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CONFERENCE PRAYER GUIDE

Our Global Ministries Conference theme this year is *Tell the Wonderful Story*. This prayer guide is provided as a resource for our church family to commit to pray for the 32 missionaries participating in 2023. Please intercede for their ministries around the world that the gospel would go forward in word and deed. Pray we will be encouraged, equipped, and empowered to serve Him faithfully as we join in worship, hear the preaching of Dr. Sandy Willson, and learn from missionary testimonies.

May your family be blessed by intentionally investing your time to learn from the missionary families in this booklet! Also, be in prayer for how God will use you in the lives of our missionaries.



DR. SANDY L. WILLSON

CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Sanders L. (Sandy) Willson is Pastor Emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and has been serving most recently as interim senior pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois.

During his twenty-two years at Second Presbyterian, the church planted five churches in Memphis, quintupled their missions giving, and established the Second Presbyterian Foundation for Christian Missions. Sandy has helped Second to engage missional issues in the city of Memphis, as well as to develop multiple epicenters for their international work. He often speaks in North American churches on the subject of the Christian mission.

Sandy and his wife, Allison, are deeply grateful for five children, three daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, and fourteen grandchildren. He is "Papa" to Ben and Kerri Willson and their five children, Lane, Claire, Corinne, Rosie, and Benjamin, all members of Briarwood.



RYAN & KELLY AKERS

CAMPUS OUTREACH SERVE

SCOTLAND

Ryan and Kelly have been serving with Campus Outreach in the U.S. for over 14 years. They have accepted the invitation from St. Columba's Free Church to start Campus Outreach in Edinburgh, Scotland in early 2023. As the team leader, Ryan will be leading a team to meet and build relationships among the 50,000 university students in Edinburgh. Their hope is to reach students with the gospel, establish them in the faith through life-on-life discipleship, and equip them to engage others with the gospel.



LEVI ALBU

ROMANIA

CRU

Levi serves among ethnic Hungarian college students and young adults from western Romania. He leads this ministry together with his wife, Andrea, who is a university lecturer. They have two teams of volunteers in Oradea and Cluj Napoca as well as several other contacts in different cities. They share the gospel through online events, internet platforms, and personal meetings. They also disciple new believers and volunteers through small group Bible Studies in their home or coffee shops and through personal discipleship. Levi uses his gift in teaching Apologetics to help young Christians to be more effective in their witness.



KRISTIN ALDRIDGE

NEW ZEALAND

CAMPUS OUTREACH SERVE

Kristin has served with Campus Outreach (CO) in New Zealand since 2016 with the goal of sharing the gospel with university students and making disciples. She works as the Women's Ministry Coordinator with CO and is also on her local Presbyterian church's women's ministry team. She is passionate about sharing the Gospel with students who have never heard of Jesus, training local ministry leaders and helping women read and love the Word of God.



NIMA ALIZADEH

REVELATION MINISTRIES INC.

IRAN

Rev. Nima Alizadeh is the President and Founder of Mokashefeh Ministries Inc. with 20 years experience in Persian ministry inside and outside Iran. He is a reformed Anglican and part of Anglican Church of North America. Nima became a Christian in Iran in the 90s and was involved in church planting in underground church movement in Iran for many years. He fled to Australia, planted the Iranian Church of Sydney in 2008, and served as its pastor for 10 years. Subsequently, he attended Moore Theological College and graduated in 2015. Nima lives in California with his wife and son where he serves the Farsi speaking church globally through his organization.



JUAN & EVA BARRIENTOS

PERU

WORLD REACH

Juan and Eva serve in Lima, Peru with World Reach in church planting, music ministry, school ministry, and pastoral counseling ministry. Juan came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior through a Briarwood missionary couple, Richard and Betty Cowser, from Birmingham who went to Curacao to preach the gospel and plant churches. Today, Juan and Eva are doing the same in Peru. God has blessed their lives with their daughter, Priscila, who is being prepared in music to serve the Lord. Juan and Eva are also engaged in a prenatal ministry that they use to spread the gospel.



