Seminary. He met Emily in China where she was teaching English. They married and after ordination were led into college ministry with International Students in Delaware. They are now being led back to Asia to serve with other 2PC supported partners as part of a church planting effort and to do university ministry.

- Pray for the successful completion of their support raising so that they can launch later this year.
- Pray for peace and harmony in the family, especially for the children, as they live in a season of transition and unsettledness until they land in Taiwan and make it home.
- Pray for access to the campus and that the hearts of the students they will meet will be softened and prepared to hear and receive the gospel with gladness.



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.

- Pray for the five artist interns that joined them from the United States in May. Pray for the Lord to bless their time there, for their presence to be an encouragement to Roger and Abi, and for their music and art to draw many to Him.
- Pray for their sons: Eastin and Coen and their transitions into college and high school. Pray for wisdom and mercy for Abi's parents and niece as they struggle with health issues.
- Praise for Yukari's three months in Memphis. Pray for her reentry into Japanese culture. Pray for the Lowthers continued investment in her growth and development.



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 their last term in Taiwan to be fruitful and impactful for the Kingdom. They will move back to the U.S. in 2025. Please pray for them to finish strong and for this huge upcoming transition for their family.
- Thomas and Jennifer have been pursuing the adoption of a Taiwanese girl for two years now. Pray that their family gets approved to adopt the girl they call "LQ", who is in second grade, then begin the dossier and court process which can take 12-15 months.
- Pray for their short Sabbatical this summer to address some medical issues.



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.

- Pray for Christ's College Taipei, China Reformed Theological Seminary, and the Christian Hakka Seminary. Pray for the Diaspora Ministry Academy, a school they hope to open in Korea for refugee and migrant worker children.
- Pray for the Lord to bring blessings out of the disaster for the families of earthquake victims and those who were injured in the April earthquake in Taiwan.
- Pray for their children: Ethan, Micah, and Ciana in their spiritual journey. May the Lord move in their hearts and draw them closer to Him.



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 the health of their family physically, mentally, and spiritually, as both David and Lisa have had health issues lately.
- Pray that their foster daughter Bella may receive medical care to restore her vision and a passport to allow for her travel.
- Pray that they may point the locals to Christ through their lives and interactions. Pray for the continuous multiplication of small groups and for deepening discipleship in the local 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 as they transition from language learning to serving KMGC church. Pray for God's wisdom and the ability to build lasting, Christ-centered relationships as they serve the church, their team and to the community.
- Pray for daughter Karis and her new husband Jonathan, for the Lord to make them a strong family of faith and bless their new marriage drawing them closer to Him daily.
- Pray for daughter Aimee as she finishes the school year at Covenant and starts to think about planning her wedding to Nathan. Pray for the Lord to guide and direct their decisions regarding their future together.



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 and direction as Jeff and Katie navigate moving their family to a new area of town, closer to their church and the university where they do most of their ministry.
- Pray for their church, Grace Harbor Church, where Jeff will begin a new assignment. Pray for the Lord to draw Jeff and Katie closer to him during this time.
- Pray for them and their kids to make new friends and adjust well to a city, school, and home. Pray they can be refreshed and replenished for a new RUF semester and continue building lasting relationships on campus.



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 the Lord to provide a new venue for her fall classes. The church where she was holding classes had their lease terminated so that option is no longer available.
- Pray for her health and physical strength. Pray that the Lord might use the chiropractor to relieve her neck pain and headaches.
- Pray for God’s grace and mercy for her mother who is no longer able to recognize Virginia or her family members. Pray for Virginia to have peace of mind as she leaves her mother in her sister-in-law’s care.

Updated Prayer Requests + Notes

Central / South Asia

Jonathan

Allison

Dan & Catherine

Asaph & Lynn

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, 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.

