

THE MESSENGER



Being a Mom on the Mission Field

Start children off
on the way
they should go,
and even
when they are old
they will not turn
from it.

Proverbs 22:6 NIV



Jonathan and Tess's six children who serve with them are (left to right) Judah, Cohen, Caeli, Avalyn, and Immanuel. Last year they traveled back to the U.S., where Tess gave birth to their son, Moses.



*Avalyn (right), who
is the oldest, shows
Christ's love to all
who come to
their home.*

*She enjoys learning
to bake alongside
the other women.*

SAMS Missionary Tess Hicks, mother of six, serves on the remote Island of Malaita in the Solomon Islands. She and her husband Jonathan serve at the Trinity School for Theology. Both were missionary kids, which shaped their understanding of God's love for the nations. Serving as an entire family in the mission field can be challenging. Tess spends the majority of her day homeschooling and caring for the children. "Sometimes I can get frustrated that I am not interacting more with those in the community, but when I invest time in my children, I know I am increasing the multiplication of sharing the Gospel more than I could ever do on my own," Tess says.

Although Tess may not be going into the community every day, the wives of the theology students often come to her home to learn cooking and nutrition skills. Tess sees her children taking part in this hospitality ministry by baking and making friends. "People have commented how they love seeing our family interact with each other and how they were first welcomed into our home by one of our children. I love that I can serve Christ with my entire family, as we worship at church, at home, and in the community."

As Tess juggles the tasks of being a mom, a missionary, a wife, and a friend, she realizes how important it is to have her own support system. Jonathan is her primary support to share her concerns, but she also can confide in the local bishop's wife. Tess emails or calls her friends and family back in the States when she can. Tess encourages other moms in ministry, "If you feel stretched to the seams with home, work, and ministry, take a step back and trust in the Lord to do a mighty work through the little faithful tasks of each day. I strongly believe that the best work we can do as missionaries is to pray and watch the Lord work wonders."

Serving in Belize

A Missionary Support System



"If you are discerning about serving as a family, we encourage you to be open-minded, to listen to where God is working, and to ask him where he wants you as a family to serve him," says Missy.

Meet Bridgers Evan and Missy Hansen, and their daughter Annabelle, serving alongside SAMS long-term missionaries David and Mary Beth Alenskis through church and music ministry in Belize. Together these families show the love of Christ to one another as they build a support system while in the field.

How did God call you as a family to serve in Belize?

MISSY: Evan was nearing a career transition, so we asked God, "What's next?" We prayed and decided God was leading us to do something internationally. We connected with SAMS early on and quickly decided to serve in Belize, based on several practical reasons and a sense that we could be of help to Fr. David and Mary Beth Alenskis, SAMS missionaries here.

How are you serving God and others while there?

EVAN: Missy is counseling students and their families in three Anglican schools here. I am teaching guitar lessons, and have joined the men's fellowship. I have also been asked to do leadership development and training at the churches we serve. Our hope is that we are also offering the ministry of friendship to Fr. David and Mary Beth.

How have you supported the Alenskis family, and how have you seen them be a support to your family?

MISSY: Having long-term missionaries here has been invaluable. Their knowledge of everything from transportation, cultural differences, and navigating government systems has been crucial. They have helped us to not only find our way around, however; because of their support, we have adjusted to living here much more quickly than if we were here on our own. It allows us to focus more on our ministry.

EVAN: I play music at the church services which has been helpful, as it allows David to focus on the rest of the service. We are trying to find small ways to relieve them of some duties while at the same time ministering and giving to them in friendship, as we know ministry life can often be isolating.

How has serving in mission impacted you and your child?

MISSY: We have found that being in a different culture has bonded us more as a family because we are learning and growing all together. Annabelle loves that we have more time to read books and scripture together. These are moments that will shape Annabelle as she grows older.



Mary Beth with Annabelle. "We are privileged to support the Hansens in ministry and be a connection between them and the Belizeans, ultimately bringing the Good News of Jesus more fully to our communities," Mary Beth says.

Families Supporting Each Other on the Mission Field

SAMS-USA Prayer Calendar March – August 2019

March 1-9: Honduras

Lift up **Amanda Scott** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as she ministers to the children at LAMB Institute. Give thanks that vulnerable children have a home there and experience the love of Jesus through her and the other team members.

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as he oversees community development projects. Pray for those Jack ministers to, especially those who live in poverty.

Give thanks for new missionaries **Stephen and Debra Buckner** serving in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at the LAMB Children's Home. Pray for the whole staff involved in this ministry.

March 10-16: Honduras

Lift up **Dennie and Veronica Flowers** in La Ceiba, Honduras, as they minister to students at Holy Trinity School. Pray for Dennie's health.

Pray for **Jeannie Loving** in Danli, Honduras, as she helps lead community projects and short-term teams. Continue to pray for her son John for health and healing as he battles cancer.

