

# THE MESSENGER



## A TRUE GIFT FOR STUDENTS IN KENYAN SCHOOLS

Imagine going to school, but you do not have any books, pencils, or a desk. This is what Lucy Chaves witnessed at Uymoa School in Kenya two years ago. “It was the worst-performing school in the region,” she says. The students Lucy interacted with were in tattered clothes and went to school without breakfast or lunch; the teachers and the students just existed. But Lucy and David knew the Lord was calling them to help. By mobilizing farmers in the local community, a feeding program was developed to provide lunch for students in need. With the collaboration of both these local supporters and those in U.S. churches, the students also received new uniforms, mathematical sets, and textbooks. Neighbors even dug a well for the school and helped fix up the classrooms.

This year Lucy returned to Uymoa School to see how the students were doing. Things seemed to be

**“One of my favorite songs is ‘The Voice of Truth’ and the words say: ‘The voice of truth tells me a different story. The voice of truth says do not be afraid. The voice of truth says this is for my glory and out of all the voices calling out to me I choose to listen to the voice of truth.’ Who is this voice of truth?” – Lucy Chaves speaking to students at Uymoa School**



*Lucy and the students share the true meaning of Christmas through a drama for the parents and others in the community.*



*The community came together with their own resources to start a food program for the students.*

turning around, and Lucy saw a group of cheerful students. The head teacher of the school reported, “There is an increased school attendance and enrollment, motivated learners, and a 15 percent increase on national exam scores.”

Part of Lucy and David’s involvement is to speak to the students and their parents. Lucy shared Jesus Christ, and for the first time since the school was founded, the students had an opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas through performing a drama. When the students performed, Lucy saw that a new thing was happening in this village. The gift of the hope and truth of Jesus Christ had come to the entire village.

The Chaves family thanks Jesus for all that is happening in the schools in Kenya, the youth that are growing in their faith, and the hope and truth that is given through our Savior Jesus Christ. They plan to continue partnering with Uymoa School and the surrounding community, and hope to replicate this program with other schools in Kenya.



# Sewing While Sowing Hope

by SAMS Bridger Leah Darling



*Leah planted with her students that God cares for them and their future. They can now run a future leg of the relay planting seeds of the love and hope of Christ.*

*After deciding to make a career change, Leah Darling followed the Lord's call to take a job in Colorado learning the ins and outs of upholstery. Today Leah owns her own upholstery business. After praying for years, the Lord provided an open door fulfilling Leah's desire to use her skills to equip others globally.*

Right outside the city of Quito, Ecuador, is Carmen Bajo, a small, low-to-no-income neighborhood. There is an education center that serves the community, one class being sewing. After years of praying about mission, I knew that teaching sewing to the women in the community of Carmen Bajo was God's right fit for me.

When I first arrived, I saw that the sewing program seemed like a relay—in a good way. Teachers had come and gone, leaving behind their project materials. Those who had gone before me had the same mission in mind: they hoped to spread the love of Christ through sewing. The pieces of material scattered about reminded me of Hebrews 12:1, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..."* (ESV). As Christians, we have a race to run in our faith and in our service. Sometimes serving is a relay, where one person leaves off to allow another to pick up the baton. I was inspired to run this leg in order to pass on the love of Christ to the women in the community.

Those I taught shared their dreams and passion of starting their own business one day like I had done. My students had little to no

sewing skills when we began, but by the end of the seventh week, each one walked away with a bag that they had made themselves. They took pride and joy in their handiwork by carrying it around and showing their friends what they had learned. When we had a party at the center, many of them were excited to use their new skill to decorate the tables and room. They were even inspired to fix up the classroom by making fabric organizers.

The women in Carmen Bajo not only learned a new skill, they learned that if they start small and are diligent in crafting that skill, God will grow it into something more. They were hopeful in knowing that starting their own business one day is possible.



*Sisters Carolina and Yadira already have big dreams for their future. Carolina hopes to buy her own house one day and Yadira wants to become a professional seamstress.*



# SAMS-USA

## Prayer Calendar July – October 2017



Amanda Scott

### July 1-8 *CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras*

With **Amanda Scott**, serving in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, pray for the children at LAMB Children's Home where she serves. Lift up Amanda as she coordinates mission teams to serve there.

Give thanks with **Ana Reid** in Omoa, Honduras, as she continues to coordinate and lead ministries in the community. Pray for the short-term team ministry, that it will be fruitful and for the increase of Senders to support her.

With **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, give thanks for the progress of diocesan building projects. Lift up Jack as he continues to minister to the poor in his community.

