

# THE MESSENGER



## Generation to Generation

By Johann Vanderbijl, Missionary in Southern Africa



*Johann's great-grandfather, Arthur.*

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:3



*Now abandoned, this church is where Arthur and Mary Ellen once served.*

This summer (actually winter for us!), Louise and I made our way through the Eastern Cape in South Africa to share our ministry with churches and build partnerships in the region. We are just starting a ministry that provides disciple-making training to the Anglican Church throughout Southern Africa. Along the way, I discovered that this ministry traces back to my great-grandparents, Arthur and Mary Ellen Lomax, who served as missionaries in the area during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

As we began our journey to places where Arthur and Mary Ellen served, we learned about their faithfulness. They left their home with their three children to voyage by ship to South Africa, where they knew very little about the environment, culture, and the people. They had served in Mauritius in a government school for two years prior to their return to England in 1884 for Arthur to complete his theological studies. Of course, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century missionaries had to go wherever the Bishop sent them, but there must have been an element of faith involved each time the family of eventually 12 packed up to move further into the largely unknown and unstable frontier.

Just like us, Arthur and Mary Ellen served through education and training church leaders. We visited the churches in which the couple laboured, as well as Zonnebloem College where Arthur was vice-principal, before their move to the Eastern Cape. We soon noticed that there were always schools connected to their churches. This is not surprising, as he was a teacher prior to becoming a priest. But as we visited church building after church building, we were struck by the fact that most were either no longer in use or had only one service per month. Had their immense sacrifice and their labour of love been in vain?

On the final leg of our journey, Louise and I were invited to participate in the “Family Day” celebration of the Diocese of Mthatha, where Arthur was the first Principal of St. John’s College—a college designed to train local church leaders. As I told the crowd of over 5,000 people that we felt part of the family due to our connection via Arthur, the people erupted in spontaneous cheers and applause ...and a still, small voice whispered in my ear:

***“This is Arthur’s legacy,” not buildings, not plaques, not photographs, not memorials, but believers—disciples trained to make other disciples.***

***The sacrifice was not in vain.***



*A map shows the two-week journey where Johann and Louise spent time sharing their discipleship training with several churches in the Southern Cape.*





# A Mission and Personal Pilgrimage: Rich Roots

By Ian Montgomery

I have always been interested in Myanmar, as my mother was born there in 1914. Back then, it was called Burma and it was part of the British Raj, based in India. When my mother died, she knew little about the land of

her birth. Her birth was registered in India, and I knew she had been baptized in early 1915 in Burma since her parents were stationed with the army there, but that was all I knew.

I had the opportunity to go on a short-term mission to Myanmar with Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA). The team held a prayer conference in Mandalay. During this time we were able to see the area. I was able to visit Pyin Oo Lwin. It was a blessing to discover that this was where my grandparents were stationed at the outset of World War I. It had been a British Army center, and many regiments had been stationed there until World War II. There is an Anglican Church there called All Saints, at which, I discovered my mother had been baptized.

Fr. Joseph, who had been included in our team several months before we met, happens to be the vicar at All Saints. God knew he would be part of the team for a reason. He took me to visit All Saints, built in 1912.



*All Saints Church*

There were plaques commemorating the various British regiments who had been stationed there. When I went inside, there before me was the font where my mother had been baptized.

No one else in my family has been to Burma; not even my mother returned to visit. Standing there in the church, I felt like I had come full circle. It is amazing that before I even learned about my family history, God was already calling me to mission in Myanmar. I have been blessed to serve alongside people with whom I now feel like I have roots.

Fr. Joseph trains young ministers and lay ministers to operate under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and scripture. The country is still closed to official missionaries, and some parts of the country are inaccessible to foreigners. For this reason, training indigenous missionaries is vital.

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*Participants during the prayer conference that Ian led while in Myanmar.*



Amanda Scott



Jack Melvin



Dennie and Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



David Ledwitz



The Miller Family



David and Mary Beth Alenskis

### November 1-4: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

With **Amanda Scott** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, pray for the children at LAMB Institute where Amanda serves. Pray for her health and stamina during the winter short-term mission team season.

