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# PRAYER GUIDE



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Dear Friends,

We hope this resource will help you and your family pray for God's work around the world. The field workers and global and local partners in this prayer guide have been released to God's mission, and we share in their work through sending, supporting, and praying for them. As you use this guide, may your faith in God be deepened, and may it grow your heart for His world.





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# HOW TO PRAY DAILY FOR OUR FIELD WORKERS

Field workers rely on our prayers for God to work in and through them as they proclaim the gospel with their lives and lips.

**Your daily prayers are an invaluable way of supporting this work!**

**S**

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Freshness in walk with Jesus. Faithfulness in the Word, prayer, and listening to/depending on the Spirit.

**M**

## **FAMILY LIFE**

Healthy marriage. Wisdom and grace as parents. Children's education. Boundaries/balanced priorities. Fun!

**T**

## **CULTURAL ADAPTATION**

Deepening understanding of culture/context. Patience, humility, and increasing love for people they serve.

**W**

## **MINISTRY ADVANCEMENT**

Strong language acquisition. Spirit-led strategy. Sensitivity, creativity, and boldness in sharing Christ. Provision.

**TH**

## **TEAM DYNAMICS**

Interpersonal relationships with leaders, fellow workers, and national believers. Conflict resolution. Unity.

**F**

## **GLOBAL KINGDOM IMPACT**

Government: local and national leaders, visas, freedoms. That the gospel spreads whether peace or persecution.

**S**

## **SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH**

Stamina. Encouragement. Regular exercise and rest. Safety. Good friendships. Recreation and refreshment. Joy!

YOU'RE INVITED  
TO JOIN US ON THE  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**



# GLOBAL PRAYER UPDATES

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**Hear from visiting field workers and  
pray for our field workers scattered  
across the globe.**

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# AFRICA

## FIELD WORKERS



### **Mark & Jenny Ellefson** *Burundi*

The Ellefson family is supporting the advancement of the Kingdom of God in Burundi by coming alongside local ministry leaders and churches through consultancy and training. Located in the heart of Africa, Burundi is the second poorest nation in the world. The Ellefsons' vision is to see God continue to do incredible things through local leaders in one the least-resourced nations in the world. They are currently working from the USA due to instability in Burundi.

- Pray for ongoing partnerships to help advance the Kingdom of God in the Great Lakes region of Africa.
- Pray for the Missionary Training School as it trains local Burundian missionaries.
- Pray for the gospel to transform the unreached Batwa ethnic group.
- Pray for the school-aged children of the nation to know God and His call and purpose for their lives in transforming their nation.



### **Wubshet Teklewold** *EKHC | Africa*

Wubshet and his family serve in the southeastern part of Ethiopia, in a primarily Muslim-dominated area. They are training hundreds of Muslim-background believers (MBBs) in their training centers, planting churches, and encouraging the 390 MBBs they have commissioned and sent to the mission field. They give thanks to God that hundreds of thousands have come to Christ through their ministry in the past few years.

- We need your prayers as we continue to train more men and women MBBs to send to unreached people groups. Your prayers are crucial for our mission's success.
- Please pray for the strength and perseverance of new converts who are under persecution, intimidation, and attack.
- We need your prayers for the planned new church planting sites and evangelism among Muslims.
- Please pray for me and my family for guidance and blessings throughout our lives.



### **The 5G Family** *Africa*

Greg, Jess, and their three boys are moving to a new team and city in their country at the start of 2025. Their primary desire is to see Christ's church, fruitful and growing, in this place where it is not yet known to exist. They are engaged in full-time culture and language learning as well as business research so that, long-term, they can run a business that integrates them in the community and provides relationships to sow and, Lord willing, water Gospel seeds. They are trying to do these things while also keeping up with their three young boys.

- Pray that we will consistently grow in abiding in Jesus for what we need.
- Pray for grace to learn the local culture and language efficiently yet relationally.
- Pray for groups of locals who will repent of sin, believe in Christ, and follow the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for our boys (and us) to experience and trust our Father's steadfast love through all the changes this year.





**Katie**  
*North Africa*

Katie has been serving in North Africa since 2011. The team she is a part of seeks to engage with those around them and look for opportunities to share truth. This comes in many forms, but mostly through the process of building friendships and coming alongside those who are in need.

- Pray that God would increase our spheres of influence and that we would take every opportunity to be light and salt in this dry and weary land.
- Pray for opportunities to get into the Word with individuals and groups.
- Pray for economic and political stability. There will be an election in late 2024, and we need people of integrity in places of power.



**Dr. Gina Wintermantel (Hazel, Abraham, Josiah, Cyrus)**  
*Christian Veterinary Mission / AIM | Torit, South Sudan*

Gina and Steve served in South Sudan together for five years, partnering with African pastors to launch Kingdom Builders School (KBS), a disciple-making school to equip both men and women who have been called to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to unreached people in South Sudan. KBS has also developed a demonstration farm to provide training in agriculture and animal husbandry for KBS students and the community. After Steve's passing in 2023, Gina has continued to walk with KBS. This year, she will be in South Sudan for six months to serve with the KBS leaders. The following six months, she will be at Rift Valley Academy (RVA) teaching physical education and mentoring students. Her youngest son will graduate from RVA in 2025.

- Pray for the KBS demonstration farm and the provision of a farm manager who has experience and loves Jesus and teaching.
- Pray for the formation of a passionate and committed board of directors for Kingdom Builders School, and for our leaders to be sustained and fulfilled in their service.
- Pray for our family to stay committed to following Jesus and sharing about Him with others.



**John Philip Omot**  
*SIM | Ethiopia/Worldwide*

John is a pastor who provides introductory training on trauma awareness and resilience. He also is involved in peacebuilding in the Sudan Jonglei Food Security Project. The targeted people in his ministry are traditional leaders, local government leaders, church leaders, women in leadership, and youth leaders.

- Prayers for the Murle tribe, as they are in conflict with all tribes bordering them.
- Prayers for the Pochalla South and Pochalla North Anyuak conflict.



## The W Family

*North Africa*

It is The W Family's joy to call North Africa home since 2010. Their hearts' desire is to make disciples who make disciples who make disciples and to see every corner of their nation touched by the gospel. They partner with a local house-church group in discipleship and leadership training. As they form relationships through business, in their neighborhood, and with friends of their boys, they aim to give each a reason for the hope they have and see the Kingdom expanded in this Muslim land.

- Ask that the Father would continue to open doors for the gospel.
- Ask for perseverance, protection, and proliferation for the local church.
- Ask that we would serve humbly, faithfully, and expectantly in the harvest fields.
- Ask that our boys would come to saving faith and would thrive in this environment.

# ASIA

## FIELD WORKERS



### Tom & Ninra

*Seed Company | Southeast Asia*

In the country in southeast Asia where Ninra and Tom live, there are more than 150 languages, and 45 or more do not have a single verse of Scripture. Seed Company trains and funds nationals to do the work of literacy and Bible translation. As field project manager, Tom is responsible for finding new translation projects and supporting these national leaders.

- Praise God for the way He is sustaining all of the translation projects and for the ways in which God's Word is transforming lives and communities. Continue to ask Him to grant His strength to the translators as they face war, injustice, internet and communication cuts, electricity outages, inflation, and more.
- Please pray for Ninra and Tom as they work on their masters in biblical counseling degrees online.
- Please pray for revival of the church in the midst of a brutal civil war. May God have mercy on this country.



### Mike & Maria

*Partners International | Southeast Asia*

Their ministry focuses on training and sending out local believers to share the gospel with Muslims and to establish churches for those who respond. Additionally, they work with existing Christians to equip them to reach out to the Muslims who work in their offices, live next door, or attend the same school as them.

- Every day, we are engaged in sharing the gospel personally and through our church planters. Pray that many will come to faith.
- We are training new believers to start house churches in resistant areas. Pray for their boldness in proclaiming the gospel.
- Pray that we will be sensitive to the Spirit's leading as we grow the ministry into new areas.





## **Saru K.** *Asia*

Saru is actively involved in preaching, teaching, and counseling ministries, and she also serves as a faculty member in a theological studies program. Additionally, Saru is the founder and counselor of a counseling center, where she pursues missions through a ministry of care and support. Her goal is to reach people of other faiths through compassionate counseling while also ministering to her own diaspora community, both locally and globally. At her local church, she leads the youth and women's ministries.

