

# THE MESSENGER

## *Virginian Hospitality with a Global Impact*



*Mary (center) enjoys cooking with international friends in her home.*

After SAMS Missionary Mary McDonald says goodbye to international students upon their graduation from Virginia Tech, she usually doesn't get to see them again. The pandemic changed that. People were suddenly communicating globally through videoconferencing. Mary capitalized on this opportunity to reach out to students who had moved from Virginia to other states and countries. She began leading a Bible study for spiritual seekers on Zoom. Mary was excited to see South Asian and Middle Eastern friends now living in Texas and Finland. She prays that God's Word will take root in the hearts of students who read the Bible aloud in the studies. Mary sends private newsletters to her senders, asking them to pray for students by name.

"Thank you for your prayers—prayer is the ministry. Any fruit I have is just picking up the harvest of answered

prayers," Mary shared with senders recently. "It takes prayer and fasting for students' souls to be open to God." Bringing students to Christ is often slow work. Mary praised God when a student from Southeast Asia, who had moved back home, told her three years later that she had become a believer. "I became a Christian," said Tiah (named changed for safety). "It all sounded like nonsense at first, but now I understand." Many students who have come to Christ share how loved they felt through Mary's hospitality, including Aurelie, a French woman who now lives in Spain and attends a Bible study there.

Mary's international student ministry with her husband, Jack, originally picked up speed when they started providing their pickup truck to help students move furniture. Over the years they have hosted many social gatherings, especially for those interested in how holidays like Easter and Christmas are celebrated in the USA. A veterinarian, Mary has farm animals on their property in Virginia. Students are more than happy to get away from coursework and pet a cow!

Mary is eager to get churches involved in the Anglican International Student Ministry Network (AISMN), which she co-leads. AISMN "exists to mobilize, connect, and resource Anglicans to love, serve, and learn from international students and scholars." Many students come from countries that are closed to Christian influence. With one million international students in the United States (pre-pandemic), only 15% of them have ever been invited to an American home. Is God calling you and your church to minister to international students? Contact Mary at [marymcdonald@sams-usa.org](mailto:marymcdonald@sams-usa.org) to learn more about how you can reach out.



*Mary and Jack's table laid with international foods brought by students. Hospitality is one of the greatest values in many students' home cultures.*





*Mary and Kalo Jusef, a former UCU student from Sudan who equips refugees with entrepreneurship skills*

# Empowering Students with Gospel Abundance

The economics of God's abundance fuels SAMS Missionary Mary Chowenhill's mission work, and also informs the way she counsels entrepreneurship students at Uganda Christian University (UCU). She may not have a car to drive into the city of Kampala, but she sees God's abundance in neighbors who bring fresh garden produce to her door. A broken hot water heater opens her eyes to God's provision in a kettle to heat water for her shower. No hot water heater means a lower electric bill, which translates into cash she spends on other things—such as crafts created by a local artisan. Mary does not see the world through the typical economics of scarcity. She sees opportunities to lean on God's sufficiency. With this experience and mindset, she helps her students start businesses with limited capital.

Mary advises students at UCU's business incubation center. Edina Kia, a young woman who wanted to start a honey

business, only had one hive to start. Now with six hives, Kia is about to sell the fruits of a successful harvest. Another student, Douglas, markets char-briquettes made from by-products of sugar and coffee. The briquettes are an alternative fuel to wood—a valuable resource in Uganda. Mary has encouraged Douglas to see that, although he can't afford two acres of land, the abundance is in finding like-minded business partners to come alongside him—even if they become competitors someday.

Mary's mindset is rooted in the Gospel: God's abundant grace and holiness meets us in our spiritual state of scarcity. This biblical truth touches the lives of students at UCU, which attracts people from across Africa. One of Mary's students in 2016 was Kalo Jusef, from the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. "Born a Muslim, he converted to Christianity, as did his father and his entire family, as a result of his time here at UCU," Mary shares. "He came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and started a ministry in Uganda to refugees from Sudan and South Sudan. He provides them with the practical skills they need to develop their own businesses." Kalo and his wife, Leah, seek to go back to the Nuba Mountains to minister there. We pray that God may continue to send students like Kalo out from UCU to share Gospel hope through their vocations, as His abundance brought Mary to Uganda through senders who partner in her ministry.



