

THE MESSENGER



Growing Leaders in Christ

BY DENISE COX

The growth and development of churches around the world necessitates Biblically sound, well-trained leaders. SAMS missionaries are often asked to teach, mentor, and raise up the next generation of church leaders, sometimes, in a direct role like the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hicks, who is a professor and dean of Trinity Seminary in the Solomon Islands. Other times missionaries have a mentoring role like the Rev. Jesse Blaine who serves the Church of Christ Our Peace Khmer (Cambodian) congregation in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Pov, with his wife and daughter, learns from Jesse about leading a church as well as the impact ministry has on family life.

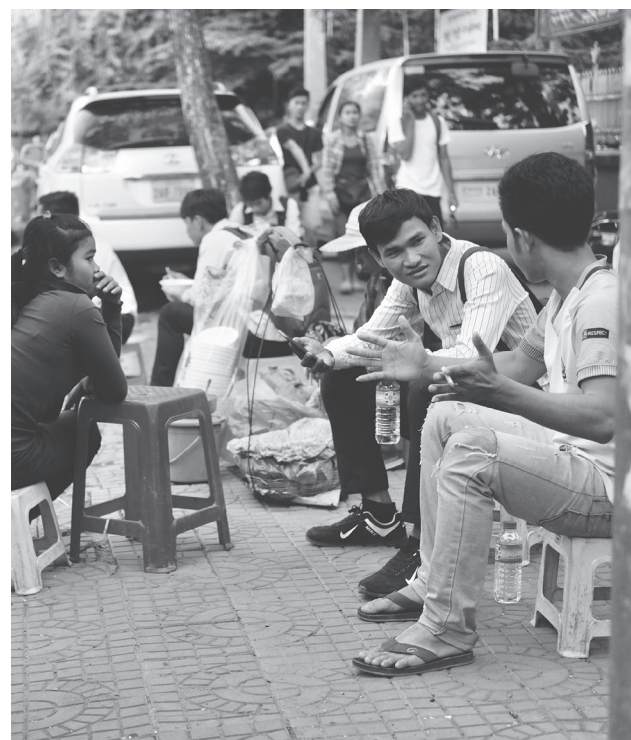
Jesse is currently training Pov, who is a second generation Christian, to pastor the Khmer congregation. Jesse sees this congregation as a place where multiple apprentice leaders can develop their skills. This on-the-job training requires great sensitivity to where a person is coming from. A broken cultural model of top-down, heavy-handed leadership must be tempered by a confident leadership that reflects kindness and humility.

The dean of Cambodia, Singaporean missionary the Rev. Steven Seah, agrees. The pan-Asian culture of shame and honor makes it difficult for leaders to try new models for fear of failing. Dean Seah emphasizes the need to really listen. Often missionaries say they listen, but then dictate what the local church should do. Listening means understanding, as well as realizing each person is different and trainings are not one-size-fits-all. It means not having unrealistic expectations and offering options, rather than demanding things be done a certain way. It requires patience and gentleness to teach that failure is redeemable. Jesse concurs. He also believes that as Cambodia transitions from a country receiving relief aid to a developing country standing on its own, the church has unprecedented opportunities to equip indigenous leaders to reach out with the love of Christ.

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Jesse baptizes a new Cambodian believer. Discipling and raising up leaders in a majority Buddhist culture requires patience and reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance.



New expectations for leadership arise as a country like Cambodia develops and populations move from rural areas to the city.

Jesse and Sarah Blaine are SAMS missionaries serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Catherine and Richard Ranger are thrilled to accept an invitation to join the Faculty of Law at Uganda Christian University. They visited the law school and the Dean of Faculty, Rosalyn Karagonjo-Segura.

**Why would
we respond with
any other answer but
'YES'?**

Equipping the Next Generation of Leaders in Uganda

FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNT BY RICHARD RANGER

Catherine and I took a placement trip to Mukono, Uganda, to explore a call to serve at Uganda Christian University. While there, we both accepted invitations from the Faculty of Law to join them in their mission to educate Uganda's next generation of leaders – for me to participate in growing the natural resources and environmental component of the Law School's curriculum, and for Catherine to serve as an administrator with the John Sentamu Institute for Human Rights Law. We will live on campus, and participate in the academic, social, and spiritual life of an institution committed to serving as a "centre of excellence in the heart of Africa," and to equipping "students for productive, holistic lives of Christian faith and service." We're very, very excited about this opportunity. It was not something we ever planned. It came about through an invitation to consider the idea over a year ago that we kept exploring. It came about because we opened our home to some talented, inspiring young students from Uganda and have maintained our friendships with them. Those relationships came to the attention of the university. It came about because we received the encouragement and support of certain friends as we gave thought and prayer toward taking this step. It came about because the God that we believe in is capable of offering surprises bigger than we can ask or imagine. With UCU's invitation, we are being given an opportunity to put our two lifetimes of work in serving the mission of "equipping students for productive, holistic lives of Christian faith and service". Why would we respond with any other answer but 'yes'?

