

# THE MESSENGER

THE GOSPEL CROSSING CULTURES

## Healing from Trauma, Singing with Joy

by Kate Ulrich, Communications Coordinator

A young child making noise in church tends to make her parents nervous, yet many would be quick to reassure the family that they are thankful for the child's presence in worship. If you can imagine this scene, then you can appreciate this story from Suzy McCall, SAMS Missionary at LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras:

"In 2020, our children's home received a little girl named Monse whose mother had been leaving her home alone. When social services got her out, she was totally nonverbal — just totally traumatized, a tiny little child. When we brought her to the doctor, there was no identifiable reason why she couldn't talk — she just didn't talk. That was almost two years ago. She just spoke her

first word a month ago [October 2021], and she was so excited about it that she started jumping around and hit her head on something and made a bruise. That's how I actually found out about it, because I asked, 'Where'd she get that bruise?' and it was reported that she got so excited about saying a real word that she accidentally hurt herself."

Suzy continued the story with a glowing smile on her face. "This past Sunday in church, our Cuban missionary, Richard, was preaching. We heard this 'waaaah' and it was Monse making all this noise. It was kind of like singing ... and it was inappropriate during the sermon. But when I looked around, people were smiling because everybody knew that it was a beautiful thing that Monse was making noise. It was a sweet sound to all of us because we've waited so long to hear Monse vocalize. Also, in the beginning, she wouldn't let anybody touch her; now she's all over the people she trusts. She climbs into people's laps and gives hugs, and she smiles."

Suzy founded LAMB Institute in 1998 as a global missions training center for Hondurans. While LAMB's calling has since developed more into caring for at-risk children and youth,



*Missionaries Debbie Buckner and Suzy McCall at a LAMB worship service, laughing with their Cuban co-laborer in the Gospel, Richard.*

the ministry is still empowering Honduran Christians to "follow the Lamb" in ministry. Suzy and three other SAMS Missionaries — Amanda Scott, and Steve and Debbie Buckner — serve alongside the Honduran staff team, among others. Both the Americans and the Hondurans learn from each other as they serve God together. Into a community that struggles with constant violence, poverty, and a corrupt government, the LAMB team follows Jesus in shining the hope of Christ.



*Debbie Buckner shares the love of Jesus and crafting skills at LAMB children's home.*



*LAMB Institute in Honduras is a haven where children can safely grow and thrive in Gospel-centered care.*

# Online Learning Takes the Gospel Across Borders

by Elizabeth Ealey

Any educator will tell you that teaching during the pandemic has been extremely challenging. American schools have been utilizing technology for years, but still had a difficult time transitioning to online learning. In developing nations like Uganda, the pandemic challenged education in even greater ways. Educators not only had to quickly adapt their lesson plans, but also install technological infrastructure and learn new ways to utilize it. Yet despite these challenges, distance learning greatly benefits developing nations.

In eastern Africa, Uganda Christian University (UCU) in Mukono leads distance learning in the higher education field. SAMS Missionary Jessica Hughes, who teaches theology, has played a key role in the development of UCU's eLearning program. Prior to coming to Uganda, Jessica was an instructor in the technology sector for 15 years. Her experience enabled her to develop the limited eLearning UCU already offered before the pandemic. In March 2020 a full online shift was needed, but UCU

experienced a lot of resistance from governmental and educational authorities about the idea of online exams. By an act of God, online exams were approved in April 2020, and UCU quickly emerged as a leader in distance learning. In fact, the Uganda National Council for Higher Education told all the universities to go benchmark with UCU! Over the last two years, Jessica has continued to expand eLearning. Jessica strives to utilize technology in new ways of giving exams, communicating with students, and providing lectures.

Jessica and UCU have experienced unique challenges while doing distance learning in Uganda. Some students have to walk several miles to find a Wi-Fi hotspot. Occasionally students miss class due to technological issues. In order not to consume their data too quickly, students need to keep their video off during the lectures, which limits community. Unfortunately, the reality of distance learning is an irreplaceable loss of in-person fellowship and worship.