- Pray for rest and renewal; please pray that my husband and I may find moments of rest and renewal amidst the growing demands of ministry so we can continue to serve effectively.
- Pray for my family; please pray for my family as we strive to live out our calling together, embracing the motto of being a "family in mission" as our way of life.
- Pray for my team and resources; pray that God would bring the right people to join my team, both as volunteers and as supporters, who believe in the power of care and counseling as a mission in this self-focused generation.



## **Tom & Anne (David, Annalies)** *Pioneers | Ontario, Canada*

Tom and Anne serve as nonresident field workers to an unreached country in South Asia. Their focus is on providing Disciple Making Movement/Church Planting Movement training and coaching. They desire to see this church planting movement expand to 300 reproducing churches in the next year.

- Pray that the national team would maintain a passion to see a reproducing church started in every one of the 14,000+ villages in our region.
- Ask God to bless us with vibrant physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual health so that we may carry on well in this work.
- Pray that our children, David and Annalies, would continue to grow and mature in their faith. Pray that they would follow God's direction and know God's plan for their lives.





## **John & Lily** *Southeast Asia & Micronesia*

John and Lily work alongside indigenous Christian leaders in Southeast Asia to access unreached people with the gospel and influence positive community change through relief and development.

- In January 2024, Lily was diagnosed with stage-4 cancer. Pray for us to receive the peace of mind that passes all understanding. Pray for doctors to have the wisdom to provide the proper care and treatment, and for healing and medical expenses to be cared for.
- Pray for freedom for the Word to spread throughout restricted countries and to unreached people groups.
- Pray for protection of our indigenous evangelists as they seek to serve the Kingdom and spread the gospel.
- Pray for the young evangelists on Micronesia that are developing and sending disciples to the islands.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7



## **Kipp & Anna (Josiah, Asia, Levi, Keon, Simon, Isaiah)** *Southeast Asia*

Kipp and Anna help run a holistic, vocational boarding school for students, ages 17-23, from poor villages in rural areas who do not have the opportunity to go to school. Their vision is that these youth would be reconciled with God so they can be effective servants of positive influence in their families, communities, and churches.

- Pray for the health of our family and team as we have had constant health issues.
- Pray for medical care in our region for those who are less fortunate and do not have access to good medical care.
- Pray for the economy as inflation has doubled the cost of living for the local people.
- Pray for our students to truly come into a knowing relationship with their heavenly Father.
- Pray for our family in the US and in our host country.



## **Mike & Rachel** *Southeast Asia*

Mike and Rachel live in a major city of Southeast Asia among a minority unreached people group. They work alongside local people to mobilize neighborhood assets to address urban issues. They share the good news about Jesus so that people can experience restored relationships with God, self, and others.

- Pray that God will use our soccer program to empower at-risk youth to make good choices.
- Pray that God will lead us to people who are ready to follow Him and who will also share the good news of Jesus with their families.
- Pray that God will transform each member of our family into the image of Christ through the Word of God and the internal ministry of the Holy Spirit.

*I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one.*

Romans 9:25/Hosea 2:23

# MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA

## FIELD WORKERS

### **The G Family**

*International Needs | Asia*

The G family serves in a closed country, being the hands and feet of Jesus to those around them. They seek to get the Word of God into the hands of those who are seeking through personal interactions and the internet. Activities such as language instruction and summer camps give them the opportunity to share with others.

- Next Generation Ministry: Children and Teens Bible Summer Camps are expanding! The opportunity is here. Currently, we have 3 separate camps in 3 regions. There is a need for the camps to extend into 5 areas. Please pray for provisions, physical help, and wisdom to organize the team and program.
- Church Planting Ministry: Please pray for the opportunity to empower our church workers and leaders through seminars, workshops, and conferences.
- We are grateful for God's sustaining grace amid uncertainties due to government opposition to us and our ministries. Continue to pray for undivided love for His service and complete surrender to His will in our family.



### **Dave & Pam**

*Operation Mobilization | Middle East/Southeast Asia*

Dave and Pam oversee 400 national and international field workers who are church planting among the most unreached in South Asia, Iran, and Afghanistan. They also serve as associate area directors for ten additional countries, building strategic partnerships and providing oversight, accountability, teaching, training, coaching, leadership development, prayer mobilization, and recruiting.

- Please pray for open doors, wisdom, boldness, and the power of the Spirit as we continue to travel and minister in these countries, especially in conflict zones and under persecution.
- Pray for 5,000 national churches to send 50,000 near- and same-culture workers to join in pioneering among the least reached in South Asia, and for the persecuted churches and believers in these countries to stand strong.
- Pray for our children - For Rachel and her husband, Joshua, and our granddaughter, Ayvah, and for Justin and his wife, Koheun, and their children, Will and Lee, for guidance and blessing in and through their lives.





## The M Family

*Middle East*

The M family works in an unreached area of the Middle East, serving through agriculture on an experimental farm and through relationship building and Good Book study.

- Pray for those in our area to encounter the Son of God, for their hearts to be open to receiving Him despite potential retaliation from family and religious leaders, and for courage to meet together.
- Pray for J's work on the farm, that it would be productive and continue to provide for people's physical needs for food and sustainable agricultural methods and that it would also be an avenue for creating relationships and opportunities to share the good news.
- Pray for our family as we seek to live our life in close communion with God and that out of this communion, the people we work amongst would also come to know Him.



## Jamal & Suzan H.

*Middle East*

Jamal leads Refugee Cities Network. Their mission is to love and help refugees and the poor by providing relief, medical assistance, development, and training. Their new center in East Amman includes a medical clinic, discipleship program, and skills training. Refugee Cities Network has seen dozens of refugee families come to the Lord and grow in their faith as a result of these initiatives.

- Please pray for us as a family as we continue to trust the Lord in all ways.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to guide us in this season and continue to supply our needs according to His richness in heaven.
- Pray that the Lord will use us as we meet with many needy families. Pray that the message of hope will reach them and that we will see many decisions for Jesus.



## Dan & Devri Wickwire

*Frontier Alliance International | Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus*

Dan and Devri have been sharing the gospel with Turkish speaking Muslims since 1985, with 28 years in Turkey and now 11 year in Northern Cyprus. They are currently involved in hosting and overseeing the Shiloh International Fellowship; vetting, training, and encouraging new FAI missionaries who want to work with Muslims in the Middle East; and mentoring Turkish church leaders and new workers on the field. Dan has written a number of books, many of which have been translated into languages of the Middle East ([danwickwire.com](http://danwickwire.com)). Dan and Devri frequently give seminars on how to share the Gospel effectively with Muslims, and they are daily involved in a prayer house ministry.

- Join us in praying for the members of Shiloh International Fellowship, that each would invest in reaching others for Christ.
- Pray for discernment and wisdom in every training program to equip others to grow in grace and in their ability to follow Christ's call to the nations.
- Pray for our families in Germany, California, and Texas to raise up children who know and love the Lord.



# AUSTRALIA

## FIELD WORKERS



### S & K

*Youth With a Mission (YWAM) | Sunshine Coast, Australia*

S & K are currently serving with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) on the Sunshine Coast in Australia. They serve as the ministry coordinators of the Discipleship Training School (DTS) which is YWAM's foundational training course, seeking to draw students into a deeper relationship with God and release them into missional lives. Students engage in three months of lectures on a wide variety of topics oriented towards intimacy with God and mission. Following these three months, the students experience a two month, cross-cultural outreach to share the message of love that they experienced in their own lives. S & K's roles include oversight of staff training and care, DTS students and courses, and outreach locations and focus.

- Pray that we would continue to pursue God above anything else, choose humility and vulnerability in a role of leadership, and proceed to grow a strong foundation in our marriage.
- Pray that those students who chose to come to our base would powerfully encounter Christ's love for them and boldly choose a life of obedience, adventure, and intimacy with God.
- Pray that we and all the young individuals who come to our base would feel the call and burden of the gospel and commit to living a life on mission.

# NORTH AMERICA

## FIELD WORKERS



### **David & Kristen Burson (Jonathan, Stephanie)**

*Ethnos360 Headquarters | Florida*

David and Kristen develop specialized software to help church planters who work among unreached people groups. Church planters use these software systems to help them learn the local language and culture, develop teaching aids for explaining the Bible, and create literacy curricula.

- Pray for wisdom to focus our time wisely on the many ministry needs.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up full-time co-workers in this ministry.
- Pray for wisdom raising our kids, Jonathan and Stephanie, that they would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### **Thearith & Angela Cheng (Hadassa, Micah, Zion)**

*Youth With a Mission (YWAM) | Pittsburgh, PA*

After 15 years serving in Southeast Asia, the Cheng family now serves at YWAM Pittsburgh. They serve at a refugee kids club ministry in refugee neighborhoods, as well as train the next generation of field workers to go to the nations through their YWAM base.

