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**2025 WORLD MISSIONS  
PRAYER BOOK**



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# DEAR 2PC FAMILY,

Our guiding Scripture for our World Mission Conference 2025 is Psalm 67. The Psalmist invokes God's blessing not only on the Jews, the chosen people of God, but on the Gentiles and the nations as well. He asks the Lord to, "Be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**"

As a result, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!"

As we use this prayer guide in the coming year, let us begin by praising the Lord, for He has done just as the psalmist has asked! He has been gracious to us and blessed us to the end that all peoples will praise Him.

We have sent three members for long term service. We have sent thirteen short-term teams with over 100 of our members. We have brought on 11 new missionary partners. We have hosted an international intern. We have enjoyed praise reports from over a dozen partners as part of Sunday evening worship. We have added 15 members to our World Mission Team. And we have prayed!

We have prayed corporately in our Sunday morning services. We have prayed individually and as families in our homes. We have prayed in parishes and Sunday School classes. Each week two groups have gathered in prayer specifically to see the lost world evangelized.

Our motivation for prayer for World Missions has always been that the gospel of Jesus is too great to keep to ourselves. There is no greater issue of justice on the planet. Each image bearer of God deserves the right to hear of the Savior. So, we pray in the character, values, and mindset of Jesus himself, that all whom the Father would draw to him would come to repentance, and that every stronghold assembled against him would be torn down.

In this booklet we have listed the 2PC missionary partners we support. Their requests reflect the current needs and concerns that they face. We have also added the 2PC Strategic National Impact Partners, where we are focused on long-term investment.

Jesus' clear prayer request has not changed in 2,000 years. In Matthew 9:37 He tells His disciples to, "Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send his workers into the harvest field, for the harvest is great, and the workers are few."

May he fill us daily with His Spirit 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. We are excited to introduce our newest Emeritae, Dr. Raju and Mrs. Catherine Abraham, who join Emeritae Ms. Aileen Coleman and Rev. Judy Mbugua.

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## Dr. Raju & Mrs. Catherine Abraham

*"Strengthening the church, through a holistic methodology, encourages long-term transformation, resulting in more believers being established and disciplined."*

After qualifying as a doctor, Raju explored Hinduism before studying with Francis Schaeffer at L'Abri. He then went to Israel for a year and a half to study Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. There, he discovered the true God in the Bible and met his future Scottish wife, Catherine. They married in London in 1978. After completing postgraduate training in neurology, he was appointed as a tenured consultant at Central Middlesex Hospital in London. He also became a co-founder of the Association of Biblical Counsellors, South Asian Concern, and raised prayer and support for missions in developing nations.

In 1993, he resigned from his post, and, with their four children, they moved to North India to work with the Emmanuel Hospital Association, an ecumenical federation of 20 Christian mission hospitals in the region. Initially, they were involved in strategic planning, holistic ministry, church planting, pastoral counseling, and business as mission.

When 2PC connected with the Abrahams in the early 2000s, they had arrived at Kachhwa Christian Hospital (KCH), which was on the brink of closure. KCH, a 100-year-old mission hospital, was 2.7 million rupees in debt, involved in court cases, and plagued by violence in the area. Doctors and nurses refused to work there, and they were seeing about five patients a day. In the previous 50 years, only five local baptisms were recorded.



The hospital was downsized, and a small medical team, including the Abrahams, worked around the clock. By God's grace, the hospital was revived. It now sees 40,000 patients annually. Over time, various projects were initiated to uplift the poor and marginalized. Community health and development—including home visits for the disabled, palliative care for the dying, educational programs, and leadership development—became the focus.

They started 70 primary schools with 3,600 children, facilitated vocational training for 5,000 local young people, and leveraged a network that planted house churches, resulting in 24,000 new believers.

The work was not without resistance. Mobs of extremists attacked events and even stoned Raju in 2007. However, the Abrahams are quick to emphasize that while their primary focus was the hospital and healthcare, all their efforts provided opportunities to bring people to the Lord. "When I arrived at KCH to begin this ministry, there were about 1,000 Christians in the district; now, there are well over 20,000," Raju wrote in 2009. "There seems to be great openness to the Gospel, and I pray for the continuation of that."

While Raju provided vision and mobilization for the ministry at Kachhwa, he would have been at a loss without Catherine. She remained attuned to the human needs of the KCH staff and their families, helping to raise their children, acknowledging their feelings, and mending bruised relationships. Gradually, her work shifted to the ever-expanding women's ministry, which the women of 2PC have supported with annual trips for almost two decades.

Now retired and living in a different city, new leadership has been established at KCH. The Abrahams continue to visit, offering advice and encouragement to the ongoing work.



## Aileen Coleman

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

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

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

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





## Judy Mbugua

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

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

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

Those monthly meetings birthed what would later be named Homecare Spiritual Fellowship. In 1985, after meeting for five years in homes and various church campuses, Rev. Dr. Judy Mbugua registered Homecare Spiritual Fellowship with the government of Kenya. While 80% of Kenyans claim to be Christian, only 15% go to church and practice their faith. The Homecare Ministry is an interdenominational fellowship of born-again Christians who are committed to praying for the salvation of whole households. Their current project is to build a new Prayer and Training Center.

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

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



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# SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Abbie

Dave & Joyce Briley

Nicole D.

Michael & Maria D.

John & Dawn

Brian & Terri

Joel & Michelle

Maddie Lebeter

John M.

Tyler Mobley



## Abbie

### Teacher/Student Ministry – Laos

As a recent graduate in Early Childhood Education, Abbie has taken her skills to Laos as an elementary teacher for a long-term family. After a brief stint in Memphis post college, and as a missionary kid herself, Abbie prayerfully considered how to use her education and childhood experiences for the kingdom of God. Since September of 2024, she has been the full-time teacher for siblings ages: 6, 4, and 10 months old. Her days are full of curriculum planning, educational play, and tending to their emotional needs. Abbie does all this while learning a new culture, adult life post college, and a deeper dependence on Christ. In the beginning of their time together, everyone (including Abbie) struggled with the newness of a new teacher. Now Abbie sends reports of the children asking to “do more math,” spending extra time working on penmanship, and spending more time together!

- Pray for salvation for her landlord and his wife.
- Pray that the children and her community would find her life worth imitating.
- Pray for the Lord to give Abbie physical, emotional, and spiritual health and strength while serving in a beautiful, but hard, place.



## 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 Old Testament 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 determine whether the translations are accurate, acceptable, natural, and clear.



## Nicole D.

### University Ministry & Church Teaching – SE Asia

*Spouse: Feodor | Son: Elliott*

Nicole went back to her country of service after being in the US for high school and college. She works with university students and in her church. She met Feo, married, and now is mom to baby Elliot. Nicole is taking leave for the next two to three months to learn to be a mom and take care of Elliott. In December their church had a teen retreat with 90 attending. Another recent ministry was an event for seminary students where 806 students from eight seminaries attended to learn about and plan their next steps for urban outreach or full-time work across Indonesia. Last fall there was a gathering to discuss the possibility of starting a new denomination that would help new converts with obstacles in registering as new believers. Nicole works alongside all these ministries sharing her love for the gospel.

- Pray that the church will continue to be faithful to teach children about Jesus so that they will grow up to have a saving relationship with Him.
- Pray for teens to have deeper relationships so that lasting Christ-centered community can be built, enabling them to help and encourage each other amidst teenage struggles.
- Pray that the church can follow up with all the newcomers that came to their Christmas events, helping them to get plugged into small groups and grow in their faith together.



