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We Believe God Works Through Prayer

Thank you for wanting to learn more about the global and local workers supported by College Church. We believe that God works through prayer and we invite you to participate in his mighty plan for the world in this way.

This prayer guide is arranged into three sections. The first, and largest section, focuses on our career missionaries, providing a bio and a general prayer request for each. The second portion contains information about our partner seminaries. The third includes bios and prayer requests for our local evangelists. Please join with us in asking the Lord for strength, wisdom and God's active and clear presence to surround these faithful workers and institutions across the globe.

We invite you to read through this whole book, praying for each missionary, partner seminary and evangelist. You may choose to focus on one each day (which would take approximately 114 days) or go at your own pace. Another option is to find a few workers whose area of the world or work is particularly interesting to you and pray for them consistently.

If you would like to get in touch with any of our missionaries or evangelists, our office is more than happy to connect you. Please email missions@college-church.org or call (630) 668-0878 ext. 156.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

EPHESIANS 2:18

Our Missionary Family:

96 career missionary units

11 midterm missionary units (3 months to 3 years)

Serving in 41 different countries



North America based (36)
2 MIDTERM

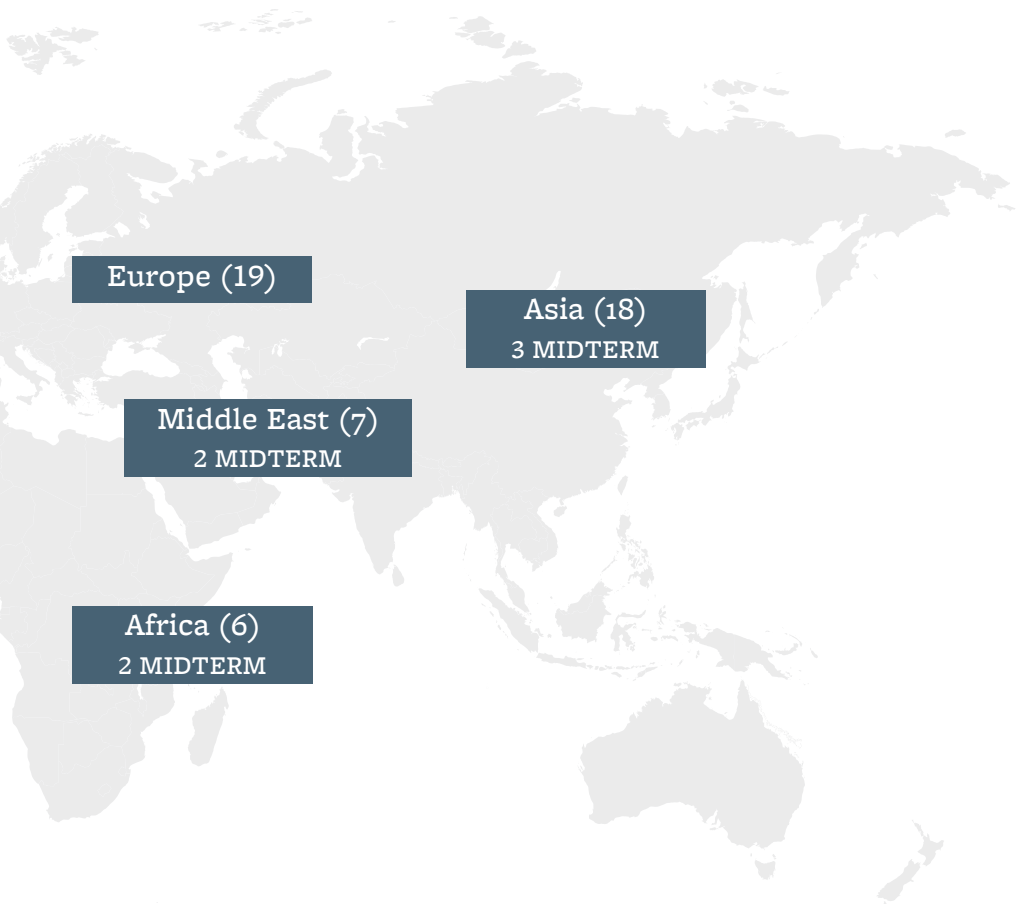
*Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me. Go
therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all
that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.*

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Latin America (10)
2 MIDTERM

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

REVELATION 7:9-10



Missionaries By Region

†*Missions Associate*
(prayer support only)

North America Based (36)

Adams, Paul & Mary
Albright, Dick & Roslyn
Baur, Phil & Ann
Beasley, Norm & Cathy
Blackburn, Brian & Warrie
Blomberg, Janet
Bradley, Karen
Cole, Curt & Karen
De La Cour, Stan & Faith
Deyneka, Anita
Dusek, Jeff & Margreet
Greeson, Joe & Holly
James & Patricia
Hansen, Jim & Kathy
Hawkins, Scott & Jenny
Keating, Brad & Christy
Kelly, Todd & Sue
Krogh, Steve & Lois
Ed & Joy
Long, Dan & Beth
Maust, John & Elsa
McKinley, Rick & Janice
Miller, Terri
Nordstrom, Robert & Laurie
Pelz, Jeff & Jane
Perlman, Susan
Romero, Marcos & Mariana
Sattler, Tim & Judy
Smith, Phil & Jessica
Smith, Tim & Deanna†
Stough, Bill & Laurie
Tahear, Emmanuel & Adugna
Wickberg, John & Vivi†
Wilson, Bruce & Becky
2 WATCH

Latin America (10)

Becker, Robbie & Lauren
Befus, Matt & Lisa
Blumhofer, Judy
Bradley, Kyle & Dariana
Cox, Steve & Mirian
Dresselhaus, Steve & Lois
Hurst, Greg & Faith
Johnson, David & Georgina
Trautwein, Victor & Leslie
VanDerMolen, Jeff & Ann

Africa (6)

Duttweiler, Rod & Kathy
Forsberg, Dorothy
John & Pam
Rigby, Stephen & Karis
Viands, Jamie & Kim
1 WATCH

Middle East (7)

Lanz, Daniel
Tebbe, Jim & Beth
5 WATCH

Europe (19)

Beck, Nathan & Vera
Castillo, Gerrie & Anneth
Davis, Giles & Debbie
Dunckel, Joshua & Kara
Faber, Bob & Becky
Haley, Jon & Kathy
Harris, Jonathan & Amy
Hatcher, Jim & Lynette
Klopfenstein, Sara & Emmanuel
Lundell, Miah & Tamara

McAuley, Thad & Joy
Nichols, Greg & Debby
Okoro, Stanley & Marjorie
Otten, Jeremy & Christy
Sánchez, José Pablo & Jane
Stough, Isaac & Jennifer
Warner, Charley & Cheryl
Wiebe, Chad & Leanna
1 WATCH

Asia (18)

Philip
Finn, Jake & Honah
Hershberger, Jeff & Tamara
Ash & Katrina
Owens, Daniel & Heather
Pardue, Steve & Teri
Pehrson, Ben & Mandy
11 WATCH

**11 mid-term units
serving in 9 countries**

Missionaries By Ministry Focus

†*Missions Associate*
(prayer support only)

Administration & Organizational Leadership

Baur, Phil & Ann
Beasley, Norm & Cathy
Cole, Curt & Karen
De La Cour, Stan & Faith
Dusek, Jeff & Margreet
Duttweiler, Rod & Kathy
Faber, Bob & Becky
Hatcher, Jim & Lynette
Maust, John & Elsa
McAuley, Thad & Joy
McKinley, Rick & Janice
Nichols, Greg & Debby
Perlman, Susan
Smith, Phil & Jessica
Wickberg, John & Vivi†
1 WATCH

Church Planting & Leadership

Castillo, Gerrie & Anneth
Dresselhaus, Steve & Lois
James & Patricia
Haley, John & Kathy
Hershberger, Jeff & Tamara
Hurst, Greg & Faith
Okoro, Stanley & Marjorie
3 WATCH

Community Development

Blackburn, Brian & Warrie
Blumhofer, Judy
Deyneka, Anita
Johnson, David & Georgina
Klopfenstein, Sara & Emmanuel
John & Pam
Romero, Marcos & Mariana
Stough, Bill & Laurie
Trautwein, Victor & Leslie
VanDerMolen, Jeff & Ann
4 WATCH