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as he oversees diocesan building projects and ministers to the poor. Pray especially for the young girl who is blind that he is assisting with her education.

Pray for **Maunette Tait** in Tela, Honduras, as she teaches at Holy Spirit Episcopal Bilingual School. Lift up Maunette's students as she helps them grow spiritually and academically. *(Photo on page 7)*

### November 5-11: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Dennie and Veronica Flowers** as they continue their long-term ministry in La Ceiba, Honduras. Pray for Veronica and her students at Holy Trinity School. Pray for the Lord's healing of Dennie.

Join **Jeannie Loving** in Danli, Honduras, in praying for her son, John, who has stage IV. Pray the Lord will encourage Jeannie and give comfort to John and his wife. Pray for the beginning and completion of the kindergarten and Santa Maria Magdalena Church in the tiny village of San Lorenzo.

Pray for **David Ledwitz** in Copan, Honduras, as he reaches out to the community through development projects.

### November 12-18: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica

Pray for **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in El Venado, Honduras, as well as all the children and staff of The Hope of Jesus Children's Home in northern Honduras. Pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance as they plan for the future of the ministry and for more supporters to join them in caring for abandoned and vulnerable children.

Pray for **David and Mary Beth Alenskis** in San Ignacio, Belize, as Mary Beth reaches out to children through music. Pray for David and Mary Beth's ministries in the school, and for sustained health and finances.

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 19-25: SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador, Brazil

Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito, Ecuador, as they prepare for the upcoming youth conference, *Happening*, to be held in the Diocese of Central Ecuador in February.

*...prayer calendar continued on the next three pages*



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



The Vivanco Family



*Give thanks for our missionaries who work in medical, health, and veterinarian ministries who serve to care for God's creation.*

# His Kingdom Reigns from Generation to Generation



Ron and Debby McKeon



Todd and Patsy McGregor



Jacky Lowe



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram



The Smith Family



The Firestone Family

Give thanks with **Ron and Debby McKeon** in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, for the growing discipleship ministry to individuals and families, and increased ability to communicate in Portuguese. Pray for their financial support needs as they prayerfully anticipate following God's purpose in Brazil for many more years.

## **November 26-December 2: AFRICA: Madagascar**

Lift up **Todd and Patsy McGregor**, in Toliara, Madagascar, as they continue leadership development for the diocese, especially as the diocese holds task force, strategic planning, and synod meetings. Pray for strength and continued good health for both Todd and Patsy as they enter into the Advent season.

Pray for SAMS Missionary Candidate, **Jacky Lowe**, as she transitions to missionary service in Toliara, Madagascar. Pray that individuals and churches will be called to join Jacky in her ministry.

## **December 3-9: AFRICA: Egypt**

With **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** in Cairo, Egypt, pray that churches and individuals will be raised up as Senders to join the Buttrams in their ministry.

## **December 10-16: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile and Bolivia**

Pray with **Russ, Heidi, Joyanne, and Jocelyn Smith** in Temuco, Chile, for a fruitful home ministry assignment from December until March as they visit supporters in Illinois and in the East. Pray for a strong finish for the students of the Rural Bible Institute, which ends in January, and the 150 participants of Equipping Servants International, which Russ and Heidi help coordinate.

Pray with **Rusty, Tammy, 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. Also, pray for **Thomas** who has recently started university studies.

Pray for **Chris Feuillade** in Santiago, Chile, as he continues to teach at a local university. Also pray for his involvement with the children's ministry at his church.

## **December 17-23: SOLOMON ISLANDS AND INDONESIA**

Pray for **Jonathan, Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, and Immanuel Hicks** serving in Malaita, Solomon Islands who are visiting and seeking supporters in New Zealand. Lift them up as they meet new partners and re-connect with old friends. May it be a time of refreshment and an opportunity to encourage their church families. Pray for Missionary Bridger, **Dean Baldwin**, as he continues ministry alongside the Hicks.