## Michael & Maria D.

### Church Planting – SE Asia

Second has supported the agency Michael helps lead for over 10 years. Recently, Michael and Maria became personal partners with us. He grew up in a Christian home and attended church regularly, but did not know the Lord personally. When he was 16, someone clearly explained the Gospel to him, and he put his trust in Jesus. He became interested in international work while in college and began exploring opportunities. In 1990, he felt the Lord leading him to work with Muslims in SE Asia, where he has continued to serve with wife, Maria, who was raised in a multi-cultural family in Indonesia. Michael reports that in 2024, there were 43,563 personal Gospel presentations; 1,337 people accepted the Lord; 318 new believers baptized; and 285 house churches were meeting weekly.

- Pray for him as he trains church members to share the Gospel with Muslims.
- Pray for God to prepare the hearts of Muslims to be open to hear the Gospel.
- Pray for their personal walks with the Lord and his protection of their hearts in a ministry-heavy context.



## 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 including caring for Dawn's elderly father, 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 to continue to trust and obey the Lord as he travels to hard places and hears stories from believers about the evil forces of darkness in West Africa.
- Pray for the Lord to continue to provide Dawn with strength and stamina as she is the sole caregiver for her elderly father.
- Pray as they feel they are in a season of life unlike any other; where a posture of humility, simple obedience and waiting on God play a pivotal role in His unfolding plan among the nations.



## Brian & Terri

**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. Brian and Terri's vision is to see sustainable, labor-producing, indigenous, multiplying movement (SLIM2) ministries throughout Thailand and SE Asia. Praise God that there are thriving ministries saturated with Thai leadership in Khon Kaen, Chiang Mai, and Udon Thani. There are increasing numbers of Thai students coming to Christ in all three cities along with Thai-led discipleship.

- 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 team from Memphis who will come this summer to support the 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.
- Pray for Brian and Terri and their family (children and grandchildren) that they would know and experience God's presence daily.



## Joel & Michelle

### Church Teaching & Forming – SE Asia

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 for which God had saved him. As he began to befriend international students, he learned just how many had never met a follower of Jesus or heard the gospel, and he began to pursue international service. Michelle took a course on perspectives that turned her heart toward a call to overseas work. After they married in 2022, they went on a vision trip led by former 2PC Pastor Dan Burns to one of 2PC's Strategic National Impact Partners. They moved to SE Asia in late 2024 and are starting to get acclimated and comfortable with life in a new country.

- Pray for their transition from life in America to life in their new country. Pray for them to find footing as they manage expected culture stress while beginning to make a new home.
- Pray for the training they will receive during their first year on the field. Pray for them to learn a new language quickly and adapt to the local culture in a way that makes them more effective sharers of the Gospel.
- 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. Pray that their marriage and family will be strengthened by the Spirit.



## Maddie Lebeter

### Campus Ministry – Thailand

Maddie became a Christian through Campus Outreach Memphis her freshman year in college. After graduation, she served for two years in Chiang Mai on a CO LEAD team. In 2019 she moved back to the United States with the intention of moving quickly to Thailand, but Covid-19 and personal circumstances kept her in the U.S. for three years. She returned to Thailand in August 2023 and now leads the CO Team at Chiang Mai University. Her team hosted a one-day Evangelistic Retreat, attended by students from Maejo and Chang Mai Universities, where they learned about how God left the 99 for the one that was lost, a challenging concept for a Thai Buddhist to understand. Her team also joined other Thai and Filipino CO Teams for a SE Asia Network Conference which allowed the teams to connect, encourage, and pray for each other.

- Pray for continued renewal of Maddie's heart and mind spending time in God's word each day and for her personal time with the Lord to be rich and encouraging.
- Pray for the LEAD team to engage God through time in the Word and in prayer that their love for, and time alone with God, would strengthen them.
- Pray for energy and strength for the team to persevere, for unity and health physically and mentally, and for progress in language development and proficiency.



## **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. While still dealing with some inconsistent harvests, the team is encouraged by the overall upward trend. Specifically, the record harvests and sales prices in recent months. John's team is working on training a new national church planter candidate. The team is encouraged to see national believers accepted into Muslim communities, and their church planters establishing a growing fellowship on the island where their hatchery is located.

- Pray for the new church planter candidate as he learns the business, gets further church planting training and decides if he can commit long term.
- Pray for safe travel in and throughout the communities and for greater consistency as harvests and sales increase.
- Pray for the church planters, specifically that they would grow in boldness and sensitivity in sharing the Gospel with others.



## **Tyler Mobley**

**Campus Ministry – Thailand**

Tyler came to Christ through Campus Outreach Memphis in college. After conversion, the Lord opened his eyes to see the eternal realities and the need 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 to work with CO in Chiang Mai as a full-time missionary. One of the highlights of the past few months is that Tyler started a Bible study with three engineering students. They have begun planning the Summer Camp they will have in March and are trusting the Lord to bring 40 Thai students to learn more about who Christ is and why He is the only way to abundant life.

- Pray for the Lord to continue to deepen the friendships with the Political Science faculty and give Tyler and the team opportunities to share the hope they have in Christ.
- Pray that God would establish the faith of new Thai believers on the campus.
- Pray for the Lord to keep Tyler and the team spiritually, physically and emotionally healthy as they minister to the students in Chiang Mai.



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# EAST ASIA

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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's work includes seminary training, church discipleship and training, partnering with local churches preaching and pastoral counseling, and sponsoring and hosting an annual Reformed Theology Conference. David's travel schedule is very demanding as he preaches, teaches and provides discipleship training to churches throughout East Asia. Aliece's work includes a Biblical Counseling Master Program, Counseling services, and church based Biblical counseling training. David hosts an Annual Reformed Theology and East Asia Conference. Always well attended, this past November, it broke all records with nearly five hundred pastors in attendance seeking to be more effective in their local churches. More would have come but the facility could not accommodate them.

- Pray for David's busy schedule of intensive teaching and training at Seminary and different churches and preaching on Sunday. Pray for rest as David deals with insomnia.
- Pray for planning the RTG Conference later this year and to increase attendance to 1,000, for a larger venue, logistics and resources for a large conference.
- Pray for Aliece's Biblical Counseling Master's program, for the Lord to bring the right people to train, for her stamina and strength in her seminary teaching, and the added responsibility of homeschooling their four children.



## Graham & Emily

### Campus Ministry – Taiwan

*Children: Caleb, Abigail, Lydia*

Graham and Emily are currently serving in the RUF international students ministry in Delaware while they make final plans to leave for Taiwan this spring. Graham came from an atheist background in China. God orchestrated, through his unsatisfactory college experience, to bring him to meet a group of believers, where he heard the gospel and came to Christ. He met and married Emily, who was an English teacher in China. After moving to the states, Graham pursued seminary studies in RTS and has been ordained as a full-time minister after graduation. Being passionate for the gospel, they built relationships with many students and friends through their hospitality and shared the gospel with them.

- Praise for the approval of their visa. Pray for the logistics involved in moving their family to Taiwan.
- Pray for the kids during this transition that they may learn to let go of what they have, trust the Lord, and embrace their heavenly treasures.
- Pray that God opens doors for the Gospel and prepares the hearts of the college students to receive the good news of the Savior.