- Ask for God's anointing as we minister to those God puts in our lives.
- Ask for open doors and open hearts of refugees in the neighborhoods we serve.
- Ask for wisdom as we coach and mentor younger missionary staff.



### **Nick & Jena Fast (Aubrey, Titus, Avery Grace)**

*Athletes in Action | Northwest Wisconsin*

The Fastes reach college athletes and coaches in northwest Wisconsin. Their goal is that every athlete would know someone who truly follows Jesus. They lead the movement and offer opportunities to reach non-believing athletes through teammates and coaches. Nick and Jena disciple athletes, teaching them to walk with God and give Him glory through their platform of sport, and train them to reach their teammates and others for Christ.

- Pray for the athlete leaders to take steps of faith and trust the Lord as they lead Bible studies with other athletes.
- Pray for God to move on each team and give believing athletes courage and strength as they walk with Jesus to share the gospel with their teammates and coaches.
- Pray for strong leaders and for 2 more staff members to help in leading the movement.





**Brian & Patricia Fink**  
*NAIM | Saskatchewan, Canada*

Brian and Patricia work with North American Indigenous Ministries among First Nations people of south central Saskatchewan (primarily Plains Cree). Their ministry is focused on Christ-centered disciple-making seeking to model a more respectful approach to First Nations people and their culture. They invest a significant time in face-to-face relationships. Their primary mission is social and spiritual reconciliation for the purpose of evangelism and discipleship. They desire to encourage better relationships between First Nations people and Christian communities through education and example and eventually see greater numbers of Native Christians in significant ministry and leadership positions.

- Pray for God’s strength, wisdom, and patience as we seek to meet the emotional and behavioral needs of our adopted and foster children.
- Pray for Brian’s chaplaincy position with the local Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment. Pray that we can be the hands and feet of Christ to our first responders.
- Pray that God would use the weekly Bible studies on the reserve to make disciples and encourage the hearts of those who attend.



**Andrew & Megan Florestano (Theo, Cirdan, Asher)**  
*Navigators | South Dakota State University*

Andrew and Megan Florestano serve with the Navigators collegiate ministry at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Their aim is to reach college students with the gospel of Jesus, establish them in their faith, and equip them to be “laborers in the harvest” in their own spheres of influence, both on campus and in their lives post-graduation. They want to see students focus on individual people, with an eye towards spiritual multiplication through generations of disciple-makers.

- Pray for clarity and courage in sharing the gospel with non-believers on campus.
- Pray for wisdom in training student leaders to be effective Kingdom laborers.
- Pray for spiritual rest and trust in the Lord for both of us, as ministers and parents.



**April & Adam Foat (Jonathan)**  
*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship | Northeast Wisconsin*

April and Adam Foat, along with their new son, Jonathan, have relocated to northeastern Wisconsin where April serves as area director, overseeing the staff and ministry of InterVarsity in this region of the state.

- Pray for my staff team to be renewed in their calling to campus to do the work joyfully with the Lord.
- Pray for us to reach new corners of students such as athletes, international students, nursing students, etc.
- Pray for us to reach new campuses (we are on 8 of 62 campuses in our area).
- Pray for Adam and I to be good parents to our son. Pray that he gets to know Jesus someday.





## **Josh Green / La Thao**

*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship | Marquette University*

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Marquette University is a multi-ethnic, inter-denominational group of students on campus. This ministry aims to raise and develop students to lead their peers in Scripture study, evangelistic outreach, and prayer, while also engaging in ethnic reconciliation and justice issues. The hope is to see these students change the campus as a whole, being equipped to serve Jesus on mission for the rest of their lives.

- Pray for our small group Bible study leaders. Small groups are the backbone of our whole ministry, and we long for our leaders to be people who are drawing closer to God and leading others to do the same. Pray for boldness and faithfulness on their part.
- We have our annual Fall Conference at the end of October. Pray that we'd be able to get several freshmen/new students to come so that they can get vision for God's mission on campus.
- Pray that we would get at least 4-5 freshmen in our freshmen discipleship group starting at the beginning of October.



## **Christina Winrich**

*OMF International | Milwaukee, WI*

After 12 years serving as a field worker in East Asia, Christina has returned to the Midwest, where she works on two different OMF teams. As a church missions consultant, she coaches church mission leaders to help them grow their church's missions programs. She also facilitates workshops for local churches to help them see more of God's heart for the nations and to discern specific ways their church can be more involved in God's mission. As a prayer coordinator, Christina helps mobilize prayer from churches and newer sending centers in Latin & South America, Africa, eastern and northern Europe, and parts of Asia for the peoples of East Asia.

- Pray for many open doors to share OMF's powerful missions resources with local churches here in the US. May the material be fruitful in helping local Christians engage more intentionally in God's global mission.
- Pray that more people globally would catch God's heart for all peoples and engage in faithful, fervent prayer for those outside of the family of Christ. May God's kingdom come here in earth—in every people group—as in heaven.
- OMF's focus is on the peoples of East Asia. Please pray that our field workers and staff would be sustained, encouraged, and used mightily by God for His glory in East Asia.



## **Sam & Meghan (Gabriel, Fletcher)**

*Cru | Manhattan, New York City*

Meghan helps lead a team of 10 Cru staff (of which Sam is a part!) to reach 400,000+ college students in 60+ colleges and universities across Manhattan and the Bronx with the gospel. Right now, they help lead student movements on 10 different campuses, a few of which include: New York University, The Fashion Institute of Technology, The New School, City College of New York, Fordham University, and Manhattan College. Day to day, they share their faith with lost students across the city, meet to disciple Christian student leaders, lead Bible studies, speak and teach at student gatherings, and train and equip students to love Jesus, lead their peers, and live out their faith for a lifetime. God has given them a vision to raise up students who will love Jesus wholeheartedly, live as disciples of Christ together, and go out to make disciples on their campuses and around the world.

- Please pray that we would have Spirit-filled hope and intimacy with Jesus, for wisdom to raise our boys well in the city and meaningfully put Jesus first as a family, for breakthrough and growth in emotional and spiritual health and for humility and boldness to live out our faith in all things.
- For our team, pray for humility and a heart of prayer, for dependence on God and life in the power of the Spirit in everything we do, for new ways to effectively reach lost students here with the Gospel, and for eyes to see where God is already working around NYC.
- Pray for the city and for God to open people's eyes and hearts to His existence, to convict people of their sin, to make people aware of their need for a Savior, and to raise up disciplemakers in every facet of city culture so everyone everywhere can have a chance to know and follow Jesus.



## **Roger & Lynn Hamilton (Ryan, Tori, Andrew, Michael)**

*Navigators | Colorado*

Roger and Lynn have served with Navigators since 1988. They're committed to training and developing the next generation of ministry leaders through Eagle Lake Camps and the Collegiate Ministry of Navigators. Roger oversees leader development for 30 full-time Eagle Lake staff, who then provide leadership for over 200 college students during the summer. The Hamiltons also love discipling and mentoring Navigator staff serving across the US and around the world.

- Pray for wisdom and creativity as we grow the Emerging Leaders Program.
- Pray for God's favor in recruiting and training 200-300 college students to serve as camp counselors over the summer.
- Pray for those in key leadership positions in the US, as well as in Australia and East Africa, that we have the privilege of coaching and mentoring.





## Dave & Rebecca

*New Generations | Chicago/Muslim World*

Dave and Rebecca work “glocally” as they are involved in both global and local ministries from their base in Chicagoland. They serve as Disciple Making Movement (DMM) catalysts who help catalyze and cultivate movements around the world through resourcing, training, and coaching believers in the strategy of DMM. They also lead the Ephesus Catalytic Partnership, a broad network of churches and mission organizations focused on making disciples and planting churches among the least-reached in the Chicagoland area.

- Pray for fledgling movements we are working with in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and West Africa to become full movements.
- Pray for continued favor on our Chicago Welcome Center in Albany Park, Chicago. Modeled after James Place, we serve a very diverse immigrant community through ESL classes, citizenship test prep, prayer, counseling, etc.
- Pray for more churches in America, especially ethnic churches, to get involved in DMM outreach to the least-reached.
- Ask God to bless us with vibrant physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual health that we may carry on in this work.