- Pray for Jonathan and Sharon as they “care” for their community: her parents, his parents, neighbors, and co-workers on their street. May they show the love of Christ to all.
- Pray for the 15 eager-to-learn young people who come to their home for youth group. Pray the group will grow closer to the Lord and in their understanding of the gospel.
- Pray that God will continue to bless and grow Jonathan’s Saturday prayer walks with men from various churches in their city. Pray for a renewed passion of prayer throughout their city. Pray for encouragement, strength and wisdom for families living in fear in the current political climate. Pray they will seek security in the one true God.



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 that the meetings with the World PT representative will happen and lead to more projects in her city. Pray for wisdom and fruitfulness.
- Pray for the Medical Academy project, that they can conduct a needs assessment for education topics for the clinic. Pray for the rehab team and their willingness to facilitate relationships with the Academy.
- Pray for her fiancé Jeremy as he spends several weeks with Allison studying Russian and exploring her city. Pray for the Lord to continue to guide them as they plan for their wedding in December.



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 Dan and Catherine as they participated in seven summer camps, one leadership training camp, and one week of English club. Pray that the young people who saw the love of Christ in action and felt God's presence will know Jesus in a transformative way.
- Pray for a time of rest and rejuvenation for Dan and Catherine and the national teams who ran these camps comprised mostly of volunteers who take time off work and make financial sacrifices to help young people meet Christ.
- Praise that our 2PC short term team were helpful hands that showed the love of Christ and provided encouragement not only to Dan and Catherine, but also to the moms of the special needs kids.



Asaph & Lynn

National Partners - South Asia

Children: Leah, Emma

A fourth generation believer whose Sikh family was initially introduced to the Savior by Presbyterian missionaries, Asaph grew up knowing the Lord and playing cricket. He eventually became a distinguished professional player in the UK and Pakistan. Now an ordained minister in the EPC, he works with the majority population of his homeland by connecting with their shared love of the game through starting local cricket clubs for young men in tandem with local "community centers." Lynn is a registered nurse and serves as the Head of Health Services at Forman Christian College.

- Pray for the completion of their ministry center where the men can come for training, prayer, worship, and spiritual renewal in addition to attending the cricket clubs.
- Pray for the cricket clubs in three regions and overseen by three individuals. Pray for the Lord to continue to expand the reach of these cricket clubs to bring more to Himself.
- Pray for the family's walk with the Lord that they minister from an overflow of the Masters love and grace.



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 continue language learning while serving with Wyld Life and Capernaum summer camps.
- 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. Ask that new translation teammates might be identified from their target people group.



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. 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 them as they balance their Young Life Central Asia ministry with local and regional duties, as well as overseeing Skala/The Rock church. Pray for wisdom as they minister to members and visitors, while also keeping an outward focus on the community.
- Praise the Lord for a season of sabbatical and reflection. Pray for the Lord to give them personal renewal, joy in Him, and deep roots in His sovereign grace.
- Pray as they navigate the complex geopolitical realities of their broad region working alongside of and in some cases supervising people from eight different countries.



The Youngs

Church Planting / Area Directors - India

Although the Youngs live in India (and have for 18 years), they are Asia regional leaders for Mesa Global. 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 MG 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 they are refreshed and rejuvenated from the first half of their U.S. home leave assignment. They returned to Central Asia but will be back in the U.S. in the fall for the second half of their home leave. Pray for all the travel logistics and for ample rest.
- They ask prayer for workers needed now, in Thailand, India, and Central Asia. Biggest needs are probably for an ophthalmologist, for recent college grads interested in two years mentored internship in the urban environment of Bangkok, and for schoolteachers.
- Pray for building deeper relationships with nationals in their city that leads to disciples of Jesus.

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Middle East

Jamila

Sameh & Samah

M. & Sarah

Robby & Joyce

Cierra

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!

- Praise for Jamila's first summer leave in four years. Pray that she will connect well with family and friends and find ways to "rest" while in the U.S.
- Praise that her landlord let her store part of her belongings while in the U.S. The rest of her things are in her new apartment awaiting her return. Pray for moving her appliances and bed to her new apartment in her new city and getting settled.
- Pray that she will be ready for ministry in her new city upon her return to the Middle East. Pray for her connection with her new team, and for new and capable leadership.