## Roger & Abi Lowther

### Church Planting & 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 Roger's ordination as an elder into the PCJ (Presbyterian Church of Japan), the release of his book "A Taste of Grace," attending the Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism in Seoul, South Korea, celebrating the graduations of their two sons, Eastin from high school and Coen from middle school, and continued opportunities for concerts and performances around the world.

- Pray for Grace Community Church looking to rent a worship space 24/7 this year. Pray for the fundraising campaign, and the Tokyo Tabernacle Project.
- Pray for ongoing encouragement and unity at Grace City.
- Pray for Roger and Abi's writing, speaking, and performing ministry, that many would hear the name of Jesus, and experience the beauty of the Gospel through their artistry.



## Thomas & Jennifer McIntyre

### Church Planters & Community Outreach – Taiwan

*Children: Ashlee, Tyler*

After ministering as church planters in Taiwan for 17 years, the Lord has called Thomas and Jennifer back to the US to begin a year-long home assignment before planting a church in a Maryland suburb of Washington, DC. Their ministry in Taiwan included planting the Sanhe Gospel Church and then moving to the unreached area of Xingang, Taiwan to start a new church planting team in a very difficult region. Their new endeavor in Maryland will require many of the same skills in developing relationships, winning trust, and sharing the gospel in culturally effective ways, as well as administrative skills such as setting up a legal foundation for the church. In addition to their outreach ministry, the Lord is adding to their family through the miracle of adoption. Eight-year-old LQ from Taiwan, is expected to join their family sometime during the fall of 2025.

- Pray for God to bless their transition to life in the US, the expansion of their family, and for Ashlee and Tyler as they begin new schools and make new friends.
- Pray this year of home assignment will be beneficial for rest, transition, debriefing, and preparation for a new church planting ministry in Maryland.
- Continue to pray for the church planting team in Taiwan, for leaders Rik and Hester, for the start their first seekers Bible study, and to see people baptized by year-end.



## Tim & Huilan

### Leadership Training – Taiwan

*Children: Ethan, Micah, Cianna*

In 2010, Tim and Huilan returned to East Asia to establish a seminary. They are overjoyed that, despite growing religious persecution, the seminary will celebrate its 15th anniversary this spring, a testament to God's faithfulness.

Recently, their efforts have been concentrated on the Center for House Church Theology, where Tim serves as a fellow. Over the past year, Tim successfully completed his PhD in Theological Education and has traveled extensively across East Asia, engaging with church leaders to discuss house church ministry and theology. Meanwhile, Huilan has dedicated herself to ministering to the wives of ministry families in their network, providing support through personal visits, and organizing refreshing and rejuvenating retreats for the wives where she encourages them in their roles as national ministry leaders alongside their husbands.

- Pray for the Lord's protection and courage for their national partners in countries where increasing religious persecution is taking place.
- Pray for Huilan's Parakaleo ministry, for the pastors and their wives as they transition to national leaders, that the Lord would bring even greater fruit.
- 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 have served among the mountain people of Central Asia for more than 20 years. They utilize their training and professional skills to carry out ministry by consulting, training, counseling, one-on-one discipleship, and evangelism. Despite travel restrictions to mountain areas, they managed to meet the mountain people when they came down to visit and share the gospel while building their ongoing relationships. They also reach out to expats through their hospitality, engaging them in Bible study for the book of Genesis and small groups using DBS (Discovery Bible Study). David provides training to the leaders so they may lead the Bible study back home in their countries. Praise the Lord for the new believers of mountainous people, locals, and expats in the past.

- Pray for the health of their family physically, mentally, and spiritually. Praise the Lord for David's recovery from sickness. Pray for his cataract surgery.
- Pray that their foster daughter, Bella, may receive medical care and a passport to allow for her to travel. Pray for her studies and learning skills which will prepare her to live productively when she grows up.
- Pray that God will open the hearts of the mountain people, locals, and expats where they live and for the effective discipleship and leader trainings of small groups.



## Craig & Stacy Pohl

### Church Planter Training – Japan

Having just experienced their third Christmas season in Japan, Craig and Stacy are actively serving at their church, Kaihin Makuhara Grace Church in Chiba, Japan. They completed their language training this past year which allows them more time for their outreach to the community. A special testimony in their church was from “T-san”, a young father of two children. At around the same time as he was diagnosed with stomach cancer, his young daughter was diagnosed with a developmental disability. As he pondered his possible imminent death and what would happen to his family and the sadness of knowing his Christian wife would go to Heaven and he wouldn’t, “T-San” came to experience the real joy of knowing Jesus as his Savior. This is just an example of how God is moving in the hearts of these Japanese people.

- Pray that Craig and Stacy would depend more on God’s strength and wisdom as they build bridges with the Japanese people.
- Praise God for the growth at their church, both numerically and spiritually, in 2024.
- Pray for their family, including daughters Karis and her husband Jonathan, and Aimee and her fiancé Nathan, to be totally dependent on Christ and have Gospel winsomeness in all their relationships and activities.



## Jeff & Katie Saunders

### Campus Ministry – Japan

*Children: Emerie, Ezra, Naomi*

Jeff and Katie serve as part of a church planting effort and 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. After 3.5 years of campus ministry at Waseda University, they are launching their first-ever RUF large group. Large group gatherings are a unique and powerful opportunity for students to hear the Word of God proclaimed, wrestle with its truths, and experience the community of Christ in a deeper way.

- Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the students to encounter His Word in this new large group, and that logistical challenges would be smoothly handled.
- Pray for their team to have wisdom, endurance, and faithfulness as they follow God’s lead in their new season of ministry.
- Pray for God’s provision for volunteer Yuna as she transitions into a full-time missionary role and for her continued discipleship of their students.



## 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. Virginia has also experienced fallout of the pandemic with many 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 an ambassador speaking their language, knowing their culture, and experiencing the same things they do.

- Pray for health and physical strength, that the Lord might use the chiropractor to relieve neck pain and headaches due to sitting at the computer for long periods of time.
- Pray that she will continue to stay under the radar to do what she has to do and do it well.
- Pray for safe travels in the next six months as she is on a furlough trip visiting churches and giving reports.

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# CENTRAL / SOUTH ASIA

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Jonathan

Allison

Dan & Catherine

Asaph & Lynn

Paul & Jackie

Silas & Zoe

Mark & Nathalie

Ruslan & Zhanna

The Youngs



## Jonathan

### Leadership Development – South Asia

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

Jonathan works with Development Associates International (DAI). He is married to Sharon, and they are blessed with three 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, including Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Jonathan trains and mentors teachers and leaders in the faith while also teaching at church, running retreats, and leading sessions on marriage and family. They have a group of 15 eager-to-learn young people who come to their home to study God's word. Jonathan also has a group of men from various churches in their city that gather each Saturday to do prayer walks through the city.

- Pray for Jonathan and Sharon as they “care” for her parents, his parents, neighbors, and co-workers on their street. May they show the love of Christ to all.
- Pray for Jonathan’s various training programs and travels, for protection, and for God’s transformative work in the lives of Church leaders.
- Pray for the group of young people who come to their home to 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.