Yet the benefits of online learning are so valuable that, even when in-person learning becomes the norm again, UCU will continue the eLearning program. Students who did not have access to a Christian education are suddenly able to attend UCU from other countries and even beyond Africa, including countries where Christian witness and ethics are critically needed. UCU's proven track record of keeping up with ever-changing government regulations has attracted non-Christian students looking for stability. Lecturers and chaplains integrate the Gospel into all fields of study. While Western culture attempts to separate religious and secular life, Ugandan culture readily understands that faith, vocation, and our neighbor's good are intertwined. Now UCU has a unique opportunity to spread the Gospel and share Christian ethics throughout eastern Africa and beyond, including to both Christian and non-Christian students.



Richard laughs with Student Guild presidential candidate Rachael Sserwadda in the days leading up to the election, which she won. Rachael seeks to be an advocate for human rights. Student Guild involvement is a significant career launching pad for many Ugandans to work in government. Thanks to the eLearning technology, Student Guild elections can now be held online when necessary.



God brought Jessica Hughes to Uganda to study theology and then help equip African church leaders. Now He is using her technological skills to extend the impact of this Gospel-centered institution.



SAMS missionaries Richard and Catherine Ranger recently have come alongside the UCU law, business, and engineering departments. While Catherine (above, unpacking their belongings with neighborhood children) focuses on mentoring students, Richard (below) guest lectures using UCU's new online distance learning platform. Richard contributes to the conversation about the discovery of oil in western Uganda. His niche, professional knowledge of oil spill preparedness directly aligns with conversations about the environmental impact of planned oil wells, pipelines, and truck transport. Richard is concerned about the Christian ethics of protecting the environment and vulnerable people who draw their drinking water near oil spills. Richard and Catherine are still settling in, but it seems clear God has brought them to Uganda for this conversation.

The benefits of distance learning are notable for students in the law and business departments, who frequently face the issues of corruption, human rights, poverty, and justice. More students can now benefit from Christ-centered education and bless the communities to which they go to work. Jessica explains that students “have seen the human rights abuses in their families or in their community, and they want to fight for the disadvantaged. They want to fight for those who are unjustly persecuted. The widows fare very poorly ... And I say [to students] ‘Praise God for your passion, and I pray that you’re equipped to go and do that because God is a God of justice.’ And that’s what He wants to see — caring for the fatherless, the orphan, the widow.”

Through Jessica’s work pioneering the eLearning program and ethics conversations led by people like Richard (see right), UCU is raising up faithful Christian leaders in many countries. Jessica says, “When we can raise up enough people who are going to be faithful and not bowed to the system, then we can see change.” As UCU’s graduates follow Jesus while working in their particular field, God is redeeming societies through their witness.



An example of drainage systems where oil spills could easily travel in ditches to people’s water supply, among other risks to the residential community along the road.



*Elizabeth Ealey is an Anglican writer in Pittsburgh, PA who enjoys sharing God’s Word and stories of hope.*



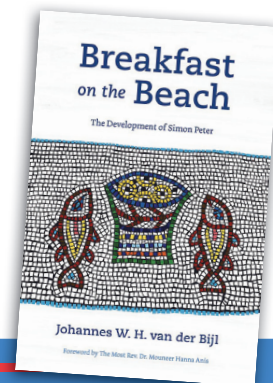
# Crossing Cultures with the Power of Story

by Kate Ulrich

**H**arnessing the power of narrative, Missionary Johannes (Johann) W. H. van der Bijl has unpacked the discipleship practices of Jesus found in the Gospels. In 2021, Langham Preaching Resources published Johann's book *Breakfast on the Beach: The Development of Simon Peter*. The catchy title refers to the moment after Jesus' resurrection when He brings restoration to Peter's life over a campfire meal of freshly-caught fish.