Evangelism, Discipleship & Training

Philip
Beck, Nathan & Vera
Bradley, Kyle & Dariana
Davis, Giles & Debbie
Dunckel, Joshua & Kara
Harris, Jonathan & Amy
Hawkins, Scott & Jenny
Ash & Katrina
Ed & Joy
Nordstrom, Robert & Laurie
Pelz, Jeff & Jane
Rigby, Stephen & Karis
Sánchez, José Pablo & Jane
Stough, Isaac & Jennifer
Tahear, Emmanuel & Adugna
7 WATCH

Third Culture Kid Education

Becker, Robbie & Lauren
Befus, Matt & Lisa
Blomberg, Janet
2 WATCH

Member Care

Finn, Jake & Honah
Greeson, Joe & Holly
Long, Dan & Beth
Lundell, Mihai & Tamara
Miller, Terri
Warner, Charley & Cheryl
1 WATCH

Mobilization

Hansen, Jim & Kathy
Keating, Brad & Christy
Wiebe, Chad & Leanna
Wilson, Bruce & Becky

Training National Leaders (Global)

Cox, Steve & Mirian
Lanz, Daniel
Otten, Jeremy & Christy
Owens, Daniel & Heather
Pardue, Steve & Teri
Tebbe, Jim & Beth
Viands, Jamie & Kim

Training National Leaders (U.S. Based)

Adams, Paul & Mary
Albright, Dick & Roslyn
Kelly, Todd & Sue
Krogh, Steve & Lois
Sattler, Tim & Judy
Smith, Tim & Deanna†

Translation

Bradley, Karen
Forsberg, Dorothy
Pehrson, Ben & Mandy
2 WATCH



Paul & Mary Adams

serve with Leadership Resources International (LRI), a ministry that serves to encourage and equip pastors around the world to teach God's Word with God's heart. Paul's work involves directing communications and technology projects and doing workshops with pastors in Honduras and the U.S. Mary translates written training materials into her native language for use in East Asia. They have a son, named Isaac, and live in South Carolina. *Pray for an ever-deepening relationship with the Lord. Pray that they would increase in their dependence on him and be filled more and more with the Holy Spirit.*



Dick & Roslyn Albright

serve with Training Leaders International (TLI) worldwide. Dick is an international trainer, organizing and leading teams of other theological trainers to places where TLI has been invited. National pastors gather for a week or two of training and then develop their own strategies for teaching what they have learned to other pastors. The Bible study curriculum emphasizes hermeneutics, expository preaching and church leadership along with practical application of each lesson. *Pray for Roslyn's healing from a rare progressive brain disease. Pray for wisdom to know what treatments might be helpful and for increased trust in the Lord.*



Phil & Ann Baur

have been actively involved in support of the proclamation of the gospel, development and refugee services for over 35 years. Presently they both serve at the headquarters of Pioneers International/USA in Orlando, Florida. Pioneers' mission is the relentless pursuit of God's glory among the unreached through church planting. Together Phil and Ann work alongside the president of Pioneers, assisting with international collaboration gatherings, board meetings, advancement events, crisis management and providing executive support wherever needed. Ann also serves on the board of directors of CAMP-of-the-WOODS in upstate New York. *Pray that the Baur's would be faithful in doing their part to raise up and send out laborers for the harvest.*

Norm & Cathy Beasley

served for three years in Peru and eighteen years in Papua New Guinea with their seven children. They now serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Norm is the director of global crisis management services. He trains missionaries to assess and avoid risk, planning for contingencies and ensuring that members are cared for during and after a crisis. He is also an investigator on the team that works to protect missionary children. Norm networks with many missions organizations and interacts with multiple government agencies, building relationships to partner with them in the event of a crisis for global missionaries.

Pray for wisdom as Norm trains missionaries and is involved in crisis situations.



Nathan & Vera Beck

serve with Greater Europe Mission in Opava, Czech Republic. They are involved in various teaching, training and preaching ministries. Their passion and focus is making disciples, and Nathan regularly coaches missionaries across the continent in the discipleship multiplication process. Together with local Christians, they use Discovery Bible Studies to reach non-believers in their community and around the country. Nathan and Vera are both passionate about equipping missionaries, pastors and lay believers around Europe to be disciples of Jesus.

Pray for Czech believers to grow in discipleship and gain a vision to reach all people with the gospel.



Robbie & Lauren Becker

are beginning year eight at El Camino Academy (ECA) in Bogotá, Colombia. ECA is an international Christian school, which is part of the Association of Christian Schools International. Robbie teaches high school Bible classes, though classes moved online due to the coronavirus. He also oversees the Bible department. Lauren takes care of their four children at home, seeks to build relationships with their neighbors and leads a young mom's Bible study. Robbie and Lauren also co-coach high school girls volleyball.

Pray that God would open doors for them to speak into the lives of prosperity preachers in Bogotá and that God would use Robbie to impact the lives of students and their parents.





Matt & Lisa Befus

serve at La Palabra de Vida (LPDV) in Costa Rica, seeking to advance the kingdom through Christian education. LPDV is a Christian bilingual school which serves approximately 300 national students, preschool through high school. Matt teaches high school science, trains teachers, oversees construction and serves as consultant to the school board and administration. Lisa serves in administration and supports the English program and library.

Pray for Matt and Lisa to know how best to use their experience, abilities and resources for the advancement of God's kingdom.



Brian & Warrie Blackburn

have served with Mercy Ships since 1994, both onboard and at the mission headquarters in Texas. They serve in full-time field service aboard the Africa Mercy with their eleven-year-old twin daughters, Addison and Alyssa. However, they are currently in the U.S after the Africa Mercy docked in Spain due to COVID. Warrie is the managing director of the Africa Mercy. Brian has served as an elementary teacher, principal, administrator and school director over the years, serving the kindergarten through twelfth grade children that live onboard. Mercy Ships seeks to partner with local churches and relief organizations to bring spiritual help and physical healing to the forgotten poor of West Africa.

Pray for the nations of Africa to come to know Jesus as their hope and salvation.



Janet Blomberg

lives locally and serves as the director of education services with Interaction International after stepping down from her role as executive director, which she had held since 2005. Interaction serves the global missionary kid and third culture kid community. Janet oversees a program that sends education majors from Christian colleges to international locations for student teaching. She's also working on relaunching Interaction's magazine, which serves an important role for parents, teachers and caregivers.

Pray for Janet to be a means of God's grace and love to missionary and third culture kids.

Judy Blumhofer

is the director of Casa Santuario, a long-term residential care center for more than 30 children in the Honduran foster system. As Judy puts it, there is never a shortage of kids to play with or activities to undertake and children's laughter rings out regularly. She is also a long-term foster parent to two children.

Pray for rest and for ongoing energy for Judy and her staff. Pray for the children at Casa Santuario to know that they are loved and for them to know Jesus.



Karen Bradley

serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators on a strategic team that offers professional development of English language skills. Having a better grasp of English allows international colleagues access to more translation resources and opportunities to attend seminary, training programs, meetings and conferences, as well as the ability to fill leadership and administrative roles. Karen is thankful she can help equip and encourage colleagues in this way as the work of Bible translation continues around the world.

Pray for God's continued love and care to Karen and her five adult children after her husband, Dave, unexpectedly passed away in January of 2019.



Kyle (& Dariana) Bradley

serve with GO Ministries in the Dominican Republic. Their focus is sports outreach where they help develop full-time Dominican and Haitian coaches. They seek to provide positive role models and individual mentorship. GO focuses on the holistic growth of every player as they participate in discipleship classes, daily devotionals and the teaching of healthy life skills. The Bradley's mentorship of local leaders serves as the fuel for coaches to have a Christ-centered impact on more than 300 athletes that participate in daily sports academies.

Pray for the kids who are connected with GO to be drawn to the love of Jesus and come to saving faith in him.





Gerrie & Anneth Castillo

serve with SEND in church planting ministry, and recently started a church in Guadalajara, Spain. By God's grace, this church has been established in leadership and membership and is helping with outreach in another town 75 kilometers away. They continue to mentor, coach and encourage the leadership team. They also provide pastoral care to help church members grow in their understanding and Christian life. Their prayer is that the church members, and especially the church leadership, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and be found faithful, making disciples of all nations. *Pray for wisdom and clear guidance as they seek the Lord's leading for next steps, during a sabbatical from August 2020 through April 2021.*



Curt & Karen Cole

are based in Kansas City, Missouri. They are in their 28th year as missionaries, transitioning to Avant Ministries in 2019. Curt serves as the international personnel director for Avant, overseeing the ministry health of 500+ global missionaries. His primary task is to build church planting teams that are deployed to least-reached areas. He does this through actively engaging, mentoring and coaching people who are pursuing missionary service with Avant. Karen is an encourager and coach as well, especially with young missionary mothers.