## Allison & Jeremy

### Medical Training & Relational Evangelism – Central Asia

Allison is an occupational therapist, and through her agency, she is also involved in relational evangelism. Over the past year, she has started training professionals, volunteers, and parents in occupational therapy and other related medical skills to better care for the disability community. She has taken on many leadership roles in Central Asia, and the Lord has provided unique opportunities for Allison to teach skills that greatly improve the lives of those who are dependent on their caretakers. Allison returned to the States in 2024 to get married to Jeremy. Allison will spend the next year in the States continuing to work in occupational therapy on home-assignment while Jeremy attends seminary.

- Pray Allison and Jeremy grow close to the Lord and each other in their marriage.
- Pray for Jeremy’s time in seminary, that the Lord would prepare him for future ministry and for Allison as she continues to work in OT.
- Pray for those that were educated by Allison in Central Asia, that the Lord would sustain them and bear much fruit out of the foundations He laid through her leadership.





## Dan & Catherine

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

Dan and Catherine began serving in Central Asia 30 years ago. Following 12 years in Memphis, they felt called to return. Dan's work focuses on teaching and training leaders through biblical and theological courses and mentoring and coaching church planters and leaders. Catherine works with the local

Young Life Capernaum ministry to the moms of kids with special needs. Recently one of the women from a Muslim background that Catherine has been ministering to came to faith. Pray for her husband who still professes to be a Muslim. There has been great participation in the church planting equipping and training ministry that Dan has been leading. A recent Cohort that launched, had 25 participants across 4 different teams. This group will continue to meet over the coming months in preparation for their launch.

- Pray for the church planting Cohort, that the participants would leave with the confidence to go and take these resources to their new congregations.
- Pray for the mothers in the Capernaum ministry, that they would experience rest and peace, feel cared for, and that they would feel comfortable enough to have conversations about their faith and the Gospel.
- Pray for the continued growth of new believers and for the Lord's blessing over their church planting efforts.



## 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." Each team of young men plus their families and fans, connects with other teams of similar size every year. They sponsor tournaments and a summer camp that impart skills and seeks to build character through encounter with Christ and the gospel. Lynn is a registered nurse and serves as the Head of Health Services at a Christian college.

- Pray for good health for their family as they have recently had health struggles leading to discouragement and distraction from God's work.
- Pray for continued favor through their work with the cricket clubs, and to expand the reach of these cricket clubs to bring more to Himself.
- Pray for the Spring Camp 2025 for aspiring leaders as this event has consistently caused more transformation than any other event they host each year.



## Paul & Jackie

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

Paul and Jackie moved to Central Asia in July 2023 to minister to special needs children, teens, and their parents. 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 began seminary classes in November 2024 as he felt called to be better equipped to teach God's Word to those around them. Paul and Jackie are expecting their first child in May 2025 and will return to the States for a four-month home assignment surrounding her delivery.

- Pray that the Lord will use Paul and Jackie to bear eternal fruit among the people whom they serve in Central Asia.
- Pray for continued health for Jackie, a safe delivery of their baby girl, and for Paul and Jackie's hearts to be prepared to become parents in May.
- Pray for Paul to be diligent in his seminary studies and able to apply the things he learns to his ministry.



## Silas & Zoe

### Bible Translation – Central Asia

*Children: Amos, Yael, Ruth, Shiphrah*

Now in their third 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. The Lord has blessed them, through several relocations, with housing over the past year and they are now settled. He has also given them a special relationship with Rhoda, who is helping them with their translation work, which has been productive with most New Testament books completed as well as Genesis. They have quality drafts completed on many Old Testament books as well. The hope is to begin distributing texts and, hopefully, audio in late 2025 that are readable, understandable, and useable for worship and study.

- Pray for faith in Jesus for translators Rhoda, Gideon, and Joanna, and that Gideon and Joanna can move closer to them.
- Pray God protects translators from government oppression and possible repercussions.
- Pray for their children to grow in kindness and cooperation so the family can function well cross-culturally.



## Mark & Nathalie

### Medical Ministry & Church Planting – Central Asia

*Children: Elliott, John Mark, Amelia*

Mark and Nathalie moved to South Central Asia this past August after living in the Middle East and being displaced once war broke out. Mark is a PT and Nathalie is an OT and both hope to use their medical training and work there once they have mastered the language. Currently, they are doing full-time language learning while getting to know their church body. Their children are adjusting well and picking up aspects of the language quickly. A relationship that means a lot to Mark and Nathalie is her language tutor: Pearl. Pearl is a believer but is engaged to an unbeliever because of the cultural pressure to get married. Mark and Nathalie recently shared that they feel led to walk this journey with Pearl and looking forward to building a relationship with her fiancé in hopes he becomes a believer.

- Pray for strength and remembrance in their language learning.
- Pray over their family's health, specifically JM's (middle son) complete healing and clarity over a potential diagnosis of an autoimmune disease.
- Pray for curious visitors to attend church on Sunday, and that the congregation would be encouraged by the service, that it would be a pleasing aroma to God.



## Ruslan & Zhanna

### Student & Special Needs 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 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. Through their church plant, The Rock, 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 while overseeing The Rock church.
- Pray for wisdom as they minister to members and visitors, while also keeping an outward focus on the community.
- Pray as they navigate the complex geopolitical realities of their broad region working alongside and in some cases supervising people from eight different countries.



## The Youngs

### Church Planting & Area Directors – Asia

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. They have spent most of the last year on home assignment, speaking and connecting with many churches in the U.S. They returned to India for the holidays, attended the annual Asia conference in Thailand in January, and started the last leg of their home assignment which will end in May 2025.

- Pray that they are refreshed and rejuvenated from the first half of their U.S. home assignment. Pray for all the travel logistics and for rest.
- Pray for workers needed now in Thailand, India, and Central Asia. The biggest needs are for an ophthalmologist, recent college grads interested in two-year mentored internships in the urban environment of Bangkok, and for schoolteachers.
- Pray for building deeper relationships with nationals in their city that lead to disciples of Jesus.

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# MIDDLE EAST

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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 member of an ESL teaching team in the Middle East, investing in her students as she teaches them English. In addition to her teaching role, she actively engages with young and middle-aged Kurdish, Syrian, and Iraqi women. Recently, she moved to a new city to continue teaching at a new school. This past summer, she enjoyed a restful and productive break, cherishing the opportunity to connect with family, friends, and supporters. This was her first summer of leave in four years. Jamila has felt Abba's presence in her life and in the lives of those she serves, witnessing growth in attendance at their weekly fellowship meetings. She is deeply grateful for the support and care from the 2PC family.

- Praise for a fruitful holiday break and new opportunities to share about Abba with her students. Pray for wisdom and courage as she builds a relationship with a little sister who is new to the faith.
- Pray for unity, connection, and camaraderie within her team, especially as they welcome new leadership and team members.
- Pray for increased opportunities to bring light to a dark place and for endurance and perseverance in her faith.



## 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 (his wife) is Muslim background Egyptian. Egyptian religious 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. Until recently, both were serving in discipleship ministry at a local church, leading "spiritual tribes." Sameh is leading the youth ministry, and Samah was serving the online ministry for the church, which mirrors the physical church in everything it offers, and translation. They connected and walked beside local believers at a Bedouin church on the border. Last summer, Samah and their son left the Middle East to seek safety and recover from the trauma of the conflict in their city. Sameh continues to serve in their city in the heart of the war zone.

- Pray for the family as they are separated due to the war. Pray for peace and comfort and for Sameh who is still in the Middle East.
- Pray for emotional, mental and spiritual healing as Samah and Selim continue to receive counseling and seek healing from the Lord for the trauma they experienced before they left their war-torn neighborhood.
- Pray for peace in their country and for the Gospel to be received in this traumatic time.