FRANCISCO & MARTITA BERRIOS

WORLD REACH

ROMANIA

The Berrios are part of the pastoral staff at Hope Baptist Church in Brasov, Romania. Although their responsibilities include Biblical counseling, preaching, teaching, discipleship, and administration, their major focus is counseling church members as well as non-believers in the community. They also lead the Berrios Missionary Counseling Project in El Salvador, Argentina, and Romania. Its goal is to aid pastors and local church leaders in establishing a biblical church-based team for counseling. The curriculum comes from their book, *Biblical Counseling Proposal in the Local Church Context*.



GIRMA BISHAW

THE LONDON PROJECT

UNITED KINGDOM

Rev. Dr. Girma Bishaw is a City Catalyst for The London Project, focusing on serving diaspora church leaders. Dr. Girma served as pastor at Ethiopian Christian Fellowship. He played a vital role in planting diaspora Churches in London and across the UK building bridges that make the cross-cultural mission possible. Currently he is also associate pastor at Reality Church London. Girma is married to Yodit, and they have a son and a daughter.



EMILY BONNER

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ETHNOS 360

Emily Bonner supports tribal church planting in Papua New Guinea (PNG) by teaching high school English in an Ethnos 360 missions school, Numonohi Christian Academy (NCA). Emily loves that she gets to help prepare third-culture kids for the next step of life, while also helping support their parents as they go into the least reached people groups of PNG. In addition to teaching English, Emily teaches physical education and coaches at NCA. She also invests in the lives of PNG citizens by building relationships, teaching literacy, and volunteering at Ramu Valley Academy during the longer school breaks.



SCOTT & JAYNE CUIDON

INTERNATIONAL **MINISTRY ESSENTIALS**

Scott and Jayne served with CRU for 25 years in Zagreb, Croatia in student ministry and Family Life, and then served global workers as Directors of The Barnabas Zentrum (BZ). They returned in 2018 to help care for Jayne's mom, but they return to Europe each year to provide spiritual support to global workers who are dealing with stress, burnout, depression, trauma, team conflict, or transition on the field. Their desire is to help global workers thrive in the area where God called them. While in Birmingham, they meet with missionaries through Zoom and hold debriefs and spiritual formation retreats in their home.



STEVE DISCHER

PHILIPPINES

CAMPUS OUTREACH SERVE

Steve and Lindsay have been working with Campus Outreach since 2011 and have been serving in the Philippines for the last four years. They do evangelism, discipleship, and mobilization with university students. Steve and Lindsay were both impacted by the ministry of Campus Outreach during their time at the University of Northwestern. There, they gained a deeper understanding of their need for God's grace and developed a conviction of wanting others to know the good news of Jesus Christ. The Dischers have three children: Lewis, Isabella, and Miles.



NGWANE & NCAMILE DLAMINI

ESWATINI (FORMERLY SWAZILAND)

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MISSION

Ngwane is a full-time country coordinator for Crossroads, Eswatini while his wife, Ncamile, serves as a facilitator in the program. He is a qualified high school teacher who left his teaching position in 2013 after 16 years to serve in the outreach program targeting teachers and students. This program, known as Life at the Crossroads, is a character-based development curriculum using Jesus as the role model. It seeks to create multiple opportunities to share the gospel and provide a platform for discipleship purposes. The Dlaminis have two sons: Muhle (19) and Senkosi (15).



JONATHAN & TRACY EIDE

MISSION TO THE WORLD

UKRAINE

Jonathan Eide serves as the country director of MTW's work in Ukraine. The Eides have served in Ukraine since 1998 and have been involved in planting four churches. Since war began in 2014, and full-scale invasion in February 2022, the Eides have served in Poland helping refugees and coordinating the response by the Ukrainian denomination. Jon & Tracy have three children, the youngest adopted from Ukraine.



HECTOR & ANGELINA ESTRADA

WORLD REACH

HONDURAS

Hector and Angelina serve as missionaries in Honduras teaching the Bible to pastors and Christian leaders and teaching them to know God better through the study of His Word so they can fulfill their own calling. Angelina manages the World Reach Virtual Classroom and gives training to Sunday school teachers in several local churches. Hector travels to various communities in Honduras to teach the Bible through the Mobile Bible Institute Program. He is a pastor in CFC local church, as well. They also write Bible study material for children, youth, and adults. Hector and Angelina have three daughters: Eliana (13), Hana (11) and Ariadna Michelle (6).