Pray for their church planting teams to have a spirit of boldness in sharing Christ and for relationships to blossom between Curt, Karen and those they support.



Steve & Mirian Cox

are at Word of Life Bible Seminary in Brazil. Steve heads up the discipleship program and works closely with the staff to keep them encouraged and walking close to the Lord in order to grow and help develop the students. He also assists with student life, which includes discipleship, dormitories, physical education, student relationships and discipline. Mirian works alongside Steve and loves discipling women and being involved in their lives. Together they are involved in a local church, where they serve as spiritual leaders.

Pray for them to be encouraged by their time in prayer and in God's Word, that they might be an encouragement to others.

Giles & Debbie Davis

serve with SEND International in Spain. Debbie is the national youth coordinator for a federation of national evangelical churches, as well as the director of Misión Posible, a national youth conference that is held every two years. Giles has published two books in Spanish and is preparing a youth ministry course for a seminary in Barcelona. Together they travel around Spain to encourage and train youth leaders and those who oversee them as well as run a discipleship house where up to four youth at a time come for several months for discipleship, ministry and life training. Giles and Debbie serve their local church by supporting the youth group leaders, Giles participates on the worship team and leads an English club that meets in the church.

Pray for wisdom and strength as they serve in many roles. Pray that God would use them to reach Spanish youth.



Stan & Faith De La Cour

serve with SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina. Stan develops partnerships between SIM and churches in the greater Charlotte area and serves in member care, supporting and caring for missionaries. Faith serves as vice president and chief people officer, overseeing the group that provides personnel, member care and child safety for SIM missionaries from the U.S.—more than 750 serving in nearly 70 countries. Stan and Faith have been supported by College Church since 1983, and previously served in Japan for over 30 years doing pastoral work, teaching and missionary care. They enjoy connecting God's people to God's work in the world.

Pray for ears to hear and insight of how to care for the missionaries and staff with whom Stan and Faith interact.



Anita Deyneka

works with Mission Eurasia, serving primarily with A Family for Every Orphan, but also with World Without Orphans (WWO). They seek to place orphans in caring Christian families within their home countries through building alliances between churches and organizations. The church is the center of this ministry, however, for children to receive the best care possible, it is essential to connect with government, social and judicial workers. Anita's ministry focuses on assisting young leaders in areas of strategic planning, communications and fund-raising. She also travels often to countries where the WWO movement has spread since it originated in Ukraine.

Pray for wisdom to know what will be most beneficial to the greatest number of orphans and vulnerable children.





Steve & Lois Dresselhaus

serve with TEAM in Mexico. They are the founders of Reconciliamar, a Mexican non-profit that “uses adventures at sea to transform lives.” They seek to proclaim the biblical teaching of reconciliation as the solution to the world’s environmental crisis and the basis of hope and salvation for every person. As COVID restrictions are further lifted, Steve and Lois anticipate starting a house church in their neighborhood, together with several other couples from current groups. Their desire is to keep the new church as simple as possible so that it can be easily reproduced.

Pray for love and energy to minister in their neighborhood which is experiencing increased poverty issues. Pray for knowledge, wisdom and courage to talk about Jesus with those around them.



Joshua & Kara Dunckel

live in Budapest, Hungary. Joshua works on the strategic partnering team of ReachGlobal’s Europe division. His team works in the “white spaces” of Europe where the organization doesn’t have teams on the ground, but where opportunities exist for them to support and work alongside European ministry leaders. The three main areas of focus are ministry to Muslims, missions mobilization and building unity between churches and organizations. The goal is always to see healthy churches multiplying across Europe and beyond. While Joshua serves across Europe, Kara works at home, homeschooling three of their four children, helping Joshua and serving their community.

Pray for unity between churches and Christian organizations across Europe as they proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.



Jeff & Margreet Dusek

work with Missionary Athletes International (MAI) and its Midwest ministry, the Chicago Eagles. The Eagles strive to communicate the message of Jesus Christ through the environment of soccer. Jeff focuses on the Summer Academy, a leadership training program for college students to use soccer as a platform to share Christ’s love. He promotes summer camps, going to church partners to talk to Sunday school classes and youth groups as well as to schools. Jeff is also responsible for the Eagles’ spring golf fundraiser. Margreet helps with registration and camp administration.

Pray for students and coaches to be encouraged in their faith and draw ever nearer to Jesus.

Rod & Kathy Duttweiler

co-founded the East Mountain Leadership Development (EM) initiative in South Africa. They seek to develop Christian leaders who are strong, competent, theologically sound and spiritually discerning for churches, Christian schools and organizations. Since 2014, they have seen hundreds impacted through temporary learning communities, weekend workshops and theological training cohorts. In 2019, East Mountain Global launched communities in Edinburgh (Scotland), Bangkok (Thailand) and Greenville (South Carolina). Rodney continues to give oversight to the overall vision and direction of the EM global network. Both Rodney and Kathy also disciple and mentor interns.

Pray that they would serve with grace and love as they invest in the lives of staff, residents and ministry partners.



Bob & Becky Faber

serve with Salt Ventures in Sofia, Bulgaria. Bob is the president of Salt Ventures NFP. The Fabers are involved in teaching, church planting, evangelism, leadership development and community service. They run a Filling Station group, a UK-based movement for those who are seeking and curious but not yet interested in church. They are also developing programs for youth to gain career-oriented opportunities.

Pray for wisdom as Bob and Becky navigate their commitments and seek to do each well.



Jake & Honah Finn

serve fellow missionaries and their families throughout Asia at Cornerstone Counseling Foundation, located in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Jake is the director of clinical services. Cornerstone Counseling provides confidential and professional counseling, consultation and training from a Christian perspective for individuals, couples, families, teams and organizations. Jake and Honah both grew up in missionary families and have a heart for serving the international community overseas. They have five-year-old twin boys and a one-year-old daughter.

Pray for grace as Jake and Honah balance ministry, parenting and other demands of life.





Dorothy Forsberg

serves with SIM doing Bible translation work. She has been involved in the Yom Bible translation project since 1977 in Benin, Africa. Dorothy helped digitalize half of the New Testament as well as recruited a team for the Old Testament translation. The Bibles were completed and joyfully delivered in August 2020. As Dorothy nears retirement, she looks forward to celebrating with the Yom people and her dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pray for each person who reads the Bible in Yom to know Christ and grow in love for the Scriptures.



Joe & Holly Greeson

work in member care with SEND International in Alaska and Northwest Canada. Based in Anchorage, Joe and Holly travel by road and plane to 21 different villages in the Far North. They encourage SEND workers and their families who are called by Jesus to live and make disciples in this region. They also have a special heart for missionary kids isolated in remote villages who face many of the same issues as third culture kids around the world.

Pray for safety as they travel often to remote areas where those they are ministering to live and serve. Pray for wisdom of how to encourage their people.



Jon & Kathy Haley

have been serving in Spain with WorldVenture since 1996. They serve the Spanish church in the areas of leadership development and mobilization. They have had the privilege of serving alongside the Spanish church through promoting church health, coordinating an online Bible school and translating theology and books on church health. They also developed an online resource to mentor bi-vocational, non-seminary-trained pastors in the preparation of expository sermons. They are deeply burdened for the authority of the Scriptures and purity of the gospel message in Spanish congregations. As a result, they seek to provide training and resources to promote dynamic expositional preaching and encourage pastors.

Pray for deep conviction in the hearts of Spanish church leaders to teach God's Word with authority, integrity and faithfulness.

Jim & Kathy Hansen

serve with SIM at Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI) in Waukesha, Wisconsin, preparing prospective missionaries for service overseas. EBI provides Bible training with an emphasis on application in overseas ministry. Jim also teaches Perspectives courses in the Midwest and serves as a theological education consultant for SIM Bolivia. Kathy serves in their local church and is a special needs aide. They previously served in Bolivia for 25 years.

Pray for strength and good health as they manage a difficult and busy year full of responsibilities. Pray that they would be filled with spiritual wisdom and the knowledge of the truth.