## Craig & Tina Holmquist

*Fort Wilderness | Rhinelander, WI*

“We develop relationships for eternal impact” is the core purpose of Fort Wilderness, a year-round camp serving 7,000 campers of all ages and backgrounds. Some describe Fort as a “taste of heaven on earth.” In 1996, Craig and Tina started their own relationship together there while both were serving. At Fort, Craig shepherds relationships with campers and staff, furthers ministry with partner church staff and leaders, walks alongside missionaries raising support, and expands partnerships for the ongoing needs and Fort Future plans. In addition to raising the family, Tina builds into campers and staff who return year after year.

- Pray for hearts of campers and staff to be receptive to the Lord. People are really hurting today. Pray for wisdom, unity, (close to 40 year-round staff), and continued provision during a season of growth. Doors have been opened for expansion through new land, generous support, and experienced staff.
- Pray for more missionaries, staff, and volunteers to fill crucial roles.
- Pray that we would be faithful followers of Jesus united as a couple (26th anniversary in 2024), parents and grandparents (children age 33 to 10 years), missionaries, and friends. Pray for our own children and two grandchildren to have a hear for God.





## **Sean & Jenna Kaiser**

*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship | Northwest Wisconsin*

The ministry of InterVarsity equips students and faculty to create witnessing communities that share the gospel within colleges and universities. Sean works with the campuses of the Chippewa Valley, leading both staff and students. One example of this is at UW-Eau Claire, where there is a chapter that has had a decades-long legacy of thriving student ministry. The UWEC chapter has a staff team of three people, an average of 20 - 30 small groups, and about 100 students involved overall.

- Pray for curiosity in the current student generation of the Chippewa Valley. Each year, students are more likely to be unchurched and have little knowledge of Scripture, but also be spiritually open and seeking.
- Pray for our staff teams, that God would continue raising up new staff and providing the resources we need.
- Pray for these campuses specifically in western Wisconsin, that God would continue to open doors for thriving ministry: UW-Eau Claire, Chippewa Valley Technical College, UW-Stout, Northwood Tech, UW-River Falls, and UW-La Crosse.



## **Jim & Donna Kelly (Cam (Olivia), Brenna, Nate, Zach)**

*Cru | Northeast Wisconsin*

Jim and Donna seek to turn lost students and faculty into life-long multiplying disciples. They serve on multiple campuses in northeast Wisconsin directing student-led ministries of evangelism and discipleship. Jim and Donna desire to sow seeds broadly on each campus, then provide one-on-one, small group, and large group discipleship opportunities. They also promote opportunities for training/mission opportunities stateside and throughout the world.

- Pray that God would continue to open doors for us to reach the freshman class each year.
- Pray for wisdom in how best to raise up mature disciples of Christ that would labor for a lifetime.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up laborers for our team each year. Pray specifically for 2-3 interns raised up from our campuses annually. Interns give concentrated effort to evangelism and investing in reaching out to the freshman class on our multiple campuses.



## **Erick & Ellisa Lettner (Amanda, Aaron, Andrew)**

*Cru | Metro Milwaukee, WI*

Erick and Ellisa lead movements of college students that seek to be caring communities passionate about connecting others to Jesus Christ. Erick works specifically with Bridges International, reaching out to international students here in Milwaukee through service, social connections, spiritual conversations, and raising up student leaders. Ellisa leads the ministry at Marquette overseeing staff and discipling student leaders. Erick and Ellisa desire to see students begin a relationship with Jesus, be built up in their faith, and sent out into the world as multiplying disciples.

- Please pray for students to be open to spiritual conversation and growth.
- Pray for God to move Christian students to rise up and lead and for more community volunteers who will share their lives and the gospel with students.
- Pray that international students will be open with their needs so we can best serve them and then share the love of Christ with them.



**Doug Lindberg**  
*CMDA | Based in Wisconsin*

Doug serves with the Christian Medical & Dental Associations as the director of the Center for Advancing Healthcare Missions (CAHM). Living missionally as healthcare professionals can happen in our backyard or halfway across the world, but it doesn't happen by accident. Doug's heart is to help encourage, mobilize, and equip the over 13,000 students, trainees, and graduate members of CMDA to intentionally live fully surrendered to Jesus and His Kingdom, regardless of where they're serving. This consists of planning and hosting conferences, speaking to students, administering scholarships, working with sending agencies to promote best practices, and supporting the well-being of missionaries.

- Please pray that God would raise up workers for the harvest and that CMDA will effectively mobilize and care for healthcare missionaries.
- Pray for Spirit-led discipleship of young people who have been called into healthcare missions, but often have years of training remaining prior to deployment to the field.
- Pray for effective strategic networking with sending agencies to catalyze partnerships and best practices in healthcare missions.



**Emily (Brian) Lorentz French**  
*Navigators | Ottawa, Canada*

Emily makes disciples of Jesus in Canada's diverse capitol city, Ottawa. Her mission is "to advance the gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost." At Carleton University, she develops, trains, and facilitates students who seek to grow in knowing Jesus, practicing their apprenticeship to Him, and helping those in their relational networks do the same.

- Pray that God would give students vision and empowerment for whole-life discipleship.
- Pray that students would share the Good News with friends who will then pass it on to others.
- Pray that God would reach the nations through our presence and friendships on campus.



**Jared (Sarah) Mathison**  
*Cru | UW-Milwaukee*

Jared serves on the Cru Milwaukee Metro Team as the movement leader of UW-Milwaukee and Concordia University. His goals for the campuses where he serves are that Cru would be where students could know Jesus, grow closer to and more like Him, and go be a part of what He is doing in the world. Through evangelism, discipleship, teaching, events, conferences, missions, and many other activities, Jared seeks to partner with others to raise up ethnically-diverse, multiplying disciples to reach the world.

- Pray that God would give students vision and empowerment for whole-life discipleship.
- Pray that students would share the Good News with friends who will then pass it on to others.
- Pray that God would reach the nations through our presence and friendships on campus.
- Pray that Cru would be a space where students' anxiety, confusion, and loneliness are met with peace, truth, and loving community.
- Pray that students would be intrigued by the person and character of Jesus and that they would find their lives without Him to be unfulfilled and unsettled.
- Pray that students, through the power of the Spirit, would boldly and unashamedly pursue their friends, family, classmates, neighbors, and coworkers for Jesus.





**Jeff & Becky Meyer**  
*Cru Headquarters | Orlando, FL*

Jeff has a role in helping to influence Cru's U.S. and international ministries as he helps to accelerate the spread of spiritual movements by expanding operational capacity. His role as part of Cru's Global Finance Team helps provide strategic financial resources to ministry leadership throughout the world. His role involves overseeing the financial activities of 7 regional subsidiaries, which distribute funds to nearly 200 countries throughout the world, so ministry goals for reaching people for Christ can be achieved.

- Pray that we would continue to seek God daily, be obedient to His leading, and rest in His timing.
- Pray that our marriage will continue to be strong and thrive.
- Pray that God would continue to use us as we help to build spiritual movements so that everyone will know someone who truly follows Jesus.



**John & Kelley Meyer**  
*Cru | Florida*

The Meyers are serving God with Jesus Film Project stationed at headquarters in Orlando, FL. Jesus Film Project strives to give everyone in the world the chance to hear about Jesus in their own language through a film entitled *JESUS* and other gospel films. The *JESUS* film is in over 2,000 languages! Billions have seen it, and millions have received Christ! John and Kelley traveled the world for many years recording the film into new languages, and they are now development representatives. Together, they help connect the generous hearts of individuals to God's heart for the nations by sharing opportunities to give to *JESUS* film, such as funding recordings, supplying film showing equipment, funding film showing strategies around the world, etc.

- Pray for God's Psalm 91 and Psalm 121 protection over our family, our team, our ministry partners, and the ministry patrons we serve.
- Pray that we would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:30-31).
- Pray for our children to grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and with man (Luke 2:52).
- Pray for the animated family film *JESUS* we are producing to be released in theaters in 31 countries and 100 languages in December 2026.



**Nelson Family**  
*Global Serve International*

The Nelsons help coordinate and assist people and sending churches to consider their role in the Great Commission, specifically among unreached people groups in closed countries. In addition, they work together with field workers to plant healthy churches in these closed areas.

- Praise for ongoing opportunities to educate sending churches about the long-term commitment of sending to an unreached people group.
- Pray as GSI researches new regions to begin working and for the people to be sent.
- Pray for the development of a communications team.
- Pray for us as we raise our twin girls to follow God with their lives.