Peter's moment on the beach with Jesus fits into the third part of a discipleship model which Johann and his wife, Louise, have taught to many in their Disciple Making Training courses. They have shared these trainings all over Southern Africa and in Ethiopia. Johann described the model on a New Wineskins prayer video call: "Jesus invites His disciples to come and see, then to follow and observe Him, then to actually begin to copy Him, then to go and teach somebody else the same thing — the idea of multiplication. The narrative shares how Jesus reshaped their lives to bring them to the point where He could leave a church behind that can do His work."

When the world went into lockdown in Spring 2020 due to the pandemic, the van der Bijls found themselves unable to travel around the region offering their training course as usual. Johann took the opportunity to put into writing the story of Jesus' discipleship model in the life of Simon



Look out for the sequel, about the fourth step in Johannes and Louise's Gospel-based discipleship model, due to be published mid-2022 — *Rock the World: The Multiplication of Simon Peter*. Also check out the audiobook of *Breakfast on the Beach* available from Langham Publishers.

Peter. "The target audience is majority world people, so it is written in the narrative form rather than a commentary or rulebook or systematic theology," he says. "It's a story that a lot of majority world people relate to. It has opened up pathways in countries that I would never be able to get to."

*Breakfast on the Beach* is also being released as an audiobook, which is fitting, Johann explains. "The book was really born in Gambella, Ethiopia, where we worked with oral learners. We wanted to teach them the fundamentals of the faith, and give them the quality commentary that people who learn through reading would receive. So, in our teaching we adopted the storytelling approach — and it worked."

**T**hose not from oral cultures will also benefit immensely from Johann's scripture-rich narrative style. For me, Johann's book traced the beauty of the Gospel story together in one fell swoop. His method helped me make sense of biblical passages that have often confused me. I saw myself in Simon Peter's experience, and felt the redemption he received from Jesus on a beach in Galilee as if I were there. *Breakfast on the Beach* reminds us that Jesus walked the earth with skin on. He calls us to love our neighbors incarnationally as He did, working with His global church to make disciples of all nations.



Johannes shares the joy of discipleship in Jesus with Xhosa youth in South Africa around a campfire and with teaching.



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Hamlin Family



McCall Family



Amanda Scott



Stephen & Debra Buckner



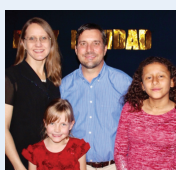
Jack Melvin



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



Miller Family



Eduardo & Hilda Monzon



Vivanco Family



Russ & Heidi Smith



Benton Family

### March 1-5: USA: Missionary Candidates

Lift up **Darin & Katie, Brendan, Asher, and Elisa Hamlin** as they prepare for cross-cultural ministry and discern God's path for them.

### March 6-12: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Suzy McCall, Amanda Scott, and Stephen & Debra Buckner** in Tegucigalpa, serving at LAMB Institute for children at risk. Pray that they discern when to have short-term mission teams resume serving at LAMB. Lift up the country of Honduras as a new governing party takes over. Pray for a peaceful transition and a more transparent government that cares for all Hondurans. Pray for God's justice for the vulnerable and for Gospel hope to shine.

### March 13-19: 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.

### March 20-26: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray with **Jeannie Loving** for Bishop Lloyd Allen and all ministers of Honduras, as they continue to work with their parishes in a time when food and basic needs are in short supply. May people depend more on God and may their faith increase. Pray that the new president of Honduras will be able to combat corruption.

Pray with **Mike & Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in Florida for Hope of Jesus Children's Home in Honduras providing services to children, young adults, and families.

### March 27-April 2: CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica

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

### April 3-9: CENTRAL AMERICA: Ecuador

Pray that **Roberto & Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito may have strong, healthy relationships with God and each other. Lift up Ecuador, suffering from the ramifications of the pandemic. May God provide for the Vivanco's micro-scholarship ministry which supports roughly 400 children to attend school. May God provide peace and wisdom.