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 Sameh who leads the youth and young adult's ministry among the refugees in their church. Pray for the summer camp and prayer conference.
- Pray for their vision to grow together with intimacy around the Word of God. Pray for their church events to provide an opportunity for the youth and young adults to be drawn to the Lord and away from the stress and anxiety caused by war and persecution.
- Pray for their country that is suffering from high inflation, energy blackouts, and shortage of resources for living (water and electricity) due to a war.

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 their in-person conferences that gather leaders and families for more intense training, and for the fellowships connected to their institute through graduates and current students, enabling their programming to be more flexible and have a broader reach.
- They continue to mentor students through online meetings, phone calls, email, and text. Pray for these students as they meet weekly online to have lessons and discussion to become actively engaged in ministry.
- Pray for M. and Sarah's lives to point to the one who saves and for their friends to continue asking questions about their faith, ultimately coming to know the one true God.



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 the work on GROW2 would be completed on time and that God would provide the staff needed to open GROW2 this fall.
- Pray for the future children who will attend GROW2, and their families, that God will prepare their hearts to hear of His love and to receive it by faith and with joy.



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 wisdom for Cierra and her team as they navigate life walking alongside refugees living in fear and poverty. Pray for God's truth to go wherever His people are and use the brokenness to bring His kingdom nearer.
- Pray for Cierra's continued progress in language learning over the summer as classes carry on, and for her new team make-up to grow in trust in one another.
- Pray for the relationships that Cierra is building with families, that they would become more curious and open to the Gospel. Pray for boldness in their other believing friends to continue to share the truth with them.



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 for the work of the Sanatorium amidst the changing face of TB in Jordan with an increasing number of non-pulmonary cases. Many of these cases are in Asian workers who have come to Jordan to work in the factories.
- Pray for the staff as they are challenged in trying to communicate the Gospel across these language barriers.
- Pray for the two men who most likely contracted TB in prison. They face multiple challenges in lifestyle and relationships with their families. Pray they will truly repent of their past and trust Jesus to make all things new in their hearts and circumstances.



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 Mike's travel to Sierra Leone for a graduation of the ITEN cohort who will now take on the entire training of their people. Pray for Mike and others as they remain in relationship with, and support and help these brothers and sisters.
- Pray for ongoing growth and expansion of training in Vietnam, and of Latin American believers in the uttermost parts of the world.
- Pray for continual opportunities and partnerships in Pakistan, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and the Middle East and north Africa region.



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 their busy ministry, and for wisdom on how to use their time and still have ample rest, and to destress from tension of daily living in their city.
- Pray for continued progress in language skills.
- Pray for strengthening of discipleship among the believers they serve with, especially in leadership training. May these believers multiply by sharing the Gospel and discipling those they lead to faith.



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 the family will have opportunities to meet and bless their new neighbors.
- Pray for Aaron & Katie's language school and for the boys who go to a local Arabic school for three hours while they are in class. Pray for favor and patience as they start their language journey.
- Pray for the Lord to heal Katie of the vertigo and migraines that she has been suffering from; pray for the Lord to encourage and sustain her until he heals her.



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 their pastoral interns who returned to their home countries. Pray for their churches and that their families would see the beauty of Jesus in each of them and want to give their lives to Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would provide a new location for their church and for the federal law restricting churches to be eased.
- Pray for the Lord's provision for next year's intern program, for just the right participants to join, and for continued faithfulness to their church.



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 complete her support raising and be able to launch by early next year.
- Pray for her family as they grieve the death of her mother from Alzheimer's and begin to navigate life in this "new normal" and change in family dynamics.
- Pray that Sheridan will become even closer to her Lord in this time of grief and waiting. Pray she will be encouraged to carry on and wait for the Lord's next steps for her future.



