



Missions



2024 MISSION TRIP TO KENYA VISITING HOPE FOR KAJIADO



Angel with her sponsor Linda Brent

For our Covenant Life Church Family

The families highlighted in this pamphlet are those who have heard and obeyed the call of God to work in the fields where the "harvest is ripe, but the workers are few." We, the attenders of Covenant Life Church, serve as the senders of these sacrificial servants who take delight in bringing God's Word to the unreached people in this world.

Each family receives a monthly donation that helps pay their salaries and is available due to the generous, regular monies given by you. They could not go if we did not send. However, the Mission Team, the Pastors and the Diaconate ask you to consider a more significant role than financial. These missionaries covet our prayers and concerns for their lives. Our roles may include moral support, communication support, logistics support, re-entry support, hospitality support...as well as financial support.

Would you consider choosing a role that would engage you with a missionary family?

Missions We Support

- Agape Flights
- Anchor House
- Anchor Your Life
- Christian Aid
- Ethnos 360
- Genesis South Africa
- Global Serve Int.
- Grace Medical Outreach
- Hope for Kajiado
- Mission to the World
- Navigators
- Next - MTW
- Pioneers
- Synergie Francophone - BLF
- Thirdmill
- World Team
- Wycliffe Bible Translator

Ways to Pray

1. God to open doors and hearts for the Gospel.
2. Healthy relationships with spouse and family.
3. Good physical health.
4. Safety in travel and from other dangers.
5. Patience in, understanding of, and love for, a different culture.
6. Peace and safety so the Gospel may be spread.

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. - 2 Corinthians 1:11

For cross-cultural workers who are taking on new languages and living in challenging and very different circumstances than their original western culture, please are more specific prayers:

- Adjustments to a new language, different foods, new customs, difficult climate.
- Parents' concerns for their children's health, schooling, friendships.
- Loneliness, homesickness, lack of fellowship opportunities with other believers.
- Financial wholeness that would preclude loss of income from supporters and a means to meet those needs especially when living far away.
- Interpersonal relationships in their country- dealing with prejudice, selfishness, gossip.
- Effectiveness in ministry, whatever their assignment.
- Patience with the lack of visible results; the ploughing and planting part can be long and arduous.
- Need for stability, wisdom, compassion, self-discipline, boldness, power, love, to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



Allen Speer | Venice, FL

www.agapeflights.com

Mission Team Liaison

Tom & Emily McGee



Agape Flights provides weekly cargo and mail flights to nearly 300 missionaries in the Bahamas, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic – nations that together represent approximately the population of Florida. Whether it's food, medicine, farm supplies, water filtration, solar power equipment or discipleship materials, missionaries have been depending on Agape's timely deliveries for 43 years.

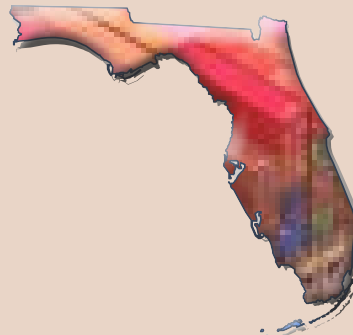


Jeff Holton | Palmetto, FL

www.anchorhousemission.com

Mission Team Liaison

Paul Martin



To meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all international seafarers at Seaport Manatee Community. We serve a culturally diverse group of people by meeting a range of needs (phone calls and Internet options to connect with family; personal necessities at our on-site center; Bibles and other literature, transportation to shopping areas).

Marji Kruger "Mike" | Lesotho & South Africa

www.anchoryourlife.com



Mission Team Liaison

Gary & Karen Heffner



Anchor Your Life seeks to help meet physical, educational, and spiritual needs of targeted groups of children in Maseru, and Lesotho - South Africa. The program revolves around a weekly Bible study that the children must participate in to be eligible to receive food and assistance.

Rachel Z & Dan C | China

www.christianaid.org



Mission Team Liaison

John Balliet



Christian Aid Mission seeks to establish a witness for Christ in every nation by assisting indigenous ministries based in areas of poverty and persecution, giving priority to ministries sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with unreached people groups.