## 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 as they work on study materials this year, that it will result in creating the devotional and other educational materials beneficial to disciple and reach those whom God wants to be reached.
- Pray that God will give them focus as they write and read to be refreshed and pour out.
- Pray for the health of both Sarah and M.



## Robby & Joyce

### Childcare Ministry / U.S. Based – Lebanon

Robby and Joyce have led the Philemon Project in Lebanon for over 10 years. The GROW centers are Christian preschools that serve the most at-risk children in Beirut. They care for these children by providing two meals and two snacks a day (clean clothes or baths if needed) and sharing the Gospel in addition to their educational needs. This also fights child labor and trafficking. Employment and training empower their all-female staff against gender discrimination. GROW is often the only place these families encounter the gospel and the love of God. They hope to open GROW2 in early 2025 in another area of Beirut and are close to that goal although the war caused many delays. The building will also host a church plant on the top floor.

- Pray for peace in the Middle East and that GROW2 will open, soon.
- Pray for teachers and staff as they navigate the trauma they are experiencing while continuing to love and care for the children who are also suffering.
- 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 with joy.



## Cierra

### Refugee Ministry – Middle East

In 2023 Cierra began serving on an Engage 2025 team in a large Middle Eastern city. The goal of the team is to plant churches among the vast refugee population that has fled into the country in the last decade. Cierra and her team are building relationships of kindness to these dear people as a platform for sharing the gospel. Unfortunately, shortly after Cierra's arrival, turmoil in that region of the world made it necessary for her team to evacuate the city of service several times. At present she continues to study Arabic and adapt to the Middle Eastern culture.

- Pray for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to bring His peace to the city where Cierra serves and inner peace for her as she serves there.
- Pray for the Lord to enable Cierra to be fluent in Arabic so that she can better meet the needs of those that she serves.
- Pray for the Lord to protect the refugees that Cierra serves, so that they see His mighty salvation and come to faith in Jesus.



## Herb & Heather

### Medical Administration & Nursing Ministry – Jordan

Herb and Heather have lived and worked in Jordan for 40 years. Herb is the administrator, and Heather is a nurse serving the Lord at Annoor Sanatorium treating tuberculosis among the Bedouin communities. Increasingly patients come from other parts of the Middle East. In addition to treating multiple drug-resistant cases of TB, other pulmonary diseases are being treated, and patients often have a prolonged stay at Annoor. The medical personnel also operate a mobile dental clinic serving the isolated Bedouin communities in the desert. The often-prolonged stays at the sanatorium provide an opportunity to display the love of the Savior to "the least of these" in meeting physical needs and an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel. Recently the government has renewed 26 residency permits for the volunteers in answer to prayer.

- Pray for the volunteer staff at the Sanatorium as their responsibilities are changing to adapt to the change in the pulmonary and increasingly non-pulmonary diseases that they are now being called upon to treat.
- Pray for staff unity and for the educational needs of their children there.
- Pray for the ones who have responded to the Gospel and are facing multiple challenges for their faith.





## Mike & Stephanie

### Teacher & Educational Specialists – U.S. Based

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

- Pray for their next ITEN training in Nepal that it will help orient pastors in scriptural wisdom and servant leadership.
- Pray for ITEN team members' training in SE Asia, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe.
- 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 evacuated their country of service late last year due to escalating conflict in the Middle East. For the past several months, they have been stateside on a planned furlough for much-deserved rest and renewal. They hope to return overseas in Spring 2025. They continue to celebrate new milestones in language proficiency and regularly visit homes and facilitate small-group Bible studies. They are part of a church-planting team ministering primarily 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. They have also been assisting a partner church by teaching a discipleship course and serving with their youth ministry.

- Pray for lasting peace in the region and their return to their country of service in the spring of 2025.
- Pray for new believers in the local church to grow in servant-hearted leadership and become catalysts for the gospel to multiply among unreached peoples in the region.
- Pray for continued language skills, fruitful home visits, and new/existing small-group Bible studies.



## Aaron & Katie

### Refugee Ministry – Middle East

*Children: Ethan, Caleb, Jack, Aiden*

As children of missionaries, Aaron and Katie have prioritized taking the gospel to a place where Christ is not yet known. After leaving their beloved church home, The Avenue, they have settled into a Middle Eastern country to share the love of Christ with refugees who have fled nearby war-torn areas. That process was longer than expected, involving several moves, but now they are branching out into their new home community. They have been learning the language and building relationships, along with their four young boys, and worshipping at an international church while they found permanent housing. They are looking forward to finding a local fellowship to make their church home to share the love of Christ and his gospel truth.

- With a little Arabic under their belts, Aaron and Katie ask for prayer to find a local fellowship. Most meet on Saturday evenings, which is a school night for their four boys.
- Pray for Katie to heal from recurrent skin infections affecting her sleep and movement.
- Pray for a vehicle large enough to carry their family and a guest or two.



## Brian & Joanne

### Church Planters – Arab Gulf

Brian and Joanne minister at CH Church, in the Arab Gulf, with approximately 25 different nationalities attending. They are greatly encouraged by the many new visitors invited by members or from the internet. Many are non-Christians and are hearing the gospel for the first time. Brian preaches and teaches, leads the church, evangelizes and disciples, counsels, and serves as the student ministry Board Chairman. In the last year, the Lord has added a new elder and deacon and baptized new believers from places like Nigeria, the Philippines, India, and the Ukraine. Among the new members, the church added an Emirati to their membership, which is extremely rare, along with nominal Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and Sikh backgrounds. The membership has grown from 65-130+ since 2017. Praise God for members who are actively evangelizing and discipling. Last year's pastoral interns were from India and Cameroon with this year's group being from Mauritania and Ethiopia.

- Pray for God's blessing on their pastoral interns who returned to their home countries, that their churches and families would see the beauty of Jesus in 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 to grant conversions among non-Christian visitors who are attending.



## 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 that 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 for discernment in returning to the field and for God's provision when the time becomes clear.
- Pray for her family as they grieve the death of her mother and 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 be encouraged to wait for the Lord's next steps for her future.



## Nick & Amanda

### Church Planting – Middle East

*Children: Ellie, Hazel, Gus, Everett*

Nick and Amanda are team leaders for our Engage 2025 church planting team, serving in a large Middle Eastern city. Their team partners with a local church to build churches among this vast and needy refugee community. They have been purposeful in outreach through evangelism and discipleship home visits, their crochet project, and men's soccer. Because of the ongoing regional war, they and their team have been displaced several times in the last two years. They hope to return from the States to the Middle East in early summer. While they are here, they continue to lead their scattered team and stay in contact with their refugee friends. Nick is taking two seminary classes this semester. Their family is using this time for rest and recovery from this difficult season before they return to their refugee friends with the transforming hope of the gospel.

- Pray for continued healing from a hard season on the field and as they hope to go back in June.
- Pray for godly wisdom in leading their family and their team, as they seek to bring Him glory and be salt and light in an ever-changing field.
- Pray for more people to come to saving faith, become leaders and disciplers, and for their church to grow in breadth and depth.