*UCU's business incubation center is a hub where students brainstorm and develop entrepreneurial ventures.*

Visit [samsusa.org/blog](https://samsusa.org/blog) and search "business incubation" for pictures of Kia's log-beehives and Douglas' char-briquettes!





# Students Encounter the Gospel



The Gresser Family



The Hamlin Family



The McCall Family



Amanda Scott



Stephen and Debra Buckner



Jack Melvin

## September 1-4: USA: Missionary Candidates

Lift up Candidates and their children discerning the ministries and countries to which God is calling them:

- Robert & Traci, Andrew, Peter, Daniel, and June Gresser
- Darin & Katie, Brendan, Asher, and Elisa Hamlin

## September 5-11: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Suzy McCall**, **Amanda Scott**, and **Stephen & Debra Buckner** in Tegucigalpa, serving at LAMB Institute for children at risk. Pray God's blessings over their inner-city ministries, including their prayer house, a new daycare with a prenatal clinic, and a new high school. Give thanks for good health of the children and that the ministry has been able to receive more children during the pandemic. Pray for God's blessings on all missionaries and local Hondurans working in the ministry. May Jesus bless Honduras.

## September 12-18: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa, as he oversees diocesan building projects and coordinates child sponsorship. Pray that families and children would experience the presence of God through Jack's ministry.

Pray for **Veronica Flowers** as she faithfully leads teachers and children at Holy Trinity School in La Ceiba.

## September 19-25: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray with **Jeannie Loving** for *Iglesia Santa Maria Magdalena*, for the good health and unity of the congregation. Pray for a fruitful harvest for subsistence farmers in Honduras.

Pray for **Mike & Kim**, **Liliana**, and **Katherine Miller** in Florida, as they seek the Lord's direction for future ministry. Lift up Hope of Jesus Children's Home in Honduras as they continue to provide services to children, young adults, and families.

## September 26-October 2: CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica

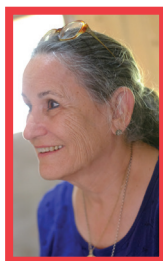
Pray for renewed strength for **Eduardo & Hilda Monzon** in San Jose. Pray that the church will continue to make disciples faithfully.

## October 3-9: SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador

Pray for God's peace and joy for **Roberto & Cameron**, **Graham**, **Liam**, and **Francis Vivanco** as they return to Quito after a summer visit to the USA. Pray that the Education=Hope micro-scholarship program would equip children to grow academically and know the Lord. Pray that ministry partners visiting in October would encounter God in new and healing ways. May God bless Roberto's ministry at English Fellowship Church.



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



The Miller Family



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



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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Russ and Heidi Smith



The Hicks Family



The Benton Family



The Whitaker Family



The Larson Family

## October 10-16: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile

Lift up **Russ & Heidi Smith** in Temuco, as they disciple and equip Latin Americans to spread the Gospel. May God's Spirit fill church leaders studying at the Rural Bible Institute to share biblical teaching with their communities. Ask the Lord's presence to sustain *Reino de Dios* Anglican Church in spite of many pandemic lockdowns. Pray for Russ's continued healing.

## October 17-23: OCEANIA: Solomon Islands

Pray for **Jonathan & Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, Immanuel, Moses, and Miryam Hicks** on Home Ministry Assignment, as they discern the Lord's next steps for them ministering globally. Ask God's Spirit to fill the students at Trinity School for Ministry and Theology in the Solomon Islands.

## October 24-30: OCEANIA: New Zealand

Lift up **Guy & Summer, Isaac (Pirum), Quinn, Norah, and Addison Benton** in Wellington, as they serve in parish leadership and young adult ministry. Pray for recruitment of Better World Gap Year participants for 2022, and for their new resource on mission discipleship pathways for youth leaders and young adults in New Zealand.

## October 31-November 6: ASIA: Cambodia

Join **Gregory & Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, Ivy, and Madeleine Whitaker** in interceding for the people of Cambodia. Pray for protection of the vulnerable from human trafficking, as the pandemic has impacted the ability of the poor to earn a living wage. Lift up the Church of Christ Our Peace as it rebuilds congregational life after significant turnover during shutdowns. Pray for Saeeda and Brynne at university, and for the rest of the family to adjust to a new rhythm of life.

Lift up Missionary Candidates **Eric & Liz, Zeke, and Elias Larson** as they raise up senders to support their ministry of social outreach and theological education in Cambodia.

