

THE MESSENGER



Being a Sender - A Gift of Presence BY KATE ULRICH



Recently trained YANA Listeners in Zambia

Sending a missionary you have never met may seem like a stretch, but this is how the journey began for a Sender fondly known as “Padre” in the SAMS community. It all started with a gift in 2017 designated “Where Needed Most.” Prayerfully, much needed funds were provided for SAMS Missionary April Sylvester. Padre received thanks and ongoing communication from April. April had recently co-founded the YANA (You Are Not Alone) Foundation in Ndola, Zambia, a ministry to young people with mental illness in a place where the closest psychologist is 6 hours away. Padre happens to be a retired priest and therapist in Texas.

Padre began checking in on April via email and praying for her. April responded, finding a true friend. God began to establish a warm mentoring relationship that

would transform the ministry perspective of both the missionary and her new Sender. Padre’s perspective on mental health ministry significantly shaped April’s ministry. His ways of living life with compassion made it into the training curriculum for YANA volunteers, who are called “Listeners.” April received an image from Padre depicting the experience of a clinically depressed person sitting deep inside a dark cave. People at the mouth of the cave are calling them out, but one person enters the cave, sits down with them and says, “It’s dark in here, isn’t it?” In Padre’s words, “The greatest gift we can give is to be present to people.” April has used this image extensively to help Listeners understand how to minister to people struggling with mental illness. Jesus fully entered our brokenness as a human, and similarly Listeners provide friendship and support to hurting people that have nowhere else to turn.

The heart-felt sending relationship between Padre and April confers mutual blessing. Padre gives her the credit: “April was the genesis of my larger ministry to missionaries. I was connected financially, but not involved. Everything changed with April. I realized I need to do more than send a check.” He has begun a new coaching ministry for missionaries, which included being the speaker at the 2019 SAMS Missionary Retreat in South Africa. Padre has written down his personal mission: “To purposefully live in the Sacrament of the Present Moment, touching the lives of others with the presence of God, bringing joy, healing and peace.” As Senders, may we “be present” to our Missionaries in whatever way possible, beginning with prayer.



By God’s grace April and Padre meet for the first time at the 2019 SAMS Missionary Retreat in South Africa!

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PADRE

Sending Community Empowers Youth in Uganda

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An apprentice operates the brick maker provided by Senders to give new skills

The saying goes that “no man is an island,” and this is especially true of missionaries. SAMS Missionary Bridger Patrick Lutalo has a team of people behind him, championing his mission. His community at Christ Church in Colorado has supported him since September 2016 in the establishment of *Teach Men to Fish* in Uganda which provides youth with vocational skills while discipling them in Christ.

Patrick observed that many teenagers in Mityana, Uganda, are vulnerable and, in desperation, often become ensnared by crime, drugs, and prostitution. He responded by forming a ministry employing his extensive experience in construction to equip others. The apprentices are currently constructing a new maternity facility for the local community. Patrick recently updated his Senders: “As we give the apprentices skills, they are also giving back to their own community to show how God’s love and compassion can be shared with others.”

Patrick’s community at Christ Church has played a vital role in getting the mission off the ground. A core group of 12-18 men, who meet weekly for Bible study at 6:30 a.m. led an initiative among all the men of the church to raise \$5,000 for a concrete mixer and brick

maker. The apprentices are using this equipment to construct the maternity facility. Sender Cynthia McRae, also of Christ Church, shares her joy: “I am committed to this ministry because I have a sense of the deep needs of folks there. Patrick is providing an education and skills-training to young people who have had little [or] no opportunity to learn a trade, to provide hope or a future for themselves and their families. I admire him enormously and am very privileged to assist [Patrick] in any way I can.” God is working through Patrick and his Senders to help young people build buildings and build up their lives in Christ. Patrick shares that the ultimate goal for the youth in their community is to “build His kingdom.”



An expectant mother joyfully participates in the foundation celebration of the maternity facility being built by the apprentices giving to their community



The Men’s Bible Study raised \$5,000 for the brick maker and cement mixer, supporting the mission to equip young people practically and spiritually.

See more pictures and video from this exciting project when you go to samsusa.org and search for “Teach Men to Fish”!



The joy of the Lord flows out of Patrick to all he encounters.

Praying as Senders

SAMS-USA PRAYER CALENDAR: March – August 2020



The McCall Family



Amanda Scott



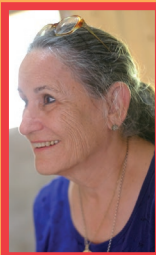
Stephen and Debra Buckner



Jack Melvin



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon

March 1-7: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Suzy McCall, Amanda Scott, Stephen and Debra Buckner** and the team in Tegucigalpa at LAMB Institute. Pray for the newly established bilingual school, Joy Christian Academy. Ask that those youth who have recently transitioned to the university setting will thrive. Pray for the volunteer teams who come sharing love and service to have safety, health, and encounters with God.