### April 10-16: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile

Lift up **Russ & Heidi Smith** in Temuco, as they disciple and equip Latin Americans to spread the Gospel. Lift up students at the Rural Bible Institute in Chile beginning a one-year intensive course. Pray for *Reino de Dios* Church and Russ and Heidi's resumed visits to rural churches in Chile. Pray for the selection of a new Bishop for the Diocese of the Araucania, Chile.

### April 17-23: 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 the Anglican Youth Movement Houses, that the young adults there would grow in their knowledge and love of God. Pray that the Bentons may shine Christ's light in their neighborhood.

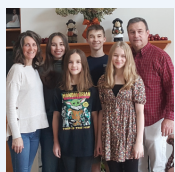
# Prayer Calendar



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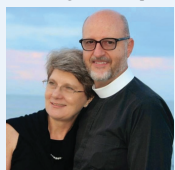
Larson Family



Long Family



Jacky Lowe



Johann & Louise  
Vanderbijl



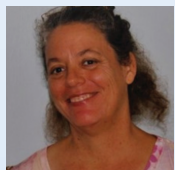
April Sylvester



Gresser Family



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Family



Janine LeGrand



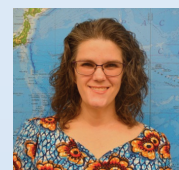
Cathy Clevenger



Richard &  
Martha Menees



Mary Chowenhill



Jessica Hughes

## April 24-30: 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. 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 adjusting to a new rhythm of life.

Lift up Candidates **Eric & Liz, Zeke, and Elias Larson** as they raise up senders for their ministry in Cambodia. Pray that Liz's social work graduate courses would help prepare her for ministry. Pray for Eric's current ministry to students at Wheaton College.

## May 1-7: ASIA: Indonesia

Pray with **James & Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** for the people of Indonesia struggling with the pandemic. Pray for those joining Providence Anglican Church's online ministries and those that have been recently baptized. Pray for provision of financial aid and services for the poor and refugees. Lift up Anna in her first year at Emory University.

## May 8-14: AFRICA: Madagascar

Pray with **Jacky Lowe** for Bishop Samitiana and all the leaders of the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. Pray for COVID-19 prevention and treatment in Madagascar. Pray for Jacky's guidance and continued healing of body, mind, and spirit, and for her loved ones to know God.

## May 15-21: AFRICA: Southern Africa

Pray for **Johann & Louise Vanderbijl** in Villiersdorp, South Africa. Pray that Johann's new books about Simon Peter would inspire many people globally to make disciples as Jesus did.

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.

## May 22-28: AFRICA: Malawi & Rwanda

Lift up **Candidates Robert & Traci, Andrew, Peter, Daniel, and June Gresser** as they raise up senders to support their ministry of theological education in Malawi.

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.

## May 29-June 4: AFRICA: Uganda

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

Pray for **Candidate Cathy Clevenger**, raising up senders to support her ministry of mental health education in Uganda.

Lift up to the Lord **Richard & Martha Menees** as they raise up senders to partner with them in their return to long-term ministry in Uganda.

## June 5-11: AFRICA: Uganda

Give thanks for **Mary Chowenhill's** ministry at Uganda Christian University in Mukono. Pray for the business incubation center to train creative entrepreneurs serving God's kingdom.

Thank the Lord for **Jessica Hughes'** efforts developing Uganda Christian University's eLearning program. May God equip the African church leaders she is training in theology.



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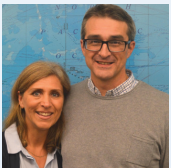
Richard & Catherine Ranger



Nhial Family



Trent Pettit



David & Patricia Ayres



Kerry & Cynthia Buttram



Jack & Mary McDonald



Behrens Family

### June 5-11: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray for **Richard and Catherine Ranger's** new ministry at Uganda Christian University. Pray that Richard's service as a consultant on energy research projects bears good fruit. May the Lord guide Catherine in her emerging ministry of mentorship to students. Pray for increased understanding of the needs in Uganda among Richard and Catherine's senders and friends.

### June 12-18: AFRICA: South Sudan & Northern Africa

Pray for Candidates **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.