## November 7-13: ASIA: Indonesia

Pray with **James & Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** for the people of Indonesia as they continue to struggle in the face of the pandemic. Pray for new ways to reach out with online ministries and additional aid for the poor and refugees in their community. Lift up Anna in her first year at Emory University.

## November 14-20: AFRICA: Madagascar

Pray with **Jacky Lowe** for Bishop Samitiana and all the leaders of the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. Ask God to raise up more missionaries to spread the love of Christ. Pray for COVID-19 prevention and treatment to be shared with Madagascar. Pray for Jacky's continued healing of body, mind, and spirit after reconstruction surgery, and for her loved ones to know the Lord. May God guide Jacky's steps.

## November 21-27: AFRICA: Southern Africa

Pray for **Johann & Louise Vanderbijl** in Villiersdorp, South Africa, for God's steps to be clear for their discipleship ministry and research efforts. Give thanks for the publishing of Johann's book, *Breakfast on the Beach*, about Jesus's discipleship example in the life of Simon Peter. May God bless the ministry Tools4Life to equip the needy and disabled with excellent care and Gospel hope. Pray for the recovery of Southern Africa from the pandemic.

Lift up **April Sylvester** as she ministers in Ndola, Zambia. Pray that Zambians would experience restoration in mental health through professional care and the hope of the Gospel.



The Long Family



Jacky Lowe



Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



April Sylvester



# Students Encounter the Gospel



The Nhial Family



Janine LeGrand



Cathy Clevenger



The Weeldreyer Family



Mary Chowenhill



Jessica Hughes



Richard and Catherine Ranger

## **November 28-December 4: AFRICA: South Sudan**

Pray for **Abraham & Daruka, Naomi, Mary, David, Emmanuel, Martha, and Anna Nhial** as Abraham ministers as Bishop of the Diocese of Aweil in South Sudan. Pray that the diocese and the whole nation would experience God's peace and provision in the midst of the pandemic and ongoing political tension.

## **December 5-11: AFRICA: Uganda and Rwanda**

Ask God to grant **Janine LeGrand** wisdom in Masindi, Uganda, as she serves through health and nutrition ministry in the midst of the pandemic and economic devastation.

Lift up Candidate **Cathy Clevenger** as she raises up senders to support her ministry of mental health education in Uganda.

Lift up Candidates **Wade & Chelsea, and Evelyn Weeldreyer** as they raise up senders to support their ministry of church development and theological education in Rwanda.

## **December 12-18: AFRICA: Uganda**

Pray for **Mary Chowenhill, Jessica Hughes, and Richard & Catherine Ranger** in Mukono at Uganda Christian University. Pray for their work serving the business, theology, and law departments (respectively), that God would use the university to send out Christian servants. Ask God's blessings on Mary's role at the business incubation center to train creative entrepreneurs. Pray for Jessica's efforts developing the university's eLearning program, pioneering distance education in Uganda. Lift up the Rangers as they support the law department to produce advocates for justice and ethical development.

## **December 19-25: AFRICA**

Ask God to fill **Trent Pettit** with His grace and power as he ministers with the Diocese of Dallas. Pray for Trent as he discerns the Lord's next steps for him ministering in Africa.

Lift up Candidates **J&K** as they raise up senders to support their ministry of church development in North Africa.

## **December 26-January 1: EUROPE: Germany**

Pray with **David & Patricia Ayres** that the congregation of Christ Church Berlin will continue to be faithful disciples who make disciples.

## **January 2-8: EUROPE: The Netherlands and Central Europe**

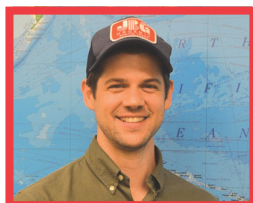
With **Kerry & Cynthia Buttram**, pray for Christ Church Amsterdam to be a community saturated in prayer. Give thanks for multiple prayer initiatives and opportunities to share the Gospel, despite difficult circumstances.

Pray that **Steven V.** would have opportunities to impact the young people of his country with the Gospel. Pray he may be able to arrange English tutoring for students preparing for high-level exams. Give thanks for his senders, and may they experience the presence of God.