Jonathan & Amy Harris

have worked for over 35 years with Operation Mobilization (OM). They first served with the OM ship ministry, but for the last 25 years, have been based in Wales, UK, focusing on evangelistic outreach alongside local churches. This has involved outreach activities such as widespread school, sports and special needs ministry. Currently a major focus is helping a new church plant in Grangetown, a multicultural area in the city of Cardiff. Other ongoing aspects of the work include regular street evangelism and mentoring young local evangelists.

Pray for the Lord to show them effective ways to reach Muslim, Hindu and secular communities in Grangetown with the gospel. Pray that the Lord would allow them to see people become vibrant disciples of Jesus.



Jim & Lynette Hatcher

live and serve in Vienna, Austria. Jim serves as a regional leader, overseeing Greater Europe Mission (GEM) work in Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Germany. Lynette serves on a member care team, encouraging GEM women Europe-wide and co-leading a local international women's Bible study. Both Jim and Lynette disciple believers in their Austrian church and lead Bible studies. Jim also serves on the preaching team. In addition, Jim is involved in leadership with the program he originally went to serve in 1986, which focuses on church-based theological education and training, as well as through an extensive research project (doctoral dissertation) about the history and impact of this program with the goal of helping them plan for the next generation.

Pray for wisdom in their roles of walking alongside others and that they would point people to Jesus.





Scott & Jenny Hawkins

serve with International Students, Inc., in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina. Scott remains engaged as one of six campus staff. Their team interacts with students primarily at Duke University and NC State University, where there are more than 8,800 international students, representing over 100 nations. They envision every international student encountering Christ, bringing glory to the living God and the transformation of nations. Scott and Jenny enjoy mentoring individual students, sharing a meal or hiking a trail, as well as facilitating Discovery Bible Studies—both those familiar or unfamiliar with Scripture and the reality of walking with the living God. *Pray for perseverance, energy, imagination and faith as they walk this especially challenging season of student ministry.*



Jeff & Tamara Hershberger

have been with SEND International in Tokyo, Japan since 2012. Four years ago they partnered with a Japanese-led church planting effort, and until recently, they served as cooperating missionaries with a church planting team in a city with no other existing churches. In April 2020, they were asked by the parent church to support a new church plant in a neighboring city. Jeff is part of the preaching team. Together, they use English clubs as a means to serve the community and introduce the community to the church plant and, ultimately, to Jesus. Tamara, in addition to church planting support, teaches part-time at the Christian Academy in Japan. They have two sons. *Pray that the Lord would bless their church plant and guide them in their outreach efforts.*



Greg & Faith Hurst

work with SIM in Bolivia, focusing on discipleship through family ministry and church planting. In the church they helped to plant, Greg serves as an elder and helps train the ministry team while Faith shepherds the leaders of the women's and children's ministries. The Hursts's vision is to mobilize their congregation and other churches in La Paz to plant gospel-focused, disciple-making, missional churches that glorify God in their city, country and world. (Acts 1:8) To this end, Greg is training a group of potential church planters with a goal to send out teams in 2022. Faith is receiving specialized training to better equip and encourage the wives of these Bolivian church planters. *Pray for wisdom as Greg trains church planters from six congregations and Faith equips and encourages their wives.*

David (& Georgina) Johnson

has served since 2016 as a missionary with Kids Alive (KA) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. His ministry is to elementary-age children attending KA's school. He teaches English to kindergarten through sixth grade. David also is an architect, designing facility improvements at each of the 10 ministry sites in the DR. David assisted in the construction development of the newest campus in Santo Domingo East, which is adding classrooms and office space. Also, he helps to host and care for U.S. short-term teams that visit throughout the year.

Pray for Kids Alive children and families to flourish and that doors would open for them through their education. Pray most of all that they would trust Jesus as their Savior.



Brad & Christy Keating

live in Texas. Brad works with the ethnomusicology/arts department at the Wycliffe International Linguistic Center in Dallas. He teaches classes that prepare missionaries for Bible translation and develops new art courses for the bachelor's and the master's world arts degrees. He also creates and edits videos that explain how art consultants can aid in and benefit the Bible translation process. Brad is available as a consultant to Wycliffe's overseas arts workers for their audio and visual equipment needs and questions. Christy primarily cares for their children, Karis (16), who has a serious seizure disorder and is completely dependent, and Brendan (11).

Pray for health and rest for their family, and for joy for Brad in his work and Christy as she takes care of their kids.



Todd & Sue Kelly

work for Leadership Resources International (LRI) to train pastors to read and wisely interpret the Bible so they can lead their congregations and encourage God's work among the nations. Todd is the global ministries director and has been working with LRI since 2002. He works with graduates of LRI's programs across the globe and establishes new training movements. Todd and Sue live in Wheaton.

Pray for God to reveal himself more and more to Todd and Sue as well as to their adult children.





Sara (& Emmanuel) Klopfenstein

ministers in Nancy, France, with Youth For Christ, predominantly in the musical realm. She directs gospel choirs that are open to anyone wanting to sing that repertoire, including the unchurched, and also puts on inter-church musical projects. She also helps in an inner-city ministry which is beginning a tutoring program. Sara's husband, Manu, manages a government-funded group home for mothers and their small infants. They have three children.

Pray for Sara as she and her husband balance ministry and helping their teen-aged kids navigate the path towards adulthood.



Steve & Lois Krogh

serve with Training Leaders International, whose mission is to equip pastors around the world to be faithful expositors of God's Word in their culture. Steve is an international trainer, serving pastors and church leaders by leading teaching teams. Whether gathering in a living room behind shuttered windows with a handful of pastors in a closed country high in the Himalayas or meeting under a mango tree with church leaders in Ethiopia, Steve and Lois count it a privilege to serve Christ's shepherds, who are on the front lines of kingdom work.

Pray for Steve to know how best to train and strengthen pastors and for God's protection on pastors who live in countries that face violence and persecution.



Daniel Lanz

works at Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, where he teaches theology and Hebrew language. The college's Christian studies faculty serve a Christian minority in Pakistan, and the master's program is especially well-equipped for training in biblical studies. Daniel feels privileged to have students in his courses who are eager to study the Bible carefully while constantly considering its significance for the church. It is his hope and vision that the next generation of Pakistani Bible teachers will teach exegesis and biblical theology with humility, maturity and academic thoroughness. Daniel and his colleagues are seeing more and more gifted Pakistani theologians replace the expats who trained them, and he is excited and grateful to be a part of that story.

Pray for wisdom and productivity as Daniel teaches and writes several textbooks, seeking to optimize his courses.

Ed & Joy

work to reach Muslim international students, refugees and immigrants in Canada. They disciple new believers and help them get established in churches and fellowships. Ed and Joy use their skills to open doors to friendship with Muslims. For Ed, this includes being friendly, meeting men for coffee and helping people in practical ways. Joy practices hospitality, friendliness, does home visits and offers prayer. Joy also has been blessed with a gift of writing, which she uses to equip and mentor Christians for Muslim ministry. Together, they praise God for the growing number of Christians who are praying for and befriending Muslims in North America.

Pray for the Spirit to soften hearts, lead Ed and Joy to the right people and give them the words to share about Jesus.



Dan & Beth Long

served in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1999-2019. In January they moved to Fort Mill, South Carolina, to work out of SIM's international office and care for Beth's parents, retired missionaries Don and Muriel Stilwell. Dan is serving as a global chaplain, ministering to missionaries around the world, helping keep them on the field and working effectively. Dan and Beth also have three adult children.

Pray for Dan and Beth as they continue to transition to life in the States after 20 years overseas. Pray that they would be an encouragement to their families.



Mihai & Tamara Lundell

live in Italy and are part of the Europe Area Leadership team with One Challenge International. Their primary ministry responsibilities are member care, coordinating sports ministry and guiding a new generation of leaders in spiritual formation. Mihai serves on the executive committee of the European Member Care (EMC) board, debriefing mission workers who live throughout Europe and the Middle East. The EMC also hosts training opportunities and events for workers around the world. During the COVID-19 lockdowns they offered an online training course that had 4,000 registrants. Tamara offers one-on-one spiritual direction to 20 European leaders and produces biblically-centered spiritual exercises that are available online. They are also active in their local church.

Pray that they would be wise and understanding as they challenge their friends who are believers to strengthen their faith. Pray for boldness in sharing their faith with others.