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

Ask God to grant **Trent Pettit** wisdom as he discerns the Lord's next steps for him.

### June 19-25: EUROPE: Germany

Pray with **David & Patricia Ayres** that the people of Christ Church Berlin will continue to be faithful disciples who make disciples. May the Lord work in the lives of their refugee friends.

### June 26-July 2: EUROPE: The Netherlands and Central Europe

Pray for **Kerry & Cynthia Buttram**, continuing to serve in an interim capacity at Christ Church Amsterdam. Pray the Lord would use them to provide continuity and stability to this worshiping community, and that people of Amsterdam would be drawn to the light of Christ.

Pray that **Steven V.** would have opportunities to impact the young people of his country with the Gospel through English-language tutoring, and for his ministry of informal spiritual direction.

### July 3-9: 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. May God break the bonds of evil, diminishing drug-related crime and violence.

Give thanks with **Meredith** for a new Mexican pastoral intern who is serving at their church. Pray for the ministry to bear fruit in a city deeply impacted by cartels. Pray for rest, rejuvenation, and wisdom for Meredith.

### July 10-16: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America

Pray for **Jack & Mary McDonald** in Blacksburg, VA, ministering to international students at Virginia Tech. May students increasingly desire spiritual conversations and come to Christ. Ask God to bless the launch of the Anglican Creation Care Network. Lift up Mary's veterinary ministry in Bolivia. May the Lord guide their whole family.

Lift up Candidates **Daniel & Rebekah, Sabal, and Darcy Behrens** as they step into a new ministry partnership serving recent immigrants in Pittsburgh, PA. Pray that their words and actions would be a sign of God's presence and care to those who are far from home. Pray for strong connections in their new church community. May God bless Baby Behrens, expected June 2022.

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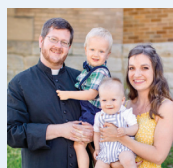
Blaine Family



Todd & Patsy  
McGregor



Twichell Family



Alenskis Family



### July 17-23: 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 SAMS role of Missions Coach for inquirers, asking God to raise up “laborers for the harvest.”

Ask God to bless **Todd & Patsy McGregor** in Stuart, Florida, with His wisdom in discernment and with good health.

### July 24-30: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America and Canada

Pray with **Nate & Erika, Henry, Annie, George, and Jack Twichell** in Pittsburgh, PA, for former Agape Year fellows following God’s next steps for them. Lift up the 2022-2023 cohort beginning in September, that God would prepare their hearts. Pray for the Lord’s guidance in cross-cultural ministry and for His continued care for the Twichell family.

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 for Baby Alenskis, expected April 2022.

### July 31-August 6: Associate Missionaries

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).

### August 7-13: Associate Missionaries

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).

### August 14-20: Associate Missionaries

Lift up to the Lord **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), and **Jared & Abbi Wensyel** (church planting in Germany).

### August 21-27: Missionary Bridgers

Pray for the current and future ministries of: **David and Sarah Anderson** (Southeast Asia and Europe), **Deb Carr** (Kenya), **Sam and Dena Ferguson** (Rwanda), and **Patrick Lutalo** (Uganda).

### August 28-31: SAMS Family

Pray for SAMS home staff: **Denise Cox, Nita Dempsey, Brendan Kimbrough, 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 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.”



# Memorials and Honors

## NEW CANDIDATES – DANIEL & REBEKAH BEHRENS



Daniel and Rebekah will be ministering in the immigrant community of Pittsburgh, PA, in partnership with the Church of the Ascension. The Behrens are the first missionary candidates to be received for the Society's newly launched pilot project for USA-Focused Cross-Cultural Missionaries. Pray that the Lord will root the Behrens family in the immigrant community and grant your Society discernment in this launch.

