# **GLOBAL MISSIONS**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT MAY 19, 2024



FEC Global Missions Ministry exists to motivate, develop, and equip FEC members to go, send, give, and pray for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, and planting and strengthening churches, especially among the large, least-reached populations of the world.

## **CURRENT MISSIONARIES**

Chris & Ashley Pradip & Judith Brittain & Aram \* Bryce & Susan Bouchard David & Katya David & Jessica David & Vicki Frazier Jonathan & Jayne Frazier Alex & Amy Galloway Leticia Gaytan Charity Gurley Dottie Hoppe Jeri & Gloria Little Roger & Abi Lowther

# **NATIONAL PARTNERS**

South Asia, Konnect: Moses & Sushma Parmar Joshua & Mahruaii David Athui Vashi Shabnam Salfi Singh Suresh & Helhing Kumar

**South Asia, AshaKiran:** Gideon & Sharmila Peter

**South Asia, Ambassador's Fellowship:** Shailesh & Rita Pateliya Raju & Rita Khristi

Lebanon, Near East Organization/Novo: Nadim Costa

**Poland, Evangelical School of Theology:** Wojciech Sczcerba Marek Kucharski

**Romania/Moldova, Eclesia Churches:** Dan & Ema Onu George & Ina Iacob Florin & Cati Trandafir Oleg & Olea Sidorenco

**Romania, Way of Joy:** Valentin Chirica Raul Chirica

South Asia, Good Shepherd Churches Mexico, Tlapaneco Indian Ministries

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Ron & Betsy Man Fletcher & Mary Elizabeth Maynard Mark & Rhonda Miller Brian & Joanne Dana Phillips Dawn David & Meg Robbins Leslie Rutherfurd Jeff & Katie Saunders Andrew & Lori Spurgeon David & Mary Alice Stevens Dan & Susan Wicher Steve & Margaret Winstead Jacob & Stephanie

> *Myanmar, VCJF/OM:* Suumpii & Luumpii

> *Middle East, Entrust:* Mo & Sarah

South Sudan, River Nile Grace Ministries: Nasser Kajou

**United Kingdom, AFM Worldwide:** Jason & Sarah Thomas

**United Kingdom, OM:** Cicel & Elena Benjamin

**USA, CRU:** Gabor & Edina Gresz

#### Czech Republic, In-Life:

Rosta & Draha Navratil Jozef & Lidka Budac Radek & Katka Budos Daniel & Katka Pavlinak Jana Pavlickova Alena Kunovska

#### **Slovakia, In-Life:** Veronika Husova

**Colombia, Pan-America Mission:** Jimmy

**Nepal, NPC/GLOW:** Agaman & Anugraha Poudel

## **MISSIONARY CHANGES IN 2023-2024**

**Ruben Gaytan** went to be with Lord in March 2024. His wife, Lety, continues to work among the Tlapanecos, alongside Tlapaneco Indian Churches.

**The Bouchards** transitioned from Navigators to begin a new ministry: Oaks International. They will move to Fort Collins, Colorado in the coming months.

**Pradip and Judith** returned home to live in Memphis to care for their son, Jason, who had a stroke in August of 2022. They will continue as missionaries and serve among VCJF's in South Asia both virtually and through short-term visits.

**Charity Gurley** is our newest Missionary. She was approved December 2023 and has been in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia serving with the Winsteads at IEC.

**The Millers** will be transitioning from Pioneers to Christar to continue their work in Member Care.

**Brittain & Aram**\* came off the field from the MENA region this month. Brittain will be working in Wichita, KS to gain much needed career experience for the mission field in the future.

# GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM MEMBERS JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

Leigh Sistrunk (Chair) Robert Seay (Elder) Steve Cloud (Deacon) Jim Pendleton (Director) Tori Martin (Assistant) Kari Armstrong Scott Arnwine Wes Bailey Sheila Battle Jan Carrier Bill Granger Lex Hester Bernie Housholder Laura Love Christopher Marino Christie Taylor Marie Thompson

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The budget for the Missions Fund, of which the Global Missions Team receives 83.5% and the Memphis Ministries Team receives 16.5%, as proposed, is \$333,300.

## VARIOUS PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM SINCE JULY 2023

\$ 6,000 -- In-Life (Czech) - leadership training
\$ 5,000 -- GO (Andrew Spurgeon) - training for indigenous pastors in India
\$ 4,800 -- GLOW (Nepal) - vocational training facility and furnishings
\$ 4,500 -- APT Ministries (David Stevens) - Thompson Bibles for pastoral training

#### \$ 3,000 -- Joshua David (India) - Bible training conference

- \$ 2,500 -- IEC (Winsteads) retaining wall
- \$ 2,500 -- River Nile (Nasser Kajou) pastoral training
- \$ 1,000 -- Myanmar VCJFs (Vibrant Community of Jesus Followers)
- \$ 1,000 -- Ron Man -- GCAMM attendee scholarship (Aporna Sarkar)
- \$ 715 -- GO (Dana Phillips) Bibles and materials for girls'

discipleship group

# GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE: LISTENING TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

We are grateful to have enjoyed the blessing of teaching and exhortation from Pastor Antonio Muñoz, as well as Dr. George Murray at this year's conference. First Evaners were invited to engage in conversations about loving our neighbors in various cross-cultural settings, and heard testimonies from ministry partners that encouraged us to each find our role in God's work of drawing the nations to Himself.

# GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE PROJECT BUILDING ON THE LEGACY: TLAPANECO INDIAN MINISTRIES

We raised \$41,255, more than double of our \$20,000 goal for the ICT (Igelsia Cristianas Tlapanecas) Annual Conference that took place in March. THANK YOU for giving to this effort as Tlapaneco believers continue to take the gospel throughout the Tlapa mountains. The funds were used for their annual conference and the excess will be used for continued work among the Tlapaneco Churches to include training, discipleship, translation, and gospel outreach within their communities.

## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

# <u>Past</u>

**Common Ground: Iasi, Romania** July 14-24, 2023

Pluska English Camp: Czech Republic July 19-31, 2023

# <u>Upcoming</u>

Pluska English Camp: Czech Republic July 13-22, 2024

Malaga Media Center: Malaga, Spain December 2024

#### **Proposed**

La Morada: Malaga, Spain Fall 2024 If you are interested in joining this team, contact us at <u>missions@firstevan.org</u>.

# <u>Individual</u>

Past Honduras: Bart Bartholomew Kyrgyzstan: James Greener Thailand: Noah Mrok Upcoming Czech Republic: Benjamin Brenner Nicaragua: Tori Martin Russia: James Greener

Respectfully submitted,

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