### July 9-15: *CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras*

Lift up **Dennie and Veronica Flowers** in La Ceiba, Honduras, where Veronica is the principal at Holy Trinity School. Pray also for the work of the Honduran Development Network, helping the diocese move toward self-sustainability.

Pray for **Jeannie Loving** in Danli, Honduras, as she continues social outreach in her community. Pray for the teams that come to support, for their health, safety and faithfulness. Give thanks for all of Jeannie's Senders.

Pray for **David Ledwitz** in Copan, Honduras, as he reaches out to the community to improve many people's living conditions with ministry projects such as water and road development.

### July 16-22: *CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica*

Pray for **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in El Venado, Honduras, as they share Christ's love to orphaned and vulnerable children. Give thanks for their faithful Senders who also have a heart for their ministry.

With **David and Mary Beth Alenskis** in San Ignacio, Belize, pray for the training of lay leaders and future pastors, for the youth to obtain a deeper embrace of the Gospel, and for encouragement and refreshment for David and Mary Beth.

Pray for **Eduardo and Hilda Monzon** in San Jose, Costa Rica, that they will continue to be strengthened and encouraged in their lives and ministry. Pray that the church and diocese will continue to lift up people in the name of the Lord.

### July 23-29: *SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador, Brazil*

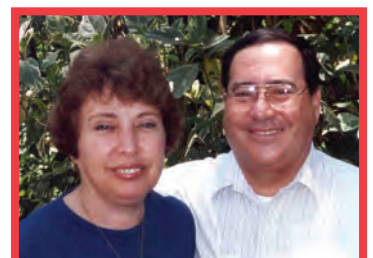
Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito, Ecuador, for the youth of Ecuador and their ministry Education Equals Hope. Pray for the 350 students who receive scholarships and for those who support them. Also pray for Roberto's music ministry at church that it will draw people closer to Jesus.



David and Mary Beth Alenskis



The Vivanco Family



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



The Miller Family



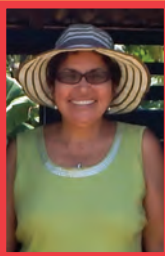
Jeannie Loving



David Ledwitz



Dennie and Veronica Flowers



Ana Reid



Jack Melvin

## SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED



Ron and Debby McKeon



Todd and Patsy McGregor



Grant and Wendy LeMarquand



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram



The Colvin Family



Nate and Erika Twichell

Lift up **Ron and Debby McKeon** in Joao Pessoa, Brazil. Pray for Ron who is preaching, teaching, and providing pastoral care. Pray for Debby as she teaches children and trains teachers. Give thanks for their Senders and pray for continued financial provision.

### **July 30- August 5: AFRICA: Madagascar**

With **Todd and Patsy McGregor**, in Toliara, Madagascar, pray for the appointment of an assistant bishop for the diocese in August, and the election of the new archbishop of the Indian Ocean. Lift up the Sunday school training taking place this month, and student evangelists doing internships in various churches.

### **August 6-12: AFRICA: Egypt and Ethiopia**

Pray with **Grant and Wendy LeMarquand** in Gambella, Ethiopia, for their search for a new Dean for St. Frumentius' Anglican Theological College, as well as for Christians in Eritrea, Djibouti, Somaliland and Egypt. Lift up Wendy's health and for protection from further fractures of the spine.

Pray with **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** in Cairo, Egypt, that Anglicans will see the kingdom opportunities before them as the region experiences suffering and persecution. Lift up their weekly ministry to prisoners as they seek to make disciples. Pray also for the social outreach of the cathedral.

### **August 13-19: NORTH AMERICA: Canada, USA, and Missionary Candidates**

Pray for **Matt, Sora, Ezekiel, Naomi, Isaiah, and Hosanna Colvin**, as they continue to transition to life in Victoria, British Columbia. Lift up the family's health and wellness.

Pray for SAMS Missionary Candidates **Stevan and Kathryn Betcher, Jacky Lowe, and Anne Schaffer** (not pictured) as they seek the Lord for Senders to be raised up.

Lift up **Nate and Erika Twichell**, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as they lead Agape Year, the Anglican Global Mission Partners gap year program. Pray for the participants involved in the program that they will discern and grow in their own calling through discipleship and engagement in global mission.

Lift up **Jack and Mary McDonald** in Catawba, Virginia, as Mary works with international students in the area. Pray for the Lord's guidance as she continues to equip those in Uganda through her ministry, Gospel Goats.