John & Elsa Maust

are based in Wheaton and serve with Media Associates International (MAI), a global ministry that equips and encourages Christian publishing staff and writers to create excellent Christian content in the heart language of the intended reader, thereby nurturing the church and influencing society for Christ. John is the president of MAI, and Elsa does part-time Spanish interpretation for the local school district. Since MAI's founding 35 years ago, some 10,000 men and women from 85 countries have been helped to create life-transforming Christian content for their readers.

Pray for God's leading as they prepare for the 2021 Littworld Christian publishing conference and that it will be able to happen in person.



Thad & Joy McAuley

are based in France with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). They serve the local French church and community. Thad is responsible for GEM's field ministries across Europe, overseeing over 350 missionaries involved in one-on-one and small group discipleship, church planting, evangelism, refugee camp work, connections through the arts and youth and family camps. Joy leads GEM's spiritual life team, helping missionaries to strengthen their relationships with Jesus so their ministry flows out from an ever-deepening relationship with him.

Pray for perspective, wisdom, grace and courage to lead well and support missionaries in humility.



Rick & Janice McKinley

began serving with Missionary Athletes International (MAI) in 1987. In 1997, they founded MAI's Chicago Eagles ministry, where they have served for over 20 years. This fall, they are transitioning to North Carolina and MAI's headquarters, to assist with training and discipleship in each of the MAI locations. MAI's mission is to glorify God and see lives transformed by communicating the message of Jesus Christ through the global environment of soccer. Through the medium of sports ministry they train athletes, coaches and churches that are sent out to love God and serve others.

Pray for their transition to this new ministry and new location and for God's grace and provision in every step.

Jeff & Irene

serve in Thailand with their two children, Hudson (9) and Jade (7). Jeff has nearly completed preliminary training for Bible translation work. This preparation has included study of the national language as well as applied linguistics for a Southeast Asian context. Beginning their next term, they will be working towards translating the Bible for an unreached, Bible-less language group, starting with study of the target language. This people group is predominantly Buddhist in name, though spiritism is prevalent. They are resistant to the gospel, but a small church is slowly growing despite persecution.

Pray for their family as they transition from studies in the city to ministry in a village, for God's clear provision for housing, friendships and their translation work.



Terri (& Matt) Miller

is part of the Europe leadership team of ReachGlobal, with specific oversight of the resource team that provides events, training, communications, business services and new staff support for nearly 150 households serving across Europe in the work of church multiplication. She also serves as the global church representative for the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), representing NAE at events and meetings related to the global church as well as representing the global church to NAE and its members for mutual learning, encouragement and support.

Pray for a growing, God-given desire and ability to listen and learn, and for clear communication as she speaks.



Greg & Debby Nichols

serve in Czech Republic with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). Debby and Greg are working with Dignity, a Czech-based Christian NGO, that was formed to provide resources and share the gospel with refugees, who are generally not welcome. Dignity provides food and clothing for refugees in detention centers, housing for at-risk refugees who have been removed from the detention centers and settles refugee families who are permitted to stay. Greg also works with GEM's new leader development department, training and coaching leaders in and outside GEM. Additionally, he volunteers as a coach with the Prague Lions, a semi-pro American football team, which provides an excellent opportunity to be involved in the lives of his players.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to go before them and prepare people's hearts to hear the gospel.





Robert & Laurie Nordstrom

serve with OMF in campus ministry with international students (with a focus on Chinese and East Asian students). They work in partnership with local churches and campus ministry organizations to reach and disciple these students. This involves evangelism, discipleship, development training and preparing those returning to their home countries. The U.S. hosts over a million international students each year, one-third of whom come from China. Though 10% of students profess faith, it's estimated that 80% do not continue in faith after returning home. Returnee-focused discipleship helps these young believers' faith thrive after leaving the U.S. *Pray for God to open the eyes of international students and to prepare them to return to their countries with the gospel.*



Stanley (& Marjorie) Okoro

live in Lille, France, where Stanley has served for more than nine years with Greater Europe Mission. They serve as leaders of a small church planting team with a vision to see a movement of disciples who are continually being transformed by Christ, living out their faith in the church and sharing their faith in their natural environments. Lille is an extremely diverse city with large populations of Muslims as well as North and West Africans. Many have gone through harrowing experiences and often have questions about God. The team spends considerable time cultivating a presence through prayer walking, sharing the gospel with French natives and immigrants alike, giving away coffee and tea and leading Discovery Bible Studies.

Pray for the Lord to use his church in France in mighty ways and to be turning more hearts toward him.



Jeremy & Christy Otten

serve with WorldVenture to provide theological education and counseling in Europe. They are in their third year serving in Leuven, Belgium. Jeremy teaches full-time in the New Testament department at the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (ETF). He enjoys the opportunity to work with students from across Europe and all over the world as they prepare for lives of ministry and discipleship. He has also enjoyed formal and informal opportunities for mentorship. Christy continues her language study and will begin pursuing more opportunities to use her counseling expertise with the students at ETF and through WorldVenture.

Pray for rest for Jeremy and Christy and their family as they have a full schedule of language learning, ministry outside of their home and caring for their small children.

Daniel & Heather Owens

serve in Vietnam, where Daniel teaches at Hanoi Bible College. The school trains young men and women for ministry. Many of the students come from ethnic minority churches in the mountains of northern Vietnam where they are in a unique position to minister to people groups who are least-reached by the gospel. Daniel also helps to run Seed Christian Literature, which produces Vietnamese books to serve theological students, pastors and laypeople. Heather is now teaching an English intensive at the Bible college in place of teachers who couldn't return from overseas due to the pandemic.

She also continues to work on writing projects and to teach their two boys at home, one in grade nine and the other in grade seven.

Pray for the students at Hanoi Bible College to be rooted and grounded in God's Word as they prepare for future ministry.



Steve & Teri Pardue

serve with TeachBeyond in the Philippines. Steve is on the theology faculty at the International Graduate School of Leadership and directs a doctoral program for the Asia Graduate School of Theology. Graduates of these schools serve in more than 20 nations as pastors, church leaders, missionaries and seminary faculty, providing crucial leadership to the rapidly growing Asian church. Steve also creates textbooks for Asian Christians and provides leadership for TeachBeyond seminary professors in the Philippines. Teri runs a preschool for local and missionary families, providing a safe and stimulating environment for young learners. In connection with the preschool, she also partners with a local Bible college to train and equip students preparing for teaching vocations. She is in the final stages of a master's degree in early childhood education, which will allow her to expand her involvement in equipping future teachers.

Pray for students to deepen their knowledge of the faith for the sake of leading healthier Asian churches.



Ben & Mandy Pehrson

live in Papua New Guinea (PNG), training Papua New Guineans in the joint ministry of Bible translation, literacy and Scripture engagement. Ben and Mandy are the team leaders for the Aitape West Translation Program, which includes 14 missionaries and about 65 PNG volunteers. As of 2020, their team has translated about 50% of the New Testament and some Old Testament portions as well. Their team serves 11 different language groups from four language families in the most linguistically diverse area of the world. They are also beginning to train local people in the art of oral Bible storytelling. Ben regularly teaches introductory linguistics classes for PNG translators, and has begun a PhD in linguistics. Mandy assists at their children's international school and is homeschooling their fifth-grade twins.

Pray for a healthy work-life balance and that they would live in the power of Christ, ready to respond to the opportunities he puts in their path.





Jeff & Jane Pelz

work with InterVarsity. Jeff is the staff worker at College of DuPage (COD), population 26,000, where he reaches out to international students. His role as Bible study leader, mentor and evangelist includes training up the next generation of students to love Jesus and share him winsomely. Jane is a project manager for InterVarsity's international student ministry national office, helping ministry flourish across America. The Pelzes host activities in their home for internationals and encourage Christian students to join them in outreach. They have served university students since 1984 (Jane) and 1985 (Jeff), including 19 years overseas.

Pray for students at COD to come to know Jesus and for Christian students to make a priority out of proclaiming the name of Jesus.



Susan Perlman

is a first-generation Jewish believer from Brooklyn, New York, and has served with Jews for Jesus since 1973. Susan is the chief partnership officer, developing relationships with other missions, churches and theological institutions who share a commitment to evangelism and recognize that more kingdom work can happen when everyone works together. Susan is also a member of the executive leadership team, having helped found Jews for Jesus. She serves the global Christian community through her roles with the Lausanne Movement, MissioNexus and Dallas Theological Seminary, among others. Her greatest passion is to share the gospel with Jewish people one-on-one or with anyone who needs to know Jesus.