Give thanks for the sending of **James, Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** to Jakarta, Indonesia. Pray for their ministry of community church planting. (Photo on page 7)

## **December 24-30: ASIA: Cambodia**

With **Gregory, Heidi, Saeeda, Ella, Aubrey, and Ivy Whitaker** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, give thanks that the building project at the Anglican Church of Cambodia and Church of Christ Our Peace offices is on schedule. Pray for ministry team leaders for the church, and for continuing discernment for Heidi as she increases her involvement in medical work.



Chris Feuillade



The Hicks Family



The Whitaker Family

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The Benton Family



The Blaine Family



Nicole and Wayne Curtis



Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



April Sylvester



Jessica Hughes



Mary Chowenhill

Pray for **Guy, Summer, Pirum, and Quinn Benton** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, who will be moving to New Zealand. Pray for their transition and the start of a new ministry there.

With **Jesse, Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, pray that God would open up the hearts and minds of people in Cambodia to know Him. Lift them up as they continue their church planting and discipleship ministry. Give thanks for the birth of Ridley.

## December 31-January 6: AFRICA: South Africa

Give thanks with **Wayne and Nicole (Corlew) Curtis** in Cape Town, South Africa, for the birth of their twin daughters, **Sarah Grace and Anna Elizabeth**, in late June. Pray for their transition as they balance parenthood and their ministry with *Growing the Church*.

Pray for **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl**, as they transition and seek new and renewed support for ongoing missionary service. Pray for their ministry in Southern Africa as they provide discipleship training to Anglican churches.

## January 7-13: AFRICA: Zambia

Join in praise with **April Sylvester** in Ndola, Zambia, for how God worked during the gap year program in 2017. Pray for the students joining her this year and for wisdom from the Lord for how to best mentor the students.

## January 14-20: AFRICA: Uganda

Give thanks with **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono, Uganda, for the theology students who have returned from break. Give thanks for the ministry they were involved in while home. Pray for a productive semester both inside and outside the classroom.

Pray with **Mary Chowenhill** in Mukono, Uganda, for all the students who study at Uganda Christian University, especially those in the business department where Mary serves.

Pray with **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi, Uganda, as she educates the community through a holistic health and nutrition ministry. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit, and for long-term senders to be raised up to support her.

## January 21-27: EUROPE (Missionaries not pictured due to security reasons)

Pray with **Stephen V.** in Europe as he continues his ministry of 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 for Sender support.

Lift up **Mark, Susan, and Ethan** in Europe as they pastor and counsel missionaries in their community and other regions.

Give thanks with **Anne S.**, in Europe as she officially begins her evangelism ministry. Pray for safe travels, health, and wisdom for her and the team as they minister in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

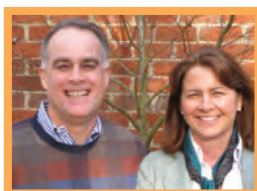
## January 28-February 3: NORTH AMERICA

Give thanks with **Nate, Erika, Henry, and Annie Twichell** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the September launching of the first year of Anglican Global Mission Partners' (AGMP) Agape Year program. Pray for them as they lead students in cross-cultural ministry in the U.S. and Thailand. Pray for graduating high schoolers to apply for the coming year.

With **Jack and Mary McDonald** in Catawba, Virginia, pray for the international student ministry at Virginia Tech where Mary serves. Give thanks for the publication of her book about her veterinary life, *The Magnet*.



Janine LeGrand



Jack and Mary McDonald



The Twichell Family

# His Kingdom Reigns from Generation to Generation



Maria and Juan Marentes



Grant and Wendy LeMarquand



The Hill Family



The Colvin Family



The Pyle Family



Cathy Donahoe

**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

## February 4-10: NORTH AMERICA

Lift up **Juan and Maria Marentes** in California, as they serve the Lord in the Hispanic population there. Lift up those whom they are discipling to be church leaders.

With **Grant and Wendy LeMarquand** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pray that God would continue to raise up faithful leadership for the churches in Gambella and the Horn of Africa, for their visits to churches who have partnered with them, and for clarity about how senders can continue in partnership. Pray for discernment as they follow God's will in their next season of ministry.