## Phil & Kym Schank

*C2K Ministries Inc. | Mound Bayou, MS*

Phil and Kym's mission is to develop programs to help kids fight intergenerational poverty. Their goal is to provide them with the tools and resources to overcome those challenges and become successful leaders that change families, communities, systems, and the world. Mound Bayou is the oldest established African American community in the USA founded by ex-slaves in 1887. Phil and Kym are the only white couple living in their town.

- Pray for a new building where the roof doesn't leak and/or flood. This will allow us to expand our programs to help more students and make more of a difference.
- Pray for new transportation. Our vans are 2004 and 2005 model years which have worked fine but are now using more of our funds to maintain.
- Pray that our students will learn who God created them to be is more important than what others say. Pray that our staff continue to communicate God's love in powerful ways.



## Bryan & Jan Thompson

*OMF International | Texas*

Bryan and Jan Thompson have served with OMF since 1992, first in Japan and now in Texas. Bryan oversees the Volunteer Ministry in the US, enabling hundreds of gifted volunteers to serve alongside OMF staff in high-impact ministry roles. He also coaches those interested in serving long-term in Japan with OMF. Jan oversees a team that prays and corresponds with field workers to provide encouragement and support. She also provides prayer material to the OMF-US team to pray effectively and regularly for OMF field workers in East Asia.

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for Bryan as he coaches those inquiring about serving with OMF in Japan.
- Pray for many more mature and committed volunteers to enable OMF to widen and strengthen its mobilization efforts in the US.
- Pray for Jan as she mobilizes and enables others to pray for and encourage field workers.
- Pray for Bryan and Jan as they settle in their new home and make friends in Alvin, TX.

## CARROLL UNIVERSITY



## Carroll University

*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship*

InterVarsity has been a ministry on campus at Carroll since the 1970s. Its vision is to see students and faculty transformed, the campus renewed, and world changers developed. They long to proclaim the good news of Jesus to every corner of the campus and desire that students become disciples and witnesses of Jesus.

- Pray that students would be hungry to grow in love and application of God's Word this year. We will be spending time in Exodus, John, Jonah, and Mark.
- Pray for unity among Christian brothers and sisters on campus. Pray that our love for one another would show that we are disciples of Jesus, and that we would be an attractive, compelling witness for those who do not yet believe.
- Pray also for Amy Jacobsen, WI Southeast area director, as she serves the campus and works to recruit and mobilize a full time missionary for the Carroll campus into the future.



# LATIN & SOUTH AMERICA

## FIELD WORKERS



**Tom & Jen Atwater (Alex, Abby, Gabe, Mariana)**  
*Orphanos Foundation/911 Life Ministries | Medellín, Colombia*

911 Life Ministries in Medellín, Colombia serves, at-risk families through bilingual women's and youth programs and a full-time care center for vulnerable families. It also provides Christian leadership development to local and international leaders through ITEC, International Training and Equipping Center. 911 Life's 6 programs include a Youth Center, Women's Micro-Enterprise Program, Hope House (full-time care program for vulnerable families), ITEC, Fearless Youth English, and 911 Worship. Worship is the heartbeat of this ministry. True worship is not only praise and adoration, but also pouring out God's love in practical and tangible ways to those in need while training others to do the same in their own communities.

- Pray that God would help us always lead others with wisdom, discernment, and love.
- Pray that we would constantly be listening to His voice and following everything He asks us to do.
- Pray that God would bless and protect our family and the families of our staff members, volunteers, and supporters.



**Edgar & Laura Cojon (Nathan, Benjamin, Caleb)**  
*Commission to Every Nation | Guatemala*

Laura and Edgar have been the directors of Hogar Manna Children's home in Guatemala City for 10 years. They care for children in situations of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. They work to help them heal from their trauma and know the love of Jesus Christ.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we work with the children, youth, and young adults.
- Pray for the biological families of each of our children.
- Pray for a particularly difficult court date that will happen in November 2024. Ask for wisdom for Edgar who will be representing the kids and for peace for them as well.
- Pray for future direction for our youth and young adults, for them to make good decisions and seek the Lord in all they do.



## **Harold & Taylor Diaz (Caleb)**

*Eastern Dominican Christian Mission (EDCM) | Dominican Republic*

Harold and Taylor Diaz work alongside foreign nationals to train and encourage them, whether they are the lead pastor of an existing church plant or in the process of planting a new church. EDCM currently has 6 total church plants, four Dominican-led and two Haitian-led, all located in the eastern part of the Dominican Republic. EDCM has a seminary to train both future pastors and leaders within the churches. In addition to the church plants, they have Kingdom Businesses such as a water filtration plant, a school, and a medical clinic to build bridges to the communities where churches have been planted.

- Pray for Harold as he continues to meet each month with all of the pastors that are engaged in planting churches. As he continues to encourage them, strategize with them, and listen to their wins and concerns, pray he would discern the best ways to support them in their work.
- Pray for church planting in two new communities, El Siebo and Lotificacion Veron, as they offer Bible studies and connect with their respective communities.
- Pray for the construction of our house and that the process will go smoothly. Pray for Taylor's pregnancy and our family during this transition.



## **Adoni & Kendra Guerrero**

*The Navigators | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*

Adoni and Kendra began serving full-time with the Navigators in 2018. During that time, they felt God calling them to return to the Dominican Republic (Adoni's home country and where they met!) They moved to the Dominican in February 2024. They are passionate about life-to-life ministry as they build relationships with neighbors, youth, and communities. Their focus is on making disciples of Jesus as they walk alongside others in prayer, reading/memorizing the Word, and in obedience to the Word. Their hope is to ignite a generation who truly knows Christ, who seeks to make Him known, and desires to help others do the same.

- Praise God for His faithfulness and provision as we moved, transitioned, and settled into our first 6 months here in the Dominican Republic!
- Pray for our reliance on His Spirit to guide us to people who are searching for Jesus, as well as opportunities to come alongside those who believe in Jesus and desire to grow in Christ-likeness and in making disciples in their communities.
- Pray for clarity on which town/communities we should focus on outside of Santo Domingo (the capital) and the timing of when moving closer to those communities should take place.





**Jerry & Susy McNally**  
*Living Hope International | Puebla, Mexico*

Jerry and Susy McNally began their missionary service in Mexico in 1985, planting churches and evangelizing in rural villages. In 1994, they moved to Puebla, Mexico, and founded Esperanza Viva Youth Homes. Since that time, they have lived in Puebla, where they continue to serve as directors for the youth home, as well as for Nations School, Nations Institute (La Viña), Nations Church, Life to the Nations Publishing Company, and LHI Missions. They founded Living Hope International to train and send leaders to the nations with the love of God, which is their calling. To that effect, they pour themselves into the staff, equipping, discipling, and counseling to prepare effective ministers of Christ's healing love. The McNallys have a hands-on approach to their life-long calling of providing opportunities "unto the least of these."

- Pray for wisdom from the Lord in every decision they make for the ministries in their care.
- Pray for discernment to guide and equip the leadership team.
- Pray for good health and strength as they serve in Mexico.



**Ovidio (Bio) & Derida Ochaeta**  
*Commission Ministry Network | Peten, Guatemala*

Bio & Derida run the Discipleship and Vocational Training Center "Paths of Hope," a business-oriented ministry to youth at risk in the northern region of Guatemala, an area afflicted by gang and drug dealing activity. At the Center, young men are taught the Word of God, trained in carpentry and welding, and provided the resources to continue their formal education. Mobile training modules have also been implemented and offered to churches, communities, and public schools in various areas of Peten. In addition, the Ochaetas work with over two dozen local churches in pastoral care and marriage ministry.

- Pray for transformational changes in the lives of our students, as well as growth in their faith and ability to learn. Pray for open doors and fruitfulness as we minister in public schools and communities.
- Pray for wisdom as we minister to our pastors and their wives to be a blessing and encouragement in their life and ministry.
- Pray for us to be refreshed in the Lord and strengthened in our commitment to serve humbly, boldly, and joyfully.
- Pray for divine protection from gang violence and criminal activity.



**Lynae, Katelyn & Alyssa Poulson**  
(Zelda, Esmé, Rilla, Sylvie) *Missao Novas Tribos | Brazil*

The Poulson sisters and their 4 daughters work at an international boarding school in the Amazon basin of Brazil. The school serves the children of families who work in missions or ministry. The Poulsons manage the cafeteria, teach, and provide medical care for the staff and students. They are learning culture and language and hope to pass the Brazilian medical certification exams in the future in order to use healthcare as a ministry tool to build relationships and spread the gospel to underserved interior communities in the jungle.