March 17-23: Honduras

Pray for **Suzy McCall** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as she ministers to the children at LAMB Institute and seeks to love and serve the people of Honduras. Pray that the children at LAMB will seek Jesus with their whole hearts.

Pray for **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in El Venado, Honduras, as they expand their missionary work to include social services for families in crisis, reunification of families, and privatized foster care.

March 24-30: Belize

Lift up **David and Mary Beth Alenskis** in San Ignacio, Belize, as they reach out to the community through music and other ministries in the school and church. Pray for health for Mary Beth, who is pregnant, and for a safe delivery.

March 31- April 6: Chile

Pray with **Russ and Heidi Smith** in Temuco, Chile, as they prepare for home ministry assignment this summer. Pray for the congregation and leaders of Reino de Dios Anglican Church as they are away. Pray for their daughter **Jocelyn** starting university in the States.

April 7-13 Ecuador

Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito, Ecuador, as they lead their ministry Education=Hope. Pray for Roberto and the music ministry at the local church, that people would know the love of Jesus Christ as they participate in worship.



Amanda Scott



Jack Melvin



Stephen and Debra Buckner



Dennie and Veronica Flowers



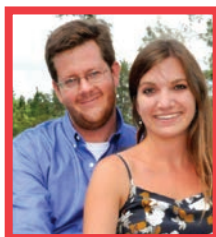
Jeannie Loving



Suzy McCall



The Miller Family



David and Mary Beth Alenskis



The Smith Family



The Vivanco Family

Please focus on the following as you pray:

Sunday: for missionary to be used to share the Gospel

Monday: for missionary's own spiritual growth

Tuesday: for God's blessing for the diocese and bishop

Wednesday: for missionary's relationships with nationals

Thursday: for missionary's health, safety and family

Friday: for outpouring of the Spirit in missionary's church

Saturday: for God to raise up new missionaries

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Ron and Debby McKeon

April 14-20: Brazil

Pray for **Ron and Debby McKeon** in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, as they reach out to the community through discipleship ministry. Pray for an increase in their ministry support, and for sustained health.

April 21-27: Bolivia

Pray with **Rusty, Tammy, and Madelyn Firestone**, in Cochabamba, Boliva, as Tammy leads ministry at La Trinidad Church. Also, lift up the Sacaba Church plant and those in the community that attend. Lift up **Thomas** as he continues university studies.

April 28-May 4 : Costa Rica and Mexico

Pray for renewed strength for **Eduardo and Hilda Monzon** in San Jose, Costa Rica. Pray that the church and the diocese will continue to lift up people in the name of the Lord.

Pray for **Roger and Joanne Griffin** in Aguascalientes, Mexico, as they provide theological training.

May 5-11: Solomon Islands

With **Jonathan, Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, Immanuel, and Moses Hicks**, pray for the growth of Trinity School for Theology and Ministry in the Solomon Islands. Pray for Tess as she disciples the wives of the Theology students through cooking and nutrition classes.

May 12-18: Cambodia and Indonesia

With **Gregory, Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, and Ivy Whitaker** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, pray for provision of leaders and for growth of the healing ministry in their international church. Pray for a safe delivery of their fifth child this month.

Pray with **James, Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** in Jakarta, Indonesia, as they reach out to the community through church planting. Pray that those they encounter will experience the love of Christ.

Pray for **Jesse, Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as they continue to reach out to the people of Cambodia through church planting and discipleship.

May 19-25: New Zealand

Pray for **Guy, Summer, Isaac (Pirum), Quinn, and Norah Benton** as they serve to mobilize youth and young adults for global mission partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Wellington and Church Mission Society New Zealand. Pray for the safe delivery of their newest family member.

May 26-June 1: Egypt

Pray for **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** in Cairo, Egypt, as they minister to a culturally diverse congregation. Pray for more to come to the church so that they may hear the Good News.



The Firestone Family



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



Roger and Joanne Griffin



The Hicks Family



The Long Family



The Whitaker Family



The Blaine Family



The Benton Family



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram

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Jacky Lowe

June 2-8: Madagascar

Lift up **Jacky Lowe** in prayer as she serves and equips those at the Women's Center in the Diocese of Toliara through teaching sewing and nutrition.

With **Todd and Patsy McGregor** in Toliara, Madagascar, pray for continued leadership development in the diocese of Toliara, the leadership of Assistant Bishop Samitiana, and the three seminarians seeking ordination. Praise God for the development of a child's educational sponsorship program and the two Anglican primary schools.

June 9-15: South Africa

Pray for **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl** in Cape Town, South Africa, as they provide discipleship training throughout the province of Southern Africa. Give thanks for their faithful supporters and pray that more will come alongside them in mission.

June 16-22: Zambia

Lift up **April Sylvester** in Ndola, Zambia, as she trains local volunteers in grass-roots counseling techniques to help youth with depression, anxiety, and other common mental illnesses. Pray for those she mentors that they may experience the love of Christ.