Pray for opportunities to invest in younger staff who aspire to leadership and for the Holy Spirit to guide her ministry.



Stephen & Karis Rigby

serve in Nairobi, Kenya, as team leaders with Serge and seek to help their team navigate cross-cultural living while engaging in meaningful gospel ministry. In addition, Karis is the apprenticeship and internship director for Serge, a one-year or 15-month program, built on the pillars of prayer, curriculum, mentoring and ministry placement. Stephen serves with Ambassadors Football as the Kenya director, and as part of the Africa Leadership Team. Ambassadors is a ministry which uses soccer to connect people to Jesus and his story. The Rigbys are passionate about gospel renewal, discipleship and cross-cultural ministry.

Pray for their family as they parent three little ones. Pray also that they would lead their team well.

Marcos & Mariana Romero

have been radio broadcasters since 1981 and serve with Reach Beyond. For 24 years, they have been in charge of KNOG Manantial, an FM radio station in Nogales, Arizona, bordering Mexico. The station's signal extends 40 miles into Sonora, Mexico, and reaches the metro areas of Tucson and Phoenix. KNOG's potential Hispanic audience is about 900,000. Their ordinary tasks relate to broadcasting, engineering, administration and counseling. They seek to encourage listeners with songs, commentary and Bible teaching so they can know about God's love and forgiveness and place their faith in him. Besides Marcos and Mariana, KNOG's team consists of two part-time employees and a few volunteers.

Pray for God to raise up and guide their team of employees and volunteers and that the ministry would continue to be God-honoring.



José Pablo & Jane Sánchez

serve the Lord with the goal to see an evangelical church in every unreached town of Spain. José Pablo is the director of Decisión Evangelistic Association, and Jane also works with the ministry. Decisión has one of the best databases about the needs of the unreached towns of Spain and created a web page to promote prayer and missions mobilization for Spain. It's estimated that 92% of towns in Spain have no born-again Christians. Every Sunday, they preach the gospel on national public TV and radio. Last year five million people watched Good News TV programs in Spain, and 182,000 listened to the "Stories of Faith" radio program.

Pray for God to direct those who are ready to hear the gospel to Decisión's team. Pray for God to touch the lives of those who hear, that they might find new life in him.



Tim (& Judy) Sattler

serve with Leadership Resources International seeking to launch pastoral training movements worldwide. The vision of LRI is to see God's Word flowing powerfully through every church to every nation. Tim is the global ministries training director and provides strategic direction and oversight for worldwide training, as well as development of workshop materials.

Pray for the Spirit to guide Tim in his training sessions with pastors and that Tim would have great wisdom as he seeks to create helpful materials.





Phil & Jessica Smith

live locally and serve with Leadership Resources International (LRI). After pastoring in Alaska for 10 years, Phil and Jessica moved to the Chicago area in 2013 to join LRI full-time. Phil has served as both field director and executive director. Phil completed his doctoral degree in 2020, and started a new role, coming alongside the LRI team and global ministry partners to explore the creation of a global organization to provide a better format for international contribution. LRI equips pastors in nearly 60 countries to faithfully shepherd their congregations with God's Word. In many of these countries, leadership teams have formed among the trained pastors and some have even created their own organizations to multiply the training in their countries and regions.

Pray that God will bring about movements of his Word to every corner of the globe through interconnected partnerships.



Tim & Deanna Smith (Missions Associates)

serve the Lord with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). Tim works in human resources with GEM, a change from his previous ministry in missionary care. In 2007, God called them to Austria to use their skills to counsel and care for missionaries in Eastern Europe. They moved back to Colorado to serve at GEM's U.S. headquarters in 2010 and continue their counseling ministry with missionaries. They assess missionary candidates, visit missionaries, participate in retreats, respond to crisis situations and help with training.

Pray for new missionaries, for God's provision as they raise funds and as they prepare for transition.



Bill & Laurie Stough

serve with Africa Inland Mission (AIM). They returned to the U.S. from Uganda and continue working with AIM and Farming God's Way from the States. Farming God's Way is a tool that integrates discipleship and sustainable farming to equip the impoverished. It provides vision for people across the country and develops relationships in order to share the gospel, teach farming techniques and practice resource management. In turn, these farmers become light in their communities, passing on to others what God is showing them.

Pray for their relationships to provide open doors to sharing the gospel and for wisdom as they point communities toward Christ.

Isaac & Jennifer Stough

work with Youth for Christ (YFC) in Barcelona, Spain. Isaac teaches English and assists in running the English Academy at the YFC center. Jennifer coordinates the English academy and a theater program for young people. They both actively disciple those who attend the weekly YFC outreach events, which include youth groups, retreats and camps.

Pray for students to be open and willing to dialogue about the gospel and that through conversation might know new life in Christ.



Emmanuel & Adugna Tahear

are missionaries with SIM Culture ConneXions. They are involved in worldwide evangelism, mobilization, church planting and compassion mission opportunities overseas. Adugna is a career missionary dentist and seeks to relieve pain, eliminate infections and give people back their smiles. Emmanuel networks with and encourages church leaders from different evangelical associations with a focus on reaching Muslims and Muslim-background believers. He also serves actively with local Burmese and Vietnamese churches.

Pray for doors to open for Emmanuel and Adugna to share the love of Jesus, and for peace during uncertainty as Adugna is unsure when she will be able to continue her international dental ministry trips.



Jim & Beth Tebbe

serve in Pakistan where Jim has been the Rector (President) of Forman Christian College with 8,300 students. He will retire at the end of November 2020. Beth serves with the overseas branch of InterVarsity. She is winding down her involvements as well, though may remain with them into 2021, depending on their needs. Jim has established a non-profit in the U.S. to support Gordon College, formerly a Christian College also in Pakistan, which the government wants to denationalize. As a part-time volunteer, he will chair its board, lead the U.S. non-profit and consult as needed. God willing and health permitting, he will do that for a few years into retirement. *Pray for Jim and Beth as they transition. Pray for strength and wisdom in allocating time as they say both goodbyes and hellos.*





Victor & Leslie Trautwein

have lived in the Dominican Republic (DR) working with Kids Alive since 2002. Vic co-directs the operations of the ten Kids Alive schools and orphanages. Leslie oversees preventive medical care, emergency care and chronic care as well as the nutrition and dental health programs. The need in the DR is great, and they work hard to break cycles of spiritual and material poverty that have existed in some families for generations. Kids Alive serves more than 2,200 children and youth, and the staff has grown to 290 nationals, including more than 50 former at-risk youth in professional roles such as classroom teachers.

Pray for wisdom and energy as they seek to provide for and protect their workers, children and families.



Jeff & Ann VanDerMolen

serve in the Dominican Republic. They minister through residential care and Christian schools to children who are orphaned, abandoned or abused. Their desire is that these children would have a relationship with Jesus and grow to be witnesses for Christ. Ann serves with Kids Alive as the director of their ANIJA school in Jarabacoa, with 360 students and more than 35 staff, doing teacher training, staff development and curriculum development for the other schools run by Kids Alive in the DR. Jeff serves on the board of two local organizations on the DR and helping with construction projects.

Pray for them to be a good witness for Christ and to point those they work with, each other and their kids to the Lord.



Jamie & Kim Viands

live in Nairobi, Kenya and serve with Africa Inland Mission (AIM). Jamie is a lecturer in the biblical studies department at Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (a school of Africa International University). He trains African pastors, missionaries and theological educators. Jamie primarily teaches courses in biblical theology, Old Testament and Hebrew, enabling Africans to be more faithful teachers and preachers of Scripture. He also engages in writing, supervising doctoral students, preaching locally and is currently the theological education consultant for AIM. Kim homeschools their five young children, participates in two homeschool groups in Nairobi and ministers to women in the area.

Pray for Jamie's students to grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Jesus and their ability to disciple others and preach faithfully.