DAVID & DEBBIE FRANK

GLOBAL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL NEXT-TO MINISTRY

SPAIN

David and Debbie have been serving in Spain as Briarwood missionaries since 1978, focusing on church planting for 13 years and camp ministry for over 30 years. In 2019, God led them out of the camp they founded to begin NEXT-TO ministry, with their son, Jeremy. NEXT-TO comes alongside Christian camps throughout Spain to serve, encourage, and equip their camp and church leaders to build the church in Spain. They offer training in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership through on-site and online seminars, workshops, activities, and retreats. Work teams from USA are needed to help with camp projects. The challenges are great, but God is so much greater!



ANDREW & JULIE HALBERT

UNITED WORLD MISSION

COSTA RICA

Andrew and Julie have served ESEPA Seminary in Costa Rica through United World Mission (UWM) since 2013. Andrew serves as the President of ESEPA, overseeing the growth and development of the institution and teaching Old Testament courses. Julie is a Refit instructor, teaching classes three evenings a week for groups of women. The classes finish with a devotional designed to encourage the women in their walk with Christ. As a family, the Halberts attend a Presbyterian church where Andrew serves as an elder, preaching twice a month and teaching on Sunday evenings. The Halberts have two children: Ann Renée and Bryan.

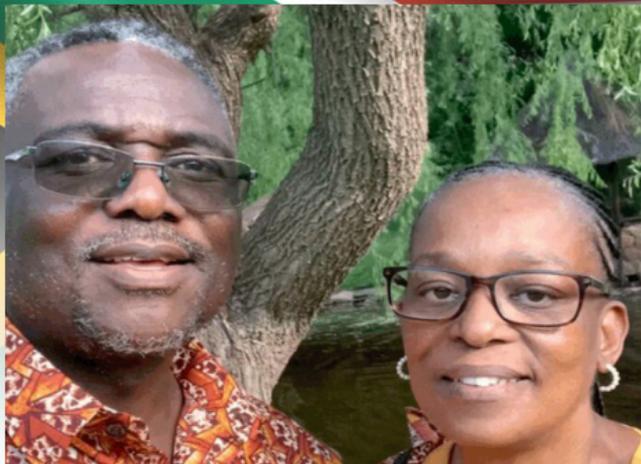


RUSSELL & WENDY LONG

CAMPUS OUTREACH SERVE

INTERNATIONAL

Russell has served with Campus Outreach (CO) since 1994. Taking advantage of his heart for the nations and his overseas experience, Russell currently serves with Campus Outreach Serve as the International Student Ministry Coordinator. Through this role, Russell seeks to help CO regions develop and implement contextual ministry strategies to faithfully engage the millions of international students studying on college campuses. Russell is training and shepherding staff in effective evangelism as staff seek to faithfully engage students where they are and help them take their next steps toward Jesus Christ.



VICTOR & NOSIZO NAKAH

MISSION TO THE WORLD

SOUTH AFRICA

Victor and Nosizo met in college in the Christian student ministry movement in their home country, Zimbabwe. Victor is an ordained Presbyterian minister and has served in various capacities in the church and related organizations, including 10 years as a seminary president in Zimbabwe. During this time, he earned both master's and Ph.D. degrees in systematic theology, while Nosizo received a master's degree in information science. In addition to his primary ministry as MTW International Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Victor supervises master's and Ph.D. students attending South Africa Theological Seminary and teaches at the Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (Uganda). He also serves with the Lausanne movement as the Co-Chair of the Theology Working Group (TWG).



GREGG NICHOLSON

UNITED WORLD MISSION

THAILAND

After serving 15 years with Campus Outreach, Gregg now focuses on church planter training, leadership development, and coaching with United World Mission. He serves as city catalyst in Bangkok with city-to-city cultivating and training church planters. He also serves on a national level with the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand. Julie is a learning support teacher, helping elementary students with learning disabilities at the International Community School (ICS). Thailand has over 70 million people with less than 1% evangelical Christian; 93% are Buddhist, and 6% are Muslim. They have 4 children: Joy, David, Sarah, and Grace.