## February 11-17: NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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

With **Matt, Sora, Ezekiel, Naomi, Isaiah, and Hosanna Colvin**, in Victoria, Canada, pray for Sora's health and that the Lord restores her energy. Pray God will heal her. Pray for Matt's search for a new job.

Pray for **Bryan, Shakila, Elijah, and David Pyle** as they transition back to life in the States. Pray for Bryan's search for a position as a pastor.

With **Cathy Donahoe** in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, pray for her ministry with physical therapy students. Ask God to motivate the students as they learn. Also give thanks for her faithful supporters.

## February 18-24: 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), **Townsend and Dawn Cooper** (health ministries with Latin Americans), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching ministry in Honduras), **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), **Michael and Anita Dohn** (health ministry in USA), **Tom and Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Doug and JoEllyn Fountain** (ministry in Uganda), **Margarita Grachen** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Roger and Joanne Griffin** (theological education in Latin America), **Jason and Emily Hood** (pastoral leadership in Tanzania), **Mike and Betty Kaszer** (short-term team ministry in Honduras), **Frank and Shawnee Lyons** (youth ministry), **Richard and Martha Menees** (ministry in Africa), **Ian and Polly Montgomery** (short-term ministry in Perú), **Susan Morris** (ministry in Uganda), **John and Susan Park** (short-term team coordination in Perú), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Vicki Robertson** (children's ministry in Perú), **Eldon Stoffel** (youth ministry in Rwanda), and **Kym Wyngard (McDaniel)** (children's ministry in Perú).

## February 25-28: 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.



*Give thanks for all those who have come to know the Lord through your faithful missionaries, and for those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

# Memorials and Honors

## Given by:

Mrs. Ginger Harris  
Mr. Alexander D. Johnson  
Mr. Don A. and Mrs. Susan E. Schweiger  
Mr. Gerry W. and Mrs. Audrey R. Cox  
Mr. Stewart W. and the Rev. Laura Wicker  
The Ven. John and Mrs. Susan Park  
Mr. James and Mrs. Elizabeth Schaffer

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Ms. Allyson Key  
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## In Honor of:

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Ms. Anne Otis  
Mr. James Paris  
Anne  
Ms. Suzanne Walter  
Mr. Gordon Whitehead  
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## Meet Your New SAMS Missionaries



*Maunette Tait*



*Roger and Joanne Griffin*

With joy SAMS introduces 5 new Associate Missionaries. Maunette Tait joins SAMS as a teacher at Holy Spirit Episcopal School in Tela, Honduras. Jim and Nanci Long in Jakarta, Indonesia, are in church development in the Anglican Deanery of Indonesia. They are sent by Diocese of the Northeast (ACA). Roger and Joanne Griffin are involved in theological training primarily in Latin America. They are sent by Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, South Carolina.



*The Long Family*



## Feeling Called to Short-term Mission?

The SAMS Missionary Bridger program is intended for people who want to serve as missionaries but are not able or ready to commit to an initial three years. Bridgers serve one month to a year, partnering with SAMS long-term Missionaries.

## Take the Next Steps

1. Listen to the Lord. If He is calling you, He will confirm your call!
2. Talk to your pastor and your church in discerning.
3. Check our website for a list of Bridgers and their ministries at [www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org).
4. Contact the SAMS office at 724-266-0669 or [LynnBouterse@sams-usa.org](mailto:LynnBouterse@sams-usa.org)

with the Diocese of Kinkiizi, seeks a management and business consultant to help empower the Batwa people as they develop crafts and cultural experiences for tourists that will lead to their economic independence. Forced to leave their traditional life in the Impenetrable Forest behind and settle into new ways of existence, this vulnerable people is seeking to break the bondage of dependency with the help of the Anglican Church of Uganda, ministering in the name of Christ.



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## Opportunities for missionary service in Tanzania and Uganda

In the new Diocese of Biharamulo in Western Tanzania, Bishop Yusuph urgently requests missionaries to help in the building of the diocese. You may employ your skills in youth ministry, social work, evangelism, education, leadership, and/or community development to help this diocese grow.

In Bwindi, Uganda, the Kellerman Foundation, in partnership