Tanya B. | Asia - Pacific Region

www.ethnos360.org

Mission Team Liaison

Kevin Larkin



Ethnos 360's core belief and values are an integral part of church planting among unreached tribal people. Tanya trained 2 years with Ethnos before doing translation work in Indonesia where she is now living, and learning the language then translating the Bible in a people group that doesn't yet have the word. The team will also present the Gospel through chronological teaching "Creation to Christ."



Steve & Marion Spencer | South Africa

www.genesisouthafrica.org

Mission Team Liaison

Steve Jeantet



By combining excellent academics and biblical worldview, Genesis University is recognized as South Africa's premier Christ-centered tertiary institution, developing Christian servant leaders who are rooted and built up in the truth of scripture, and equipped to excel vocationally, thrive culturally, live out a mature faith socially, serve community and country sacrificially, and influence others spiritually, impacting their world for Jesus Christ.



Cassie M. | South East Asia

www.globalserveint.com

Mission Team Liaison

Kevin Larkin



Cassie's hope is to see a church planted among a people group that currently does not have a gospel witness in its heart language and see a completed Bible translation in their language.



Greg & Julieann | Asia

www.globalserveint.com

Mission Team Liaison

Jeff & Linda Hogenmiller



Greg & Julieann serve with GSI, working in limited access countries among unreached people groups. Please pray as they work with church planters in difficult regions of the world, for wisdom, open doors and access to these areas that need the gospel.



Megan B. | South East Asia

www.globalserveint.com

Mission Team Liaison

Kevin Larkin



Megan has been with GSI since 2015. She served with our team in Southeast Asia from 2018-2020, and now serves as the Project Administrator for the US Leadership Team. Her field experience combined with her administrative gifting gives her a unique perspective as she serves in this position.



Moises Buendia | Peru

www.globalserveint.com

Mission Team Liaison

Bob Dillard



Moises lives and works in some of the poorest areas in Peru. His ministry is to work with young children and teens to raise them up to be followers of Christ. The ministry also provides food and clothing for children in these neighborhoods. These children would just go hungry if not for this ministry. Moises has helped with many short term trips from our church and has been doing this ministry for over 20 years.



Terry & Vie | The Unreached

www.globalserveint.com

Mission Team Liaison

Kevin Larkin



Reaching unreached people in Indonesia.

"I will PRAISE you, Lord, among the PEOPLES; I will sing praises to YOU among the NATIONS." Psalm 57:9

Wiley & Karon Smith | Dalton, GA

www.gracemedicaloutreach.org



Mission Team Liaison

Gary Heffner



Wiley and his wife Karon lead medical missions teams overseas with MTW. Destinations include Haiti, Colombia and closed country in Southern Asia. They work with national churches to provide medical care in deprived areas and to enhance evangelism in their communities. They average four trips a year. When not occupied with these trips, they work in Dalton, GA with Grace Medical Outreach. Wiley provides medical house call visits to housebound and indigent patients.

Gaye List | Kenya & East Africa

www.hope4kajiado.org



Mission Team Liaison

Amy Aldrich



Hope for Kajiado supports Kajiado Children's Home, an orphanage 2 hours southwest of Nairobi, Kenya. Since opening in 1997, the home has provided loving Christian care, family, shelter, food, clothing, medical and educational needs. We also provide scholarships for refugee children.

Carla Stevens | Belize & Global

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

Connie Miller



Carla's responsibilities are in the areas of curriculum development and teacher training, with the goal of equipping and preparing Christian teachers, parents, and church leaders with tools to arm children with a biblical worldview and for them to have a passion for sharing the Gospel of Christ. Her ministry PS78TEACHERS, takes its name from Psalm 78.