- Praise for a student body that is growing in the Lord as they are cared for and mentored at the school. Praise that our own kids are flourishing and loving the ministry here.
- Please pray for physical safety for everyone with the river so close, pirates, snakes, tropical diseases, etc.
- Pray for the increasing challenges of working in interior areas. There has been a lot of spiritual warfare recently and a concerted effort to stop the advance of the gospel.
- Praise for continued attendance at the weekly Bible studies that the students and staff do with the river people here. Pray for spiritual understanding and growth.



**Phil & Valeree Poulson**  
*Missao Novas Tribos | Brazil*

After working as part of a missionary team planting a church among the Yanomami people for 15 years in the village of Marari, Phil and Valeree transitioned to a full-time field leadership role in 2007. They now reside in the city of Manaus and work with a leadership team where Phil and Valeree help to mentor and shepherd missionary teams planting churches among the least reached peoples of the Amazon. They do this by clarifying vision and by providing training, guidance, and encouragement. Their present ministry involves a significant amount of travel to the numerous indigenous villages where MNTB is engaging in church planting.

- Pray for the missionary teams involved in church planting, translation, literacy, and discipleship.
- Pray for us to have wisdom as we work with the missionary teams and indigenous church leaders.
- The prayer for our 5 daughters, two sons in law and ever-growing number of grandchildren is the same as that of Paul for the church in Colosse: Colossians 2:7.





**Dick Robinson & Ruth Hidalgo Rojas (de Robinson)**  
*RiverWind, Inc. | Pucallpa & Nueva Italia, Peru*

RiverWind was founded by Dick and Ruth to reach indigenous peoples in the Peruvian Amazon. RiverWind's mission includes leadership formation, community development, and environmental stewardship as they teach indigenous community and church leaders using oral communication strategies. The long-term strategy is for the indigenous churches to plant an evangelical church in each of the 58 communities in the District of Tahuania, led by well-trained pastors and ministry leaders.

- Pray for health, strength, and well-being. Dick had a knee replaced October 2023 and a shoulder replaced March 2024. The latter was a reverse-replacement that has not healed as well despite much therapy; it has re-dislocated six to eight times at intrusive moments.
- Pray for our Peruvian Asociación River-Wind team of eight, plus many volunteers under Ruth's visionary leadership. Travel and supporting logistics for the Leadership Training Center in Nueva Italia - 285 miles up the serpentine Ucayali River - is costly, time-consuming, and physically demanding.
- Pray for wisdom and witness as we and the indigenous are confronted by cocaine cartels, shamanism, and sex-trafficking in the surrounding jungle and villages. Pray for the indigenous leaders reaching more remote villages with the good news and planting churches deeper in the jungle.
- Pray for continuing Servant Leadership Training with indigenous men and women from three people groups - Shipibo, Asheninka and Ashaninka; the latter are culturally and linguistically different peoples. Pray for spiritual, intellectual, and financial resources as well strength, as RiverWind is initiating community health care promoter training and deployment to remote communities.
- Pray for our local Sports Friends training and discipleship team - an international outreach program under SIM mission - as they reach youth in Pucallpa as well as upriver among the indigenous.



**Carlos & Alicia Scott**  
*GloCal Mission | Argentina*

The Scotts lead GloCal Mission, a ministry of mobilizing Latin American churches and equipping Spanish leaders and missionaries for service. Their main goal at both local and global levels is transformative communities of followers of Christ. They facilitate training and mobilization throughout South America, which involves much travel and immense faith!

- Pray for our spiritual, emotional, and physical health.
- Pray that God will give us words of spiritual wisdom and freshness when we have the opportunity to share with others.
- Pray for each ethnic group that has not yet been reached with the gospel and for the mobilization of the Latin American church to all nations.

# EUROPE

## FIELD WORKERS



### **J.D. & Alice Atkins (Isaiah, Elijah)**

*Mesa Global | Netherlands (J.D.)*

*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Alice)*

J.D. is a missional scholar with Mesa Global's Theological Education Initiative. He serves as a New Testament professor at Tyndale Theological Seminary. Tyndale is a seminary near Amsterdam that trains pastors, missionaries, church planters, professors, and leaders from all over the globe. Today, over 80 different nations are represented among Tyndale's alumni. Alice has been with InterVarsity, reaching college students since 2003. She is currently seconded to the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) in the Netherlands as a supervisor and a trainer for HOST, the international student ministry. Alice also serves as an adjunct instructor at Tyndale, teaching a course on Cross-Cultural Christianity. This year, the class has students from 10 countries and 5 continents. Both J.D. and Alice serve on the preaching team at Crossroads (XRDS), a large international church near Amsterdam.

- Pray for J.D. Having 10-15 different nationalities in one classroom creates unique learning opportunities and teaching challenges. Pray that he and his students would humbly learn from each other and discern their own cultural biases in the interpretation of Scripture. Pray also for progress in his book writing projects.
- Pray for Alice as she continues to train people from many nations in cross-cultural ministry. Pray as she helps leaders learn to lead in multicultural and intercultural settings.
- Pray for our children living cross-culturally, that they would be rooted in the gospel of grace and be a light and a blessing to those around them.





**Brooke Bateman**  
*Wycliffe Bible Translators | Romania*

Brooke has served with Wycliffe Bible Translators for five years, specifically with the Global Sign Language Teams and SIL to see that the deaf have access to God's Word in their sign language. She has served as a sign language interpreter and project liaison in multiple countries and capacities. Brooke and her colleagues serve the deaf in project planning, trauma healing, language development, and early childhood education for deaf and language-deprived children. Brooke is engaged to be married to Gašper, the only male deaf believer in Slovenia, and one of four total deaf believers in all of Slovenia. After their wedding, Brooke and Gašper will reside in Slovenia, where Brooke will work remotely, serving/training within a role of exegetical advisor under the Bulgarian Translation Sign Language Team.

- Please pray for Gašper and leadership within Wycliffe about beginning a translation of Scripture into Slovenian Sign Language for children. There are CODA (children of deaf adults) and deaf who this would greatly impact for eternity.
- Please pray for me (Brooke) as I long to support Gašper in any way I can. One of the practical things I am doing is committing to language learning. I am studying Slovenian and Slovenian sign language.
- Please pray for the few deaf believers in Slovenia to have a hunger for God's Word and to come to fellowship together. Gašper is stepping out in faith to begin a church service with another deaf Slovenian and myself. The three of us need your prayers for wisdom in how to structure the church gatherings.
- Lastly, please pray for our marriage to glorify God, that we could start a family, and that our lives would be about pleasing Him. Pray that we would lay everything on the foundation of Christ alone.



**Miguel & Ilaria Castillo**  
*East West Ministries International | Madrid, Spain*

Miguel and Ilaria live in Madrid, Spain, where they serve as part of the leadership team of an urban church planting project. They both have a passion to make disciples that make disciples and see the church multiply in Spain and in Europe. Miguel is also a coach to young leaders who are planting new churches throughout different cities in Spain. In the European context, Miguel is the coaching coordinator and trainer for M4 Europe, a church planting network with a vibrant presence in 15 European nations. Ilaria is from the region of Liguria in Italy and worked for the Compassion International office both in Italy and in Spain for well over 12 years. She is currently a textile artist and intentionally seeks to reach artists and creatives with the gospel in urban settings.

- Pray for us as we share the transformational love of Jesus among artists and creatives, train and coach church planters and their teams, and ignite church planting movements.
- Pray for Ilaria as she enters an artist's collective, joining an art studio in Madrid. Pray for boldness, open doors, and great opportunities to display Christ.
- Pray as Miguel helps train dozens of leaders in a South African church planting movement. In addition, Miguel is part of a team filming a facilitation course resulting in training hundreds of church planting leaders in Europe.
- Pray for the recruitment and assessment of 10 new solid and strong teams to plant 10 new churches during the next M4 Team Process starting March 2025.



## Malcolm & Juls Clegg

*Navigators | Eastern Europe/Central Asia*

Malcolm and Juls are based in Poland, traveling and ministering with the Navigators. They founded and coordinate a network of 16 indigenously-led, mission-oriented, interdenominational ministries called Central Eurasian Partners, working in eight countries, some of them sensitive. These partners are working in evangelism and disciple-making; youth, student, and children's work; widows and orphans; arts, education, and business; church growth; and holistic ministry. They initiate new platforms in society for ministry, Bible study groups, seminary teaching, sermons in churches, and counseling, enabling national laborers in creative outreach enterprises, aiming at spiritual transformation, social impact, and financial self-sustainability. These past few years, the Cleggs have been heavily involved in ministry to Ukraine.