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# EUROPE

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Tim & Cynthia Coomar

Rob & Tunde Futo

Chris & Debbie Gibson

Adam & DeAnna

Stephen & Belinda Kelley

Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc

Sarah

Clarke & Khrystyia Norton

Meghan Rintoul

George Tolia

Valery & Janna Morozov

Ed & Kathleen Underwood

Theo & Rieneke Visser



## 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. He has served as acting director for City-to-City Europe, helping others plant churches in urban centers across the continent. Tim’s wife, Cynthia, is fully on board. To help these new churches be resourced with materials, she has set up a Christian publishing house in Greece and produced at least 11 titles!

- Pray for wisdom and humility in leadership.
- Pray for strength in the Lord through the busy season.
- Pray for the whole family to find identity and meaning in Jesus rather than work or family. For God to enable them to live out the gospel 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 September 2025. 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. Their church has just gone through the Restore program, a church renewal ministry, which is suitable for counseling, discipleship and mentoring. They feel very encouraged and are hoping to lead other small groups through the program this spring!

- Pray for unity within the church plants as well as strengthening at their home church, where they are restructuring.
- Pray for safe travels and encouragement for Rob and Tunde as they travel to mission conferences while Rob is preparing to teach his Spring study on the Life of David.
- Praise their daughter, Csenge, has been accepted to RTS in Orlando and will pursue a MA in Theology. Pray for all the logistics and details for her move.



## Chris & Debbie Gibson

**Missionary Care – U.S. Based /Global**

After working in the field for over 20 years, lastly in Budapest at Sunrise House, offering care and respite to missionaries, they have returned to the States. They travel and work around the world helping missionary workers stay healthy, effective and on the field. Chris and Debbie are hoping to relocate back to the field in 2025 and are waiting on the Lord to direct them to their next city/country of service. They have connections in Spain and Scotland, which could be possible choices if the Lord directs them there. Currently, they are working with several missionaries in transition, having been forced out of their countries of service due to war and other challenges.

- Pray for the Lord to give them clarity on where He wants them to relocate to better serve missionaries on the field.
- Pray for wisdom, grace, and discernment as they care for and work with these missionaries in transition.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for all their needs when they return to the field, specifically a house and car.



## Adam & DeAnna

**Campus Ministry – United Kingdom**

*Children: Hallie*

Adam and DeAnna praise God for the many ways He has been at work during their time in Birmingham. God has been with Adam, DeAnna and Hallie as they've continued to integrate into the city, church, neighborhood, and campuses. In their new neighborhood full of immigrants from all over the world, they've had many opportunities to share the Gospel, pray for neighbors, and serve those around them. Their neighbor Hannah comes over regularly asking for prayer before she heads off to the mosque with her children. They continue to see the need for Gospel ministry on the campus as they interact with students daily. The majority on campus are from Islamic backgrounds and have little to no knowledge of Christ. Seeing God bring salvation to university students and put hunger in their hearts this past term has been a highlight.

- Pray as they engage in weekly Bible Study with Faisal, Zahid, and Meena. Pray for Adam as he seeks to establish new believers, Kaustav, Ali, Jesse, and Amon in their walks with Christ and cast a vision for the spiritual needs around them.
- Pray that God would work in the hearts of Muslim students to be open to reading the Bible together and move in a mighty way at the universities in their city.
- Pray for Adam and DeAnna to be spiritually strengthened each day and be kept by God as they minister to those who are in spiritual darkness.



## **Stephen & Belinda Kelley**

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

As a Muslim background believer himself, 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 many to Christ over the past year along with leading a training of over 150 Christian leaders via Zoom. Stephen has also had the opportunity to develop a course in house church planting in hopes of creating more ways for the gospel to be shared to entire families.

- Pray for Belinda as she faces significant health issues impacting her daily life. Pray for the Lord's strengthening grace for Stephen and Belinda as they trust the Lord for healing.
- Pray for the continued fruitfulness of Stephen's ministry to Muslims.
- Pray for encouragement as Stephen navigates a heavy travel schedule, while supporting Belinda and her needs, and managing his own health.



## **Norm & Ruth Ann Leduc**

**Media & Communications Ministry – France**

Norm and Ruth Ann serve in France with ministry focused on Member Care for Pioneers workers serving in Europe and media ministries across the Arab world and beyond. Their work in leading Pioneers Media, a ministry that focuses on the strategic use of digital media in church planting, engages with Muslims who are seeking the truth of Jesus Christ. The Lord has blessed their ministries. Their media work has seen over 600 professions of faith in the Arab world in 2024. Ruth Ann is encouraged by the many connections made among Pioneers workers, especially women, which encourages and affirms them in their ministries, and develops healthy community, such a vital part of thriving in cross-cultural ministry.

- Pray for Norm and Ruth Ann as they spend most of the year in the U.S. due to visa regulations, that the time would provide refreshment and reconnection with family and friends and enable them to do ministry remotely.
- Pray for the Lord to bless and sustain their local French church while they are away.
- Pray that they would continue to see fruit in their ministry to Muslims both in Europe and the Arab-speaking world as they sense more are earnestly seeking truth.





## Sarah

### Campus Ministry – United Kingdom

Sarah is a passionate global worker whose journey began with a transformative encounter with Christ at a young age. As she grew in her faith, she developed a deep compassion for those who lack the hope of eternal life, which fueled her desire to share the gospel. During her college years,

Sarah felt a clear calling to vocational ministry, prompting her to join the Campus Outreach staff. Now residing in Birmingham, England, Sarah dedicates her time to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with Muslim background college students, by building relationships and discipling women. Sarah eagerly awaits a future where people from every nation gather to worship at the throne of the Lamb. Her commitment to evangelism and discipleship inspires those around her as she seeks to spread the message of hope and redemption.

- Pray for the Lord to lead her to Muslim women who are spiritually open and hungry.
- Pray for the Lord to work in the lives of the women she's discipling and give them a heart and vision for their campus and their friends to know Jesus.
- Pray that God would speak through His Word to the hearts of Muslim students who are reading the Bible regularly with Sarah's staff team.



## Clarke & Khrystya Norton

### Church Strengthening & Counseling – Ukraine

*Children: Emma, Mark, Stefi*

As 2PC partners, from 2017 until 2021, they came back to the US for Clarke to study at Covenant Theological Seminary and will now return to war-torn Ukraine. Clarke, originally from Memphis, has completed his Master of

Divinity and Master of Arts in Counseling and has been ordained in the PCA. After Khrystya recovers from recent back surgery, they plan to return to Lviv to serve at Holy Trinity, a church plant, where they have been active in youth ministry and pastoral care. Clarke will help care for war-traumatized people through a Psychological Rehabilitation Center as well as preaching. They will participate in church planting work through hospitality, welcoming others into their home and their lives. Recently 20 people gathered for the new members class at Holy Trinity as the Lord continues to grow his church.

- Pray for Khrystya's healing and for the Lord's clear timing on their return to Ukraine.
- Pray for their transition back to Ukraine (culture/language, war, and schooling).
- Pray for people of Holy Trinity to hold onto the Lord and his promises and for the war in Ukraine to end.



## 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 the Lord gave her a vision for sharing Christ with college students, she came on staff with the Campus Outreach Resource Office and ministered to students at Rhodes College. After serving for five years, through prayer and seeking 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 2023, Meghan moved to Birmingham, England, where she is now serving as assistant to the Regional Director. In addition to serving administratively, Meghan's ministry includes sharing Christ with college students of diverse backgrounds in Birmingham.