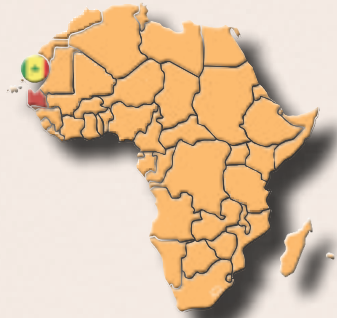
Collin & Zury Jennings | West Africa

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

Linda Conti



The Jennings are members of an MTW church-planting team located in the largest city in West Africa. Their ministry emphasis is centered on helping to spearhead the first RUF ministry on the African continent in partnership with the local Presbyterian denomination. College students are, for a host of reasons the future of Africa. The Jennings are trusting in the Lord, in humble reliance upon the grace of His Spirit, to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ among unreached Muslim college students.

Esaie & Natacha Etienne | Haiti

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

John Hlohinec



God has called Esaie to his homeland to head up a movement of church planting and theological education based in Gonaives, Haiti. He has founded Kingdom Mission International to work under MTW.

Franklin & Beth | West Europe

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

Joseph Chan



Franklin and Beth serve their MTW colleagues and national partners in 102 countries around the world from their base of operations at MTW headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. They are Video Specialist Missionaries serving with MTW, the missions-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Hugh & Martine Wessel | France

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

Linda Conti



Hugh fulfills a multifaceted role as seminary chaplain at John Calvin Seminary in the picturesque locale of Aix-en-Provence. In addition to his pastoral duties, he imparts knowledge and wisdom on topics such as cultural differences, missions, and street evangelism, all with a direct connection to the practice of church planting. He actively serves on two significant boards: the John Calvin Seminary board and Assisting Indigenous Ministries board. Notably, his passion for nurturing the next generation of leaders is evident in his fervent dedication to mentoring.

Miriam Grady | Czech Republic

www.mtw.org



Mission Team Liaison

Karen Heffner



Meriam grew up in a loving, Christian family in Sarasota. It was in that context that the Lord taught her to serve Him with her whole life. In 1999 she went to Slovakia for two years, and never really left. After the church in Slovakia was established, she returned to Sarasota to be able to adopt her son, Evan. Together they moved to Zlin, Czech Republic in 2014. The church there also grew in leadership and was ready to be independent of missionaries, and in 2020, Miriam and Evan moved to Prague, Czech Republic to help with another church plant.

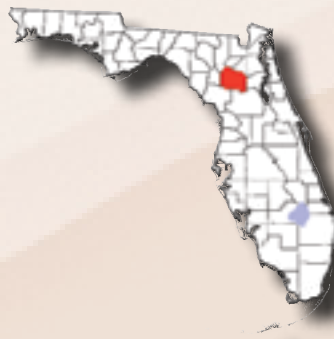
Andy & Suzanne Farina | Gainesville, FL

www.navigators.org



Mission Team Liaison

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Andy and Suzanne serve people where they live, work, play, and worship. They have ministries that primarily focus on influential, post-Christian people in their 20's and 30's. At the same time, they work to help people learn to integrate their lives as they follow Christ in all areas. They want them to be generational disciple makers for life.

Eric & Rebecca Larsen | Global

www.nextconnect.org



Mission Team Liaison

Scott Mawhinney



Eric & Rebecca founded and lead Next and the Next Institute. This includes recruiting, training, sending, and sustaining Next-Gen ministers around the world. Their goal is to develop Next-Gen ministry movements by equipping missionaries, national leaders, and local churches to reach the global "10-30-year old's."

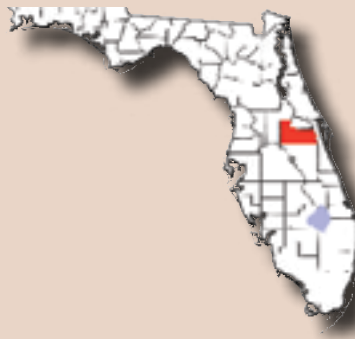
Amanda & Jeremy Ross | Orlando, FL

www.pioneers.org



Mission Team Liaison

Scott Mawhinney



Jeremy works as the Regional Member Development Consultant for Southeast Asia. The purpose is to equip missionaries to thrive on the field by encouraging spiritual maturity and emotional health.