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa as he oversees diocesan building projects in a rural, impoverished community.

March 8-14: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for **Veronica Flowers** as she serves faithfully at Holy Trinity School in La Ceiba.

Pray with **Jeannie Loving** for the completion of Santa Maria Magdalena Church in San Lorenzo, and lift up the building crew, the congregation, and the four teams coming this spring. Also, ask the Lord to provide a good growing season for Honduran farmers and health for Jeannie's son John.

March 15-21: CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica

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

March 22-28: CENTRAL AMERICA: Belize

Lift up **David, Mary Beth, and Austin Alenskis** as they readjust to ministry life as a family of three at two churches and three Christian schools in San Ignacio. Pray for provision and guidance from God.

March 29-April 4: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in El Venado as they serve children and families. Give thanks for the grace of God while lifting up two children recently placed back with their families.

April 5-11: SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador

Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito for the E=H (Education equals Hope) students and families, that they would study well and know that God loves them.

April 12-18: SOUTH AMERICA: Bolivia

Pray for **Rusty and Tammy Firestone** in Cochabamba as they mentor and support pastors. Give thanks for Bolivian pastoral leadership at La Trinidad Parish. Lift up their daughter Maddie as she prepares to start college in the U.S. in autumn.



The Alenskis Family



The Miller Family



The Vivanco Family



Rusty and Tammy Firestone

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

Praying as Senders



Russ and Heidi Smith



The Hicks Family



The Benton Family



The Whitaker Family



The Blaine Family

April 19-25: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile

Pray for **Russ and Heidi Smith** in Temuco as they lead Reino de Dios Church in outreach to the local community. Lift up their responsibilities in training leaders through the Rural Bible Institute and Equipping Servants International.

April 26-May 2: OCEANIA: Solomon Islands

Pray for **Jonathan, Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, Immanuel, and Moses Hicks** as Jon begins new administrative roles at Trinity School for Theology and Ministry in the Solomon Islands. Lift up Tess as she begins an online Masters in Counseling program to equip her more deeply for ministry. Pray for God's Spirit to work in their local mission endeavors to unreached people groups.

May 3-9: OCEANIA: New Zealand

Lift up **Guy, Summer, Isaac (Pirum), Quinn, Norah and Addison Benton** in Wellington as they mobilize young people into mission with a gap year program. Pray for provision of new Senders for them. Ask God to be with their family as they journey together in mission.

May 10-16: ASIA: Cambodia

With **Gregory, Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, Ivy and Madeleine Whitaker** in Phnom Penh pray for the leadership of the Cambodian church and for the healing ministry in the Anglican Church of Christ Our Peace. Lift up their upcoming home ministry assignment that they may encourage their Senders.

Pray for **Jesse, Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** in Phnom Penh as they discern their next steps in serving the Lord.

May 17-23: ASIA: Indonesia

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

May 24-30: AFRICA: Madagascar

Join **Jacky Lowe** in prayer for poverty in the world, especially Madagascar, and that those who are blessed will share their abundance with the poor.

Pray with **Todd and Patsy McGregor** for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Diocese of Toliara and its leaders, including all clergy, evangelists, catechists, student evangelists and the discipleship ministry. Pray that in Christ they would live the principles of Micah 6:8.

May 31- June 6: AFRICA: South Africa

Praise God with **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl** in Villiersdorp for evidence of spiritual fruit in the people whom they are discipling, and pray for more work from the Holy Spirit. Lift up their Disciple Making Trainings, their research, study, writing, and other ministry endeavors and partnerships.



The Long Family



Jacky Lowe



Todd and Patsy McGregor

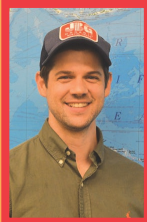


Louise and Johann Vanderbijl

Praying as Senders



April Sylvester



Trent Pettit



Janine LeGrand



Jessica Hughes



Mary Chowenhill



Richard and Catherine Ranger



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram



Jared and Abbi Wensyel

June 7-13: AFRICA: Zambia and Ethiopia

Lift up **April Sylvester** in Ndola as she plans multiple trainings for the YANA Foundation volunteers ("Listeners"). Pray that the Holy Spirit would inspire them and that the ministry would bring hope and healing to those who come for support.

Lift up **Trent Pettit** as he adjusts to life and ministry at St. Frumentius Theological College in Gambella, Ethiopia. Pray for his new language acquisition, health, and safety as he becomes part of the community there.

June 14-20: AFRICA: Uganda

With **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi pray for the ongoing work of the medical outreaches, and that she will be able to supervise the greatly expanding health activities well.

Pray for **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono as she teaches and mentors theology students at Uganda Christian University, and for the future ministries of these students.