### *Given by:*

The Rev. Charles & Mrs. Elizabeth Bradshaw  
Mrs. Nancy Gleason  
Mrs. Maria Poynter  
Mrs. Janice Bigelow  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mr. Bruce Creswell  
Mrs. Carla Castle  
Ms. Darcey Mains  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Ms. Susan Eaton  
Ms. Alice Barrow  
Mr. Keith and Mrs. Kelly Godwin  
The Rev. John and Mrs. Blanche Heidengren  
The Rev. Russ and Mrs. Heidi Smith  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mr. George Wright  
Mrs. Mary Smith  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
The Rev. & Mrs. Richard Menees  
Marshall Building and Remodeling  
Mr. Dana A. Priest  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mr. Stewart W. & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mr. Harry B. and Mrs. Virginia Quarles  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Copeland  
Dr. Gary Jeffery  
Mr. James C. McNamara  
Mr. John and Mrs. Pamela McNamara  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Mr. James and Mrs. Jane Morrison  
Mrs. Melanie Mullins  
Mr. Mark and Mrs. Linda Syswerda  
Mr. James and Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds  
Mrs. Katrina Reynolds  
Mr. Stephen Peterson  
Ms. Melissa Sheridan  
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker  
Ms. Deborah S. Lauritzen  
Mr. Frederick Wright

### *Given by:*

Mr. Byron J. Park  
Mr. Walter Jones  
Ms. Karen Lindenfelser  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Copeland  
Ms. Debra Parks  
Barbara Meehan  
The Rev. Henry and Mrs. Gloria Avent  
Mr. Ryan Hughes  
Ms. Nancy McKirchy  
Mr. Jon and Mrs. Susan Iverson  
Mr. Roger and Mrs. Claire Dewey  
The Rev. & Mrs. Jonathan Hicks  
Mr. Roger and Mrs. Claire Dewey  
Mrs. Joanne Spence  
The Rev. Jon Stasney  
Mrs. Angela Childress

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Mr. Malcolm Alexander  
Mr. Stephen A. Bauman  
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Mr. Derek B. Bigelow  
Mr. Robert Bouterse  
Mrs. Barbara Buttram  
The Rev. Donald E. Castle  
Mr. Ethan de Jong  
Ms. Elizabeth Delgado  
Mr. John Eaton  
Gooley  
Ms. Doris Harris  
Mrs. Marcia M. Hawkins  
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Ms. Margaret (Daisy) Hillhouse  
Ms. Maxine McCall Parks Johnson  
Mrs. Dee Joy  
Mr. Homer and Mrs. Jane Keeler  
Mr. David Winslow Keyes  
Mrs. Iona May Kiger  
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Mr. John Charles Loving  
Ms. Erica MacKillop  
The Rev. Arthur H. Lomax  
Mr. Edward P. McNamara  
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Ms. Evelyn Morrison  
Mr. Dennis Mullins  
Ms. Barbara Jean Newhof  
Mr. Albert Reynolds  
Ms. Louisa Ann Reynolds  
Mr. Frederick Schelhorn  
Mr. Ralph E. Sheridan  
Mrs. Patricia Tomazeski  
Ms. Norma Webb  
Mrs. Colleen Wright

### **IN HONOR OF:**

The Rev. David and Mrs. Mary Beth Alenskis  
Mrs. Susan Babbs  
The Behrens Family's Ministry with SAMS  
Ms. Gayle Copeland  
God's Blessings  
Will & Cheryl Harman's 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Ms. Emily Havener  
Ms. Jane Hughes  
My grandchildren, Joshua and Alana Latham  
Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor  
Mr. Jack Melvin  
Fr. Patteson Saeni  
Santita  
The Spence Children  
Mrs. Dale Stasney's birthday December 14th  
Marcia Welch, who taught me how to give



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camera to give to SAMS

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## Dear friend in Christ,

Where can you go to see God at work *globally* in phenomenal ways? You may experience God at work and much more in North Carolina, this autumn! Many saints from around the world will gather several days to share stories of the Gospel transforming individuals and communities for His glory.