### **August 20-26: OCEANIA: Solomon Islands**

Pray with **Jonathan, Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, and Immanuel Hicks** in Malaita, Solomon Islands, for the completion of their home at the seminary compound. Lift up SAMS Bridger, **Dean Baldwin**, who joined them last month. Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage them in this remote location.

### **August 27-September 2: ASIA: Cambodia**

With **Gregory, Heidi, Aubrey, Ella, Saeeda, and Ivy Whitaker** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, pray for the congregation at Church of Christ Our Peace, that they may be instrumental in sharing the Gospel and reaching people in the community with the love of Christ.



Jack and Mary McDonald



The Hicks Family



The Whitaker Family



## SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED



The Benton Family

Lift up **Guy, Summer, Pirum, and Quinn Benton** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as Guy continues to find ways for the local church to engage Cambodian youth in the city through evangelism and discipleship. Give thanks for the birth of their newest family member, **Norah**.

With **Jesse, Sarah, Clara, and Adelai Blaine** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, pray that God would open up the hearts and minds of people in Cambodia to know the Lord. Pray for their ministry as they focus on church planting and discipleship.

### **September 3-9: AFRICA: South Africa**

Pray for **Nicole (Corlew) and Wayne Curtis** in Cape Town, South Africa, who are partnering with the Anglican provincial ministry, Growing the Church. Pray the young people they minister to will become strong Christian leaders.

With **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl** in Southern Africa, pray for rain in the area and for peace and sensibility during a time of political unrest. Pray for them as they continue to settle into their ministry and for continued supporter from their Senders.

### **September 10-16: AFRICA: Mauritius and Zambia**

Pray for **Bryan, Shakila, Elijah, and David Pyle** on home ministry assignment in Ocala, Florida. Pray for their discernment of next steps in missionary service.

Pray with **April Sylvester** in Ndola, Zambia, for fruitful ministry and mentoring relationships as she oversees a discipleship gap year program for Zambian youth. Pray for financial provision and that more Senders will be raised up to partner with April.

### **September 17-23: AFRICA: Uganda**

Give thanks with **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono, Uganda, for a successful conclusion to the first semester of the academic year. Pray for rest while Jessica is on home ministry assignment, and for her work on her Ph. D. dissertation.

With **Mary Chowenhill** in Mukono, Uganda, pray for continued success with the entrepreneurship program at Uganda Christian University. Pray for the students who will be graduating in October, and the overall vision of Mary's ministry. Give thanks to God for Mary's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday next month.

Pray for **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi, Uganda, as she reaches out to those in Masindi and remote villages to provide health and nutrition education. Pray for more supporters over the long-term, and for Janine to be guided by the Lord in her ministry.

### **September 24-30: EUROPE**

Pray with **Stephen V.** (not pictured) in Europe as he works on the translation of the Book of Common Prayer into the native language in his region, and for the outreach of the Gospel throughout the community. Continue to pray that Senders will be raised up to support Stephen.

Lift up **Mark, Susan, and Ethan** (not pictured) in Europe as they pastor and counsel other missionaries in their community.



*Lift up the young students in Gulu, Uganda. Pray that those who have little will know God's love for them.*



The Blaine Family



Nicole and Wayne Curtis



Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



The Pyle Family



April Sylvester



Jessica Hughes



Mary Chowenhill



Janine LeGrand



**Cathy Donahoe**



**The Hill Family**



**Maria and Juan Marentes**



**The Smith Family**



**The Firestone 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

## October 1-7: CARIBBEAN: Dominican Republic

Give praise with **Cathy Donahoe** in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, for her ministry's supporters and give thanks for students truly motivated and interested in learning how best to treat their physical therapy patients.

## October 8-14: USA

Pray for **Allen, Rachel, James and John Hill** in Raleigh, North Carolina, as Allen pursues education for their future missionary service.

With **Juan and Maria Marentes** in Los Angeles, California, pray for opportunities to serve the Lord in the Hispanic population, both in Santa Ana and Costa Mesa, California. Pray for the discipling and mentoring they are doing, especially with a clergy couple from Mexico.

## October 15-21: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile and Bolivia

Lift up **Russ, Heidi, Joyanne, and Jocelyn Smith** in Temuco, Chile, as Russ works with the students at the Rural Bible Institute, and for his visits to rural churches. Pray for those who are studying through Equipping Servants, a new ministry of independent studies for those in leadership in Temuco. Pray for Russ and Heidi as they coordinate this ministry.

Pray with **Rusty, Tammy, Thomas, and Madelyn Firestone**, in Cochabamba, Bolivia, as they continue their ministry at La Trinidad Church. Pray for Tammy as she leads the church, and for Rusty as he facilitates short-term teams. Pray for Thomas as he begins university studies in the U.S.