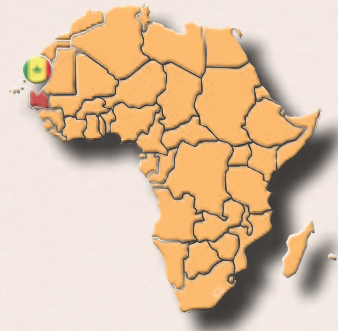
Rick & Elisabeth | Senegal, West Africa

www.pioneers.org



Mission Team Liaison

Vern Nelson



In 1991, Rick and Elisabeth went to Senegal and began pioneer church planting among a least-accessible, unreached Muslim people group. They have reached out in a variety of ways through sports, agriculture, tools, education, etc. Many have asked to be taught from the Bible. God is at work in this dry and dusty and hot climate, bringing glory to His name.

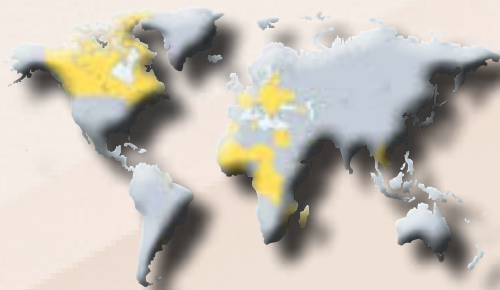
Russ & Maryann Miller | SE USA

www.synergiefrancophone.org



Mission Team Liaison

Jean Goetz



The goal of Synergie Francophone is to honor God as we bring about spiritual growth and fruitfulness that will transform lives, local churches, communities, and nations in the French-speaking world. We do this by purchasing and supplying Bibles and Christian resources in French for people without access to them and we ship them to such communities around the world.

Rev. Brandon Lutz | The World

www.thirdmill.org



Mission Team Liaison

Scott Mawhinney



Most pastors in the world have no theological education and no way to obtain one. Thirdmill is working to meet this global need by creating and distributing a high-quality, multimedia seminary curriculum in the major languages of the world. Our goal is to make seminary-level education available to Evangelical Christians in their own lands, in their own languages, for free.

Gurudatt & Nadira Shiwdat | Paramaribo, Suriname

www.worldteam.org



Mission Team Liaison

Alan Stonehouse



Gurudatt is the chairman of World Team Suriname and liaison to the national association of churches UNIE. He and Nadira have both been serving with World Team for the past 33 years. They are presently involved in enlisting, training, mentoring and coaching pastors, lay leaders, and emerging leaders and releasing them to reproduce themselves in others.

Breanna & Matt | South Asia

www.wycliffe.org



Mission Team Liaison

John Hlohinec



When people finally get Scripture in their own language, lives often change in amazing ways. People are transformed as they discover Jesus Christ and enter a right relationship with God. We won't stop until people have God's Word in a language they understand.

Praise and Prayer Newsletter

Each month missionaries are asked to correspond with Covenant Life Church, providing their reasons to be praising the Lord and their prayer needs. These are published to the congregation by way of Ken Aldrich's weekly email on the first Friday of each month. Please make sure you call the church to receive those emails. If you would like these monthly guides sent to you by way of a personal email, then let me know and you will be included on that email list.

Linda Conti – ronlindaconti@gmail.com

2023 MISSION VISION TRIP TO GUATEMALA



MEET OUR MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team works primarily with overseas Missionaries and Sending Agencies who bring the gospel to places in the world where it has not been heard or places where it has been forgotten.

The Missions Team meets once a month throughout the year and welcomes the participation of members and regular attendees who have a heart for the nations. Contact Gary Heffner at 941.302.7702 to find out how you can bring meaningful support to those in the field through prayer, communication, or active participation on the Missions Team.

John Balliet
Linda Conti
Andy Cooper
Bob Dillard

Jean Goetze
Gary Heffner
Karen Heffner
John Hlohinec

Kevin Larkin
Paul Martin
Alan Stonehouse

MEET OUR LIAISONS

The role of a liaison is to connect with a missionary family in a way that lets them know you are praying for them, concerned for them and available to serve them, if needed. It is not a "to do" list. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Conti at 805.432.1190.

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