Charley & Cheryl Warner

live in Ukraine. They train and care for new cross-cultural missionaries from Ukraine, where young people are increasingly excited about missions and are breaking new ground on the field. They also teach missions and spiritual life classes at seminaries in Ukraine and Armenia and stay in touch with former students. Charley serves on the missions committee of the Baptist Union of Ukraine and is on the board of Odessa Theological Seminary, where he was a professor from 1991-1999. Cheryl mentors and provides soul care for global workers as well as leads an evangelistic Bible study for local women. She also edits English translations of publications for church leaders. Together they mentor leaders in missionary care.

Pray for the Warners to be an encouragement and to strengthen Ukrainian missionaries and church leaders.



John & Vivi Wickberg (Missions Associates)

serve with Wycliffe at the JAARS center near Waxhaw, North Carolina. John is a full-time computer programmer and works mainly on Paratext, a program for Bible translation that is used by many organizations. They estimate there are 6,000 active users. Vivi continues to serve in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, teaching twice a week. Each class includes fifteen minutes of Bible time. Vivi also disciples a couple of women whose husbands are not believers and meets with women who recently arrived in the U.S.

Pray for wisdom for John as he develops Bible translation software and for Vivi as she meets with women.



Chad & Leanna Wiebe

minister in Ukraine with SEND. Chad is the director of SEND's missions mobilization ministry in Ukraine. He coordinates and leads ministry efforts to help Ukrainian churches send missionaries to unreached regions of Eurasia and Central Asia, where there are more than 900 unreached people groups. Leanna coaches young women who are preparing to leave for service outside of Ukraine and is involved in children's ministries.

Pray for God's provision in every area of their lives and in the lives of their children.





Bruce & Becky Wilson

live in Orlando, Florida, and serve with Pioneers. Bruce is developing PROpel, a new missions initiative which creates short-term opportunities (virtual and on-site) for Christians to use their professional skills to serve the global church and the common good. PROpel creates opportunities to leverage people's gifts and skills for the good of the global church. Volunteers serve in a variety of ways including as consultants, trainers, service providers or speakers. Becky serves on the Pioneers advancement team. She supports the president of Pioneers in relational fund raising and works closely with major donors. In her role, she has the joy of partnering financial resources with the needs of the unreached.

Pray for the Lord to connect the Wilsons to people interested in developing PROpel and partnering with Pioneers.

WATCH Workers

Some of our missionaries work in places where Christianity is not welcome. Government, society and culture suppress religious freedoms and can sometimes endanger our missionaries and the people with whom they work. We protect these workers by guarding their identities so they can continue their ministry in places that need the light of Christ. This often looks different in each location around the world, which is why we can list some names and not others.



J&B are on a team that uses digital tools to distribute God's Word among a least-reached people group in one of the most inaccessible places in the world. After doing face-to-face ministry overseas for nearly a decade, J and B left their host country when the door closed for effective ministry two years ago. Their team formed shortly after they returned to the States. Since that time, the team has been able to share the Scriptures with thousands of individuals who lack access to the Word of God and Christian witness.

Pray that the door to this effective digital ministry would remain open. Pray for Christian fellowship among Asian believers.

Philip is serving in Thailand. His vision is to make disciples and to equip communities of faith to join God's work. But, in many places, there is a lack of people who are able to teach others. Philip's focus is on Bible teaching and mentoring in the local language and on church-based education and seminars that equip leaders and lay believers to interpret, teach and apply God's Word.

Pray for Philip as he studies the Thai language at a university. Pray that he would be a witness of Jesus to the people around him.

One worker (Missions Associate) in Asia disciples and shares Christ through the vehicle of English Bible studies and language learning.

Pray that her light will shine brightly to her students and friends who need Jesus.

Two workers provide regional leadership and support to projects across Asia for TeachBeyond. This includes support related to staffing as well as placing believing teachers at national schools and coming alongside schools who are supporting ministry families serving in the region. In addition, they resource informal education projects such as language centers and English camps as a way to develop relationships with those who attend.

Pray for their family as they transition to a new location, for the second time in two years.

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Two workers in Asia develop Scripture-based materials, which are used for children and adults. They also encourage new team members, support project work and serve as field liaison for seven translation projects resourced through their organization.

Pray for guidance of how to promote these materials well and that God would use these materials to bless and build the local church.

Two workers live in South Asia and bring the light of Jesus to their community through healthcare.

Pray for strength for these workers and their family.

One worker is based in the States and supports global workers in the Middle East.

Pray for wisdom as this worker shepherds and cares for others.

Ash & Katrina equip local Asian churches with an emphasis on teaching and training ministries. They have been stateside the last three years as they care for their youngest son and hope to return to Asia the summer of 2021.

Pray for guidance as they move toward this new location. Ask the Lord to go before them and prepare housing, relationships and funding.

James & Patricia joined a new team in the Chicagoland area, which has a Hindu and Muslim focus. In the summer of 2020, they moved to a diverse community which includes a large Indian population. They are seeking ways to make connections and recognize the coronavirus pandemic has slowed down this process. James and Patricia mentor future missionaries and are available as a resource for College Church people who would like to learn more about how to share the love of Christ with Hindus.

Pray for boldness and energy as they plug into a new community with Indian neighbors and desire to make deep friendships that could open doors for the gospel.

One worker is a professor at a university. She interacts with Muslims, Buddhists and atheists in a place that is spiritually and politically oppressive. She builds relationships with students, teachers and neighbors, seeking to be a light for Christ in this dark place.

Pray for people to be open to spiritual conversation and ready to hear the gospel. Pray for open hearts and minds to see what the Lord has done for them.



Kristen serves in a country in the Middle East. She is

on a team that exists to create a system of holistic ministries to bring life to oppressed migrants and refugees. The team willingly steps into the dark places of the city to bring God's light. They hold one-on-one and group discipleship circles where they study the Bible and talk about how to carry out what they read in daily life. The team also grows, trains and discipless multiple refugee churches.

Pray for her faith and trust in the Lord to continue to increase and for her to hold fast to his Word and prayer while in spiritually dark places.

Two workers are involved in church planting among Buddhists in Asia. They use Bible stories to share the good news with the community around them. They started a local food manufacturing company that takes locally grown crops and produces healthy and tasty food products which they sell in major cities. This allows them to make connections with local farming communities.

Pray for God to be at work in the hearts of their neighbors and friends, drawing them to himself. Pray for boldness to share the gospel and for the Holy Spirit to go before them.

One worker is in the Middle East, starting a new role in language learning consultancy. She seeks to develop relationships with local women and families in order to introduce them to and deepen their relationships with Jesus.

Pray for God's protection for this worker and provision of deep Christian friendships.

Two workers in Colorado serve in international student ministry with a focus on evangelism and discipleship. One is in a regional role that focuses on leading different teams in nearby states. Both have a strong desire to equip international believers to live on mission wherever God takes them and provide believers with leadership opportunities throughout the year to help them practice this. This year, several international student leaders will lead Bible studies and share their faith across different cultures.

Pray for these workers to show the joy that comes with following Christ so that students might be drawn in and find eternal life in him.

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John & Pam live in North-Central Africa. They host The Retreat, a place for rest and renewal for global workers. The retreat opened two years ago and has ten fully equipped apartments and a prayer chapel. They will soon add to that a swimming pool and splash pad. Teams come for times away to seek God together and to discover the next steps forward in their ministries. One guest said, “Finding The Retreat was a game changer for me. I now feel that I can stay on the field long-term”. John also does logistical support for Africa Inland Mission’s local unit. This includes remodeling houses for new workers, setting up solar systems on houses and helping keep vehicles on the road.

Pray as they work to complete the development of The Retreat, train workers and get everything in a good running rhythm. Pray for missionaries to find rest and rejuvenation in their care.

One worker is a teacher in Central Asia. She seeks to develop relationships with students in order to introduce them to Jesus and deepen their relationships with him.

Pray for God’s provision and protection for this worker.

Two workers serve in Asia, where they’ve been for eight years. Their primary ministry is pastoral care for their organization’s regional missionaries. They are additionally involved in biblical counseling, encouragement and support within their local community.

Pray that the Lord would be magnified and exalted in their lives and that others would be drawn to God through their interactions with these workers.

Two workers live in Southeast Asia and serve at a Christian school. One teaches, spearheads the English curriculum department at the school and coaches the basketball team. The other coaches the swimming and cross-country teams, and maintains the home, occasionally substitute teaching at the school. They both have had opportunities to help several families with work and ministry opportunities.

Pray for God to sustain these workers and that more missionaries would be called to serve in their host country.