## October 22-28: MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES: Serving Globally

Lift up SAMS Associate Missionaries: **Chuck and Beth Bradshaw** (theological education in Uganda), **Mike and Linda Chapman** (ministry among Hispanics in the U.S.), **David and Lucy Chaves** (social ministries and discipleship in Kenya), **Townsend and Dawn Cooper** (health ministries in Peru), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching ministry in Honduras), **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), **Michael and Anita Dohn** (health ministry in the U.S.), **Chris Feuillade** (student ministry in Chile), **Tom and Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Doug and JoEllyn Fountain** (ministry in Uganda), **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), **Frank and Shawnee Lyons** (youth ministry), **Jack and Mary McDonald** (veterinarian ministry), **Richard and Martha Menees** (ministry in Africa), **Ian and Polly Montgomery** (short-term ministry in Peru), **Susan Morris** (ministry in Uganda), **Shaw and Julie Mudge** (theological education in Belize), **John and Susan Park** (short-term team coordination in Peru), **Vicki Robertson** (children's ministry in Peru), **Amanda Scott** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Eldon Stoffel** (youth ministry in Rwanda), and **Kym (McDaniel) Winegard** (children's ministry in Peru).

## October 29-31: 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.



*Pray for the students at St. Frumentius' Anglican Theological College, that they will be inspired to share what they have learned about the love of Christ to others in the region.*





# Memorials and Honors

## Given by:

Mr. Michael and Mrs. Beverly Nottingham  
Richmond Symphony Orchestra  
Mr. Byron Park  
Ms. Nancy H. Tyndall  
Mrs. Helen Camlin  
Mr. Hanno and Mrs. Lauren Vanderbijl  
Mr. David R. Hardin  
Mr. Stewart W. and the Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mrs. Marcia M. Hawkins  
Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch Fuller  
Mrs. Ginger Harris  
Ms. Margaret F. Maurer  
Mr. Gerry W. and Mrs. Audrey R. Cox  
Mrs. Marcia M. Hawkins  
Mrs. Helen Camlin  
Mrs. Valerie Parvin  
Mr. Johnnie and Mrs. Jean N. Corbett  
The Rev. Ann Goraczko  
Mr. Frank H. and Dr. Gillian A. Hope  
Mr. David G. Seibert  
Mrs. Judith Auger  
Mrs. Mary W. Williams  
Ms. Sandra L. Rhodes

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Mrs. Ginger Harris  
The Rev. Robert Randall  
Mr. Philip M. and Mrs. Jeannine Sumners  
Mr. Kwame Boye Frimpong  
Ms. Vicky Van Buren  
Ms. Erin Jean Baker  
Mr. Craig and Mrs. Kay Enoch  
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Mr. Ben Siebert  
The Rev. Charles and Mrs. Vera Threewit  
Mr. Randy Williams  
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Mrs. Coleen Kebrdle  
Ms. Debbe Kollatz  
Mrs. Mary McDonald  
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Mr. Joe Mecca  
Ms. Jutta Neumann  
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## Mission Opportunities around the Globe

- ◆ Congregational development, theological training, and secondary teaching in Tanzania for the Diocese of Victoria Nyanza
- ◆ Social ministry development for the Diocese of Chile showing God's love through community development and micro-enterprise development in the parishes
- ◆ Teachers of all levels and subjects in Latin America and Southeast Asia
- ◆ University student ministry in Thailand
- ◆ Additional clergy and lay positions available globally

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### *Join SAMS in Prayer*

Each day SAMS gathers to pray for your missionaries and for you. If you have a prayer request, visit the new SAMS website and submit your prayers and praises. Go to [www.sams-usa.org/praying-with-you](http://www.sams-usa.org/praying-with-you).

SAMS also encourages you to pray each day at 9:38 a.m. and/or p.m. for the Lord to raise up new missionaries to work alongside Anglicans globally.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”  
(*Matthew 9:37b-38 ESV*)



### **HOW GOSPEL GOATS IS IMPACTING UGANDA**

**Mary McDonald is a SAMS Associate Missionary and a veterinarian. Recently, SAMS caught up with Mary after her recent mission to Uganda where she provided a Gospel Goat training, a ministry she started to teach health, nutrition, and care for goats to marginalized members of society, all while sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Discover the SAMS-USA blog at [www.sams-usa.org/blog](http://www.sams-usa.org/blog) to read how Gospel Goats has impacted Uganda.**