KIRK & ANNA NORRIS

MISSION TO THE WORLD & REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP UKRAINE

Kirk and Anna have been serving in Lviv, Ukraine with MTW and RUF since 2013. They are part of a church-planting team that is establishing a church-planting church, which will multiply churches throughout western Ukraine and the rest of eastern Europe. They lead the university ministry in Lviv, reaching and equipping students of the city, of which there are over 125,000. Their team and church have been helping displaced Ukrainians and providing humanitarian aid throughout Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's mass invasion in February 2022. Kirk and Anna have 4 young children: Lucy, Finn, Evie, and Jane.



GOCE & DRAGANA PECOV

CRU

NORTH MACEDONIA

Goce and Dragana have been with Cru in Macedonia since 2003. Goce is the National Team Leader and Dragana is on the global church movement team. Both are motivated to advance the Kingdom of God with the gospel, make disciples, and reach Macedonia, the Balkans, and beyond. Their vision is for everyone to know someone who truly follows Jesus. Their mission is winning, building, and sending Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch movements. This huge challenge is a great opportunity for faith and trust in the Lord, as only He can do it. There is nothing better than being used in someone's life to help them come to Christ and grow in their relationship with Him!



TREY PORTER

AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGES

AFRICA

With more than 20 years of professional fund-raising experience, Trey Porter began at African Bible Colleges (ABC) in July of 2018 as the Campaign Manager for ABC's ChangeMaker Campaign. He is now the Director of Development, raising vital funding throughout the United States in support of ABC's work in Africa. He and his wife, Kim, live in Madison, Mississippi and are members of First Presbyterian Church–Jackson, where Trey serves as a Deacon and leads the church's broadcast team. They have two adult daughters: Madeleine and Claire.



NEIL POWELL

THE LONDON PROJECT

UNITED KINGDOM

Neil and Jane serve in London, UK, having met and married there some 30 years ago. Neil works for the London Project. The project aims to mobilize the church by helping to start and strengthen 400 churches in 10 years through training and connecting churches for collaboration across the city. Neil previously pastored a church in Birmingham, UK and led 2020birmingham, which saw 20 churches planted or revitalized in 10 years. He is author of *Together For the City* (InterVarsity Press) and is part of the City to City Global Leadership Team. They have two children: Rufus (17) and Felix (12).



SAMANTHA ROBERTS

CAMPUS OUTREACH SERVE **INTERNATIONAL**

Samantha came to know the Lord after hearing the Gospel from a classmate as a college student. It didn't take long for her to see that next to getting to know God, telling people about Him was what she loved about being a Christian! She would then spend a decade serving with Campus Outreach in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she evangelized and discipled on the university campus. She has a vision to see women live out their gifts for Kingdom purposes. She now serves by developing women leaders through coaching, mentoring, and resourcing those serving internationally.



KAMBRIA ROBERTSON

COMMISSION TO EVERY NATION

GUATEMALA

Michael and Kambria serve in Santiago Sacatepéquez, Guatemala at House of Hope. Their ministry is to provide nutritious food and to teach 70 under privileged children in Santiago about Jesus Christ and how they can have a personal relationship with Him. They do this through their wellness center where the children come to receive Bible class, lunch, and tutoring with their homework. In addition, they have an on-site dental clinic and a sewing ministry for the mothers of the children. Michael and Kambria have three daughters: Kirsi, Mikayla, and Kiera.



DEAN & LINDA SELF

AVANT

LATIN AMERICA

Dean and Linda have been missionaries for 40 years serving in Bolivia (20 years), in Colombia (2 years), and in Alabama where they have served since 2002 among the local evangelical Hispanic churches. Their main ministry is to develop solid leadership in these local churches by Mobile Bible Institutes, and formal teaching on the Master's and Doctorate level for their leadership as well as writing commentaries on the Bible. They have completed 16 commentaries so far.