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 rest and recovery for their family during their home leave in the U.S. this summer. Pray they that they return to their country of service in September refreshed and rejuvenated for life and ministry.
- Pray for the ongoing economic crisis in their country, for a new President, and to remain on the outskirts of the war in neighboring countries.
- Pray for their ministry to refugees, that the Lord would encourage them as the men are afraid to go to work, they live in fear of being deported, and pray for opportunities to travel to another country.

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Europe

Tim & Cynthia Coomar

Rob & Tunde Futo

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Sarah

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Meghan Rintoul

George Talias

Valery & Janna Morozov



Tim & Cynthia Coomar

Church Planters - Greece

Children: Anna, Jane, Jonathan

A Greek national, Tim did his university studies in the UK and it was there that he became involved in campus ministry which shaped his convictions about sharing his faith and planting new churches. He eventually became a pastoral intern at the First Evangelical Church of Athens and, at the urging of their senior pastor, then planted a church among the "hardest to reach" in that city. Today he serves as the acting director for City-to-City Europe, helping others plant churches in urban centers across that continent. His wife Cynthia is fully onboard. To help these new churches be resourced with materials, she has set up a Christian publishing house in Greece and has already produced 11 titles.

- Pray for wisdom and humble leadership as he fills the Director role for C2C Europe until at least the summer of 2025.
- Pray that the November conference for church planters and advocates from across Europe will strengthen relationships that were strained during the pandemic. Ask also for a new generation of church leaders to be raised up for a new wave of ministry.
- Pray for the Coomar family to find their identity and meaning in their relationship with Jesus rather than work for Jesus or even their own family. They ask for His help to live out of the gospel reality each day.



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 that Rob's teaching on evangelism and apologetics at the Liebenzeller School of Missions will help the students feel confident to reach out with the gospel in a secular post-Christian Germany.
- Pray for Rob and Tunde and the 150 adults and children that attended their annual church camp. Pray for the Lord to seal the content of their time together to give them a unified vision for the three churches.
- Pray for daughter Csege as she processes her vision trip to Kenya to see if the Lord would have her serve there starting this fall. She would be developing a theological curriculum to be taught in the high schools.



Chris & Debbie Gibson

Missionary Care - U.S. Based /Global

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.

- The owners of Sunrise House are moving back to run the house, so Chris and Debbie are losing their lease. Pray for them as they move out in August and seek wise counsel from their WO leadership regarding where to relocate this aspect of their ministry.
- Praise for new member care team members, the Furs, who live and minister out of Scotland. Pray for strong relationships building and a joint vision for their future ministry.
- 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 invest in and build deeper relationships with their CO Birmingham UK team and local church and to feel at home in their house and city.
- Pray for Adam and his discipleship training with A. who is interning alongside him for the summer. Pray that A. would continue to grow in the Lord over the summer and have boldness to make Christ known on the campus this fall.
- Pray for DeAnna and H., who is questioning her Muslim beliefs. Pray that they will study the Bible together when H. returns from her summer holiday.



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 healing for Belinda as she faces significant health issues. Pray for grace as these impact her daily life. Pray for the Lord's strengthening grace for Stephen and Belinda as they trust the Lord for His provision.
- Pray for the continued fruitfulness of Stephen's ministry to Muslims. Pray for the short-term team he will take to Egypt this fall, that the team would be an encouragement to the long-term workers and local churches there.
- Pray for continued encouragement for Stephen as he navigates a heavy travel schedule, while supporting Belinda and her needs, and managing his own health.



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 Norm and Ruth Ann as they begin a compulsory one year outside of the country due to visa regulations this fall. Pray that the time would provide refreshment and reconnection with U.S. based family and friends even as they carry out many of their ministry responsibilities remotely.
- Pray for Lord to bless and sustain their church and ministry while they are away.
- Pray that they would continue to see fruit in their ministry to Muslims both in Europe and in the Arab speaking world as they sense more are earnestly seeking truth.