- Pray for God's discernment and wisdom to know how to best serve, encourage, and support our friends and family in Christ in Ukraine, while the war and fighting continues, and afterwards. There are many physical, emotional, and practical needs that will continue as time goes by. Pray that we may be a bright light in the darkness, helping people see and understand that, in the Lord, they will find true refuge, security, and safety. (Psalm 46 & 57).
- Pray for God's leading in choosing the projects and people to be involved with amongst a variety of opportunities. Pray for spiritual wisdom and depth of insight that we may know where to put our efforts most effectively (Colossians 1:9-10).
- Pray for open doors in closed countries and open hearts of the people we meet.
- Pray for safety of the chaplains and others who travel regularly to the frontlines in Ukraine. Ask that they would be able to deliver needed supplies and bring them a word of hope.



## Carlos & Yolanda Gomez

*Equip, International | Spain*

Carlos and Yolanda are church planters in Madrid. Their time is spent sharing God's love through word and deed with people they meet so that they can hear that God has a plan for them. They then help them join a church or form a group, which, in time, becomes a church where they can grow in knowledge of God.

- Pray that those who have heard a little or a lot of God's love and plan of salvation from His Word might feel restless and hungry for the truth, and that once they accept Him, they might grow in Him.
- Pray He will lead us so we might use our time wisely to honor Him.
- Pray He gives us strength, health, and wisdom to deal with the daily demands.





## **Timo & Manu Heimlich (Robert, Emily, Heidi, Lukas)**

*NewThing | Eastern Europe*

The Heimlichs live in Berlin where they serve a community church and many leaders within a city network on a volunteer basis. Timo's main role is to serve as the Eurasia Director for NewThing, a global training organization that focuses on the multiplication of disciples, leaders, churches, and movements. The work in Poland, Albania, Ukraine, and many other Eastern European countries happens through many partnerships with denominations and organizations. The hope is to see more churches planted and multiplying. One special aspect of this work is coming alongside Ukrainian ministries and churches.

- Please pray for each family member to continually love Jesus more and be a witness for Him at school, work, and in our neighborhood.
- Please pray also for Timo's training and connecting of church leaders in Eastern Europe, leading to new churches.
- Please pray for the formation of national teams to lead church leadership teams through multiplication learning processes.
- Please pray for the Ukrainian church to influence Europe with its heavily-tested faith.



## **Steve & Julie Olsen**

*Tyrannus and Lydia Halls | Central Europe / South Asia*

God has called Steve and Julie into positions where they teach, disciple, and mentor both Christian students and Christian leaders in Central Europe and South Asia. Their most literal and accurate ministry description is "to engage deeply with God and engage deeply with others." Steve regularly visits 20 ministry sites in 8 countries, with Julie joining him when she can. These ministry sites are called either a Tyrannus Hall (for men) or a Lydia Hall (for women). They are residential discipleship centers where typically 8-20 university students live together in community and are disciplined during their university years. Outside of Tyrannus and Lydia Halls, Steve and Julie engage weekly or bi-weekly in deep Kingdom-focused relationships with individual elders, pastors, and missionaries as well as with couples in Christian leadership.

- Pray for spiritual growth unto Christlikeness for our 300+ university students in multi-year, residential discipleship communities (4 in Europe, 18 in Asia).
- Pray for God's sustenance, wisdom, and protection of the live-in discipler families (22 families in 9 countries).
- Pray for us to wisely and graciously lead Tyrannus and Lydia Halls to enhance and expand its ministry.



## **Mariano & Fanny Pineda (Tomas, Teo)**

*One Collective | Galicia, Spain*

Mariano and Fanny live and work on the Camino de Santiago (St. James Way), an ancient pilgrimage that each year draws hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world. Together they founded Wandering Monks, a non-profit that seeks to foster the spiritual development of all people. They focus their work in three main areas: hospitality (through Casa de Pan, a guest house right on the Camino), soul care (through one-on-one spiritual direction and group retreats), and spiritual formation (through the ministry of the written word, guiding groups on the Camino, and Godly Play®).

- Pray for Casa de Pan as we begin our journey of receiving pilgrims and guests in need of rest, healing, and spiritual guidance. Pray that this house will be a blessing and a haven for those who stay in it.
- Pray for wisdom and direction from the Holy Spirit as we lead and cast vision for Wandering Monks. Pray that we are able to discern with clarity each next step in faith and obedience.
- Pray for each family member's continual progress in their pilgrimage with Jesus, and that we will be salt and light to our neighbors in the village of Angueira de Castro.
- Pray for lives transformed by the love of God through all our ministry efforts.



## **Dietrich & Jan Schindler**

*TEAM | Germany*

Diet and Jan have dedicated their lives to planting churches in Germany for the last 37 years. They relocated to the US in spring of 2023 primarily to care for Jan's aging parents, and they are based in Chicago. Diet's ministry as a consultant to church planting movements in Europe will continue through frequent trips and virtual platforms.

- Pray for the expansion of MyLife Workshop around the world and a recent invitation to take it to Rwanda.
- Pray for Europe and the growth of evangelical churches after the pandemic. Pray for grace and power for Diet's many conference and teaching opportunities throughout Europe.
- Pray for Jan as she serves her aging parents. She also cares for widows and mentors women one-on-one, and she has relationships with not-yet-Christian friends in Germany that are ongoing.



# GLOBAL PARTNERS

## Congo Initiative

Congo Initiative is an envisioned community of Christ-centered Congolese leaders and global partners united for the transformation of lives in a flourishing Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Their core catalyst of change is the Christian Bilingual University of Congo (UCBC), a four-year university equipping changemakers and holistically renewing communities through transformative education and community engagement initiatives. The university has over 400 students enrolled each year and over 800 alumni working to improve livelihoods in the DRC and around the world. Elmbrook's partnership helps build the capacity of staff, educators, and leadership, ultimately empowering them to equip the next generation of leaders and create lasting change in the DRC.



- Pray for peace and security in the region. The eastern DRC continues to experience political instability and violent attacks by armed groups.
- Pray for our educators and students who work tirelessly amidst challenging circumstances, poor infrastructure, and insecurity while serving as ambassadors of much-needed change in the DRC.

## Emmanuel Hospital Association

Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) is a fellowship of Christian hospitals, institutions, and individuals that exists to transform communities through caring, with primary emphasis on the poor and the marginalized. Caring means providing appropriate health care and empowering communities through health programs, spiritual ministries, and leadership development. EHA serves people and communities regardless of race, caste, creed, or religion with a geographical focus of North, Northeast, and Central India.



- Pray for the integration of the palliative care approach within hospitals in EHA, in addition to home-based palliative care.
- Pray for the process of upgrading the nursing schools to colleges of nursing where students can earn a BS in nursing.



## World Relief (South Sudan)

Since 1998, World Relief has responded to the crisis in South Sudan, tackling problems through humanitarian and disaster response across five different counties, in addition to South Sudan's largest displacement camp hosting over 100,000 people. Elmbrook's partnership will help to build the capacity of local staff, communities, community leadership, and church networks to ensure they take a leading role in responding to the urgent and longer-term needs of their communities while having a spiritual impact on the lives of many, drawing people closer to God.



- Pray for the churches throughout South Sudan to continue to come together to respond to the humanitarian challenges of civil war, famine, natural disasters, and disease.
- Pray for continued progress in feeding and educating the children of South Sudan.

## BrookLink

The mission of BrookLink is to equip global church leaders to fulfill Jesus' commission to "make disciples of all nations." BrookLink is compelled by the fact that 90% of church leaders in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, (where the Church of Jesus Christ is growing most rapidly), are unable to afford or access biblical and theological training. BrookLink cultivates relationships with these leaders; they help catalyze discipleship initiatives that multiply, and they create customized, leave-behind resources. Their seasoned team of trainers are former and current pastors, missionaries, and seminary faculty who pour into church leaders who then pour into their flocks. BrookLink believes in starting with relationships, going where invited, listening to learn, and building coalitions of the willing. Since 2008, BrookLink has trained more than 57,000 church leaders on five continents.



- Pray for BrookLink's plan to train leaders in November 2024. Pastors from four major cities will gather for training in discipleship and disciple-making.
- Pray for BrookLink as we are in the stages of planning two simultaneous consultations on discipleship and disciple making movements in eastern and western Nepal in March 2025.
- Pray for our global partners Esayas (Africa), Dev and Cornelius (Nepal), and Phu (Far East) as we continue to collaborate with them and their networks.