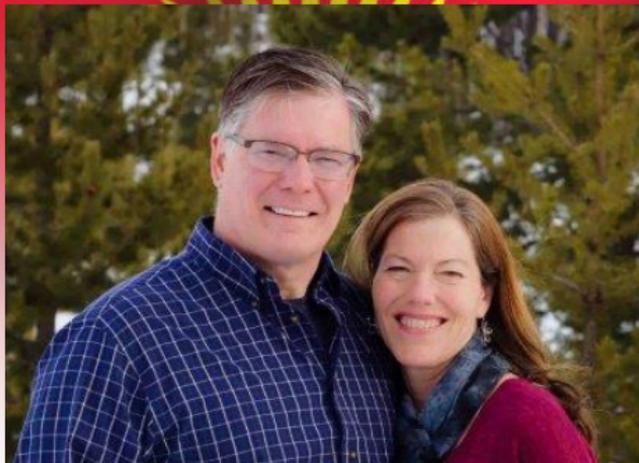


RICHARD & LOUISE VERREYNNE

WORLD THRUST

SOUTH AFRICA

Richard and Louise have served the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in South Africa as a pastoral couple for 40 years, where Richard has been in denominational leadership and served on the faculty of the CRTS, while Louise served in the CRC Women's Association as a leader. Richard has served the wider Body of Christ in missional and evangelical leadership and has traveled extensively as ecumenical secretary and mission mobilizer. In 2016, they were released from pastoral ministry to give all their time to mentoring churches towards biblical health and vitality, and ultimately for obedience to the Great Commission. They have three married children and seven grandchildren.



KYLE ZIMMERLE

CROSSLINK DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL

KYRGYZSTAN

Kyle and Becky have lived and worked in Central Asia since 1992. They lived in Uzbekistan for 15 years and pioneered one of the first Uzbek-speaking churches in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Since moving to Kyrgyzstan, they pioneered ministries to special needs children and orphans. Since there was no education and no physical therapy for children with special needs, they worked with parents and children associations to start the first education and rehab center. They pioneered therapeutic horse riding and water therapy. Following clear guidance from the Lord they helped local fellowships reach out to special needs children and their families.



JEFF & ANGIE

CHRISTAR

SOUTHEAST ASIA

After Jeff and Angie rededicated their lives to Jesus in their early 20s, God called them to work among an unreached people group in Southeast Asia. They hope to see house fellowships planted and reproducing among the 25 million Hindu people. As they continue to plant churches, they are working on establishing businesses to help the national believers run after-school tuition programs, Bible clubs, and ladies' outreaches to abused women.



LARS & KATHY

ONEHUNDREDFOLD

INTERNATIONAL

Lars and Kathy have served with OneHundredFold (OHF), a technology ministry of UFM Worldwide, since 2014. OHF develops digital and mobile technology to multiply the reach of missionary efforts. Lars develops mobile phone apps to make evangelistic tools, discipleship materials, and pastor training available in hard-to-reach places. Lars and Kathy live in North Carolina and have five daughters.



MAGED

UFM WORLDWIDE

FRANCE

The vision of Arab Focus Media (AFM) is to see Christ glorified among the unreached peoples of the Arab world. As men and women are called by God, AFM seeks to engage, teach, train, and equip them for service in their locality. They prioritize the use of new media, including internet, satellite television and mobile platforms. They broadcast to all 21 countries of the Arabic-speaking world, as well the diaspora, and receive constant responses to their programs. They follow a team-based approach to media, using the theological, technical, and practical expertise that the Lord provides.



ZOLOO & MUUGII

MONGOLIA CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

MONGOLIA

Zoloo became a leader of the Leader Strategy in MCCC in September 2021. Ministries under Zoloo's leadership are Military, Education, Medical, Athletes in Action, Family Life, Crown, Young Professional, and Global Church Movement. Zoloo leads 40 full-time staff and over 1,000 disciples. Pray that God will give His wisdom and strength to Zoloo so he is able to lead and guide his teams and staff members to fulfill God's mission in Mongolia. Muugii serves in the Young Professional ministry and recently started "The Significant Women" project in Mongolia. This project helps to build woman leaders in MCCC as well as among Christian communities in Mongolian churches. They have two children: Bayar and Gegee.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Join us for our 24-Hour Prayer Chain as we pray for our ministry partners starting at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 25 to 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, February 26.

Review the available 30-minute time slots and sign up by going to briarwood.org/24hourprayer.