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 continue to give her "divine appointments" and that He would lead her to meet Muslim women who are open to relationships and whose hearts are searching for the one true God.
- Pray for the women in their summer Bible study to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind and grow a deep compassion for their lost friends on campus.
- Pray that Sarah would wait on the Lord and drink deeply from His word and His presence.



Clarke & Khrystya Norton

Church Strengthening/Counseling - Ukraine

Children: Emma, Mark, Stefi

In 2009, Clarke moved to Lviv, Ukraine, for an internship with MTW. He realized an 11-month internship was not long enough, so he decided to move there. In 2015, he married Khrystya and they began to serve at Holy Trinity, a church plant in Lviv. In 2018, they started a teen ministry that served both the children of church members and youth from the community. Clarke and Khrystya were 2PC partners from 2017 until 2021 when they returned to the U.S. to obtain Khrystya's green card and so Clarke could attend seminary in St. Louis. In May 2024, he completed his Master of Arts in counseling. They plan to return to Lviv later this year.

- Pray for completion of their support team so they can launch later this year.
- Pray for the logistics of packing up their home, and saying goodbye to family and friends, then traveling back to Ukraine with three young children.
- Pray for the Lord to go before them and prepare the hearts of the those they will counsel at Holy Trinity, for quick adjustment back into life and ministry there, and for the kids to quickly make friends.



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 give Meghan and the CO team outlets to bring their university friends to that allow them to hear the gospel, discussions, build community, and prayerfully come into relationship with God.
- Pray that the students come back from summer break with hearts ready to begin campus Bible studies and attend events.
- Ask God to help the team see the gospel seeds that they have sown over the past year take root in fertile soil in the hearts of many.



George Talias

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 leaders of Glyfada Church and the prayer meeting before each service. Pray for the church to continue to grow in number and spiritual maturity.
- Pray for their Bible studies and various ministries to empower the people to become devoted followers of Christ and seek to apply God's Word to their life.
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in the formalization of the Pangrati Project as an official church, and for the provision of a new church plant in another area of Athens.



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 even as they, and those they work with, feel more and more isolated as the political atmosphere grows increasingly harsh and repressive.
- Pray that their recent time in Portugal with family gave them rest and a renewed energy for the ministry in Russia and beyond.
- 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

Dean & Kyria Baldwin

Larry Brown

Alicia Hubbard

Garth & Fiona Kennedy

Allison Neubert

Steve & Marion Spencer

Steve Winstead



Dean & Kyria Baldwin

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 their transition out of full-time language studies this fall, and for Kyria as she cares for two year old, Thomas, at home.
- Pray for Dean's work with SIL's Scripture Engagement Department, his research for the new Faith and Farming initiative, and his preaching at the Amharic speaking church plant they attend on Sundays.
- Pray for a new part-time houseworker which would free up Kyria to do some part-time language studies even as she cares for Thomas.



Larry Brown

Bible College Professor - Malawi

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 for Carey, Larry's son, to find the Lord's direction in his life and to grow in spiritual maturity. Pray for discernment on whether Carey should return to the U.S. to find work as doing so in Malawi is difficult in the present economy.
- Pray for the people of Malawi, who are affected by a devalued currency, food insecurity, and rising crime.
- Pray for African Bible College and for the resources needed as their new president charts a fresh course. In a country which is among the poorest on the planet, it is hard for students to afford tuition.



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 for Alicia and her team as they navigate many team member transitions off staff this year.
- Pray that God will raise up more laborers as the harvest is PLENTIFUL!
- Pray for the work that the CO Memphis short-term team has done. Ask that there would be fruit with many professions of faith that lead to lifelong followers of Christ.



Garth & Fiona Kennedy

Evangelism and Mercy - West Africa

Children: Daniel, Timothy

South African nationals, Garth and Fiona met in high school. After they graduated, they both became involved in international missions during their university years (Garth in Lesotho and Fiona in Thailand) and wrote letters to each other expressing their individual calls. The letters crossed in the mail. Upon finishing their degrees in Johannesburg, they married and moved to the UK, all the time investigating how best to prepare for overseas service. Presently they serve in western Africa helping broadcast the gospel into nine countries in 26 languages. Fiona also provides care to HIV/AIDS patients in their local area.