Two workers live in a large city in Eurasia where the gospel is not welcome. One of them serves as the pastor of an international church.

Pray for these workers to be united to the Lord and to have unity among their teams as they pursue gospel work.



I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness... to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

ACTS 26:16-18

WATCH in Practice

We assume that all mail and email correspondence could be read by someone else before it reaches our workers, and "that someone" is probably a government employee concerned about the political and religious stability of their country. For their protection, instead of using Christian language, we instead use everyday language. For example, we refer to God as "father" or Jesus as 'J' and try to use as little religious vocabulary as possible.

Receiving emails is just as (if not more!) encouraging for these Christians and we would happily facilitate communication between you and our missionaries serving in these places. We do ask that communication is sent through our missions office so that we can take an extra measure of safety, and can have an extra set of eyes, on what is passed along.

If you would like for us to email one of our WATCH workers on your behalf, please reach out to our office at missions@college-church.org or by calling (630) 668-0878, ext. 156.

Our Global Partners

The largest Christian communities today are in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Despite persecution and poverty, the non-western church is spreading. With this growth comes a significant need for leadership development and theological training. **It is estimated that 85% of evangelical churches worldwide are led by pastors with no formal training.**



College Church partners with 13 schools
to train national leaders.



Training National Leaders

College Church partners with national seminaries and schools to train Christian leaders for gospel work among their own people, some of whom are the least-reached peoples of the world. We aid these institutions through the provision of scholarships, committed career missionaries and short-term teachers.

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS), Lebanon

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary equips servant leaders for the ministry challenges arising in the Middle East and North Africa – be it theology, apologetics, communication, pastoral care, ethics, society or culture. ABTS was founded in 1960, built on hills overlooking Beirut.

Africa International University (AIU), Kenya

Africa International University is committed to training Christ-centered leaders who will be agents of transformation for the world's countries, societies and communities. There were 1,100 students enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year, 600 more than the year before.

Asian Theological Seminary (ATS), Philippines

The mission of Asian Theological Seminary is to glorify God by providing quality theological education to prepare leaders who will affect biblical transformation in the church and societies in Asia and beyond. The seminary aims to become the leading evangelical seminary in Asia that produces outstanding servant leaders.

Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (BEST), Central African Republic

Bangui Evangelical School of Theology was founded in 1977. BEST has 188 students on three campuses and recently opened a women's school to the larger community as

well as schooling for other ages, including kindergarten, primary- and secondary-aged children.

Bolivian Bible Seminary (BBS), Bolivia

The primary goal of the Bolivian Bible Seminary is to train pastors for the Evangelical Christian Union, the SIM-affiliated national church, in both undergraduate and graduate programs in Bible and Theology. BBS is vital to the spiritual health of the Bolivian church, since churches without good Bible teaching and mature leaders are in danger of losing their spiritual and biblical foundations.

Forman Christian College (FCC), Pakistan

Forman Christian College was founded in 1864 by a Presbyterian missionary from the USA. With over 8,000 students and 200 faculty, the university offers a wide variety of programs. They seek to impart, create and disseminate knowledge and to develop informed, ethical and responsible citizens who are prepared and committed to learn, lead and serve.

Hanoi Bible College (HBC), Vietnam

Hanoi Bible College graduated its first 23 students with a Bachelors of Theology in 2018. This academic year they have 40 students enrolled and offer two programs – a Bachelors of Theology and a Bachelors of the Bible. Some have returned to their villages in the mountains to serve growing churches while others are planting churches in various parts of the country.

New Theological College (NTC), India

New Theological College is a university in Northern India whose programs are designed so that students will gain spiritual and theological training as well as practical ministry experience integrated with academic learning. The devotional life of each student and faculty member is a very important part of their spiritual formation as well. There were 282 students enrolled in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Odessa Theological Seminary (OTS), Ukraine

Odessa Theological Seminary is a Baptist theological institution of higher learning that helps local churches prepare Christians for church, missionary and educational ministry both in the church and in the world, in order to accomplish the Great Commission. For the 2019-2020 school year, the seminary had 330 students enrolled in two Certificates, five Bachelors degrees and two Masters programs.

Saint Triveliu Institute, Bulgaria

Saint Triveliu is an interdenominational school that seeks to train people to serve God through practical, Bible-based teaching. It is the only fully operating school of its kind left in the country. Students from different churches and denominations are trained and serve together as an expression of the unity of the church through both Bachelors and Masters programs.

Theological Seminary in Moscow (TSM), Russia

Moscow Theological Seminary, founded in 1993, trains local leaders to bring the gospel of Christ to churches and communities throughout Russia. There are over 2,000 graduates of MTS now serving Russian churches and ministries.

Tyrannus Bible Seminary, (TBS), Indonesia

Tyrannus Bible Seminary, founded in 1966, is one of the oldest interdenominational evangelical schools in the country. TBS is in a predominantly Muslim community and a region of low socio-economic status. The 2019 graduating class produced 57 students ready for church ministry.

Word of Life Seminary (WOL), Brazil

Word of Life Seminary has seen God's gracious hand clearly at work as over the years it has grown even during the country's financial crisis. In the 2019-2020 school year, 819 students are enrolled in their programs. As of 2019, WOL is offering a Master of Divinity.

College Church Evangelists

In addition to our missionary family serving cross-culturally, we also seek to make God's name known locally through supporting evangelists. These individuals serve in fulltime ministry and bring the light of Christ to our state and community. Pray for God to use them mightily in their different spheres of work.



Nate & Laura Amodio

work with InterVarsity, a ministry that is focused on offering true hope to college students and faculty on campuses across the U.S. They both work regionally for InterVarsity, overseeing Indiana and Illinois. Nate is a ministry partnership development coach, mentoring and coaching staff during their fundraising process. Laura is a field operations director, working to improve the systems and events that support regional staff and students.

Pray for their staff to thrive spiritually and for everything to work together so there are less barriers to students encountering Jesus. Pray for Nate and Laura to rest, balance their responsibilities well and have life-giving relationships at church.



Daniel (& Faith) Bair

serves as the executive director of Englewood Family Outreach (EFO), a small non-profit organization on the south side of Chicago. Daniel does everything from support raising to janitorial work to leading Bible studies. EFO's focus is relational, primarily focused on the relationship between God and those they serve, but also the many entangled and broken human relationships. EFO hosts Bible studies each week and numerous individual meetings, and ministry often includes hospital visits and funerals. In all this, they desire to allow the light of the gospel to shine through their words and deeds, seeking to restore communities in Englewood by proclaiming Christ, training in godliness and empowering the vulnerable.

Pray that the Bairs would be faithful to God's call to ministry, especially through difficult seasons, and would trust God's leading and faithfulness to provide.

Kalli Hill

serves with Cru at Elmhurst College and College of DuPage. She engages students as they explore who they are, what they believe and who they want to be. This happens through sharing the gospel, discipling women, leading Bible studies and coaching the overall ministry. Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) is an interdenominational Christian organization that meets on college campuses all over the world. Cru seeks to turn the lost into Christ-centered laborers, building students up in their faith and sending them out to reach others.

Pray for students to be encouraged by their interactions with Kalli and to grow ever closer to Jesus.



Tom Johnston

is a daily chaplain at Midway Airport. He greets whoever walks through the door of the chapel whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist or otherwise. This includes travelers as well as airport workers, pilots, TSA and custodians, among others. He seeks to pray with all and spiritually challenge as many as possible. He counsels many who are grieving death as well as those struggling with addictions, depression, spousal trouble and other difficult situations. The chapel offers services twice a day where Tom shares the gospel through preaching the Word. He frequently disciples in his office and enjoys, when he is able, to participate in the special work of leading someone to Christ for the first time.

Pray for a supernatural love for those he meets at the airport and for the Holy Spirit to fill his conversations.



Manny & Barbara Mill

serve with Koinonia House® Ministries (KHM). Manny is the CEO and Barbara works as the operations director. KHM seeks the salvation of their neighbors in prison and their continued discipleship out of prison, thus reducing the recidivism rate and bridging the gap between the Christian inmate and the local church, all to the glory of God. They also lead Radical Time Out™, a weekly gathering where all are welcome to experience the love of Jesus Christ regardless of their color, class, culture, crisis or crime.

Pray for continued favor and access into prisons. Praise God for opening doors to minister to family members of the incarcerated as well as correctional staff members, due to COVID-19.



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