June 21-27: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray for **Mary Chowenhill** in Mukono as she teaches business at Uganda Christian University. Pray for the launching of the entrepreneurship business incubator and for students to manage their businesses under God. Ask God for provision for Sudanese orphans at Kirandongo.

Lift up **Richard and Catherine Ranger** in Mukono as they transition to life at Uganda Christian University assisting the Law Department.

June 28- July 4: EUROPE: Netherlands and Germany

Pray for **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** as they seek to foster a welcoming culture in the diverse community at Christ Church in Amsterdam. Pray that all who visit or stay would be hungry for God, experience him and become a part of their community.

Lift up **Jared and Abbi Wensyel** in Frankfurt as they network locally and internationally to build up a launch team for a new church plant. Pray with them as they seek to start a faithful gospel-preaching church which makes disciples in a post-Christian setting.

Pray for **David and Patricia Ayres**, that the Lord would provide Senders for their ministry and send laborers to join them church planting in the Berlin harvest field.

July 5-11: EUROPE: Central and Southern

Lift up the ministry of **Stephen V**, that God would open doors practically and relationally for him to hold Anglican Eucharist services in the native language. Lift up the ESL program and new volunteers.

Lift up **Hunter, Stephe and Asher Van Wagenen** as they continue language and culture study for ministry on the ancient pilgrimage route Camino de Santiago in Spain.

July 12-18: CARRIBEAN: Dominican Republic

Pray for **Cathy Donahoe** as she seeks discernment for her next steps.

July 19-25: NORTH AMERICA: Mexico

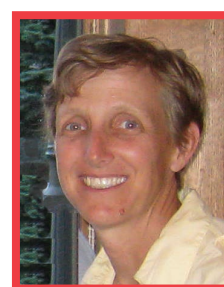
Lift up **Roger and Joanne, and Meredith**. Pray for lay and ordained leaders in the local churches. Ask the Lord to prosper farms and small businesses and to provide protection for his people.



David and Patricia Ayres



Hunter, Stephe and Asher Van Wagenen



Cathy Donahoe

Praying as Senders



The Hill Family



Jack and Mary McDonald



The Twichell Family



Madeleine Ruch



Debby McKeon

July 26- August 1: NORTH AMERICA: United States

Pray for **Allen, Rachel, James, and John Hill** in North Carolina, as Allen continues his Ph.D. thesis and as Rachel ministers to international families there.

Pray with **Jack and Mary McDonald** in Virginia, for this semester with international students at VA Tech, that God would open doors for the gospel and give wisdom in how to discuss the Bible. Ask God to give faithful, available and teachable leaders to assist with the international students there. Lift up Mary's MDiv studies and ask the Lord to bless their endeavors with veterinary missions for farmers in Africa and the Anglican International Student Ministry Network.

Give thanks with **Nate, Erika, Henry, Annie, Jack, and George Twichell** for God's provision for their family and pray for His strength and abundant grace. Ask that the Holy Spirit would call those young people He desires to be a part of the 2020-2021 Agape Year cohort.

August 2-8: Candidates & Missionaries in Transition

Pray for candidate **Madeleine Ruch** in Wheaton, IL, that the Lord will direct her path and give discernment as she seeks a placement for student ministry in Scotland. Pray for the Lord's favor, provision, and guidance in all the details of transition and raising of Senders.

Pray with **Anne** for the Lord to be preparing the hearts of those in her new country to be receptive to the Good News. Lift up her spiritual and emotional preparation for the upcoming cultural transition.

Lift up **Debby McKeon** in Ambridge, PA, as she grieves the loss of her husband Ron, that the Lord would be near and guiding her in His love in this new season of life.

August 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 Perú), **Brian and Mary Jane Dennison** (educational ministry and discipleship in Uganda), **John and Ninfa Dixon** (Hispanic outreach on the Mexican border), and **Chris Feuille** (education in Chile).

August 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** (education ministry in Honduras and Thailand), **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 Perú), **John and Susan Park** (leadership development in Latin America), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Vicki Robertson** (children's ministry in Perú), **Maunette Tait** (education in Honduras), and **Kym Winegard** (children's ministry in Perú).

August 23-31: SAMS Staff

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

Ron McKeon
9.30.1953 to 9.28.2019

With sadness SAMS announces the passing of Missionary Ron McKeon on September 28, 2019. Ron served with his wife, Debby, in João Pessoa, Brazil. Ron as a minister of the Gospel memorably channeled the love of his "Lord, Savior, and Friend" to everyone he met.



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.

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- Logistics Support – *all the bits and pieces*
- Financial Support – *bread and butter!*
- Prayer Support – *spiritual warfare*
- Communication Support – *mailings, distribution, social media engagement*
- Re-Entry Support – *hospitality and a listening ear when they return*

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