- Pray for stability with the machinery and regulations that impact the radio transmitter so that there is no lost airtime.
- Pray for the Dignity Program that Fiona is involved in and the ongoing training for leaders.
- Praise for Timothy's graduation from high school in Kenya.



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 the CCP teams to build relational depth in their relationships with their students.
- Pray for the Lord to go before their staff, and student leaders as they meet, engage, and seek to build meaningful connections with students.
- Pray that the Lord help Allison find contentment in the hard things and make progress in trusting him more with the "unknown and uncomfortable" things of life, finding safety in His presence.



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 granting program at Genesis University.
- Pray for wisdom for Steve, funds to renovate the new building, provision of future faculty and staff hires, and ultimately students to attend and develop as Christian leaders of Africa for the world.
- Pray for transitions for the Spencer family, as life is always changing with eight children and now several grands.



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 the "Send Africa Conference" in September which will include leaders from Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia. The goal is to see the church in Africa send people to unreached areas of Africa.
- Pray for healthy rhythms of ministry and rest for the family as they return to Ethiopia in August after a brief home visit.
- Pray for Samuel as he remains in the U.S. to attend Samford this fall.

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Central / South America

Gabriel Glory

Juan Patt

Marcelo Robles

Shayla Wolfe

Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman



Gabriel Glory

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 lasting fruit from the short-term teams that came this summer. They provided help and encouragement to the Blas Pascal school and churches in the region. Pray the teams will maintain a heart for missions and possibly a heart for future full-time ministry.
- Pray for wisdom for Gabriel as he leads the men's ministry at Shalom Church. Pray for the men to grow into deeper relationship with the Lord and have a heart to share their faith with friends, family, and a lost world.
- Pray for approval of the permit for the new Shalom Church.



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 Lord to continue to give Juan strength and wisdom to serve Him faithfully and balance his family, ministry, and Presbyterian responsibilities.
- Pray for their church members to continue to persevere during these troublesome economic times in their nation and remain faithful and committed to God.
- Praise that Stephanie finished her first year of Pre Med at the University of Belize. Pray for God's wisdom as there are options for her to study abroad next year. Pray for Maria to obtain a job at Nazarene Primary School so she can stop commuting and be closer to home.



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 for the particularization process for the four La Mision church locations.
- Pray for Marcelo as he makes the transition from primarily pastoral ministry in Argentina into an equipping ministry across all of Latin America with City to City.
- Pray for Susi as she becomes more involved in the women's ministry.



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 Shayla to keep her eyes on Jesus and find time to slow down and process with Him as she learns the culture, navigates everyday life, and seeks language fluency.
- Pray for the complicated process of applying for temporary residency. Her current tourist visa gives her three months to complete the process.
- Pray that Shayla will start to build deep relationships with the women, youth, and young adults through their retreat, conference, and ministry events.



Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman

Development & Outreach - Argentina

Children: Isaiah, Sarah, Abigail

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 their small groups, especially the Flores group that has struggled with finances and health issues. Pray for the economic situation in Argentina.
- Pray for their three children, that God would guide and direct Isaiah at Covenant, Sarah as she starts at Cedarville, and for Abby as she becomes an only child at home and begins the application process for college.

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Missionaries in Transition August 2024



Grace Bulkley

Grace Bulkley has encountered health issues that will prevent her from continuing in her service with CO SERVE to Lusaka, Zambia. We are thankful for her perseverance and commitment to labor wherever the Lord places her.



Drew De Sanctis

Drew De Sanctis returned from Birmingham, UK in anticipation of getting married and moving into service with our own Campus Outreach Memphis ministry. The lessons he learned in serving internationally are now going to bear fruit at Tennessee Tech.