- Pray for God to give Meghan and the team opportunities to connect their non-believing university friends with believing students, staff, and local church members.
- Pray for God to advance the gospel in Birmingham that it impacts not only the UK but to the ends of the earth and not only be a mission field but a mission force.
- Pray for God's Spirit to help Meghan walk closely with Him and trust Him in all things.



## George Tolias

**Church Planter – Greece**

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

George pastors Glyfada Evangelical Church which also has a ministry to refugees from surrounding countries, especially those from the Middle East. The church has seen much development in their children and discipleship ministries. Over the summer, they held a two-week VBS, which included Bible stories, worship, and fun games. In attendance were several kids from the neighborhood, offering a great opportunity to share the gospel beyond the church community. In addition, Glyfada continues encouraging home-based small groups to study the Bible, one of which is an Asian fellowship group that meets every week. The At Home Project particularly ministers to those from a Middle Eastern background by offering English classes, fellowship gatherings, and other fun activities to build community.

- Pray for God's guidance and provision for a permanent facility for the church.
- Pray that the church continues to reflect Christ's love by being hospitable and share the good news effectively and lovingly to the neighborhood and city.
- Pray for the Lord to empower the Timothy Project, focused on preaching-training, to equip participants to grow in their faith and effectively share the gospel with others.



## Valery & Janna Morozov

### Bible Translation – Russia

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

Janna and Valery Morozov 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. They have worked to support new missionaries on the field as well as visit partners throughout the country. They provide prayer and guidance for team members all through the country as well as other Russian missionaries in different fields. Valery was ordained as one of the pastors in their local town and now holds a weekly bible study in their home. He is also responsible for training the pastors for the church's Deaf population. They look forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of the mission there and are working on a book for the Jubilee.

- Pray for strength and peace as they wish to visit their daughter Anna Maria and meet her husband Jarred face to face but have been unable to obtain visas to the US.
- Pray for guidance as they counsel Russian missionaries struggling with various hardships on the field.
- Pray for displaced people, including their eldest daughter and her family, who cannot return to Russia because of the war and political situation.



## Ed & Kathleen Underwood

### Cross-Cultural Digital Ministry – Ireland

*Children: Elijah, Moses, Joseph, Ezra, Selah, Isaiah*

While serving on the missions committee at his home church in the US, Ed was praying that the Lord would open a way for full-time ministry. The Lord connected him with a woman in his church who was dying of cancer, who encouraged him to act and serve Him. Six months later he was serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in West Africa, where he served 6 years, becoming the regional IT Coordinator. He met Kate there, and when they married, the Lord redirected him from IT hardware to cross-culture digital and multimedia tools. After finishing his training, he was recruited as a cofounder for a new work to distribute the Scriptures digitally in the Muslim world. Five years later, the Lord moved them to found 100Fold, a ministry to redeem technology to advance the Gospel. After 12 years, they have seen more than 4 million people in hard places gain access to the Scriptures, tens of thousands of Gospel presentations, and over 1,000 people professing faith in Christ. This year they built an AI Gospel chatbot as well as offline tools that have helped to train thousands of pastors.

- Pray for their chatbot and offline tools to extend access to the Gospel to evangelize and disciple more people in hard to access places.
- Pray for Kate as she serves with Ed at 100Fold and cares for their six children.
- Pray for the Lord to draw the family closer to Him daily through His word.



## Theo & Rieneke Visser

### Church Planting – Europe

After roughly 30 years of ministry and seeing hundreds of people come to faith, Theo’s passion continues in disciple-making and intercultural church planting. Today, Theo and wife, Rieneke, work for M4 Intercultural in Western Europe where they aim to train a new generation of leaders by providing them with teaching, coaching, ministry tools, prayer, and other various kinds of support. In Germany, M4 Intercultural is progressing with at least three new intercultural church plants who will undergo a two-year program that includes assessments, basic team training, and coaching. Theo and Rieneke continue to put a substantial amount of time into making disciples! Through a recent church planting effort in Oberberg, Theo and his team saw 30 young people struggling with addiction decide to follow Jesus. Finding new life in Christ, these young people have become incredibly generous and are now able to pay a pastor.

- Pray for ADVANCE! They developed this simple tool to plant smaller organic churches during the pandemic. Right now, they are seeking inroads to equip young people to walk with it.
- In Germany, they will join the first 2-year training M4 Process for new church planting teams with intercultural DNA on March 1-2. They have three intercultural teams. Pray that they will see fruit and that this pilot will grow in other countries.
- Pray that they stay close to Jesus and remain in the vine to bring forth much fruit for the glory of the Father!

## UPDATED PRAYER REQUESTS + NOTES

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# AFRICA

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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 spending time learning Amharic and local culture, Kyria is working on Bible translation and caring for their young son, Thomas. Dean works on a “faith and farming” project. They will be returning to the U.S. in early May until early September this year for their planned Home Assignment. During those months, they’ll be trying to connect with about half of their supporting churches, catching up on medical appointments, and attending other events in multiple states. The logistics of this requires a lot of planning. Recently, Dean was able to attend the ordinations of three ruling elders. These were the first ordained in the new Presbyterian denomination in Addis Ababa. These men have been serving faithfully in church plants for a while, but now their ordinations are official.

- Pray for improved health, especially as Dean recovers from flu-like symptoms.
- Pray as they plan their four-month Home Assignment in the US.
- Pray for the three ruling elders recently ordained in the denomination as they continue to serve in church-plants.



## 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 prayer lifted in the name of Jesus. Son Carey is now back at the school serving as assistant swim coach.

- Pray for the nation of Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. Pray that the Lord would move in the nation, bringing hope and a future to the people.
- Pray for the Lord to call many students to ABC, that they would receive excellent training and become laborers and leaders in the harvest.
- Pray that son Carey would become a strong man of God and have influence broadly for the Kingdom of God.



## Alicia Hubbard

### Administration & Resource Team – Zambia

Having previously served in Lusaka, Zambia, Alicia Hubbard returned to serve in an administrative role with Campus Outreach in 2023 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?” Alicia is thankful for a growing partnership with a local orphanage and loves getting to know the children there as an additional ministry opportunity. Alicia’s church also partners with a sister church in Zimbabwe. In the fall, she traveled there to help bring new people to the congregation and encourage the women’s ministry to support new wives and young mothers.

- Pray for Alicia and her team as they plan curriculum and activities for the new semester.
- Pray for Alicia’s family as they navigate her mother’s health and get her care she needs.
- Pray for Alicia to love and care for her roommate, Lisungu, who recently lost her father.



## 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 those who hear the Gospel as Garth and Fiona serve in their local area, or through TWR, that God would raise up disciples for His Glory.
- Pray that Garth and Fiona will continue to love God and be led by Him as they do life in their country.
- Pray for Garth’s mom as she heals from treatment for a cancer diagnosis.



## Allison Neubert

### Administration & Resource Team – South Africa

Allison is in her twelfth year of ministry with Campus Outreach and in her fifth year specifically with CO South Africa. She serves on the Leadership Team as their Operations Director. There are many responsibilities within Allison's titles, 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. Over the last year, 150+ students have been intentionally engaged with the Gospel through evangelism and discipleship. They also saw over 20 college students profess faith in Christ. CO South Africa hired six South African interns this year, which made their team 66% Indigenous and 33% American with a total of 30 staff members. Allison is currently on her scheduled Home Ministry Assignment for the next few months.