Catherine and Richard Ranger look forward to being sent to share their knowledge, skills, and experience with students at Uganda Christian University as SAMS missionaries in the coming years.



The heart of Uganda Christian University is centered on Jesus Christ and the 100-year-old Bishop Tucker Theological College.

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SAMS-USA Prayer Calendar September 2019 – February 2020



Amanda Scott



Jack Melvin



Stephen and Debra Buckner



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



Suzy McCall



The Miller Family

September 1-7: Honduras

Pray for **Amanda Scott** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as she ministers to the children at the LAMB Institute. Pray for her ministry with short-term teams.

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as he provides architectural expertise for the Diocese of Honduras. Pray also for Jack's ministry in a rural, economically impoverished community.

With **Stephen and Debra Buckner** serving in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at the LAMB Children's Home pray that the children they serve grow in their dependence on Jesus. Give thanks for the pastoral support provided for the children.

September 8-14: Honduras

Ask the Lord to give comfort and peace to **Veronica Flowers** in La Ceiba, Honduras, as she mourns the death of her husband Dennie.

With **Jeannie Loving** in Danli, Honduras, pray for the growth of the churches in the Danli deanery, and for guidance for the new Dean, Father Victor.

September 15-21: Honduras

Pray for **Suzy McCall** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as she mourns the death of her daughter, Sallie, in May. Pray for the many ministries of the LAMB Institute that seek to love and serve the people of Honduras in the name of Christ.

With **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in El Venado, Honduras, pray for new opportunities for raising prayer and financial support, both for their own ministry and for the Hope of Jesus Children's Home.

September 22-28: Belize

Pray for **David and Mary Beth Alenskis** on Home Ministry Assignment from ministry in San Ignacio, Belize, as they visit senders and seek new supporters. Pray for times of rest and renewal with family and friends. Give thanks for the birth of Austin.

September 29-October 5: Chile

Give thanks with **Russ and Heidi Smith**, on Home Ministry Assignment from ministry in Temuco, Chile, for faithful prayer and financial supporters. Pray for their visits to supporting churches and individuals. Give praise for the many joyful family celebrations in these last weeks. Pray for their daughter **Jocelyn** as she begins college this fall.

October 6-12 Ecuador

Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito, Ecuador, for the E=H (Education equals Hope) students and families, that they would study well and know that God created them and loves them. Pray for Roberto's music ministry and teaching opportunities and for Hope on the Ground short-term teams.



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



The Firestone Family



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



The Hicks Family



The Blaine Family

October 13-19: 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 renewed health for Ron as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

October 20-26: Bolivia

With **Rusty, Tammy, and Madelyn Firestone**, in Cochabamba, Bolivia, give thanks for the ordination of Juan Cris. Pray for the growth of La Trinidad Church.

October 27-November 2: Costa Rica

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.

November 3-9: 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. Give thanks that Tess was able to attend the New Wineskins for Global Mission conference in September.

November 10-16: Cambodia

With **Gregory, Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, Ivy and Madeleine Whitaker** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, give thanks for the safe birth of Madeleine in May. Pray for the leadership of the Cambodian church and for the healing ministry in the Anglican Church of Christ Our Peace.

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. Pray for the mentoring and discipleship of local leaders.

November 17-23: Indonesia

Pray with **James, Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** in Jakarta, Indonesia, as they reach out to the community through church planting. Pray for the outreach to refugees.

November 24-30: New Zealand

Pray for **Guy, Summer, Isaac (Pirum), Quinn, and Norah and Addison 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 2019 Better World Gap Year students as they finish their time in Cambodia and return to New Zealand. Pray for the 2020 team that is forming that God would bring those he is calling and prepare their hearts. Give thanks for the birth of Addison in June.



The Whitaker Family



The Long Family



The Benton Family

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Jacky Lowe



Todd and Patsy McGregor



Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



April Sylvester



Jessica Hughes



Janine LeGrand



Mary Chowenhill

December 1-7: Madagascar

Lift up **Jacky Lowe** in prayer as she serves and equips those at the Women's Center in the Diocese of Toliara. Pray especially for her prayer ministry among the women.

With **Todd and Patsy McGregor** in Toliara, Madagascar, pray for continued leadership development in the Diocese of Toliara, and for the leadership of Assistant Bishop Samitian. Praise God for the development of a child's educational sponsorship program. Give thanks for Bishop Todd's time of rest and sabbatical last winter.

December 8-14: South Africa

Pray for **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl** in Villiersdorp, South Africa, for open doors for evangelism and discipleship training in the informal (squatters') settlement nearby. Pray for the cessation of violence and for new avenues to train disciples in other African countries.

December 15-21: 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. Give thanks for the provision of a new-to-her car to solve transportation problems.

December 22-28: Uganda

Pray for **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono, Uganda, as she teaches at Uganda Christian University. Pray for the ministries the students will have in the years to come. Pray for health, Godly marriages and perseverance as the students serve the Lord.

With **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi, Uganda, pray as she reaches out and educates the community through a holistic health and nutrition ministry. Give thanks for time spent with supporters. Pray for God's provision for Janine's ministry.