## Vision 5:9 Network

Vision 5:9 exists to see reproducing churches among all Muslim peoples through active engagement and effective church planting by 2025. The Vision 5:9 Network is made up of 163 organizations from 30 sending nations, led by an international steering team, all seeking to share the gospel with the Muslim world through local churches. Specifically, Elmbrook Church supports the Southeast Asia expression of this network.



- Pray for effective church planting among all Muslim peoples through inter-agency and international sharing of resources, cross-pollination of fruitful approaches, and joint church planting efforts.
- Pray for the local church to encourage and equip mobilization efforts to disciple all Muslim peoples in our generation
- Pray for those of Muslim faith to know Jesus, then grow as disciples in faith and truth.



# LOCAL PARTNERS

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## Community Warehouse/Partners In Hope

[thecommunitywarehouse.org](http://thecommunitywarehouse.org)

Community Warehouse (CW) stands as a beacon in Milwaukee, rooted in Christ-centered service, and dedicated to aiding those touched by incarceration. We help navigate and reduce the post-release barriers, from employment challenges to societal reintegration.

Our home improvement stores play a pivotal role; they offer job training to the previously incarcerated and sell deeply discounted home improvement materials, empowering Milwaukee neighborhoods to rejuvenate and prosper. Central to our mission is “Partners in Hope,” an initiative designed to equip individuals with crucial life skills and bridge the gap between them and law enforcement.

Grounded in Christian values, our vision is not just about reintegration but a holistic transformation - mentally, spiritually, and socially.

- Pray for a continuous stream of committed mentors and supporters.
  - Pray for the ability to touch more hearts and spread our mission wider.
  - Pray for the deep-rooted transformation of those we serve by the power of the gospel of Christ.
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## Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee

[milwaukeecares.org](http://milwaukeecares.org)

Care Net exists to uphold the sanctity of human life and to share the love of Christ and the hope of the gospel with women and their families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Care Net’s mission is to encourage women to choose life by offering spiritual and practical care during and after pregnancy. They offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, life-affirming options counseling, material support for mom and baby, classes, Bible studies, and prayer. They serve their clients with mercy, grace, and a non-judgmental spirit.

- Pray that moms choose life for their unborn babies.
  - Pray that moms come to a life-saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
  - Pray for staff to be filled with the Holy Spirit as they minister to clients in need.
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## Hope Street Ministry

[hopestreetministry.org](http://hopestreetministry.org)

Hope Street’s framework for living life takes place inside a Greenhouse for People on 26th and Capitol, inside the notorious 53206 zip code on Milwaukee’s north side. Daily, Hope Street is aware of the toxicity lurking just outside its doors that its members are doing everything in their power to avoid. Greenhouses provide healthy environments for plants to grow. At Hope Street, plants are people and similarly benefit from the right environment to grow and flourish. That proper environment is one in which hope can be cultivated, community is grown, and protection from the outside toxic environment is needed and enforced. Each person makes the daily choice to learn and develop new habits which help all to flourish at Hope Street.

- Pray for Hope Street’s staff. Pray that the staff continues to remain grounded and rooted in Christ’s love, in pursuit of creating a space for all people to flourish.
- Pray for Homes at Hope Street’s members. Pray that Homes remains a place of joy, protection, and opportunity. Pray that members stay fully invested in the community being built within those walls.
- Pray for Shechem at Hope Street. Praise God for how He has continued to use this space to connect people from across the spectrum within the community. Pray that it remains protected and that it is a space where people feel safe, seen, and loved.



## International Community Center

[iccmke.org](http://iccmke.org)

A new wave of immigrants is settling in Milwaukee! Many arrive as refugees and yearn to have American friends, even though language and customs may be a barrier. The International Community Center (ICC) is located near the airport, close to the homes and shops of many immigrants. The ICC is a place where volunteers help immigrants learn English, tutor children with school work, and form lasting cross-cultural relationships. Volunteers are warmly welcomed into the lives of new friends who have interesting life experiences and who also prepare fabulous food! They aim to celebrate immigrant cultures as they welcome them to life in the US and to introduce Scripture to those who are interested.



- Pray that our refugee friends are blessed as they settle into Milwaukee with prosperity, good friendships, and physical and emotional health.
  - Pray for volunteers for the daytime kids' room and the evening tutoring of school kids.
  - Pray for volunteers to develop friendships with refugee/immigrant families that lead to sharing about our life with Jesus.
  - Pray for 30 Rohingya households befriended by a follower of Jesus.
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## Safe Families for Children - Greater Milwaukee Area

[safefamilieswi.org](http://safefamilieswi.org)

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a movement fueled by compassion and faith to keep children safe and families intact. Through Host Families, Family Friends, and Family Coaches, SFFC temporarily hosts children and provides a network of support while parents get back on their feet. It is an honor to surround moms and dads with a community of families who believe in them, especially when they need it most. Safe Families for Children - Greater Milwaukee Area serves Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Washington counties. The work is done through volunteers from our Partner Churches.



- Pray for the children and families we serve, and that we may show the love of Christ in every way we serve.
  - Pray that our volunteers would be filled with compassion and energy to do what God has asked them to do.
  - Pray that our staff would function in wisdom as they maneuver many aspects of this beautiful - yet challenging at times - ministry.
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## Wisconsin Inmate Education Association

[wisinmateedu.org](http://wisinmateedu.org)

In impoverished communities, some of the most influential gatekeepers are the individuals or groups who organize and perpetuate crime. If you want to dramatically change struggling communities, you start with those gatekeepers. The initiative of the Wisconsin Inmate Education Association (WIEA) is built on a proven system to transform gatekeepers whose influence is rooted in criminal activity. Change starts in prisons with inmates and spreads to families and communities around the state. WIEA gives inmates the opportunity to receive theological training while incarcerated through a partnership with Trinity International University.



- Please pray that our students would come to encounter the tangible presence of God in their life and allow Him to restore their sentence into a missional calling to serve their fellow inmates selflessly.
- Pray for open-mindedness by the Department of Corrections regarding utilization of graduates within the prison system post-graduation.
- Pray for guidance and direction as we seek to expand and develop a women's program in the state.





# JAMES PLACE

A Community Resource  
of Elmbrook Church

[jamesplacewi.org](http://jamesplacewi.org)

## **JAMES PLACE WAUKESHA**

Open to anyone in the community, this location sees many who are experiencing homelessness, unemployment, and/or other challenges to their mental and physical health. Staff and volunteers assist people with resume writing, budget coaching, finding jobs, preparing for interviews, finding shelter, and connecting to resources in the community, all while also offering prayer.

## **JAMES PLACE SOUTH SIDE**

Open to anyone in the community, this location provides blood pressure checks, resume and job search support, computer access and support, and assistance with medical questions and referrals. Our caring staff also provide referrals for food pantries, housing and shelters, and much more.

## **JAMES PLACE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

This location assists high school students with tutoring, job applications, life skills, and college prep. It is a place where students can come and be listened to and where encouragement and hope are offered as they plan for life after high school.

## **JAMES PLACE OBAMA SCHOOL**

This location is a place of peace where students and staff can receive support and prayer. Students can also come to work on schoolwork and receive tutoring. There also are volunteers placed in classrooms to support teachers and build relationships with the students they serve.

## **JAMES PLACE NORTHSIDE**

This location works with Partners in Hope to mentor returning citizens coming out of incarceration.

## **JAMES PLACE IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

Serving the local immigrant and refugee community in Milwaukee, WI, highly trained accredited representatives provide consultation on immigration questions, help prepare and submit complex immigration forms, and provide a low-cost option for many who cannot afford expensive legal representation.

## **JAMES PLACE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES**

Master's level counseling interns help people overcome life stresses, depression, anxiety, addictions, and other concerns. Counselors integrate faith and proven intervention methods, providing hope and healing in the name of Jesus.



## Prayer Requests

- Pray that our volunteers would be able to build healthy relationships, respond to clients' needs, and offer hope in the name of Jesus.
- Pray for all who walk through the doors of James Place to experience hope and peace.
- Pray that our volunteers would be a constant source of support and encouragement to those we interact with in our community and our schools.
- Pray that James Place leadership would sense where God is leading us and have the boldness to move forward and trust God to provide.
- Pray that healthy discipleship, leading one another toward a closer relationship with Jesus, would be evident and growing at all James Place locations.







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