## **January 9-15: NORTH AMERICA: Mexico**

Pray with **Roger & Joanne** that God would send revival to Mexico and cause churches to grow in numbers and spiritual maturity. May the Anglican clergy and leaders continue to grow together in unity. Pray that drug-related crime and violence would diminish, especially in the state of Zacatecas.

Give thanks with **Meredith** for Mexican children who have grown up in her ministry and are now serving the Lord and teaching the next generation. Pray for her church community, for the provision of clerical leadership and a thriving life together after pandemic shutdowns.



Trent Pettit



David and Patricia Ayres



Kerry and Cynthia Buttram

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Jack and Mary McDonald



The Blaine Family



Todd and Patsy McGregor



The Twichell Family



The Alenskis Family

## **January 16-22: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America**

Pray for **Jack & Mary McDonald** in Blacksburg, VA, as they minister to international students at Virginia Tech. May these students become seekers who come to Christ and, when they go back to their home countries, make disciples of others. Ask God to spread hope through Mary's veterinary ministry in Uganda, and to bless her vision for an Anglican network for creation care in the USA.

## **January 23-29: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America**

Pray for **Jesse & Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** in Denver, CO, as they launch a church plant. Pray for Sarah in her new SAMS role of Missions Coach for inquirers, asking God to raise up "laborers for the harvest."

Give thanks with **Todd & Patsy McGregor** in Stuart, FL, for the fruit of their decades-long ministry in Madagascar. Pray for Todd in his new role as SAMS Missions Coach for prospective missionaries, that the Lord would draw people to use their gifts for His kingdom.

## **January 30-February 5: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America and Canada**

Pray for **Nate & Erika, Henry, Annie, George, and Jack Twichell** in Pittsburgh, PA, leading the Agape Year ministry for recent high school graduates. Lift up past Agape Year Fellows as they follow God's next steps for them. Pray for the young adult fellows of this 2021-2022 cohort, that God would prepare their hearts to receive what He has for them. Praise God for His faithfulness in raising up more senders. Pray for God's continued care and guidance of the Twichell family and their ministry.

Lift up **David & Mary Beth, Austin, and James Alenskis** as David studies in a doctoral program in Toronto, preparing to equip church leaders globally in Gospel ministry. Pray for God's provision and joy in this season of Educational Ministry Assignment.

## **February 6-12: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):**

Lift up to the Lord **Chuck & Beth Bradshaw** (theological and musical education in Uganda), **Mike & Linda Chapman** (ministry among Hispanics in the USA), **David & Lucy Chaves** (social ministries and discipleship in Kenya), **Matt & Sora Colvin** (theological education and medical ministry), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching ministry in Honduras), **Wayne & Nicole Curtis** (youth ministry in South Africa), and **Kathy Decker** (communications and short-term teams leadership in Peru).

## **February 13-19: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):**

Lift up to the Lord **John & Ninfa Dixon** (Hispanic outreach on the Mexican border), **Cathy Donahoe** (medical ministry in the Dominican Republic), **Chris Feuillade** (education in Chile), **Rusty & Tammy Firestone** (church development in Bolivia), **Tom & Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Margarita Grachen** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Allen & Rachel Hill** (theological education), **Jason & Emily Hood** (pastoral leadership in Tanzania), **Mike & Betty Kaszer** (education ministry in Honduras), **Grant & Wendy LeMarquand** (diocesan development in Ethiopia), and **Frank & Shawnee Lyons** (youth ministry).

## **February 20-26: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):**

Lift up to the Lord **Richard & Martha Menees** (preparing to return to career missionary ministry in Africa), **Ian & Polly Montgomery** (short-term ministry in Peru), **John & Susan Park** (leadership development in Latin America), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Anne Schaffer** (Asia), **Maunette Tait** (education in Honduras), **Hunter & Stephie Van Wagenen** (hospitality and evangelism in Spain), **Jared & Abbi Wensyel** (church planting in Germany), and **Kym Winegard** (children's ministry in Peru).

## **February 27-28: SAMS Family**

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

Pray for **Missionary Bridgers**, inquirers and applicants as they discern next steps in mission engagement. Give thanks for all **Senders** and their commitment to "make disciples of all nations."





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*Pray for God's guidance of these new Missionary Candidates!*



**Cathy Clevenger**  
 Mental Health Education  
 in Uganda



**Robert and Traci Gresser**  
 Theological Education



**J&K**  
 Church Development  
 in North Africa

# Students Encounter the Gospel



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