December 29-January 4, 2020: 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. Pray that Mary will be able to sell her stateside house and raise funds for her ministry. Pray for the Clergy Entrepreneurship project which begins in January 2020.

January 5-11: Europe

With **Stephen V** in Europe, pray for a further extension of conversational English in the Critical Thinking program. Ask the Lord to send those who are open to God. Pray for an increase in financial support for Stephen's ministry and for the finances for a retreat center.

Praise the Lord with **Anne** in Europe, for the progress with evangelism in French and German speaking areas. Ask the Lord to guide Anne in her next steps.

Pray for **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** in the Netherlands, as they seek God's guidance in ministering in a cross-cultural environment.

Lift up **Hunter, Stephie and Asher Van Wagenen** as they begin language and culture study for ministry in Spain. Pray for the family, as there will be many transitions and adjustments.

January 12-18: Dominican Republic

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 a home re-construction ministry.



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram



Hunter, Stephie and Asher Van Wagenen



Cathy Donahoe

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Jack and Mary McDonald



Maria and Juan Marentes



The Hill Family



The Twichell Family



Roger and Joanne Griffin

CANDIDATES



Richard and Catherine Ranger

January 19-25: North America

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

With **Juan and Maria Marentes** in Jacksonville, Florida, give thanks for 29 years of ministry with SAMS and for faithful supporters as the Marentes formally conclude missionary service with SAMS.

January 26-February 1: 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.

Give thanks with **Nate, Erika, Henry, Annie, Jack, and George Twichell** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the fruit they are seeing in the lives of their Agape Year fellows. Pray for the 2019-2020 fellows as they embark upon overseas ministry in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Lift up **Joanne and Roger Griffin** in Aguascalientes, Mexico, as they bring theological education to the growing Anglican Church in Mexico. Pray for their transportation and housing needs.

February 2-8: Candidates

Give thanks with candidates **Richard and Catherine Ranger** in Washington, DC. Pray for open hearts as they seek prayer and financial partners for their ministry at Uganda Christian University.

February 9-15: Associates

Lift up SAMS Associate Missionaries: **Chuck and Beth Bradshaw** (theological and musical 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 leadership in Peru), **Brian and Mary Jane Dennison** (educational ministry and discipleship in Uganda), **John and Ninfa Dixon** (Hispanic outreach on the Mexican border), and **Chris Feuillade** (education in Chile).

February 16-22: Associates

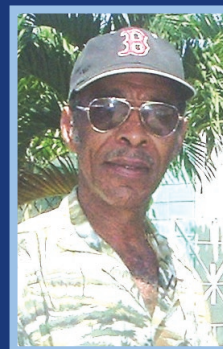
Also pray for **Tom and Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Margarita Grachen** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Jason and Emily Hood** (pastoral leadership in Tanzania), **Mike and Betty Kaszer** (short-term team ministry in Honduras), **Grant and Wendy LeMarquand** (diocesan development 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** (leadership development 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).

February 23-29: SAMS Staff

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

Dennie Flowers 6.21.1939 to 4.14.2019

With sadness SAMS announces the death of missionary, Dennie Flowers, on April 14, 2019. Dennie served with his wife, Veronica, in La Ceiba, Honduras. He loved Honduras, sports, especially baseball, and passing his knowledge and skills to the next generation.



Heavenly Father, help us to entrust our loved ones to your care. Though sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to you, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. And grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in your presence, may share with them the rest and peace which your presence gives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorials and Honors

Given by:

Mr. Kelly N. Giem
 Mr. James R. and Mrs. Marlisa Bannister
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 Mr. Dick J. and Dr. Ann Tullie
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 The Rev. Debra K. McLaughlin
 Mr. Kenelm H. Winslow
 Mr. James and Mrs. Betty G. Schaffer, Sr.

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Ms. Karen Watson
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St. James Episcopal Church
Ms. Christina Herr

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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All Christian Missionaries
The Rev. Jesse and Mrs. Sarah Blaine
Ms. Karen Byrom
Ms. Brenda Martinez and Mr. Sebastian Pazmino
The Ven. John and Mrs. Susan Park
Mrs. Corbi Sandoe and Miss Charese McGregor
Mrs. Lauren L. Twyman
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Mr. Roberto and Mrs. Cameron Vivanco
Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Stephenie Van Wagenen

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You are cordially invited to join us at the
**SAMS-USA COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION
AND CELEBRATION DINNER**
Thursday September 26, 2019

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Johnson Spring Building, Floor 2
3:00 pm reception where you can get to know your missionaries and meet
global church leaders followed by dinner at 4:55 pm with special guest speakers



SAMS Reception and Dinner are a great way to kickoff
the 7:00 pm opening plenary of
The New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference
September 26-29, 2019
Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC



No advanced registration required.
To be assured of a seat for dinner, please do arrive prior to 4:55 pm.

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Missions professor for seminary in Asia

**Pre-K teachers for English immersion program
in Chiang Mai, Thailand**

**Leadership training facilitator and lecturers
in theology, Belize**

Church History Professor (Ph.D.) in Uganda