- Pray for her to rest in Christ and be refueled during her sabbatical. Pray that she would be able to reflect on what God has done in and through her in S. Africa.
- Pray for the 90+ students who attended their summer projects, that what they learned will be deeply rooted in their hearts so that they would continue seeking Him.
- Pray for Allison while she is in the U.S., for the old and new connections she will make, and for the hearts of those who will join her in mission.



## Steve & Marion Spencer

### University Leadership – South Africa

*Children: Samuel, Esther*

After serving over 30 years with African Bible College in Malawi, where they were involved in Christian higher education, leadership development, curriculum design, and administration, the Lord called the Spencers to start a Christian liberal arts university in South Africa. For the past six years, the Spencers have endeavored to launch Genesis University. Genesis has purchased and completely renovated a commercial building in Stellenbosch, Western Cape. While they wait for government approval, they are offering "short courses" and seminars to build relationships and place footprints in the community. The mission of Genesis University 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 for government and Council of Higher Education approvals, and accreditation of their first-degree program, so they can start school in January 2026.
- Pray for wisdom and patience for Steve as he leads boards in the U.S. and South Africa, for student scholarships, volunteers for short courses, faculty and staff hires, and students to attend the university.
- Pray for a vehicle for the Spencer family, as they minister and travel in the U.S.





## Steve Winstead

### Pastor – Ethiopia

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

Steve is senior pastor of International Evangelical Church, a non-denominational church in Addis Ababa. IEC has a membership of over 1,000 people from 60 countries. Steve and the church do quarterly training for national pastors and for the Evangelical College on the church campus. Steve was able to go to the Lausanne Congress in Korea in September, and his church hosted a missions conference with people from across East Africa. Their Downline ministry is in its third year, training 70 people to make disciples. Steve and Margaret are also counseling couples in preparation for marriage. Their four sons are enjoying sports and school activities, with Samuel, the oldest, having completed his first semester at Samford University in Alabama.

- Pray for work and family residency permit renewals.
- Pray for son Noah after surgery on his ear.
- Pray for the continued growth of their Downline ministry, for those trained to return to their homes to make disciples of many in their sphere of influence.



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# CENTRAL / S. AMERICA

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Gabriel Glory

Juan Patt

Marcelo Robles

Shayla Wolfe

Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman



## Gabriel Glory

### Mission Trip Coordination – Mexico

*Spouse: Norma*

Gabriel, brother of Chucho Morales, pastor of Iglesia Esperanza in Memphis, serves as an administrator at the Blas Pascal Christian School in Merida, Mexico. For almost 30 years, he has attended Shalom Presbyterian Church, and for 26 years, he has worked with the Reformed Evangelistic Community. Gabriel also serves as a coordinator and host for different missionary groups from the U.S. Through the help of these groups, Shalom Church has experienced the blessing of helping provide church repair and construction projects for dozens of churches across their state. The groups also partner with Shalom's youth group to run after-school VBS programs with underprivileged children in Yucatan.

- Pray for the men's retreat that involves Shalom, Second Presbyterian Church, and La Mision from Argentina and for the visit of a Global X group working at Emanuel Church and Shalom building projects.
- Pray for wisdom and physical strength for Gabriel as he participates in the many projects and conferences during this year.
- Pray for Jasiby, their primary school principal, who is undergoing colon cancer treatment while caring for her two-year-old twins.



## Juan Patt

### Pastor – Belize

*Spouse: Maria | Children: Stephanie, Joanna*

Juan and his family pastor at Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church and Harvest Church in Calcutta Village in Corozal, where God in His sovereign love is using them to build His Church. Belize is a country of great cultural and linguistic diversity, known mostly for its paradise like areas and the warmth of its people, it is also a country hit by difficult economic situations that strongly affect the members of the church. God's work does not decline, and they remain committed to teaching the Bible and training leaders who can accompany them in the rewarding task of pastoring and discipleship. They especially appreciate the faithful prayer support that sustains them in the ministry.

- Pray for family unity as they face new challenges in 2025 and prepare for Stephanie's departure to study abroad.
- Pray for the Lord to continue to use them to shepherd the flock and be instruments of God's grace in the lives of others.
- Pray for the Lord to give Juan strength to fulfill his various presbytery, ministry, teaching, and non-ministry roles.



## Marcelo Robles

### Church Planter & Pastor – Argentina

*Spouse: Susi | Children: Vicky, Brenda*

Marcelo planted and now pastors La Misión Church in Buenos Aires. He is also the coordinator of The Faith and Work Initiative, and part of City-to-City Network LATAM. La Misión Church has four congregations in distinct neighborhoods in the city and an outreach strategy that focuses on caring for children and the poor, working with university students, and training church planters and pastors. Discipleship is a key focus and includes small groups as well as training leaders in the congregation. Marcelo's work with City-to-City focuses on equipping new church planters and city catalyzers in Argentina and Latin America.

- Pray for discipleship and leadership training, for the ten seminary students to continue growing in knowledge and maturity, and for two more elders and pastors.
- Pray for the City-to-City LATAM intensive in Buenos Aires this October, that the Lord would strengthen each city and ministry in LATAM.
- Pray for Vicky in her sophomore year of college, that the Lord would continue guiding her and growing her faith and reliance on Him.



## Shayla Wolfe

### Sports & Youth Ministry – Argentina

Shayla arrived in Buenos Aires in August of 2024 from 2PC and has seen the Lord working in amazing ways already. He has answered many of her prayers and continues to teach her how to rely on his provision and goodness as she builds relationships and acclimates to a new culture and language.

Shayla is currently discipling two young women at the La Misión Church and has enjoyed meeting with university and youth small groups. She also joined a running group and has had opportunities to share her faith and invite other runners to church-sponsored sports activities. She praises the Lord's provision of a Spanish tutor and quick advancement in the language. She is also thankful that the hard work of obtaining her residency is complete and that she has a great apartment secured for the next year.

- Pray that she will continue to rest in the Lord and allow him to restore her daily.
- Pray for her family to know the love of Christ as she is the only believer in her immediate family.
- Pray for the youth and young adults to know Christ deeper.



## **Kyle & Claudia Zimmerman**

### **Development & Outreach – Argentina**

*Children: Isaiah, Sarah, Abigail*

In 2007, Kyle and Claudia returned to Buenos Aires and La Misión 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 inflation and economy in Argentina have begun to improve, however, there are many still in need. Their church is stepping in to help fill the hunger gap by serving 200 meals each Saturday. Kyle has been able to continue to expand his carpentry class to bring on new students, which has helped their families during difficult economic times. They are refining 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 Misión 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 which has struggled with finances and health issues. Pray for the economic situation in Argentina to continue to improve.
- Pray for their three children, that God would guide and direct Isaiah at Covenant, Sarah at Cedarville, and for Abby as she prepares for next steps after high school.



# MISSIONARIES IN TRANSITION



## **Randy & Martha**

Randy and Martha have changed roles and ministry focus in the past year. This new position is firmly US-based and less field-facing than their last role. We are thankful for their long perseverance and commitment to labor wherever the Lord places them.



## **Jeff & Lynne**

Jeff and Lynne have labored in SE Asia for a long time. Some changes in ministry philosophy have brought an end to our partnership but not our friendship. We are grateful for their work and commitment to their people group.

# 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 junior and senior 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.

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## La Misión

Our church's relationship with the Presbyterian church in Argentina goes back over 25 years. Central to that work is our partnership with La Misión 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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