What is this remarkable event? Your Society, including more than 50 missionaries, will be participating in the **New Wineskins Global Missions Conference in Ridgecrest, North Carolina this September 22-25, 2022**. Come for a time of inspiration in mission calling, spiritual renewal, missional equipping, worship and prayer. Discover how you may become further engaged in sharing the love of Jesus locally and globally! SAMS' missionaries, senders, and international partners will be presenting in multiple ways. One of the keynote speakers will be SAMS Missionary Candidate the Rt. Rev. Abraham Nhial from South Sudan. Bishop Abraham, a former "lost boy" and refugee, will share the powerful testimony of God's deliverance and His amazing work now in the Diocese of Aweil and beyond. The conference also offers a great children's program. Check out the back page for how to register.

We would also love for you to kick off the conference with us at our complimentary **SAMS Dinner**, taking place the evening of the first day. We will begin with a Meet and Greet SAMS Missionaries Reception at 4 p.m. There will be mission leaders from around the world as well as book signings by current and former SAMS missionaries. Several missionaries will share stories at the dinner.



Photo by Jessie Parks

Anglican clergy from around the world prepare to serve Eucharist on the last morning of New Wineskins Conference 2019. (Also pictured far right: SAMS Associate Missionary Stephanie VanWagenen, standing, wearing gray).

No reservations are needed, but do plan on arriving by 5 p.m. Bring a friend!

Earlier in the day, SAMS will co-host **"Exploring a Call to Missions."** This free pre-conference, led by missionaries, is for anyone (lay or ordained) discerning a call to serve God cross-culturally, whether overseas or here in the U.S.A. Cathy's testimony (see right) shares how this event encouraged her. You may contact our Executive Administrator Nita for more information about the pre-conference at 724-266-0669 or [NitaDempsey@sams-usa.org](mailto:NitaDempsey@sams-usa.org).

New Wineskins is a fantastic opportunity for senders to connect and worship with missionaries while learning about the breathtaking work God is doing beyond our borders, and the work that is yet to be done. We hope you can join us!

In the hope of the Light to the nations,



*Stewart*

STEWART WICKER  
PRESIDENT AND MISSION DIRECTOR



## SAMS Missionary Candidate Cathy Clevenger shares below how God used the SAMS Pre-Conference “Discerning a Missionary Call” (now renamed “Exploring a Call to Missions”) to guide her steps.

In 2018 I went to Rwanda for a short-term mission trip. I did not realize how this experience would change my life. While there, I heard about the need for mental health workers, especially trauma specialists. I am a licensed clinical social worker who has worked with abused and traumatized clients for 27 years. I also have a passion for prayer and the desire to be obedient to the Lord. After returning to the United States, I was trying to find a way to go on more frequent mission trips. As I was thinking about this one day I thought, “Why don’t I just move there?”

In September 2019, I attended the New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference. When registering, I saw a pre-conference workshop called “Discerning a Missionary Call,” offered by SAMS. I knew this was the next step in discerning my call to the mission field. The pre-conference opened up the pathway and support system I needed to begin seriously pursuing long-term missionary service.

In February 2020 I went to Uganda on another trip to discern further if God was calling me into full-time mission work. While in Uganda I had the opportunity to teach on forgiveness and healing prayer. On my last day in Uganda, I was sent to a boys’ detention center, with a minister to translate between myself and the boys. We counseled and prayed with 23 boys, three of whom prayed to receive Christ. The presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable throughout the day. The opportunities I had in Uganda to teach, consult, and counsel strengthened my desire to be there full-time. At the end of my second trip to Africa all I could ask myself was, “How can I not go long-term?”

My mission is to use my experience in mental health and trauma to treat and train others about the healing process from a Christian foundation. I desire to serve with my brothers and sisters in Uganda, to make known the love and healing power of Christ. My vision is to foster a community of people who know that they are God’s beloved. The Apostle Paul wrote in II Corinthians 5, “Christ’s love compels us.” And further on, “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as if Christ were making His appeal through us.” The love of Christ compels us to preach the gospel, heal the sick, care for widows and children, to be continually Christ’s ambassadors.



If you want to learn about SAMS’ missions discernment process, you may contact  
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