Guille & Debbie MacKenzie

Guille and Debbie MacKenzie have been called to serve at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Olivos) as their new senior pastor after having planted and led the New Revival Presbyterian Church. He continues to teach at the local seminary branch of Gordon Conwell.



Aaliyah Nicholson

Aaliyah Nicholson has completed her term as a 2PC First Responder. She and her new family will be moving to the U.S. while her husband pursues naturalization as a U.S. citizen. They will also be exploring what the next season of ministry calling may be.

Strategic National Impact Partners

Over the decades, Second Presbyterian Church has established unique relationships with non-American led churches or missions that have scaled into significant places of ministry fruitfulness. The World Missions Team, on behalf of the congregation, focuses significant resources on these partners because these locations are marked by three common characteristics.

NATIONALLY LED

Shown through indigenous leadership and measurable local resource contributions in addition to what we provide

SCALABLE

The original ministry work can/is/has multiply(ing, ied) into increasingly numerous and spread-out spheres of need, service, and transformation.

CHURCH DIRECTED

Even when our primary partner isn't a specific church, the partner we collaborate with is receiving leadership from local churches, starting new churches, and/or strengthening existing churches.



YL Central Asia

This ministry, that primarily focuses on jr. high and sr. high school students, has grown from a single club out of a local church planted by a 2PC member. It is now a multi-country ministry with dozens of indigenous staff led by Central Asian directors. YLCA also works with special needs students and parents of students and has planted churches where there weren't churches to oversee YL clubs that had formed.



Indonesia Partnership

A collaborative network of non-Indonesian churches, of which 2PC is a member, supports an Indonesian network of churches and church planters that are reaching out to people from the majority culture/religion with clear explanations of the gospel and discipling in what following Christ means.



China Partnership

A collaborative network of non-Chinese churches, of which 2PC is a member, supports a Chinese network of churches and church planters strengthening existing churches, forming new churches from the response to evangelistic efforts, and beginning to help the global Chinese diaspora population know Jesus in the places they have landed around the world.



The Evangelical Churches of Greece

Through our relationship with the First Evangelical Church of Athens, planted over 150 years ago in the shadow of the Acropolis, we have been honored to join them in seeing multiple churches planted across that city. The lessons learned have been passed along to others across western Europe through City-to-City Europe. Now the pastors of Athens are taking these lessons into the Balkan region of Eastern Europe.



La Mision

Our church's relationship with the Presbyterian church in Argentina goes back over 25 years. Central to that work is our partnership with La Mision Church. Planted by pastor Marcelo Robles, it has grown to multiple campuses that are preparing to become individual particularized churches themselves. From these churches we share projects of evangelism, discipleship, service, mercy, and training across Buenos Aires and into other South American nations.



Kachhwa Christian Hospital

For over 20 years, Raju and Catherine Abraham ran this hospital in rural India, added an intensive care unit, taught children at an attached Christian school, trained church planters and pastors, and drew people into a church at the center of the compound. Now retired, the Abrahams turned over the work to Shankar and Blodwyn Ramachandran, who worked and served with Raju for many of those years. As with a medical IV, they seek to balance the saline (salt) and sucrose (sweet) of the gospel message in their work among a population that has limited opportunities to get help from any source.



World Relief Malawi

For 80 years, World Relief has sought to alleviate poverty through local church alliances in the poorest places on earth. For over 20 years, 2PC has been partnering with WR in Malawi to see suffering reduced, including and especially eternal suffering. We have recently wrapped up 15 years of work in Ntchisi, one area of Malawi, and are opening a new region that has never had this type of work done.



Campus Outreach SERVE

2PC has launched multiple CO regions in the USA from our hub in Memphis. We've seen multiplication of the movement in Indianapolis, Lexington, Peoria, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. Through CO SERVE, we send alumni and staff to strengthen and launch international locations with special partnerships in Thailand, Zambia, Birmingham UK, South Africa, and Athens.

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