June 23-29: Uganda

Pray for **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono, Uganda, as she teaches at Uganda Christian University. Pray for the students who will go on to be church leaders in their own communities.

With **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi, Uganda, pray as she reaches out and educates the community through a holistic health and nutrition ministry. Give thanks this ministry is making a positive impact in the lives of those in the community.

June 30-July 6: Uganda

Pray for **Mary Chowenhill** in Mukono, Uganda, as she teaches business at Uganda Christian University. Pray for the students she encounters and equips with business skills. Also pray for the children's Sunday school Mary teaches.

July 7-13: Europe

Please pray for **Stephen V** (not pictured) in Europe, for his ongoing translation of the Book of Common Prayer. Pray for opportunities for Stephen to share the Gospel in his community. Pray for an increase in financial support.

Praise the Lord with **Anne** (not pictured) in Europe, for the progress with evangelism in French speaking areas. Pray for the right people to help revise training materials and for strength and grace for the European team helping host the Congress of Nations in August.

July 14-20: Caribbean

With **Cathy Donahoe** in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, pray for wisdom in teaching her physical therapy students and in working with families in construction ministry.



Todd and Patsy McGregor



Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



April Sylvester



Jessica Hughes



Janine LeGrand



Mary Chowenhill



Cathy Donahoe



Matthew 9:37-38 says, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Using this scripture will you pray at 9:38 a.m. and/or p.m. that the Lord would send workers into His harvest?

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Jack and Mary McDonald



Maria and Juan Marentes



The Hill Family

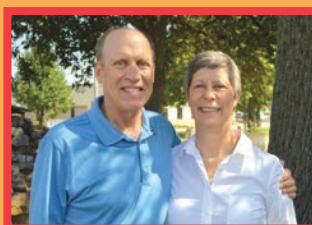


The Twichell Family

CANDIDATES



Hunter and Stephie Van Wagenen



Richard and Catherine Ranger



Join your Society in praise for the three young adult mission conferences that SAMS attended. Pray that the many conversations and time in prayer will stir the hearts of these youth to serve the Lord through mission.

July 21-27: North America

Pray for **Jack and Mary McDonald** in Catawba, Virginia, as they minister to international students through Anglican International Student Ministry Network. Pray for students who have heard the Gospel, but have not yet accepted Christ.

With **Juan and Maria Marentes** in California, pray that the new congregation, where they serve, Iglesia de la Gracia will continue to grow for the glory of God. Pray the Lord will raise up new leaders in the church.

July 28-August 3: North America

Pray for **Allen, Rachel, James, and John Hill** in Raleigh, North Carolina, as Allen continues his Ph.D. thesis and as Rachel ministers to international families there. Lift up the family for sustained health.

Give thanks with **Nate, Erika, Henry, and Annie Twichell** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the fruit they are seeing in the lives of their Agape Year fellows. Pray that God will draw 18-21-year-olds to be fellows for the 2019-2020 year.

August 4-10: Candidates

Lift up **Hunter and Stephie Van Wagenen** in Greensboro, NC, as they raise support to minister in Spain, especially those who walk the pilgrim trail of Camino De Santiago.

Give thanks for new missionary candidates **Richard and Catherine Ranger**. Pray for open hearts as they raise prayer and financial support for ministry in Uganda at Uganda Christina University in Mukono.

August 11-17: Associates

Lift up SAMS Associate Missionaries: **Chuck and Beth Bradshaw** (theological education in Uganda), **Mike and Linda Chapman** (ministry among Hispanics), **David and Lucy Chaves** (social ministries and discipleship in Kenya), **Matt and Sora Colvin** (theological education and medical ministry), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching ministry in Honduras), **Wayne and Nicole Curtis** (youth ministry in South Africa), **Kathy Decker** (communications and short-term teams in Peru), **Brian and Mary Jane Dennison** (educational ministry and discipleship in Uganda), **John and Ninfa Dixon** (Hispanic outreach on the Mexican border), **Chris Feuillade** (education in Chile).

August 18-24: Associates

Also pray for **Tom and Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Margarita Grachen** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Jason and Emily Hood** (pastoral leadership in Tanzania), **Mike and Betty Kaszer** (short-term team ministry in Honduras), **Grant and Wendy LeMarquand** (diocesan development in Ethiopia), **Frank and Shawnee Lyons** (youth ministry), **Richard and Martha Menees** (ministry in Africa), **Ian and Polly Montgomery** (short-term ministry in Peru), **John and Susan Park** (ministry in Latin America), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Vicki Robertson** (children's ministry in Peru), **Maunette Tait** (education in Honduras), and **Kym Winegard** (children's ministry in Peru).

August 25-31: SAMS Staff

Pray for SAMS home staff: **Lynn Bouterse, Denise Cox, Nita Dempsey, Julie Kirik, Howard McClellan, Sarah Norris, Dana Priest, Bonnie Walker, and Stewart Wicker**, as they support and encourage missionaries and the church here in the U.S. and globally.



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